

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL No. 33.

FRIDAY, 8TH JULY, 1887.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR-GENERAL WILLIAM GORDON CAMERON, C.B.,

Administering the Government.

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), *vice* the Honourable EDWARD LOUGHLIN O'MALLEY, on leave.
- „ 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 summons.

The Minutes of the last two Meetings, held on the 27th May and 21st June, 1887, respectively, 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. G. CAMERON.

C.S.O.
1436 of 1887.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of \$5,000 to defray the cost of extending and completing Richmond Road beyond Richmond Terrace, and of developing and preparing further building sites, in that locality, for auction sale.

Government House, Hongkong, 23rd June, 1887.

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

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:—

The Colonial Surgeon's Report for 1886. (No. $\frac{31}{87}$).

QUESTIONS.—Mr. MACEWEN, pursuant to notice, asked the following questions:—

- (a.) *Whether Marine Certificates granted in Singapore are still in force in this Colony, and, if so, the reason why the Government refused the application of Captain Hamlin to have his name endorsed on the Register of the S.S. "soochow," in March this year?*
- (b.) *What are the intentions of the Government, with regard to holders of Marine Certificates granted in Hongkong previous to 1st January, 1884, and what are the instructions of the Secretary of State concerning the status of the holders of such Certificates?*

The Acting Attorney General replied.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 16 OF 1887.—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 AMENDING THE LAWS RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill, and addressed the Council on the intention of the Government to relegate some of its clauses to the new Building Ordinance.

The Surveyor General seconded.

Mr. RYRIE addressed the Council, and moved that the second reading of the Bill be postponed for a fortnight.

Mr. WONG SHING addressed the Council, and seconded the motion for the postponement.

Mr. MACEWEN addressed the Council with regard to certain clauses of the Bill.

The Surveyor General addressed the Council regarding the clauses to be relegated to the Building Ordinance.

His Excellency addressed the Council, and said that there was no objection to the second reading of the Bill being postponed for a fortnight.

NOTICE OF QUESTION.—The Honourable WONG SHING gave notice that at the next Meeting he would ask a question respecting the taxation of Salt Fish and other food imported into the Colony.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Friday, the 22nd instant, at 4 P.M.

W. G. CAMERON, *Major-general,*
Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 22nd day of July, 1887.

J. M. GUTIERREZ,
Acting Clerk of Councils.