VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF HONGKONG.

No. 5 OF 1877. WEDNESDAY, 6TH JUNE, 1877.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the 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 Noon, Special Summons.

His Excellency J. POPE HENNESSY, C.M.G., produces a despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 18th April, 1877, forwarding Letters-Patent under the great Seal of the United Kingdom, dated the 9th April, 1877, permanently constituting the Office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Hongkong and its Dependencies, together with a Commission passed under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, and dated 10th April, 1877, appointing JOHN POPE HENNESSY, Esquire, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Hongkong, and its Dependencies.

The despatch with the Letters-Patent and the Commission are read by direction of His Excellency.

The Honourable the Chief Justice then administers the Oath of Allegiance and the Official Oath to His Excellency, under the usual salutes.

J. POPE HENNESSY, *Governor*.

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

H. E. WODEHOUSE,

Clerk of Councils.