

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF HONG KONG.

No. 9 of 1859.

MONDAY, 21st NOVEMBER, 1859.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, AND ALL THE MEMBERS.

The Council met to-day, pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Council were read and approved.

The Bill entitled "*An Ordinance to apply a Sum not exceeding Ninety Thousand Pounds to the Public Service of the Year 1860,*" was read a second time;

And the Council went into Committee upon the Estimates for the said Year.

The Governor ordered, that the Estimated Assets over Liabilities, on the 1st January, 1860, be put down at £40,000 instead of £45,000 as shown in the Estimates. The alteration was accordingly made.

The following Votes were then agreed to :—

	£	a.	d.
GOVERNOR'S ESTABLISHMENT,	3,300	0	0
COLONIAL SECRETARY'S do.	3,050	0	0
COLONIAL TREASURER'S do.	1,785	0	0
AUDITOR GENERAL'S do.	1,550	0	0
SURVEYOR GENERAL'S do.	2,570	0	0
CLERK OF COUNCIL'S do.	205	0	0
REGISTRAR GENERAL'S do.	1,994	10	0
HARBOUR MASTER AND EMIGRATION OFFICER'S ESTABLISHMENT,	2,002	10	0
POLICE RATE COLLECTOR'S ESTABLISHMENT,....	672	10	0
JUDICIAL ESTABLISHMENT,	6,585	0	0
ECCLESIASTICAL do.	800	17	0
CHARITABLE ALLOWANCES. ,	50	0	0
EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT,	1,542	10	0
MEDICAL do. (including HOSPITALS,) ...	3,362	11	8
CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S ESTABLISHMENT,	3,320	0	0
POLICE,	12,980	0	0
GAOLS,	3,305	0	0
PENSIONS, RETIRED ALLOWANCES, AND GRATUITIES,	150	0	0

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES,	50	0	0
WORKS AND BUILDINGS,	22,500	0	0
ROADS, STREETS AND BRIDGES,	17,500	0	0
SPECIAL EXPENSES, &c.,	300	0	0
Total,	£89,625	18	8

The Appropriation Bill being in accordance with the above Votes, His Excellency The Governor put the Question,—That this Bill do pass, and that the Title be,—"*An Ordinance to apply a Sum not exceeding Ninety Thousand Pounds to the Public Service of the Year 1860.*"

Question put, and carried; the Ordinance being numbered "*No. 4 of 1959.*"

Ordered, that the said Ordinance be published in the next *Government Gazette*.

The Acting Attorney General. By permission of His Excellency, presented a Petition from the Crown Solicitor, applying for increase of Salary; and the same having been read,—

It was moved by the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Treasurer, and carried unanimously: That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The following opinion was submitted by the Acting Attorney General, and adopted by the Members; it was then read, and ordered to be entered on the Minutes:—

"We desire to enter on the Minutes an expression of opinion that the Salary of the Registrar of the Supreme Court is inadequate to secure permanently the Services of a competent man for the Office. Since the reduction of the Salary on the appointment of the present Registrar, the value of money has decreased exceedingly, and the duties of the Office have increased in an inverse proportion."

(Signed) FREDERICK WILLIAM GREEN,
 " W. T. MERCER,
 " W. H. RENNIE,
 " CHARLES ST GEORGE CLEVERLY,
 " J. JARDINE,
 " JOHN DENT,
 " GEORGE LYALL,
 " FREDERICK FORTH,
 " W. H. ADAMS.

The Governor laid on the Table a Bill, entitled "*An Ordinance to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty for the Colony of HongKong;*"

And the same having been read a first time,—

It was moved by the Acting Chief Justice, seconded by the Acting Attorney General, and carried unanimously,—

"That a Committee consisting of Messrs Jardine, Dent, and Lyall, be appointed to consider the proposed Ordinance 'to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty for the Colony of Hongkong,' and to report thereon to the Council."

Read, and passed, Rules of Court, of 14th November 1859, submitted by the Acting Chief Justice.

The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

HERCULES G. R. ROBINSON,
Governor.

Read and approved, this 16th day of December, 1859.

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