

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, NO. 20.

MONDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 1888.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR  
(SIR G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX, K.C.M.G.)

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (FREDERICK STEWART).

- „ the Attorney General, (EDWARD LOUGHLIN O'MALLEY).
- „ the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.).
- „ the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE).
- „ the Captain Superintendent of Police, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).
- „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
- „ WONG SHING.
- „ JOHN BELL-IRVING.
- „ BENDYSHE LAYTON, (*vice* the Honourable ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN) on leave.

ABSENT:

The Honourable CATCHICK PAUL CHATER, on leave.

The Council met pursuant to notice.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 22nd ultimo, were read and confirmed.

CHIEF JUSTICE'S SEAT IN COUNCIL.—His Excellency referred to the vacancy caused by the retirement of Sir GEORGE PHILLIPPO, and stated that according to recent instructions his successors would not be *ex-officio* Members of Council. After referring to the valuable assistance rendered to the Council by Mr. Justice RUSSELL, Sir GEORGE PHILLIPPO'S successor, while Acting Chief Justice, His Excellency stated that the question of filling the vacancy was under consideration.

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

(1.)

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX.

C.O. Desp. 136 of 1888. \$1,200. The Governor recommends the Council to vote the sum of One thousand and Two hundred Dollars, being a gratuity to the widow of Mr. ALEXANDER FALCONER, late Second Master of the Government Central School.

Government House, Hongkong, 10th November, 1888.

(2.)

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX.

C.S.O. 2831 of 1888. \$28. The Governor recommends the Council to vote the sum of Twenty-eight Dollars for the salaries of two extra Postmen for the Peak Service, at \$7 each per month, for the two remaining months of this year.

These appointments are required in consequence of the rapid growth of population of the Hill District.

Government House, Hongkong, 10th November, 1888.

(3.)

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX.

C.S.O. 2244 of 1888. \$250. The Governor recommends the Council to vote the sum of Two hundred and Fifty Dollars, being compensation to the Scavenging Contractor in respect of extra work now required of him in the Hill District, at the rate of \$50 per month from 1st August last.

Government House, Hongkong, 10th November, 1888.

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

The Acting Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following papers:—

- (a.) Reports of the proceedings of the Finance Committee dated the 24th and 27th ultimo (Nos. 28 and 29.)
- (b.) Report on the Separate System of Main-drainage (No. 20/88).

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF ELIAS ISAAC ELIAS *otherwise* ELIAS ISAAC ELIAS ZACHARIAH.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

THE SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 1887.—The Colonial Secretary moved that the Council go into Committee on this Bill.

The Acting Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Council went into Committee.

Bill reported without amendment.

The Colonial Secretary then moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Acting Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance 24 of 1888.

THE APPROPRIATION BILL, 1889.—The Colonial Secretary moved that the Council go into Committee on this Bill.

The Acting Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Council went into Committee.

Bill reported with amendments.

The Colonial Secretary then moved that the Standing Orders be suspended, and the Bill be read a third time.

The Acting Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance 25 of 1888.

VOTES FOR EXTRAORDINARY PUBLIC WORKS.—The Colonial Secretary moved that the Council go into Committee on the Schedule of Extraordinary Public Works as set forth at page 36 of the Estimates for 1889.

The Acting Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Council went into Committee.

Schedule reported with amendments.

The Colonial Secretary moved that the Schedule, as amended, be passed.

The Acting Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

BILL ENTITLED THE EUROPEAN DISTRICT RESERVATION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ORDINANCE, 1888.—The Attorney General moved that the Council resume consideration, in Committee, of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Council went into Committee.

Bill reported with amendment.

The Attorney General then moved that the Standing Orders be suspended, and the Bill be read a third time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance 26 of 1888.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 9 OF 1876 (GAMBLING).—The Attorney General moved that the Council resume consideration, in Committee, of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Council went into Committee.

Bill reported without any further amendment.

The Attorney General then moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The 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 27 of 1888.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX,  
*Governor.*

Read and confirmed, this 19th day of November, 1888.

ARATHOON SETH,  
*Clerk of Councils.*