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Erratum.—In Mr. DEANE'S Memo. of 20th September, published in last Saturday's Gazette, for the words "Foreign Police," in paragraph 6, 2nd line,—*read* "European Police." The error has been rectified in to-day's issue of the Gazette.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF HONGKONG.

No. 3 of 1869.

FRIDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1869.

PRESENT:

His Excellency Governor SIR RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL, C.B.

The Honorable the Acting Chief Justice (JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE.)

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, (JOHN GARDINER AUSTIN.)

The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer (FREDERICK H. A. FORTH.)

The Honorable H. B. GIBB.

The Honorable WILLIAM KESWICK.

The Honorable JAMES B. TAYLOR.

The Honorable R. ROWETT.

ABSENT:

The Honorable the Acting Attorney General (EDWARD H. POLLARD, q.c.)

The Honorable the Auditor General (W. H. RENNIE); Both absent on leave.

The Council meets this day at 3 P.M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the Council held on the 17th Instant, are read and confirmed.

His Excellency states that he had made a further improvement in the Estimates for 1870, by which, in addition to grouping together all items to be voted for each Establishment, a fresh column had been inserted, shewing in detail the amount defrayed from the Civil List, as well as the gross total Expenditure of the Civil List, and proposed votes. Thus each Member would hereafter have before him at once the total contemplated real Expenditure of each Department which he never had before, because hitherto the Estimates had only shewn in various and scattered pages the amount of the annual votes. It was important, however, to keep the total Expense contemplated more prominently and more intelligibly before the Council. His Excellency then lays the new form of Estimates on the Table.

The Bills, which were read a first time at the last Meeting, are then brought forward, and on His Excellency inviting the Council to a consideration of them,—

The Honorable H. B. GIBB, leave being obtained, says:—

I would wish Your Excellency before proceeding further to business to refer to some articles that have lately appeared in a portion of the Public Press, and to express on behalf of my Brother non-official Members as well as myself our great regret that attacks of so personal a nature should have been made upon Your Excellency.

While wishing to see free and full discussion upon the Estimates or other public matters, we cannot too strongly deprecate the abusive personal attacks which have lately characterized many of the writings of the "Press," and would beg to assure Your Excellency that we do not in any way share in the opinions set forth in the articles alluded to.