

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 125.

The following Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of the Reserves in Hongkong, during the Month ended 31st March, 1886, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks, are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th April, 1886.

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPARE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,	379,931	150,000
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	1,222,116	600,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	2,718,774	1,400,000
TOTAL,.....\$	4,320,821	2,150,000

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 126.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Tuesday, the 13th instant, for the construction of Nullah Street, Kennedy Town.

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, 10th April, 1886.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 127.

The following Hydrographic Notices are published for general information.

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FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th April, 1886.

Audacious, at Singapore,
8th March, 1886.

HYDROGRAPHICAL MEMO., No. 8.

The following information has been taken from Officers' Remark Books for 1885:

MIN RIVER.

Navigating Officer of *Albatross*, remarks that a new channel has opened south of North Channel, which water has a depth of 5 feet at low water, spring tides. The new channel has 7 feet at low water, spring tides, and is marked by a temporary buoy to seaward, and by Nos. 2 and 3 of North Channel. A black buoy is moored off Wild Duck Island, marking south side of channel; also a mooring buoy in mid-channel E. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. of Pagoda.

Lieutenant in command of *Firebrand*, reports very great changes in the river between Spiteful Island and Pagoda Anchorage, having found less than 2 fathoms where 6 was marked on the Chart.—Great caution is therefore necessary.

Navigating Officer of *Firebrand*, remarks that the temporary buoy outside the bar is painted in Red and Black horizontal stripes, and lies with the following bearings:—

- Sharp Peak, N. 76° W.
- Sand Peak, S. 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W.

Charts 1761, 2400 and China Sea Directory, Vol. iii. p. 317, 318, 320 are affected hereby.