

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 18.

THURSDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 1893.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

(Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (GEORGE THOMAS MICHAEL OBRIEN, C.M.G.).

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).

„ the Harbour Master, (ROBERT MURRAY RUMSEY).

„ the Acting Registrar General, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).

„ EDWARD BOWDLER.

„ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.

„ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.

„ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

„ EMANUEL RAPHAEL BELLIOS.

The Council met pursuant to notice.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 13th instant, were read and confirmed.

C.O.D.  
178 of 1893. RETRENCHMENT COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency, read a Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies expressing his regret that the Colonial Government and the Unofficial members of this Council had not been able to agree to the composition of this Committee, but hoping at a later date to be able to make proposals for a mixed Committee, composed partly of Official members and partly of Unofficial members which will be acceptable to the Colony generally.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO APPLY A SUM NOT EXCEEDING TWO MILLIONS THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE YEAR 1894."—The Colonial Secretary moved that the Council resume Committee on the Bill.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, seconded by Mr. CHATER, an item of \$500 was added to the vote for Miscellaneous Services, as a Grant-in-aid of the Band of the Hongkong Regiment.

Council resumed and, Bill reported with amendments.

The Colonial Secretary moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORISE THE APPROPRIATION OF A SUPPLEMENTARY SUM OF TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVEN DOLLARS AND NINETY-THREE CENTS TO DEFRAY THE CHARGES FOR THE YEAR 1892."—The Colonial Treasurer moved that the Council resume Committee on the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed, and Bill reported without amendments.

The Colonial Treasurer moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned.

WILLIAM ROBINSON,  
*Governor.*

Read and confirmed, this 7th day of March, 1894.

ARATHOON SETH,  
*Clerk of Councils.*