

Mr. Hamilton to Sir F. Rogers.

(Copy.)

TREASURY CHAMBERS, 2nd November, 1863.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of the 28th ultimo, transmitting copy of a communication from the Acting Governor of Hongkong on the subject of the Draft Ordinance proposed to be submitted to the Legislature of that Colony for the establishment of a Mint at Hongkong, I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to request that you will observe to the Duke of Newcastle that the object of the proposed Ordinance is to regulate the issue of silver Coins from the Mint at Hongkong, and that the enacting clauses depend on the recital in the first clause regarding the purpose for which the Master of that Mint is to be appointed.

It would not be proper therefore to omit the word "Silver" from the first clause as proposed in the despatch of Acting Governor Mercer, but there would be no objection to the insertion of an additional clause, or to the passing hereafter of a further Ordinance authorising the Coinage at the Mint of silver or copper Token Coins according to the terms of the last Proclamation for the regulation of the currency of Hongkong.—I am, &c.,

(Signed) GEO. A. HAMILTON.

SIR F. ROGERS, BART.
&c., &c., &c.

No. 4.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The Acting Governor has been pleased to appoint from the 1st instant, CHARLES MAY, Esquire, to be Sheriff, in the place of J. C. POWER, Esquire, resigned.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th January, 1864.

No. 5.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notification from Her Majesty's Consul at Canton is published for general information.

By Order,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th January, 1864.

CANTON INDEMNITY MONEY.

NOTIFICATION.

BRITISH CONSULATE, CANTON, 6th January, 1864.

With reference to his Notification in the *Hongkong Government Gazette* No. 52 of the 26th December, 1863, the Under-signed has to make known to the parties interested, that he will be prepared to issue to the Claimants or their legal Representatives Certificates for the amount of interest which have been verified on claims already paid, and the amounts of principal and interest on those lately admitted, on application at this Office between the hours of ten in the forenoon and four in the afternoon, on Tuesday the 12th instant and Friday the 15th instant, and on every succeeding Tuesday and Friday until further notice.

D. B. ROBERTSON,
H. B. M.'s Consul for Canton.

No. 6.

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. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th January, 1864.

Account of the average amount of Notes in Circulation at the Bank of the Oriental Bank Corporation in Hongkong for the month ending 31st December, 1863, rendered in accordance with the terms of Her Majesty's Royal Charter of Incorporation.

NOTES ISSUED,.....\$848,931.
SPECIE IN RESERVE,.....\$300,000.

WM. LAMOND,
Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, 2nd January, 1864.

I hereby certify that I this day inspected the Books and Treasure of the Oriental Bank Corporation, and found the necessary amount of Specie as required by the Royal Charter.

A. F. ALVES,
*Accountant.*FRED. FORTH,
Colonial Treasurer.

Victoria, Hongkong, 8th January, 1864.