

Legislative Council

Friday 26th June 1874

Present

His Excellency Colonel D'Arcy President

The Hon^{ble} G. J. Smith Esq^rG. M. Deane Esq^r

The Council met pursuant to summons -

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A draft Ordinance styled "Unseaworthy Ship Ordinance" was placed on the table and read for the first time.

His Excellency said

"I have received instructions to pass an Ordinance embodying the 12th and 13th sections of the Merchant Shipping Act 1873, which sections relate to the survey of unseaworthy ships. You are aware that when a complaint is made of a ship being unseaworthy, this course for some years past has been adopted - notably in one case last July

"July, that of the 'Honor Bechelbank'
of Liverpool, when on the eve of her
departure the crew reported her as
being unseaworthy, she was in
consequence surveyed, and pronounced
unfit to proceed to sea, the vessel was
repaired and finally reached her
port of destination."

Mr. Dean, the non-official member said

"I perfectly remember the barge
in question, and recognize the
necessity of the addition to the Statute
book of the Unseaworthy Ships Ordinance"

His Excellency proposed suspending the Standing
rules on this occasion and his reading be taken
on the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd readings.

Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

His Excellency then adjourned the Council
sine die

By Francis
C. H.