

No. S. 196.—Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 30th June, 1921, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks :—

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	11,790,000	5,700,000*
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	36,264,933	25,500,000
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited,	1,206,755	550,000†
TOTAL,\$	49,261,688	31,750,000

* Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £560,000.

† Securities with the Crown Agents £180,000.

No. S. 197.—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.
Funding Loan,	£180,000	£71. 15s.

CLAUD SEVERN,
Colonial Secretary.

8th July, 1921.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Sale by Tender of No. 3 Police Launch.

No. S. 198.—Tenders are invited for the purchase of No. 3 Police Launch with engines, boilers and gear as she lies at the Police Basin, Yaumati Harbour of Refuge. Particulars of the launch will be supplied on application to the Government Marine Surveyor, Post Office Building, to whom also applications to view the launch should be addressed. Sealed Tenders marked "Tender for purchase of No. 3 Police Launch", will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office up to Noon on Saturday, the 23rd July, 1921.

In the event of any tender being accepted the successful tenderer will pay the purchase money into the Treasury immediately on receipt of a notice from the Captain Superintendent of Police that his tender is accepted. The launch will be at the risk of the successful tenderer from the time when the notice is posted or sent to him accepting his tender.

E. D. C. WOLFE,
Captain Superintendent of Police.

8th July, 1921.