

the owners of steam-ships plying between British and Paraguayan ports the right to claim any such especial privileges or subventions as either one of the High Contracting Parties shall, in the exercise of their judgment, consider it expedient to grant to other lines for specified ends and purposes.

Done in duplicate, at Assumption, this sixteenth day of October, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

(L.S.) EDMUND MONSON.

(L.S.) JOSÉ S. DECOUD.

*Protocol.*

THE Undersigned Plenipotentiaries respectively of Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the Republic of Paraguay, having met together for the purpose of exchanging the ratifications of the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation between the above-named Powers, signed at Assumption on the 16th day of October, 1884, and being duly empowered by their respective Governments to make the following Declaration, hereby agree that it shall be understood that Her Majesty's Indian Empire shall not be included in the operation of the Treaty, and that all the provisions and stipulations of the Treaty shall be inapplicable to Her Majesty's Indian Empire, in the same manner and to the same extent as if the said Empire had been included in the specific list of those Colonies and foreign possessions of Her Majesty contained in Article XV of the Treaty. And it is hereby agreed by the Undersigned that the understanding recorded in the present instrument shall have the same force, and shall be as binding upon the High Contracting Parties, as if it had been originally included in the Treaty.

In witness whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the same in duplicate, and have affixed thereto the seal of their arms.

Done at Buenos Ayres, on the tenth day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

(L.S.) F. J. PAKENHAM.

(L.S.) CARLOS SAGUIER.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 311.

The following Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the Month ended 31st July, 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, 14th August, 1886.

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,.....	534,599	180,000
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, .....	1,232,977	600,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, .....	2,735,226	1,400,000
TOTAL,.....\$	4,502,802	2,180,000

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 312.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Tuesday, the 24th instant:—

For paving the foot-path in Queen's Road near the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

For sinking two public drinking wells at Hungghòm.

For form of tender apply at this Office.

For specifications 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, 14th August, 1886.