

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, NO. 12.

WEDNESDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 1888.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

(SIR G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX, K.C.M.G.)

His Honour the Acting Chief Justice (JAMES RUSSELL, C.M.G.), *vice* His Honour SIR GEORGE PHILLIPPO, Knt., on leave.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (FREDERICK STEWART).

„ the Attorney General, (EDWARD LOUGHLIN O'MALLEY).

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER).

„ the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE).

„ the Captain Superintendent of Police, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).

„ PHINEAS RYRIE.

„ WONG SHING.

„ ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.

„ JOHN BELL-IRVING.

„ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.

The Council met pursuant to notice.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 27th ultimo, were read and confirmed.

C.S.O.Desp. 24 of 1888. QUEEN'S JUBILEE.—CHINESE ADDRESS.—Read a Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies acknowledging the receipt of the Address from the Chinese Community together with the pieces of Embroidery presented by the Nampak-hong Merchants and the Lodging House Guild on the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee, and conveying Her Majesty's gracious acceptance of the same.

VOTES OF MONEY REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—read the following Minutes by His Excellency the Governor:—

(1.)

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX.

C.S.O. 691 of 1888. \$25,000. The Governor recommends the Council to re-vote the sum of Twenty-five thousand Dollars, to be paid to the Jubilee Committee as a contribution towards the celebration and commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Her Majesty's reign, .....\$25,000.00  
Government House, Hongkong, 4th April, 1888.

(2.)

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX.

C.S.O. 2715 of 1887. \$770. The Governor recommends the Council to vote the sum of Seven hundred and seventy Dollars, for the conversion of Boatmen's quarters in the Harbour Office into Offices for the Imports and Exports Department, .....\$ 770.00  
Government House, Hongkong, 4th April, 1888.

(3.)

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX.

C.S.O. 2308 of 1887, and C.O.Desp. No. 6 of 13th Jan., 1888. \$300. The Governor recommends the Council to vote the sum of Three hundred Dollars, being a Building-grant to the Basel Mission Public School, to enable the Manger to enlarge and improve it, .....\$ 300.00  
Government House, Hongkong, 4th April, 1888.

(4.)

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX.

C.S.O.  
707 of 1888.  
\$270.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote the sum of Two hundred and seventy Dollars, as an allowance for House-rent in lieu of quarters, to the Head Gardener in the Botanical and Afforestation Department, the quarters now occupied by him being required for Departmental purposes.

Allowance from 1st April to 31st December, 1888, nine months at \$30 per month, ..... \$ 270.00

Government House, Hongkong, 4th April, 1888.

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

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE RESERVATION OF A EUROPEAN DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF VICTORIA.—The Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill.

Progress reported with the addition of a clause.

BILL ENTITLED THE RATING ORDINANCE, 1888.—On the motion of the Treasurer, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the Council resumed Committee on this Bill.

Progress reported with amendments.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned to Wednesday, the 11th instant, at 4 P.M.

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX,  
*Governor.*

Read and confirmed, this 18th day of April, 1888.

ARATHOON SETH,  
*Clerk of Councils.*