

NOTICE.

THE next CRIMINAL SESSIONS of the Supreme Court will be held on *Tuesday, the Eighteenth day of August, A.D. 1874,* at Ten o'clock in the forenoon.

By Order of the Court,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Registrar.

In the Goods of TANG AMUI, *alias* TANG

ALIN, Spinster, *deceased.*

” CHUN KHAI, Passenger per S.S. *Regalia*, from Penang, *deceased.*

” KUM YEE, Passenger per S.S. *Yantai*, from Singapore, *deceased.*

NOTICE is hereby given to the next of Kin, and all other persons, to produce any Wills or Codicils of the above named parties, deceased, that may be in their possession, before the Supreme Court, in its Probate Jurisdiction, on *Tuesday, the Eighteenth day of August, A.D. 1874;* or, if none, that the next of Kin do accept or refuse Letters of Administration, failing which, Letters of Administration will be granted to the Registrar of the said Court, or such other person as the Court may think fit.

By the Court,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Registrar.

SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

UNTIL further notice, the Court will sit in its Summary Jurisdiction, on every Tuesday, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon.

By Order,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Registrar.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG
IN BANKRUPTCY.

In re LEONG KAI YUE, *a Bankrupt.*

NOTICE.—The above named Bankrupt having passed his last examination, the hearing of the application by him for his Order of Discharge, stands adjourned to *Monday, the Thirty-first day of August, 1874,* at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

Hongkong, 15th August, 1874.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

EIGHTEENTH Report of the Court of Directors to the Ordinary Half-yearly General Meeting of Shareholders to be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 19th August, 1874.

To the Proprietors of the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

Gentlemen,—The Directors have now to submit to you a general Statement of the affairs of the Corporation, and Balance Sheet for the half-year ending 30th June last.

The net profits for that period, including \$26,290.53 brought forward from last account, after paying all charges and deducting interest paid and due, amount to \$130,484.02, of which, after taking out Rebate on Bills not yet due, and Remuneration to Directors, there remains a balance of \$116,042.19.

The Directors regret that on this occasion they cannot recommend the payment of any Dividend to the Shareholders, for, not only has the result of the half-year's working been very unsatisfactory, but they are sorry to have to announce that heavy losses have been incurred, and, to provide for them in the fullest possible manner, no less a sum than \$334,000 will be required. This sum they propose to provide by withdrawing \$225,000 from the Reserve Fund, and by appropriating \$109,000 of the available balance of Profit, which will leave \$7,042.19 to be carried to the credit of New Account.

The Directors regret further to tell the Shareholders, that the position of some other accounts in the Bank's books has become such, that provision may have to be made for losses on them in

the future, and they seize upon the present opportunity to state, that although there may be losses on these accounts, they will not, in the worst possible event, exceed \$275,000, while at the same time, only a portion of that amount may be required. In any case, whether all or any part of the amount is required, it will be chargeable to the Reserve Fund, leaving the future profits of the Bank available for Dividend and for gradually again making up the Reserve Fund to One Million of Dollars.

The small profits made during the past half-year are attributable to the very adverse turn taken by the Exchanges almost at the opening of the export season in China, to the unremunerative nature of Banking business in China and Japan during the six months, and to the prolonged dullness in trade generally in the East.

Though, in consequence of a combination of unfortunate circumstances, the Bank has been unsuccessfully worked during the past six months and suffered severe and some totally unexpected losses, the Directors consider its general position is quite unimpaired, and when trade in China and Japan reverts to its former healthy state, they see no reason why the Bank should not be as successful in the future as it is known to have been in the past.

Marine Insurance Account.

There is a balance of \$26,069.43 at the credit of this account, the accumulation of three years, during which period the Bank has taken a risk on each of its treasure shipments by first class steamers—to the extent of, at first \$20,000, but now \$30,000. The Directors look to the account becoming very remunerative in the course of time.

Directors.

Mr. WM. LEMANN has resigned his seat at the Board, and Mr. H. HOPPIUS has been elected in his stead.

WM. H. FORBES,
Chairman.

Hongkong, 12th August, 1874.

ABSTRACT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES,
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

30th June, 1874.

ASSETS.

Cash and Bullion,	\$11,040,802.54
Government Securities,	1,871,911.11
Bills Discounted, Loans and Credits, .	13,022,201.55
Exchange Remittances,	18,730,001.18
Bank Premises,	201,367.36
Dead Stock,	90,221.55
	<u>\$44,956,505.29</u>

LIABILITIES.

Paid-up Capital,	\$ 5,000,000.00
Reserve Fund,	1,000,000.00
Marine Insurance Account,	26,069.43
Notes in Circulation, ...\$	1,446,633.05
Deposits,	14,763,686.12
	<u>16,210,319.17</u>
Exchange Acceptances,	22,589,632.67
Profit and Loss Account,	130,484.02
	<u>\$44,956,505.29</u>

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT,
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

30th June, 1874.

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To Amounts Written off:	
Remuneration to Directors,	\$10,000.00
Rebate on Bills not due,	4,441.83
	<u>\$ 14,441.83</u>
To Contingent Account:—	
Amount set aside to meet losses,	334,000.00
To Balance:	
Carried forward to next half-year,	7,042.19
	<u>\$355,484.02</u>

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By Balance of Undivided Profits, } 31st December, 1873,	\$ 26,290.53
By Amount of Net Profits for the } Six Months ending 30th June, } 1874, after deducting all Ex- } penses and Interest paid & due, }	104,193.49
By Amount from Reserve Fund,	225,000.00
	<u>\$355,484.02</u>

RESERVE FUND.

To Amount transferred } to Profit and Loss } Account,	\$225,000.00
To Balance on 30th } June, 1874,	775,000.00
	<u>\$1,000,000.00</u>

By Balance on 31st December, 1873, .. \$1,000,000.00

JAMES GREIG, *Chief Manager.*
H. SMITH, *Accountant.*

We have compared the above Statements with the Books, Vouchers and Securities at the Head Office, and with the Returns received from the various Branches and Agencies, and have found the same to be correct.

P. RYRIE, }
F. W. MITCHELL, } *Auditors.*

Hongkong, 11th August, 1874.

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