

**SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.****LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

Tuesday, the 29th day of August, 1882.

**ALIENS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**

THE legislation of last session clearly shows that the intention of the colony is to treat Chinese immigrants exceptionally, and not to permit them that free ingress to the country, or easily-acquired right of settlement, which is accorded to persons of the European race. The proviso in the Bill now before Parliament is quite in accordance with the legislation of last session and the general sense of the community as thereby declared.

The settlement of the Chinese in large masses in certain districts of the colony is also to be taken into consideration. There is no doubt that certain constituencies might be seriously affected were there added to the voting power a large number of persons ignorant of European habits of thought, and animated by instincts foreign to those of our fellow-colonists.

Up to the issue of a writ for a Parliamentary election, names can be placed upon the electoral roll, and there would be a great temptation to unscrupulous persons to naturalize and place upon the register great numbers of persons at a very small cost, to the detriment of the public interests and the purity of election.

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