

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Return of Notes in Circulation and Specie in Reserve at the Bank of the Oriental Bank Corporation in Hongkong is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria,
Hongkong, 9th May, 1854.

Account of the Average Amount of Notes in Circulation at the Bank of the Oriental Bank Corporation in Hongkong, for the Month ending 29th April, 1854, rendered in accordance with the terms of Her Majesty's Royal Charter of Incorporation.

Notes issued,.....\$103,372*

* Exclusive of the Notes of the Oriental Bank still outstanding.

(Signed,)

Wm. LAMOND,
Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong,
1st May, 1854.

The Books and Treasure Vault of the above Corporation were this day inspected by me, and the specie shown accorded in amount with the terms of the Charter.

(Signed,)

R. RIENAECKER,
Colonial Treasurer.

8th May, 1854.

NOTICE.

Wanted, a Passage to Singapore for Twenty-six Chinese Convicts; for which Sealed Tenders will be received at this Office.

For Particulars, apply to the Acting Harbour Master.

By Order,

W. CAINE,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria,
Hongkong, 15th March, 1854,

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE,
ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, MARSEILLES,
AND SOUTHAMPTON;

ALSO,

BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship *DOURO*, Captain HEDERSTEDT, with *Her Majesty's Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo*, will leave this for the above Places, on *Monday the 22d May*, at 2 P. M.

CARGO will be received on board until 5 P. M. on the 20th, SPECIE until Noon on the 21st, and PARCELS until 2 P. M. on the 21st.

For particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply at the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company's Office, Hongkong.

CONTENTS, AND VALUE OF PACKAGES, ARE REQUIRED.

A written declaration of the Contents and Value of the Packages for the Overland Route is required by the Egyptian Government, and must be delivered by the Shipper to the Company's Agents with the Bills of Lading, or with Parcels; and the Company do not hold themselves responsible for any Detention or Prejudice which may happen from incorrectness in such declaration.

ROBERT S. WALKER,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Company's Office,
Hongkong, 11th May, 1854.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE,

Victoria, Hongkong, 4th May, 1854.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned until NOON of the 20th instant for supplying HER MAJESTY'S GAOLS in this Colony, with the Articles and Provisions undermentioned for the term of 12 months, commencing 26th May, instant.

The Tenders to state the Rate per head per diem respectively for 1 European and 1 Coloured prisoner, as per scale.

European Ration per diem.

1lb BREAD.

$\frac{1}{2}$ lb BEEF or PORK (free of bone.)

1lb of the VEGETABLES of the season.

$\frac{1}{2}$ oz TEA.

3oz SUGAR.

$\frac{1}{2}$ oz SALT.

FIREWOOD for cooking, 2lbs; and $\frac{1}{2}$ lb Common SOAP each prisoner per month.

Ration for Chinese or Coloured prisoner per diem.

1 Catty of sound coarse RICE.

2 Taels of FISH (salt or fresh.)

8 Taels of VEGETABLES (according to season)

Twice in each week in lieu of FISH.

Sufficient FIREWOOD for cooking the above.

Separate Tenders will also be received for supply of OIL for HER MAJESTY'S GAOLS during the same period. Further particulars to be obtained upon application to the Gaoler or the undersigned.

The Contractor to find approved security for fulfilment of his Contract.

C. MAY,
Acting Sheriff.