

**No. S. 2.**—Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 31st December, 1923, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks :—

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, .....	12,837,330	5,000,000*
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, .....	44,681,129	30,600,000†
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited, .....	1,455,649	550,000‡
TOTAL, .....\$	58,974,108	36,150,000

\* Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £912,700.

† Securities with the Crown Agents and Straits Government £1,800,000.

‡ Securities with the Crown Agents £130,000.

**No. S. 3.**—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.
5½ % Treasury Bonds repayable @ 100 in 1930, .....	£130,000	...	...	103¾-104¼

CLAUD SEVERN,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

4th January, 1924.

LAND OFFICE.

**No. S. 4.**—It is hereby notified that the following Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction will be held at the District Office, Tai Po, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 9th day of January, 1924.

The Lots are sold for the term of Seventy-five years from the 1st day of July, 1893, with the right of renewal for a further term of 24 years less 3 days at a re-assessed Crown Rent. No. 1 as Building Lot, Nos. 2 to 8 as Agricultural Lots, subject to the General Conditions of Sale published in Government Notification No. 365 of 1906, and to the Special Condition No. 5 published in Government Notification No. 278 of 1911. No. 1 is further subject to the Special Condition No. 7 published in Government Notification No. 261 of 1921. Nos. 2 to 8 are further subject to Special Conditions Nos. 1, 2 and 3 published in Government Notification No. 697 of 1900.

The amount to be spent on the building Lot in rateable improvements under the General Condition No. 5 is \$4,000.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

Registry No.			Locality.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Acres, or Square feet.	Upset Price.	Annual Crown Rent.
No.	D. D.	Lot.		N.	S.	E.	W.			
				feet.	feet.	feet.	feet.		\$	\$
1	11	1455	Nam Hang.	As per plan deposited in the District Office, North.				15,200 sq. ft.	304	17.50
2	83	1632	Ma Wat Wai.		"			.07 acre.	8	.10
3	"	1960	"		"			.04 "	5	.10
4	"	1961	"		"			.07 "	8	.10
5	72	311	Sha Tau Kok.		"			3,040 sq. ft.	8	.10
6	"	312	"		"			16,500 "	42	.40
7	93	1912	Liu Pok.		"			.56 acre.	61	.60
8	179	622	Sha Tin Tau.		"			.22 "	24	.30

4th January, 1924.

PHILIP JACKS,  
*Land Officer.*

No. S. 5.

**NOTICES TO MARINERS.**

The Government of the Philippine Islands  
Department of Commerce and Communications  
BUREAU OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
MANILA

*December 17, 1923.*

No. 667.

**Negros—West Coast—Pulupandan—An Acetylene Gas Buoy  
Established.**

The second class black can buoy No. 1 on the southern end of Iog-iog Bank, marking the southern entrance to Pulupandan, west coast of Negros, has been discontinued and replaced by an acetylene gas buoy, showing one white flash every three (3) seconds. The position and bearings remain the same. See Notice to Mariners No. 624, dated April 17, 1922.

**Luzon—East Coast—Batan Harbor—Spar Buoy Discontinued.**

The second class spar buoy marking the unnamed reef in Batan Harbor, east coast of Luzon, has been discontinued. See No. 78, List of Buoys, Beacons, etc., 1922.

FIDEL A. REYES,  
*Director.*