

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL No. 4.

WEDNESDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 1884.

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 Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE.)
- „ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER.)
- „ the Registrar General, (FREDERICK STEWART, LL.D.)
- „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
- „ WILLIAM KESWICK.
- „ THOMAS JACKSON.
- „ FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON.
- „ WONG SHING.

The Council met in pursuance of adjournment.

NEW MEMBER.—The Honourable WILLIAM KESWICK, having taken and subscribed before His Excellency the Governor the usual oath of allegiance, took his seat at the Council table.

Minutes read and confirmed.

VOTES OF MONEY REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—Read the following Minute by His Excellency the Governor.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote the following sums:—

- C.S.O.  
451 of 1884. (1). A sum not exceeding \$2,000 for resumption by the Crown of a strip of land near the reclamation works at Causeway Bay.
- C.S.O.  
593 of 1884. (2). Revote of \$10,933.35 unexpended balance of sum voted in 1883 for erection of the new Water Police Station at Tsim-sha Tsui.
- C.S.O.  
514 of 1884. (3). Vote of \$1,100 for alterations to buildings at the Post Office and at Government Offices with the view to transfer the Treasury to the upper story of the Post Office, and to provide further accommodation in the Government Offices for the Colonial Secretary's and Public Works Departments.

The Colonial Secretary moved that these papers be referred to the Finance Committee.

Seconded by the Colonial Treasurer.

Question—put and passed.

FIRST READING OF THE BILL AMENDING ORDINANCE No. 3 OF 1862.—On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the *Bill Amending Ordinance No. 3 of 1862*, was read a first time.

SECOND READING OF THE MEDICAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE, 1884.—The Attorney General brought up the Report of the Law Committee on the *Medical Registration Ordinance*, 1884. On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the Bill entitled the *Medical Registration Ordinance*, 1884, was read a second time.

The Attorney General gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that the Council go into Committee on the Bill.

READING OF BILLS FOR THE FIRST TIME.—On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the following Bills were read a first time:—

A Bill entitled *An Ordinance for the naturalisation of* WILLIAM DOBERCK.

" " *An Ordinance for the naturalisation of* TSÉUNG SZ-KÁI.

" " *The Savings Bank Ordinance, 1884.*

" " *The Preserration of Birds Ordinance, 1870, Amendment Ordinance, 1884.*

" " *The Post Office Ordinance, 1884.*

BILLS REFERRED TO LAW COMMITTEE.—The Attorney General moved that the above five Bills be referred to the Law Committee.

Seconded by the Colonial Secretary.

Question—put and passed.

READING OF PRIVATE BILL FOR THE SECOND TIME.—On the motion of the Honourable W. KESWICK, seconded by the Honourable the Surveyor General, the following Bill was read a second time:—

A Bill entitled *An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to authorise* CATCHICK PAUL CHATER, *Esq. to construct piers and wharves in the harbour of Victoria, and to confer upon the said* CATCHICK PAUL CHATER *certain other powers and privileges.*

The Honourable W. KESWICK gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that the Council go into Committee on the Bill.

The Honourable P. RYRIE moved that the papers relating to the Roman Catholic Cemetery be laid on the table.

The Honourable F. D. SASSOON seconded.

Question—put and passed.

The Attorney General replied.

The papers were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The Council adjourned until Wednesday, the 26th instant, at 4 P.M.

**G. F. BOWEN,**  
*Governor.*

Read and confirmed, this 26th day of March, 1884.

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