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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Account, duly certified, of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation in Hongkong, during the Month ending 31st August, 1874, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th September, 1874.

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Oriental Bank Corporation,.....	421,686	250,000
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,.....	701,673	240,000
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,.....	425,359	150,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,.....	1,438,464	600,000
TOTAL,.....\$	2,987,182	1,240,000

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Report from the Superintendent of the Hongkong Fire Brigade, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th September, 1874.

No. 7.

FIRE BRIGADE DEPARTMENT,
HONGKONG, 11th September, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to place in your hands, to be submitted to the view of His Excellency the Governor, the Report of the Government Fire Brigade for the months of July and August last.

An Inspection of the Government Fire Engines and Stores was made on the 18th July: all were found clean and in order.

A Parade and Inspection of the Volunteer and Government Fire Brigades, at which the Honorable the Colonial Secretary was present, was held on the 31st July. The Steam and Hand Engines were worked from the sea and found to be in perfectly satisfactory condition. Three Hand Engines of Chinese Associations were present.

An Inspection of the Government Fire Engines, Stores and Equipment generally was made on the 21st August: all were found clean and correct.

A Parade and Inspection was held on the 31st August. The Government Steam and Hand Engines were present; also three Hand Engines belonging to Chinese Associations. All were worked from the sea and found in good order, excepting one of the Hand Engines which was defective from two screws of a valve having worked loose; this was put in order the following day and the Engine then worked well.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. MAY,
Superintendent, Fire Brigade.

The Honorable J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary,
HONGKONG.