

No. S. 248.—Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 31st July, 1914, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks:—

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	4,287,754	2,000,000*
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	19,144,792	15,500,000
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited,	1,221,743	850,000†
TOTAL,\$	24,654,289	18,350,000

* Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at \$2,100,000.

† Securities with the Crown Agents £68,040.

No. S. 249.—The following statement of the securities lodged with the Crown Agents by the Mercantile Bank of India, Limited, against their notes in circulation, is published for general information under Section 5 of the Mercantile Bank Note Issue Ordinance, 1911, (Ordinance No. 65 of 1911):—

Security.	Amount.	Nominal Value.	Price when deposited.	Latest market price.
Bombay Port Trust 4% Bonds,...	£10,000	£100	97½/98½	(June.) 96/97
Southern Punjab Railway 4% Preference Stock,	£23,040	£100	92/94	93/96
Madras and Southern Maharatta 4% Debenture Stock,.....	£35,000	£100	98/100	99/100

CLAUD SEVERN,
Colonial Secretary.

14th August, 1914.

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 250.—It is hereby notified that information has been received from the Military Authorities that Gun Practice will, weather permitting, be carried out as under:—

On Tuesday, the 18th August:—

From Mount Davis, in a South-Westerly direction, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.

On Wednesday, the 19th August:—

From Stonecutters, in a South-Westerly direction, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

On Saturday, the 22nd August:—

From Pak Sha Wan, in a North-Easterly direction, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

If the weather is unfavourable on any of the above days, practice will take on the following day with the exception of Sunday.

All junks, ships and other vessels are to keep clear of the ranges.

C. W. BECKWITH, Commander, R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.

14th August, 1914.