- 2.—The inward parcel mail is not opened until the distribution of letters, &c. is finished. The postage on parcels to China is 10d. per lb., and they are sent out viâ Gibraltar. Parcels may be posted at any Post Office in the United Kingdom, and are delivered free at Hongkong, Macao, Canton, Hoihow, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, Ningpo, Shanghai and Hankow; or, at the addressee's risk, with the mails for other places in China. Parcels may also be forwarded from the places named above.
 - 3.—To Ceylon.—Parcels are forwarded by P. & O. packet only.
- 4—To India.—By P. & O. and Indian Mail packet only. A declaration of Contents and Value is required. The form is supplied free.
- 5.—To Germany.—Parcels must be sealed, and the net weight of the contents, as well as the

gross weight of the parcel must be entered on the declaration.

6.—General Rules.—Parcels may be sealed, but any parcel, even though sealed, is liable to be opened for examination. Dangerous or perishable goods, opium, articles likely to injure the mails, liquids (unless securely packed), and fragile packages are prohibited. No Parcel must exceed \$250 in value. A Parcel may contain a letter to the same address as that of the Parcel itself (except in cases where the enclosure of letters is prohibited) or another Parcel to that address, but no other enclosure.

GENERAL POST OFFICE, HONGKONG, 1st March, 1886.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION .-- No. 81.

The following Notice is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

NOTICE.

Masters of Junks are warned to avoid anchoring over the Telegraph Cables lying between North Point and Kowloon Docks. Posts carrying large diamond shapes have been erected, two at North Point and two at Kowloon, and the Cables stretch in a direct line between these posts.

R. Murray Rumsey, Ret. Com., R.N., Acting Harbour Master, &c.

Harbour Department, Hongkong, 24th February, 1886.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 82.

The following return from Mr. A. Humphreys, of the quantity of Spirits distilled by the China Sugar Refining Company, Limited, is published for general information.

Proof Gallons.

Spirits manufactured during the quarter ended 28th February, 1886,......67,689.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 83.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Thursday, the 11th March, for constructing a culvert on the Peak road.

For form of tender apply at this Office. For specification and further particulars apply at the Surveyor General's Office.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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