

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 245.

It is hereby notified that, pursuant to section 4 of Ordinance 6 of 1875, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint Tuesday, the 21st day of June instant, to be observed as a Public Holiday in honour of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Her Most Gracious Majesty's Accession, such Holiday to be in addition to the days mentioned in the Schedule to that Ordinance.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th June, 1887.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 249.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to grant three months' leave of absence to Major JOHN HOWARD TRIPP, Commandant of the Hongkong Volunteers.

Consequent on Major TRIPP's departure on leave, His Excellency has been pleased to appoint Captain JOHN JOSEPH FRANCIS, to be Acting Commandant of the Hongkong Volunteers.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 13th June, 1887.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 250.

Notice is hereby given that the Governor in Council, under and in pursuance of Ordinance No. 14 of 1862, entitled—*An Ordinance for granting Patents for Inventions within this Colony*, has granted Letters Patent bearing date the 13th day of May, 1887, to JOHN GRANT SMITH, of Victoria, Hongkong, the Assignee of OLIVER IMRAY of London, for securing to the said JOHN GRANT SMITH, the exclusive right of using within the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, an Invention for which Her Majesty's Letters Patent have been obtained in England by the said JOHN GRANT SMITH, for the manufacture from fresh ginger of Dried ground ginger, Crushed ginger, Ginger paste, Flour of ginger, Essential oil of ginger, and Essence of ginger, for the term of Fourteen Years, from the 2nd day of February, 1886.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th June, 1887.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 251.

The following Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the Month ended 31st May, 1887, 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, 18th June, 1887.

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,.....	1,012,973	400,000
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,.....	932,958	500,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, .....	2,793,613	1,500,000
TOTAL,.....\$	4,739,544	2,400,000