VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF HONGKONG.

No. 4 OF 1877.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD MAY, 1877.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (JOHN POPE HENNESSY, C.M.G.).
The Honourable the Chief Justice (Sir JOHN SMALE).
The Honourable the Colonial Secretary (JOHN GARDINER AUSTIN, C.M.G.).
The Honourable the Attorney General (GEORGE PHILLIPPO).
The Honourable the Colonial Treasurer (CECIL CLEMENTI SMITH).
The Honourable HENRY LOWCOCK.
The Honourable WILLIAM KESWICK.
The Honourable JOHN MACNEILE PRICE.

ABSENT:

The Honourable PHINEAS RYRIE, on leave of absence.

The Council meets this day at 2.30 P.M., by Special Summons.

The minutes of the last Meeting of Council are read and confirmed.

Read a despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, No. 10 of the 3rd February 1877, authorising the Governor to carry through the Council the General Law to amend the "Companies Ordinance, 1865," and to repeal Ordinance No. 4 of 1876, subject to amendment detailed in the despatch.

The Bill to amend the "Companies Ordinance, 1865," and to repeal Ordinance No. 4 of 1876, is the read a first time.

His Excellency moves for a vote of $13,584 for the carrying out a system of sewerage for Yau Má Tí and explains generally the necessity of the undertaking, and states that the detailed estimates plans and other papers in connection with the subject had already been circulated amongst Honourable Members.

Vote carried.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary states that the following votes, having been approved by Honourable Members, are laid upon the Table *pro formâ*.

Vote of $1,000 (subsequently increased to Tls. 1,000 or $1,384.08) for the relief of the famine stricken sufferers in the North of China.

Vote of $200 a month for three months guaranteed towards payment of daily telegraphic service from Europe by Reuter.

His Excellency adjourns the Council *sine die* at 3.30 P.M.

J. POPE HENNESSY,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 21st day of June, 1877.

H. E. WODEHOUSE,
Clerk of Councils.