

Account of the Average Amount of Notes in Circulation at the Bank of the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London, and China, in Hongkong, for the Month ending 30th June, 1859, rendered in accordance with the Terms of Her Majesty's Royal Charter of Incorporation.

NOTES ISSUED,	\$251,435.*
SPECIE IN RESERVE,	\$150,000.

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

JOHN COSTERTON,
Manager.

Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London, and China,
Hongkong, 1st July, 1859.

I hereby certify, that I have this day inspected the Books and Treasure Vault of the above-mentioned Bank, and that the Amount of Specie in Reserve is in accordance with the Terms of the Royal Charter.

FRED. FORTH,
Colonial Treasurer.

J. A. CARVALHO,
Accountant.

Victoria, Hongkong, 4th July, 1859.

No. 72.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Notice having been given, that the present Contract for Printing the *Government Gazette*, and executing the general Printing required by this Government, will expire on the 31st of December next, it is hereby intimated for general information that Tenders for Printing the said *Gazette*, and executing such other Printing Work, will be received at this Office up to 4 P.M. on the 30th November of the current year.

Tenders must specify terms on which the *Gazette* will be undertaken at a certain rate per page, half-page, block of ten lines, or single line; also the terms for supplying Copies of Ordinances, Notifications, &c., made up into pages from the *Gazette* without alteration of width.

The charge for Chinese Characters, and for intricate Tabular work, must also be specifically stated.

The Tenders for Job Printing must be separate, but framed similarly in their details.

Sixty Copies of each issue of the *Gazette* will be required for the Government, and the Printer will be expected to keep a sufficient number on hand for the supply of the Public.

Paper for the *Gazette* must be found by the Contractor; for the Job Printing it will be furnished by the Government.

Any further information that may be required will be supplied at the office of the Auditor General.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 25th July, 1859.

NOTICE TO SHIPMASTERS AND OTHERS.

HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, 25th July, 1859.

The Acting Harbour Master urgently calls the attention of Masters and others in charge of Merchant vessels, to the Notification (herewith again inserted) issued from this Department the 14th May, 1859, for the management of Vessels during the Typhoon months; and desires it to be understood that any one neglecting the Regulations therein set forth, will be proceeded against under Section VIII. of Ordinance No. 11 of 1845.

W. H. NEWMAN,
Acting Harbour Master.

NOTICE.

HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, HONGKONG, 15th May, 1859.

It is hereby notified to Masters and others in charge of Merchant Vessels, that, on or before the 1st June proximo, all Ships in Port are required to move over to the North side of the Harbour, and there moor with Forty-five Fathoms of Chain to each Anchor, open Hawse to the North-east.

A straight Line from the North-west Point of the Island of Hongkong, intersecting the Southernmost House on the Beach at Limeburner's Village, Cheem-sha-tsui, extending towards the second high ridge from the North of the Island of Lantao, such Line running nearly East and West, will be the Line, south of which no Merchant ship shall lay during the Typhoon months, without special permission from the Harbour Master.

To facilitate the business of the Port during fine weather, Vessels actually loading or unloading may, on written application from Consignees and request of the Master, receive special permission to lay over on the Town side of the Harbour whilst so engaged,—such Vessels having their sails bent and all clear to stand over for the opposite Coast on the first prognostic of foul weather. It is, however, clearly to be understood, that Vessels pursuing this course do so entirely at the responsibility of Masters and Agents.

Merchant Ships, (with the exception of those calling for orders, and whose stay in Port will not exceed from two to three days,) will keep their Topgallant Masts and Yards on Deck, Flying Jibboom in, and particular attention must be paid to keep their Hawse clear.

As some Ships now in Harbour are moored in a most slovenly manner, so slack that it is impossible to keep their Chains from twisting, the Harbour Master finds it necessary to state that, in mooring Vessels, Masters are required to veer out Ninety Fathoms of Chain on their first Anchor, and when taut in the required direction, then drop their second Anchor, veering out on that Chain, and heaving in Forty-five Fathoms of their first.

Persons neglecting these precautionary measures will be subject to the full penalty provided in Section VIII of Ordinance No. 11 of 1845.

A. L. INGLIS,
Harbour Master.