

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL No. 25.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST APRIL, 1886.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY WILLIAM HENRY MARSH, C.M.G.,
Administering the Government in the absence of His Excellency SIR GEORGE FERGUSON BOWEN, G.C.M.G.
His Honour the Chief Justice, (SIR GEORGE PHILLIPPO, Knt.)
The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (FREDERICK STEWART, LL.D.)
„ the Acting Attorney General, (EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD.)
„ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER.)
„ the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE.)
„ PHINEAS RYRIE.
„ WILLIAM KESWICK.
„ WONG SHING.

ABSENT:

The Honourable the Attorney General, (EDWARD LOUGHLIN O'MALLEY,) on leave.
„ THOMAS JACKSON, on leave.
„ FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON, on leave.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 14th instant, were read and confirmed.

VOTE OF MONEY REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—Read the following Minute by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

W. H. MARSH.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of \$700 for the erection of a matshed as a temporary Police Station at the Peak.

The Military Authorities having now withdrawn the objection raised in 1883 to the building of a permanent Station at this spot, it is in contemplation to construct a Station later in the year; but, as it is necessary to provide Police protection during the summer months, a matshed will have to be erected at once.

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

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

PAPERS.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid upon the table the Blue Book for 1885, together with a Report thereon by the Chief Clerk. (No. 28).

BILL READ A SECOND TIME.—On the motion of the Colonial Treasurer, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Bill entitled *The Stamp Ordinance*, 1886, was read a second time.

The Colonial Treasurer gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that the Council go into Committee on this Bill.

BILLS COMMITTED.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Council went into Committee on the Bill entitled *An Ordinance to amend the Law as to Sales of Land by Public Auction*.

Bill reported without amendment.

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

On the motion of the Surveyor General, seconded by the Honourable P. RYRIE, the Council went into Committee on the Bill entitled *An Ordinance for the Incorporation of the Procurator for the Dominican Missions in the Far East, in Hongkong*.

Bill reported with amendment.

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

On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Treasurer, the Council went into Committee on the Bill entitled *The Loan Ordinance*, 1886.

Bill reported without amendment.

BILLS READ A THIRD TIME, AND PASSED.—The Acting Attorney General then moved, and the Colonial Treasurer seconded, that the last mentioned Bill (*The Loan Ordinance, 1886*) be read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Bill entitled *An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Law for preventing Frauds upon Creditors by Secret Bills of Sale of Personal Chattels*, was read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

NOTICE OF NEW BILLS.—The Acting Attorney General gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would move the first reading of the following Bills:—

- (a.) A Bill entitled *An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1 of 1884 entitled The Opium Ordinance, 1884.*
- (b.) A Bill entitled *An Ordinance for preventing the sale or taking on board Ship of Spirituous or Fermented Liquors, and for punishing persons hovering about Ships for the purpose of selling such Liquors, or of conveying them on board.*

POSTPONEMENT OF THE OTHER ORDERS OF THE DAY.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, the other Orders of the Day were postponed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned to Wednesday, the 28th instant, at 4 P.M.

W. H. MARSH,
Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 28th day of April, 1886.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.