VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF HONGKONG.

No. 18 of 1858.

SATURDAY, 26th JUNE, 1858.

PRESENT:

ALL THE MEMBERS, EXCEPT MR JARDINE.

The Council met to-day, pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable The Lieutenant-Governor took the Chair, in pursuance of a written request from His Excellency The Governor, who was unable to preside at this Meeting on account of illness.

Messrs Parsons, Stace, and Hazeland, attended the Council on behalf of the "Hongkong Law Society,"—Mr Parsons acting as their spokesman.

The Minutes of the last Council were read and approved.

The Ordinance "for Practitioners in Law" was brought forward for the second reading.

And, pursuant to motion of the Chief Justice at the last Meeting, the Council proceeded to hear the Evidence of the "Hongkong Law Society" in support of their Petition.

In the course of Mr. Parsons' address to the Council,—

The Honourable The Lieutenant-Governor, suffering from indisposition, expressed his wish to vacate the Chair, and put the Question,—That a Committee of the Council, consisting of all the Members, with the exception of the President, be appointed to continue the hearing of the Petitioners.

Council divided.

Ayes (7).

MR DENT.

MR LYALL.

CHIEF MAGISTRATE.

SURVEYOR GENERAL.

COLONIAL TREASURER.

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Ouestion carried.

The Lieutenant-Governor put the question,—That this Council do now adjourn to Tuesday, the 6th July, at 12 o'clock.

Question put and passed.

The Council adjourned.

By Order of His Excellency The Governor,

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