

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL No. 24.

THURSDAY, 7TH APRIL, 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 Acting Chief Justice (JAMES RUSSELL), *vice* His Honour SIR GEORGE PHILLIPPO, Knt., on leave.

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, (*vice* the Honourable WILLIAM KESWICK, on leave).
 „ 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 1st instant, were read and confirmed.

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

(1.)

W. H. MARSH.

C.S.O.
433 of 1887.

The Officer Administering the Government has received a proposal from the Surveyor General, which has been strongly supported by the Sanitary Board, for the reclamation of a piece of ground opposite the Sailors' Home, measuring 74,000 square feet in extent, destined, when completed, for the construction thereon of a new Western Market. The cost of this reclamation and of a Praya or Retaining Wall is estimated at \$73,000, and the value of the ground to be reclaimed is estimated at \$370,000. The work will require two years to complete it.

The Officer Administering the Government proposes that the necessary money for this work should be taken from the premia realized on sales of Crown Land which are not included in the Revenue receipts of the Colony. The Council are therefore requested to vote a sum of \$35,000 to be taken from this source for defraying the cost of the portion of the work which will be executed this year.

The Finance Committee have already been consulted in this question, and have expressed the unanimous opinion that the project should be approved.

Government House, Hongkong, 6th April, 1887.

(2.)

W. H. MARSH.

C.S.O.
794 of 1887.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to re-vote the sum of \$6,000 for the construction of a Market at Hungghòm.

This sum was voted in last year's Estimates, but not expended, as the work was not then finished.

Government House, Hongkong, 7th April, 1887.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that these votes be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

VOTE OF MONEY 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 1st instant, (No. 9), and moved that the following sum referred to therein be voted, viz.:—

Extensions to the quarters of the Light-house Keeper on Green Island \$1,500.00

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

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

Statement showing the total Receipts and Payments in the year 1886. (No. $\frac{21}{87}$).

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

Whether the long and faithful services of the late Inspector Lindsay and the injuries he received in the discharge of his duties would not warrant His Excellency in recommending a gratuity to the widow.

The Acting Colonial Secretary replied.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION TO CONTINUE INCORPORATED FOR THE FURTHER TERM OF TWENTY-ONE YEARS.—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 TO CONSOLIDATE THE LAW RELATING TO VARIOUS LICENCES.—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 TO CONSOLIDATE AND AMEND THE LAW FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION OF THE POLICE FORCE OF THE COLONY.—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.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

BILL ENTITLED THE CATTLE DISEASES, SLAUGHTER-HOUSES, AND MARKETS ORDINANCE, 1887.— 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.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE MORE EFFECTUAL PREVENTION OF CRIME.—The Acting Attorney General moved the third reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance No. 11 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 then adjourned *sine die*.

W. H. MARSH,
Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 15th day of April, 1887.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.