

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF HONGKONG.

No. 9 OF 1874.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 1874.

PRESENT:

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

The Honorable the Chief Justice (SIR JOHN SMALE).

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary (JOHN GARDINER AUSTIN).

The Honorable the Attorney General (JOHN BRAMSTON).

The Honorable the Acting Treasurer (CECIL CLEMENTI SMITH).

The Honorable PHINEAS RYRIE.

The Honorable WILLIAM HASTINGS ALEXANDER.

The Honorable JAMES WHITTALL.

ABSENT:

The Honorable RICHARD ROWETT.

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

The Minutes of the Council held yesterday, are read and confirmed.

The Council goes into Committee upon the remaining Clauses of the *Merchant Shipping Consolidation Bill*, adjourned from the last Meeting.

Section 17 is re-committed, amended, and agreed to.

Sections 26 to 42 are discussed; and in the course of revision several alterations are made, and certain new Clauses are added.

It is ordered, that consideration of Part III of the Bill, which relates to the Regulation of Junks and small Boats, be deferred till the Harbor Master shall have reported upon the advisability, or otherwise, of embodying in the Bill some of the suggestions which the Commission of Inquiry into the working of the "Harbor and Coasts Ordinance, 1866," submitted for adoption in October, 1869.

The Schedules to the Bill are discussed, and Schedule *B* is amended and agreed to.

His Excellency then directs that the further consideration of the Bill in Committee be postponed till the next Meeting of the Council.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary here refers to the Notice of Question by the Honorable PHINEAS RYRIE given at the Meeting of the Council on the 10th instant, and states in reply that 3 Fire Bells were obtained from England : one of them has been placed on the North Front Roof of the Central Police Barracks, and the second is to be placed at the Fire Engine Station at the Cross Roads. The locality best adapted for fixing the 3rd Bell has not as yet been decided upon. As to the proposed enlargement of the

above-named Station, the Surveyor General has reported that the work will be commenced during the current month.

His Excellency then adjourns the Council at 5 minutes before 5 o'clock, *sine die*.

A. E. KENNEDY,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 31st Day of August, 1874.

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