

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 79.

The following Return from the Collector of Stamp Revenue, for the Months of February, 1885 and 1886, is published for general information.

By Command,

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Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 6th March, 1886.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the Revenue under the *Stamp Ordinance*, 1884, the *Sheriff's Ordinance*, 1873, the *Chinese Emigration Consolidation Ordinance*, 1874, the *Medical Registration Ordinance*, 1884, and for Telegraph Forms Land Office Fees, and Fees of the Supreme Court, during the Months of February, 1885 and February 1886, respectively.

| Schedule Number. | DESCRIPTION. | Revenue in | | Increase. | | Decrease. | |
|------------------|---|------------|-----------|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|
| | | 1885. | 1886. | \$ | c. | \$ | c. |
| 1 | Adjudication Fee, | ... | 9.00 | 9.00 | ... | ... | ... |
| 2 | Agreement, | 190.00 | 102.00 | ... | ... | 88.00 | ... |
| 3 | Arbitration Award, | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 4 | Articles of Clerkship, | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 5 | Attested Copy, | ... | 8.00 | 8.00 | ... | ... | ... |
| 6 | Bank Cheques, | 62.00 | 76.50 | 14.50 | ... | ... | ... |
| 7 | Bank Note Duty, | 2,263.98 | 2,524.50 | 260.52 | ... | ... | ... |
| 8 | Bill of Exchange and Promissory Note, | 2,140.35 | 757.59 | ... | ... | 1,382.76 | ... |
| 9 | Bill of Lading, | 1,130.10 | 1,306.70 | 176.60 | ... | ... | ... |
| 10 | Bottomry or Respondentia Bond, and Average Statement,... | 3.00 | ... | ... | ... | 3.00 | ... |
| 11 | Broker's Note, | ... | 109.00 | 109.00 | ... | ... | ... |
| 12 | Charter Party, | 314.50 | 238.50 | ... | ... | 76.00 | ... |
| 13 | Copy Charter, | ... | 108.00 | 108.00 | ... | ... | ... |
| 14 | Conveyance or Assignment,..... | 562.75 | 663.50 | 100.75 | ... | ... | ... |
| 15 | Copartnership Deed, | 20.00 | 16.00 | ... | ... | 4.00 | ... |
| 16 | Declaration of Trust,..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 17 | Deed of Gift, | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 18 | Duplicate Deeds, | 27.50 | 33.40 | 5.90 | ... | ... | ... |
| 19 | Emigration Fees, | 8.00 | 19.00 | 11.00 | ... | ... | ... |
| 20 | Foreign Attachment Bond, | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 21 | Miscellaneous Instruments, | 25.00 | 50.00 | 25.00 | ... | ... | ... |
| 22 | Lease with Fine or Premium, | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 23 | Lease on Agreement,..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 24 | Lease without Fine or Premium,..... | 89.00 | 60.45 | ... | ... | 28.55 | ... |
| 25 | Letter of Hypothecation,..... | 26.00 | 27.00 | 1.00 | ... | ... | ... |
| 26 | Mortgage, | 38.00 | 174.30 | 136.30 | ... | ... | ... |
| | Do. (ii) Additional Security, | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Do. (iii) Transfer, | ... | 1.25 | 1.25 | ... | ... | ... |
| | Do. (iv) Re-assignment, | 2.00 | 5.93 | 3.93 | ... | ... | ... |
| | Do. (v) on Agreement, | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 27 | Notarial Act, | 12.00 | 20.00 | 8.00 | ... | ... | ... |
| 28 | Note of Protest,..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 29 | Policy of Insurance, | 213.50 | 479.70 | 266.20 | ... | ... | ... |
| 30 | Power of Attorney, | 30.00 | 40.00 | 10.00 | ... | ... | ... |
| 31 | Probate or Letters of Administration, | 32.00 | 861.00 | 829.00 | ... | ... | ... |
| 32 | Receipt Stamps, Impressed,..... | 37.94 | 39.74 | 1.80 | ... | ... | ... |
| 32A | Do. Adhesive, | 547.50 | 486.00 | ... | ... | 61.50 | ... |
| 33 | Servant's Security Bond,..... | ... | 67.30 | 67.30 | ... | ... | ... |
| 34 | Settlement,..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 35 | Transfer of Shares, | 492.50 | 1,181.30 | 688.80 | ... | ... | ... |
| | ADHESIVE STAMPS, exclusive of 3-cent Stamps, Article 32A, | 3,430.78 | 2,299.18 | ... | ... | 1,131.60 | ... |
| | TELEGRAPH FORMS, | ... | 8.50 | 8.50 | ... | ... | ... |
| | COURT FEES, | 190.40 | ... | ... | ... | 190.40 | ... |
| | MEDICAL DECLARATIONS,..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Do. CERTIFICATE C,..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Do. do. D,..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | BILLS OF HEALTH,..... | ... | 63.00 | 63.00 | ... | ... | ... |
| | TOTAL,.....\$ | 11,888.80 | 11,836.34 | 2,913.35 | ... | 2,965.81 | ... |
| | DEDUCT INCREASE, | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,913.35 | ... |
| | TOTAL DECREASE IN FEBRUARY 1886, | ... | ... | ... | ... | 52.46 | ... |

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