

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL No. 7.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH APRIL, 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.

Minutes read and confirmed.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE.—The Honourable the Colonial Secretary laid on the table the following Paper:—

First Portion of Correspondence respecting the proposed junction of the Eastern and Western Prayas.

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 items of expenditure:—

- (1.) \$650, estimated cost of repairs of roof of T'áip'ing Shán market, which is very dilapidated and leaky.
- (2.) \$225, being 9 months' salary at \$25 a month for a Chinese Engineer for the Police Launch *Charles May*.
- (3.) Provisional salary, at the rate of \$50 a month, for the Assistant to the Hon. Secretary to the Ordinances Commission.

ASSENT TO ORDINANCES.—The Clerk announced His Excellency the Governor's assent to the following Ordinances:—

- No. 1 of 1884.—*The Opium Ordinance.*
No. 2 of 1884.—*An Ordinance for the naturalisation of WILLIAM DOBERCK.*
No. 3 of 1884.—*An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 3 of 1862.*
No. 4 of 1884.—*An Ordinance 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.*
No. 5 of 1884.—*An Ordinance for the naturalisation of TSÉUNG SZ-KÁI.*
No. 6 of 1884.—*The Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884.*

THE STAMP ORDINANCE, 1884.—The Attorney General presented the report of the Law Committee on the Bill entitled *The Stamp Ordinance, 1884.*

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

- (1.) A Bill entitled *The Criminal Procedure Amendment Ordinance, 1884.*
- (2.) A Bill entitled *An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 3 of 1881.*
- (3.) A Bill entitled *An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 3 of 1871.*
- (4.) A Bill entitled *The Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1879, Amendment Ordinance, 1884.*
- (5.) A Bill entitled *An Ordinance to facilitate the business of Savings Banks.*
- (6.) A Bill entitled *The French Mail Steamers Ordinance continuation Ordinance, 1884.*

THE DANGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE, AMENDMENT ORDINANCE, 1884.—The Attorney General presented the report of the Law Committee on the Bill entitled *The Dangerous Goods Ordinance, Amendment Ordinance*, 1884.

On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the Bill was committed and passed.

THE PRESERVATION OF BIRDS ORDINANCE, 1870, AMENDMENT ORDINANCE, 1884.—The Attorney General presented the report of the Law Committee on the Bill entitled *The Preservation of Birds Ordinance*, 1870, *Amendment Ordinance*, 1884.

The Attorney General moved that the Council defer going into Committee on the Bill.

The Honourable W. KESWICK, pursuant to notice, moved for papers and correspondence on the subject of the issues of One Dollar Notes in this Colony by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The Colonial Secretary replied.

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

The Attorney General moved that the Council go into Committee on the Bill.

The Honourable P. RYRIE moved as an amendment, that the Council defer going into Committee on the Bill.

The Honourable W. KESWICK seconded.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

The Attorney General having with leave withdrawn his motion, gave notice that he would move, that day week, that the Council go into Committee on the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary moved the adjournment of the Council until Thursday, the 10th instant, at 4 P.M.

Question—put and passed.

G. F. BOWEN,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 10th day of April, 1884.

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