Account of the average amount of Notes in Circulation at the Branch of the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China in Hongkong for the month ending 31st January, 1864, rendered in accordance with the terms of Her Majesty's Royal Charter of Incorporation.

AVERAGE AMOUNT OF NOTES IN CIRCULATION,....\$730,750.

WALTER ORMISTON,

Manager. •

Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China, Hongkong, 1st February, 1864.

I hereby certify that I this day inspected the Books and Treasure of the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China, and found the necessary amount of Specie as required by the Royal Charter.

A. F. ALVES,

 $A \, ccountant.$

FRED. FORTH, Colonial Treasurer.

Victoria, Hongkong, 10th February, 1864.

No. 31.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Return of Notes in Circulation and Specie in Reserve at the Branch of the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA, in Hongkong, is published for general information. By Order,

> W. T. MERCER, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th February, 1864.

Account of the average amount of Notes in Circulation at the Branch of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, in Hongkong for the month ending 30th January, 1864, rendered in accordance with the terms of Her Majesty's Royal Charter of Incorporation.

> NOTES IN ISSUE,

> > W. KAYE, Acting Manager.

Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, Hongkong, 1st February, 1864.

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

A. F. ALVES, Accountant.

FRED. FORTH, Colonial Treasurer.

Victoria, Hongkong, 10th February, 1864.

No. 32.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Return of Notes in Circulation and Specie in Reserve at the AGRA AND UNITED Service Bank, Limited, in Hongkong, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th February, 1864.

Account of the average amount of Notes in Circulation at the Agra and United Service Bank, Limited, in Hongkong, for the month ending 31st January, 1864.

NOTES ISSUED. ·····*\$*378,000.

HENRY NOBLE, Manager.

Agra and United Service Bank, Limited, Hongkong, 2nd February, 1864.

I hereby certify that I this day inspected the Books and Treasure of the Chartered Agra and United Service Bank, Limited, and found the necessary amount of Specie as required by the Royal Charter.

A. F. ALVES, Accountant. Victoria, Hongkong, 10th February, 1864.

FRED. FORTH. Colonial Treasurer.

No. 33.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

At the request of the Government of Ceylon the subjoined Advertisement of a Pearl Fishery to take place on the 2nd proximo, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th February, 1864.

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISEMENT.

PEARL FISHERY.

Notice is hereby given, that a Pearl Fishery will take place at Aripo, in the Island of Ceylon, on or about the 2nd of March next, 1864; and that the Bank to be fished is the North-West Cheval Paar Bank, estimated to contain Oysters sufficient to employ Seventy-five Boats for Twelve days.

It is therefore recommended, that such Boat-owners and Divers as may wish to be employed at the said Fishery, should be at Aripa on or before the 20th February next. And it is particularly notified, that the first day's fishing will positively take place on the first day in March that the weather may permit the Boats to fish.

The Fishery will be conducted on account of Government, and the Oysters put up to sale in such lots as may be deemed

expedient.

The arrangements of the Fishery will be the same as have been usual on similar occasions.

All payments to be made in ready money in Ceylon Currency, or in Drafts on the Banks in Colombo, or Bills on the Agents of this Government in India, at Ten days' sight, will be taken,

on Letters of Credit being produced to warrant the drawing of such Drafts or Bills.

For the convenience of purchasers, the Treasurer at Colombo and the different Government Agents of Provinces, will be authorized to receive Cash Deposits from parties intending to become purchasers; and Receipts of these Officers will be taken in payment of any sums due on account of the Fishery.

No deposit will be received for a less sum than Fifty pounds.

By His Honor's Command,

W. C. GIBSON, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Colombo, 8th December, 1863.

Statement of the Produce and Valuation of 12,000 Oysters taken from the North-West part of the Cheval Paar, in November, 1863.

Description, Size, Number and Quality.						Weight.			Value.	Total value	Rate of Valuation in Pagodas.	
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W. C. TWYNAM, Supt. Pearl Fishery. JAMES DONNAN, Inspector Pearl Banks. H. M. PATCHICO, Adigar.

Selavetorre, 28th November, 1863.