

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NO. 7.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH JANUARY, 1885.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

(SIR GEORGE FERGUSON BOWEN, G.C.M.G.)

His Honour the Chief Justice, (SIR GEORGE PHILLIPPO, Knt.)

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (WILLIAM HENRY MARSH, C.M.G.)

„ the Attorney General, (EDWARD LOUGHLIN O'MALLEY.)

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER.)

„ the Registrar General (FREDERICK STEWART, LL.D.)

„ PHINEAS RYRIE.

„ WILLIAM KESWICK.

„ THOMAS JACKSON.

„ FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON.

„ WONG SHING.

ABSENT:

The Honourable the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE.)

The Council met in pursuance of adjournment.

Minutes read and confirmed.

MINUTE BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—Read the following Minute by His Excellency the Governor:—

G. F. BOWEN.

The Governor recommends the Legislative Council to take into consideration the question of the Mail subsidy, to which the Secretary of State for the Colonies has drawn attention in the despatch No. 174 of the 25th July ultimo, this day laid before this Council herewith, and to which the Postmaster General (Mr. LISTER) has referred in his Annual Report for 1884, already presented to the Council.

Government House, 14th January, 1885.

The Colonial Secretary moved that this question be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the following Papers:—

9. The Colonial and Indian Exhibition of 1886, (Papers respecting.)
10. Correspondence respecting the Eastern Mail Service.
11. Report for 1884 from the Government Astronomer.
12. Report for 1884 of the Superintendent of the Botanical and Afforestation Department.

AMENDED APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, committed, read a third time, and passed.—On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Colonial Treasurer, a Bill entitled *An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Nine hundred and Forty-nine thousand, and Sixty-one Dollars to the Public Service of the Year 1885* was committed and read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

STAMP ORDINANCE, read a third time, and passed.—On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Treasurer, a Bill entitled *The Stamp Ordinance, 1884* was read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BANKERS' BOOKS EVIDENCE ORDINANCE. Committed. Notice of third reading.—On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, a Bill entitled *The Bankers' Books Evidence Ordinance*, 1884 was committed.

The Attorney General gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would move the third reading of the Bill.

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.—The Attorney General gave notice that at the next meeting of Council, he would move the introduction of a Bill to amend *Ordinance 14 of 1870*.

BILL TO AMEND ORDINANCE 8 OF 1882.—Read a first time.—On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, a Bill entitled *An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 8 of 1882* was read a first time.

POSTPONEMENT OF THE OTHER ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Attorney General moved the postponement of the other Orders of the day.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned until Wednesday, the 21st instant, at 4 P.M.

G. F. BOWEN,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 21st day of January, 1885.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Acting Clerk of Councils.