

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL No. 14.

FRIDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY, 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 28th ultimo, were read and confirmed.

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

(a.) Approximate Estimate of cost of contemplated Public Works. (No. $\frac{11}{87}$).

(b.) Annual Report of the Head Master of the Government Central School for 1886. (No. $\frac{12}{87}$).

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO REMOVE DOUBTS AS TO THE APPLICATION OF ORDINANCE No. 2 OF 1875.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, this Bill was read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE BETTER PROTECTION OF YOUNG GIRLS.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill, and addressed the Council on the objects and reasons of it, referring also to the printed correspondence on the subject laid before the Council on the 7th instant.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Mr. RYRIE addressed the Council.

Mr. MACEWEN addressed the Council.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RESPECTING DEFAMATORY WORDS AND LIBEL.—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 some verbal 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 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, this Bill was read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance No. 4 of 1887.

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 was then adjourned to Friday, the 11th instant, at 4 P.M.

GEORGE PHILLIPPO,
President.

Read and confirmed, this 11th day of February, 1887.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.