

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF HONGKONG.

No. 21 OF 1874.

MONDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1873.

PRESENT :

His Excellency Governor SIR ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY, K.C.M.G., C.B.

The Honorable the Chief Justice (JOHN SMALE).

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

The Honorable the Attorney General (JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE).

The Honorable the Acting Treasurer (CHARLES MAY).

The Honorable RICHARD ROWETT.

The Honorable WILLIAM HASTING ALEXANDER.

ABSENT :

The Honorable HENRY JOHN BALL.,- absent on leave.

The Honorable PHINEAS RYRIE.,- "

The Honorable JAMES WHITTALL.,- "

The Council meets this day at 2.30 P.M., pursuant to adjournment.

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

The Bill *to amend the Constitution of the Supreme Court*, is recommitted and passed, bearing the Title of - "*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to amend the Constitution of the Supreme Court of Judicature of the Colony,*" - being "No. 12 of 1873."

The *Civil Procedure Bill* is recommitted, amended and passed, bearing the Title of - "*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Process, Practice, and Mode of Pleading in the Supreme Court of the Colony, and to provide a Uniform Code of Procedure at Common Law and in Equity,*" - being "No. 13 of 1873."

The Bill *for the Abolition of the Court of Summary Jurisdiction* is recommitted, amended and passed, bearing the Title of - "*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to abolish the Court of Summary Jurisdiction, and to confer upon the Supreme Court a Summary Jurisdiction at Law and in Equity,*" - being "No. 14 of 1873."

The Council resolves itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bill *to regulate and define the Practice of Barristers and Attorneys*, which was read a second time on the 23rd of September.

The Honorable the Attorney General explains the Provisions of the Bill.

The Bill is then discussed Clause by Clause, amended and passed, bearing the Title of - "*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to regulate and define the Practice of Barristers and Attorneys admitted and enrolled by the Supreme Court, and to amend the Law in relation thereto,*" - being "No. 15 of 1873."

The Honorable the Chief Justice submits Regulations for the Preliminary Examination of Persons intending to become bound under Articles of Clerkship to Attorneys practising in the Colony, and the said Regulations are approved by the Council, and ordered to be published in the *Gazette*.

The Excellency adjourns the Council at 40 minutes past 3 o'clock, *sine die*.

A. E. KENNEDY,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 2nd Day of December, 1873.

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