

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, NO. 23.

WEDNESDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 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 Colonial Treasurer, (HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.).
- „ the Captain Superintendent of Police, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).
- „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
- „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
- „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
- „ WONG SHING.
- „ ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.
- „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
- „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK, (*vice* the Honourable JOHN BELL-IRVING).

ABSENT:

The Honourable the Acting Attorney General, (ANDREW JOHN LEACH).

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 14th instant, were read and confirmed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MERCHANT SHIPPING CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE, 1879.—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Standing Orders being suspended, the Acting Colonial Secretary moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Mr. MAC EWEN addressed the Council, and enquired whether the tax proposed in this Bill to be levied for the purposes of the Gap Rock Lighthouse would be withdrawn after the Lighthouse had been finished.

His Excellency the Governor replied in the affirmative.

Discussion then ensued, in which Mr. MAC EWEN, Mr. RYRIE, the Acting Colonial Secretary, and His Excellency the Governor took part.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported without amendment.

The Acting Colonial Secretary then moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance 35 of 1889.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Governor then adjourned the Council *sine die*.

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX,  
*Governor.*

Read and confirmed, this 15th day of January, 1890.

ARATHOON SETH,  
*Clerk of Councils.*