

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 1.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH JANUARY, 1890.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

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

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (A. LISTER).

„ the Acting Attorney General, (ANDREW JOHN LEACH).

„ the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.).

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

„ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).

„ PHINEAS RYRIE.

„ WONG SHING.

„ ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.

„ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.

„ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK, (*vice* the Honourable JOHN BELL-IRVING).

The Council met pursuant to notice.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 18th ultimo, were read and confirmed.

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

(1.)

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX.

C.S.O.
2987 of 1889.
\$2,187. The Governor recommends the Council to re-vote the sum of Two thousand one hundred and Eighty-seven Dollars, being the balance remaining on the vote of 1889 for *Roads in Kowloon*.

Government House, Hongkong, 3rd January, 1890.

(2.)

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX.

C.S.O.
500 of 1889.
\$ 250. The Governor recommends the Council to vote the sum of Two hundred and Fifty Dollars, being a grant to Mr. BRUCE SHEPHERD for the compilation and printing of an Index to Streets numbers of Houses and Description of Leased Lots of the City of Victoria.

Government House, Hongkong, 3rd January, 1890.

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

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

OBSERVATORY.—Mr. MACEWEN, pursuant to notice, asked the following question:—

When is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Commission to enquire into the working of the Observatory.

The Governor replied.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO APPOINT AN ADDITIONAL MEMBER ON THE SANITARY BOARD.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Standing Orders being suspended, the Acting Attorney General moved that the bill be read a second time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee on the bill.

Bill reported without amendment.

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

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 1 of 1890.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE PROCUREUR GÉNÉRAL, IN HONGKONG, OF THE SOCIETY OF THE MISSIONS ÉTRANGÈRES.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS ORDINANCE, 1889.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

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

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 12th day of February, 1890.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.