

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
Oriental Bank Corporation, .....	\$ 419,680	\$ 200,000
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London & China, .....	689,342	250,000
Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China, .....	665,102	250,000
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, .....	2,098,796	1,000,000
Do. do. at the Ports,	291,983 <sup>33</sup>	100,000
TOTAL, .....	\$ 4,164,823 <sup>33</sup>	1,800,000

東藩匯理銀行 簽發通用銀紙四十一萬九千六百大員 實存現銀二十萬大員  
 英國印度中國三處匯理銀行 簽發通用銀紙六十八萬九千三百四十二員 實存現銀二十五萬大員  
 印度新金山中國匯理銀行 簽發通用銀紙六十六萬五千一百零二員 實存現銀二十五萬大員  
 香港上海匯理銀行 簽發通用銀紙二百零九萬八千七百九十六員 實存現銀一百萬員  
 又在分枝各埠簽發通用銀紙廿九萬一千九百八十三員卅三仙 實存現銀十萬大員  
 合共簽發通用銀紙四百十六萬四千八百二十三員三十三仙  
 合共實存現銀一百八十萬大員

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Letter.

The following Regulations as to the Indemnity to be paid in certain cases on the loss of Registered correspondence have been made by His Excellency the Governor under Ordinance 10 of 1876, Section XII.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but henceforth it will be prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of registration required.
2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.
3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.
4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.
5. No compensation can be paid for mere damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handsomely bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

ALFRED LISTER,  
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 4th February, 1879.

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曉諭事照得遵依一千八百七十六年第十條則例香港總督設立章程凡有領回憑單之信函問或遺失應有補置之項本驛務司遵例未能保其信函完全必到但自今以後本驛務司自願擔保所有與下開章程符合領回憑單之信函倘有遺失分別補置但該補置銀限以十員為額 茲將章程列後

- 一 凡寄信之人應全守一切領回憑單之章程
  - 二 該信函必用主函信封固
  - 三 一經聞有信函遺失即應速赴本港驛務司署報明及將原來信皮附後
  - 四 驛務司須有確據該信函果屬屬繫中國人英驛務司收到之時遺失者又寄信之人果無過失者又非因遭火焚燒遭風舟溺者又非因本港驛務司署內使喚人役作弊一切欺騙不慎等情者
- 五 凡有幼細之物如小照時辰表及釘裝華美之書卷等物倘經交到問或損破本署不能補置

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