

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL No. 13.

FRIDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 1887.

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.)

„ the Acting Attorney General, (EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD.)

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER.)

„ the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE.)

„ HENRY GEORGE THOMSETT, R.N.

„ PHINEAS RYRIE.

„ WONG SHING.

„ JOHN BELL-IRVING.

„ ALEXANDER PALMER MACEWEN, (*vice* the Honourable THOMAS JACKSON, on leave).

„ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER, (*vice* the Honourable 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.—Read the following Minute by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:

W. H. MARSH.

C.S.O.
125 of 1887.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to re-vote the sum of \$870 as a compassionate allowance to Mrs. SAMPSON, widow of the late First Boarding Officer in the Harbour Department, being the equivalent of six months' salary and personal allowance of her late husband.

C.O.D.
62 of 1886.

The vote was passed by the Council last year, but was not paid, as the approval of the Secretary of State only arrived on the 30th of December, 1886, and Mrs. SAMPSON is absent from the Colony. The amount has therefore to be re-voted.

Government House, 26th January, 1887.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that, as the amount is a re-vote, it be approved without being again referred to the Finance Committee.

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid upon the table the Report of the proceedings of the Finance Committee, dated the 21st instant, (No. 2), and moved that the following items referred to therein be approved, viz.:

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| (1.) For the construction of a Steam-tug to remove rubbish (re-vote), | \$19,000 |
| (2.) Construction of retaining-wall, Government Civil Hospital (re-vote), | \$ 8,950 |

PAPER.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid upon the table the following paper:—

Report of the Acting Superintendent of the Fire Brigade for 1886. (No. $\frac{9}{87}$).

QUESTION.—Mr. MACEWEN, pursuant to notice, asked:—

That His Excellency the Administrator's Despatch to the Secretary of State, No. 282, of 3rd August, 1886, relative to proceedings of the Finance Committee, be laid on the table.

The Officer Administering the Government replied, and laid on the table the Despatch asked for. (Paper No.

$\frac{10}{87}$).

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE TRIAD SOCIETY AND OTHER SECRET SOCIETIES AND FOR THE PUNISHMENT OF THE MEMBERS THEREOF.—The Acting Attorney General, moved the second reading of this Bill, and addressed the Council on the objects and reasons of it.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

The Chief Justice addressed the Council.

Mr. RYRIE addressed the Council.

The Acting Colonial Secretary, addressed the Council.

The Officer Administering the Government addressed the Council.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE CARRYING AND POSSESSION OF ARMS.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill, and addressed the Council on the objects and reasons of it.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Mr. RYRIE addressed the Council.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR PROMOTING THE REVISION OF THE STATUTE LAW BY REPEALING CERTAIN ENACTMENTS WHICH HAVE CEASED TO BE IN FORCE OR HAVE BECOME UNNECESSARY.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Council went into Committee on this Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

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

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE No. 8 OF 1879.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, this Bill was read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance No. 3 of 1887.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE BETTER PROTECTION OF YOUNG GIRLS.—The Acting Attorney General gave notice that at the next Meeting of Council, he would move the second reading of this Bill.

BILL ENTITLED THE CATTLE AND MARKETS ORDINANCE.—The Acting Attorney General gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would move that the Council go into Committee on this Bill.

POSTPONEMENT OF THE OTHER ORDER OF THE DAY.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, the other Order of the Day was postponed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council was then adjourned to Friday, the 4th proximo, at 4 P.M.

W. H. MARSH,
Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 4th day of February, 1887.

ARATHON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.