

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, NO. 20.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 1889.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

(SIR G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX, K.C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary (A. LISTER).

„ the Acting Attorney General, (ANDREW JOHN LEACH).
 „ the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.).
 „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
 „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
 „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
 „ WONG SHING.
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 „ ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK, (*vice* the Honourable JOHN BELL-IRVING).

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 20th instant, were read and confirmed.

VOTE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—Read the following Minute by His Excellency the Governor:—

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX.

C.S.O.
1516 of 1889.
§505.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote the sum of Five hundred and Five Dollars to provide for certain expenses in connection with the Nursing Staff of Sisters in the Civil Hospital, viz.:

Rations for 5 Sisters at \$15 each per month, for 5 months,	\$375.00
Wages of a Cook, 5 months,	40.00
Do. of an Amah, 5 months,	30.00
Do. of 2 Coolies, 5 months,	60.00
	<u>\$505.00</u>

Government House, Hongkong, 2nd July, 1889.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that this Vote be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, dated the 20th instant (No. 10), and moved that the following Votes referred to therein be passed, viz.:—

ESTABLISHMENTS.

Treasury.

Contingencies:—

C.S.O. 1
785 of 1889. Expenses incurred in re-numbering houses in the villages,

\$ 300.00

SERVICES EXCLUSIVE OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

Botanical and Afforestation Department.

C.S.O.
1988 of 1889. Concreting a portion of the walks in the Public Gardens,

\$1,000.00

(This amount will be taken from the unexpended balance of \$2,500, voted in the Estimates for Tree planting which has become available owing to the failure of the Contractor to complete his agreement.)

C.S.O.
1350 of 1889. Repairing damages caused to the Gardens by the rainstorm of the 29th and 30th May last, ..

805.00

\$1,805.00

Works and Buildings.

C.S.O.
2269 of 1889. Supplementary vote for repairs to Buildings,

\$8,000.00

Roads, Streets and Bridges.

C.S.O.
1027 of 1889. Supplementary vote for Road and Street Contingencies,

\$8,000.00

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE.

Victoria College.

C.S.O.
1627 of 1889. Cost of desks, bookcases, chairs, etc., for the Masters' rooms and Store-rooms,..... \$1,200.00

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

PAPERS.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following papers:—

Despatches respecting the Audit of the Accounts of the Colony. (No. $\frac{21}{89}$).

Report on Public Works that have been completed to date. (No. $\frac{22}{89}$).

OPIMUM FARM.—Mr. RYRIE, pursuant to notice, moved the following resolution, and addressed the Council:—

That the Executive be requested to lay on the table the existing agreement with the Opium Farmer and all papers relating thereto.

Mr. MACEWEN seconded.

His Excellency the Governor replied, and laid on the table a copy of Government Notification No. 293 of the 25th June, 1888, published in a Supplement to the *Hongkong Government Gazette* of the 23rd June, 1888, containing the conditions of tendering and the form of Grant of the existing Opium Farm.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO APPLY A SUM NOT EXCEEDING ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN DOLLARS TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE YEAR 1890.—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the first reading of this Bill, and laid on the table a copy of the Estimates for 1890.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORISE THE APPROPRIATION OF A SUPPLEMENTARY SUM OF TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND AND EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND NINETY-NINE CENTS TO DEFRAY THE CHARGES OF THE YEAR 1888.—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary then moved that this Bill be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXPENSES IN RELATION TO PERSONS NATIVES OF OR ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN THE COLONY WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED, OR ACQUITTED ON THE GROUND OF INSANITY, BEFORE COURTS EXERCISING JURISDICTION UNDER THE IMPERIAL FOREIGN JURISDICTION ACTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported without amendment.

The Acting Attorney General then moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance 30 of 1889.

BILL ENTITLED THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE, 1889.—At the suggestion of His Excellency the Governor, the second reading of this Bill was postponed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF LEUNG SHŪ, OTHERWISE LEUNG ŪN OR LEUNG YUK OR YUK SHANG.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported without amendment.

The Acting Attorney General then moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance 31 of 1889.

BILL ENTITLED THE MERCHANDISE MARKS ORDINANCE, 1889.—At the suggestion of His Excellency the Governor, the second reading of this Bill was postponed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POLICE FORCE CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE, 1887.— The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 14 OF 1862 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR GRANTING PATENTS FOR INVENTIONS WITHIN THIS COLONY.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported without amendment.

The Acting Attorney General then moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance 32 of 1889.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Governor then adjourned the Council until Wednesday, the 4th proximo at 3 PM.

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 4th day of December, 1889.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.