VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF HONGKONG.

No. 23 of 1858.

FRIDAY, 15th OCTOBER, 1858.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND ALL THE MEMBERS, EXCEPT THE HONOURABLE THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR, WHO WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND IN CONSEQUENCE OF SEVERE INDISPOSITION.

The Council met to-day, pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the Council held on the 8th instant, were read and approved.

The Ordinance for the Regulation of Chinese Passenger Ships was read a second time,

And the Council went into Committee upon the said Ordinance.

Section I. was discussed, amended and agreed to.

Mr Lyall then gave notice of a Resolution, on the subject of extending the duration of Voyages of Chinese Passenger Ships.

Section II. discussed, and agreed to.

Section III. agreed to.

Section IV. discussed, amended, and agreed to.

Mr Lyall here gave notice, that he would being forward a Resolution to the effect, that a distinction should be made between free-going Emigrants who pay for their passages, and hired Emigrants who are bound by contracts for labor.

Sections V. and VI. agreed to.

It was ordered, that a fair Copy of this Ordinance, as amended, be circulated amongst Members.

Resolved, that the further consideration of the said Ordinance be postponed till Thursday, the 21st instant, at 12 o'clock, precisely.

The Council adjourned accordingly.

JOHN BOWRING, *Governor*.

Read and approved, this 21st Day of October, 1858. L. D'ALMADA E CASTRO, Clerk of Councils.