

No. 78.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

JAPANESE COINAGE.

The following Reports of the Assayer of the London Mint on the Japanese Coinage are published for general information.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 31st March, 1879.

Comparative Assay Reports of the Japanese and English Mints for 1877.

GOLD.			
No. of Coins.	Denomination.	Japanese Assay.	English Assay.
1	20 Yen	900.1	900.2
2	10 "	900.0	900.1
3	5 "	900.0	699.8
4	5 "	900.1	900.3
5	5 "	900.2	900.2
6	5 "	900.4	900.6
7	5 " (cutting from bar)	900.1	900.3
Average		900.1	900.2

SILVER.			
No. of Coins.	Denomination.	Japanese Assay.	English Assay.
8	Trade Dollar	900.6	902.3
9	"	899.6	901.0
10	"	900.7	900.8
11	"	900.3	900.4
12	Cutting from dip	20 Sen	799.7
13		10 "	799.6
14		5 "	799.6
Average		900.3	901.1
		799.6	800.1

(Signed,) W. CHANDLER ROBERTS,
Assayer of the Mint in London.

30th November, 1877.

The following is a comparative Report of the assay of coins at Osaka and London, sent to England during the year ending June, 1878.

GOLD.			
No. of Coins.	Denomination.	Japanese Assay.	English Assay.
1	5 Yen	900.0	900.0
2	5 "	900.3	900.3
3	5 "	900.1	900.1
4	5 "	900.2	900.0
5	5 "	899.9	900.1
Average		900.1	900.0

SILVER.			
No. of Coins.	Denomination.	Japanese Assay.	English Assay.
6	Trade Dollar	901.2	901.8
7	"	900.8	901.0
8	"	899.8	900.9
9	"	901.0	901.0
10	(Dip Assay)	900.5	900.6
11	50 Sen (Dip Assay)	799.6	800.5
12	20 " "	800.6	800.0
13	10 " "	800.1	799.7
15	5 " "	799.0	799.5
Average		900.6	901.0
		799.8	799.9

(Signed,) W. CHANDLER ROBERTS,
Assayer of the Mint at London.

30th November, 1878.

No. 81.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Order by His Excellency the Governor in Council is published for general information.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 1st April, 1879.

ORDER OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,
the 1st day of April, 1879.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

Whereas by *The Post Office Ordinance, 1876*, it is provided, amongst other things, that the Governor in Council may, from time to time, by Order under his hand determine the Rates of Postage to be charged upon all correspondence sent by post from the General Post Office of the Colony, or received from places outside the Colony, and the Scale of Weight according to which such Rates are to be charged:

And whereas by an Order in Council bearing date the 6th day of November, 1878, the Governor in Council was pleased to order that the Rates of Postage and Scale of Weight should, until further notice, be according to the Table to the said Order annexed:

And whereas it has been necessary to revise the said Table and to substitute a new Table in lieu thereof:

Now, therefore, His Excellency JOHN POPE HENNESSY, C.M.G., in Council, by virtue of the powers in that behalf by the said Ordinance or otherwise in him vested, is pleased to order that the said Table annexed to the said Order of the 6th day of November, 1878, be altered by substituting the Rates of Postage and Scale of Weight in the Table hereunto annexed for those of the Table of the said Order of 6th November, and it is further ordered by the said Governor in Council that the substituted Table shall remain in force till further notice.

Approved in Council,

J. POPE HENNESSY,
Governor.

H. E. WODEHOUSE,
Clerk of Councils.