

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF HONGKONG.

No. 9 OF 1866.

TUESDAY, 14TH AUGUST, 1866.

PRESENT:

His Excellency Governor SIR RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL, C.B.

The Honorable the Acting Chief Justice (HENRY JOHN BALL.)

The Honorable the Acting Colonial Secretary (W. H. RENNIE.)

The Honorable the Attorney General (JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE.)

The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer (F. H. A. FORTH.)

The Honorable JAMES WHITTALL.

The Honorable JOHN DENT.

The Honorable H. B. GIBB.

ABSENT:

The Honorable W. T. MERCER, on vacation leave.

The Council meets this day by Special Summons at 3 P.M.

The Minutes of the Council held on the 25th Ultimo, are read and confirmed.

The Bill, entitled "*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, for the Incorporation of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Company,*" is read a Second time, amended in Committee and passed,—being "No. 5 of 1866."

The Estimates Bill, 1867, is brought forward, and the Second reading thereof postponed by order of His Excellency the Governor, at the request of some of the Members.

The Bill, entitled "*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, for the better Regulation and Control of certain Vessels frequenting the Waters of Hongkong,*" is read a Second time, amended in Committee, and passed,—being "No. 6 of 1866."

His Excellency lays on the Table a Bill "*for establishing a Stamp Office, and imposing and regulation Stamp Duties in the Colony,*" and the same is read a first time.

His Excellency then adjourns the Council at ten minutes to 6 o'clock till to-morrow at 3 P.M.

RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 15th Day of August, 1866.

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