LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL No. 26.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH 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 MACNELE 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 21st instant, were read and confirmed.

Vote of Money passed by the Finance Committee.—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the following Vote passed by the Finance Committee:—

(Finance Committee, 21st April, 1886.)

PAYMENT IN EXCESS OF THE ESTIMATES FOR 1886.

SERVICES EXCLUSIVE OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

Works and Buildings.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

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

- (a.) A Bill entitled *The Opium Ordinance*, 1886.
- (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.
- (c.) A Bill entitled The Vagrancy Ordinance, 1886.
- (d.) A Bill entitled *The Reformatory Schools Ordinance*, 1886.

BILLS READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the following Bills were read a third time:—

- (a.) A Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Law as to Sales of Land by Public Auction.
- (b.) A Bill entitled An Ordinance for the Incorporation of the Procurator, in Hongkong, for the Dominican Missions in the Far East.

Question put—that these Bills do pass.

Bills passed.

Notice of First reading of a Bill.—The Acting Attorney General gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would move the first reading of a Bill entitled *The Harbour Regulations Ordinance*, 1886.

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 Friday, the 30th instant, at 4 P.M.

W. H. Marsh,

Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 30th day of April, 1886.

Clerk of Councils.

Arathoon Seth,