

No. S. 258.—Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 31st August, 1924, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks :—

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	10,445,897	5,000,000*
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	37,894,096	29,900,000†
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited,	1,360,471	550,000§
TOTAL,\$	49,700,464	35,450,000

* Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £1,070,500.

† Securities with the Crown Agents and Straits Government £3,045,000.

§ Securities with the Crown Agents £130,000.

No. S. 259.—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	104-104½

CLAUD SEVERN,
Colonial Secretary.

5th September, 1924.

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 260.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Repairs to Steam-Launch 'H. O. 1'", will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Friday, the 12th day of September, 1924.

A list of work may be obtained at the Government Marine Surveyor's Office.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

The work is to be carried out to the satisfaction of the Government Marine Surveyor.