

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 6.

It is hereby notified that the Queen's Exequatur, empowering The Honourable JOHN BELL-IRVING, to act as Hawaiian Consul-General at Hongkong, received Her Majesty's signature on the 25th day of November, 1886.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th January, 1887.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 7.

The following Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the Month ended 31st December, 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, 8th January, 1887.

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,.....	737,345	250,000
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, .....	1,152,381	400,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, .....	2,327,774	1,400,000
TOTAL,.....\$	4,217,500	2,050,000

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 8.

The following Police Notification is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th January, 1887.

POLICE NOTIFICATION.

Notice is hereby given that in view of the approaching Chinese New Year, the Captain Superintendent of Police has been authorised to give permission, under Ordinance 9 of 1886, for Crackers to be fired under the following restrictions:—

In the Districts West of the Cross Roads and of Shing Wong Street, the firing of Crackers will be permitted from 4 P.M. on the 23rd, until 4 P.M. on the 25th January.

In the Districts East of the Cross Roads and of Shing Wong Street, Crackers may be fired only between the hours of 4 P.M. of the 23rd, and 9 P.M. of the 24th January.

No burning Cracker or other fire is to be thrown above the head or near any person or inflammable material, and all reasonable precaution must be taken against accident, as every one is liable for damage arising from his carelessness.

The Police will have strict orders to summon or arrest persons firing Crackers in contravention of the foregoing restrictions.

THE FIRING OF BOMBS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

By Command,

W. M. DEANE,  
*Capt. Supt. of Police.*

Central Police Barracks, Hongkong, 1st January, 1887.