VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISALTIVE COUNCIL OF HONGKONG.

No. 4 OF 1860 MONDAY, 2ND APRIL, 1860.

PRESENT :

His Excellency The GOVERNOR, The ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE, The COLONIAL SECRETARY, The ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL, The COLONIAL TREASURER, J. JARDINE, Esquire, GEO. LYALL, Esquire

ABSENT :

The Auditor General on leave to England, the Surveyor General on duty elsewhere, and Mr. DENT on leave to Shanghai.

The Council met to-day, pursuant to adjournment.

- The Minutes of the Council held on the 17th March, were read and approved.
- The COLONIAL TREASURER applied to His Excellency for leave to withdraw, on account of illness.
- Leave granted.
- His Excellency The GOVERNOR moved, That the Bill, entitled "An Ordinance for amendment and consolidating the Law respecting Pawnbrokers" be now read a second time.
- Question put and passed.
- Bill read a second time.
- One motion of the GOVERNOR, the Council resolved itself into a Committee, for the consideration of this Bill.

Sections 1 and 2, amended, and agreed to.

Section 3 agreed to.

- Section 2 recommitted, amended, and agreed to.
- Sections 4 to 8 inclusive, amended, and agreed to.

Section 9 struck out.

Sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16, renumbered, amended, and agreed to, and ordered to stand as Sections 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

Section 11 recommitted, amended, and agreed to.

Section 17 made Section 16, amended, and agreed to.

To report progress, and sit again.

Committee reported progress, and agreed to sit again on Wednesday next, the 4th Instant.

The Council adjourned until Wednesday, the 4th Instant, at Noon.

HERCULES G. R. ROBINSON,

Governor.

Read and approved, this 4th Day of April, 1860. L. D'ALMADA E CASTRO, *Clerk of Councils*.