

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF HONGKONG.

No. 4 of 1858.

WEDNESDAY, 17th FEBRUARY, 1858.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, AND ALL THE MEMBERS.

The Meeting of the Council having taken place yesterday, in consequence of a written request for adjournment from the three non-official Members, the Council met to-day by order of His Excellency The Governor.

The Minutes of Council held on the 19th January, were read and approved.

The following Resolution passed unanimously:—

That His Excellency The Governor be respectfully requested to address His Excellency The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, K.T., Her Majesty's High Commissioner in China, on the subject of the continued exactions practised by the Authorities of Heang-shan, and especially at Caza Branca, on the Chinese in the employ of Foreigners in this Colony; and to state, as the unanimous opinion of this Council that, in the present condition of English relations with the Canton Province, the most efficient, if not only, mode of putting an end to the evil complained of, will be the visit of a Naval Force to the localities above specified.

The proposed Standing Orders and Rules for the conduct of the business of the Legislative Council were laid on the Table, and His Excellency stated his intention of forwarding them by the next Mail, with any written observations thereon from the Members of Council, for the approval of Her Majesty's Secretary of State.

The Council then went into Committee on the clauses of the Opium Ordinance, the further consideration of which was ordered to be resumed on Monday, the 22d instant, to which day the Council adjourned.

By Order of His Excellency The Governor,

L. D'ALMADA E CASTRO,
Clerk of Councils.