VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF HONGKONG.

No. 6 OF 1867. TUESDAY, 23RD JULY, 1867.

PRESENT:

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

The Honorable the Chief Justice (JOHN SMALE.)

The Honorable the Acting Colonial Secretary (CECIL C. SMITH.)

The Honorable the Acting Attorney General (HENRY JOHN BALL.)

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

The Honorable Phineas Ryrie.

The Honorable Francis Parry.

ABSENT:

The Honorable the Auditor General (W. H. RENNIE), and The Honorable JAMES WHITTALL, absent on leave.

The Council meets this day at 3 o'clock, by special Summons.

The Minutes of the Council held on the 20th June, are read and confirmed.

The Honorable The Chief Justice presents the Report of the Select Committee on the *Contagious Disease* Bill, suggesting amendments therein; and the same having been received,—

The Council goes into Committee upon the Clause of the said Bill.

The proposed amendments are agreed to; and the Bill, having gone through Committee, is passed bearing the Title of "An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, for the better Prevention of Contagious Diseases," being "No. 10 of 1867."

The *Police and Lighting Rate Amendment* Bill is read a second time, and the Council goes into Committee upon the said Bill.

Sections 1 to 3 inclusive, agreed to.

Section 4 being read, it is moved by the Acting Attorney General, and seconded by Mr. PARRY, that this Section be struck out with a view to the insertion in its place of a new Section, by which arrears of Rates are made recoverable by Summons, instead of by Summary Warrants.

Proposed new Section read.

Debates ensues.

Question put,—That Section 4 be struck out, and the proposed new Section stand part of the Bill.

Council divides—

Ayes.

MR. PARRY.

MR. RYRIE

THE COLONIAL TREASURER.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

Question carried, and the new Section, with certain amendments, adopted as Section 4.

Sections 5 to 11 inclusive, agreed to.

Schedules agreed to.

THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Preamble agreed to.

The Bill having gone through Committee, His Excellency puts the Question—That this Bill as amended do pass, and that the Title be "An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to amend 'The Police and Lighting Rate Ordinance, 1863.'"

Question put carried,—the Ordinance being numbered "No. 11 of 1867."

Read a first time a Bill "to extend the powers of the Supreme Court for Suppression of Piracy."

His Excellency then adjourns the Council at 10 Minutes before 5 o'clock.

RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL, *Governor*.

Read and confirmed, this 30th Day of August, 1867.

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