

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 285.

The following Return from the Collector of Stamp Revenue, for the first six months of 1886 and 1887, is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th July, 1887.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the Revenue under the *Stamp Ordinance*, 1886, the *Sheriff's Ordinance*, 1873, the *Chinese Emigration Consolidation Ordinance*, 1874, the *Medical Registration Ordinance*, 1884, and for Telegraph Forms, Land Office Fees, and Fees of the Supreme Court, for the first six months of 1886 and 1887, respectively.

Schedule Number.	DESCRIPTION.	Revenue in 1886.		Revenue in 1887.		Increase.		Decrease.	
		\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
1	Adjudication Fee,	23.00		10.00		...		13.00	
2	Agreement,	932.50		946.00		13.50		...	
3	Arbitration Award,	7.00		3.00		...		4.00	
4	Articles of Clerkship, .....	...		...		...		...
5	Attested Copy,	37.00		53.00		16.00		...	
6	Bank Cheques,	831.00		892.90		61.90		...	
7	Bank Note Duty,	14,676.81		16,431.03		1,754.22		...	
8	Bill of Exchange and Promissory Note,	8,805.02		10,877.27		2,072.25		...	
9	Bill of Lading,	10,421.10		10,991.50		570.40		...	
10	Bottomry or Respondentia Bond, and Average Statement,...	64.10		79.80		15.70		...	
11	Broker's Note,	1,121.00		2,384.00		1,263.00		...	
12	Charter Party,	1,508.80		1,782.30		273.50		...	
13	Copy Charter,	637.00		568.00		...		69.00	
14	Conveyance or Assignment,.....	5,542.50		9,203.40		3,660.90		...	
15	Copartnership Deed,	58.00		74.00		16.00		...	
16	Declaration of Trust,.....	20.00		30.00		10.00		...	
17	Deed of Gift,	75.00		200.00		125.00		...	
18	Duplicate Deeds,	159.10		172.75		13.65		...	
19	Emigration Fees,	135.00		141.00		6.00		...	
20	Foreign Attachment Bond,	90.00		...		...		90.00	
21	Miscellaneous Instruments,	270.00		269.00		...		1.00	
22	Lease with Fine or Premium, .....	...		...		...		...
23	Lease on Agreement,.....	2.00		...		...		2.00	
24	Lease without Fine or Premium,.....	628.95		623.45		...		5.50	
25	Letter of Hypothecation,.....	484.60		115.80		...		368.80	
26	Mortgage,	718.70		1,980.15		1,261.45		...	
	Do. (ii) Additional Security, .....	...		...		...		...
	Do. (iii) Transfer,	5.25		1.40		...		3.85	
	Do. (iv) Re-assignment,	73.48		101.49		28.01		...	
	Do. (v) on Agreement,	3.70		2.00		...		1.70	
27	Notarial Act,	106.00		88.00		...		18.00	
28	Note of Protest,.....	14.00		40.75		26.75		...	
29	Policy of Insurance,	3,450.00		3,766.40		316.40		...	
30	Power of Attorney,	354.00		282.00		...		72.00	
31	Probate or Letters of Administration,	5,805.00		4,456.00		...		1,349.00	
32	Receipt Stamps, Impressed,.....	139.88		114.42		...		25.46	
32A	Do. Adhesive,	3,081.57		3,288.00		206.43		...	
33	Servant's Security Bond,	191.70		412.40		220.70		...	
34	Settlement,	7.50		...		...		7.50	
35	Transfer of Shares,	6,365.60		7,367.20		1,001.60		...	
	ADHESIVE STAMPS, exclusive of 3-cent Stamps, Art. 32A,....	16,882.79		14,247.19		...		2,635.60	
	TELEGRAPH FORMS,	69.75		51.00		...		18.75	
	BILLS OF HEALTH,	696.00		1,017.00		321.00		...	
	COURT FEES, .....	...		...		...		...
	DECLARATION, (under Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884),	...		...		...		...
	MEDICAL CERTIFICATES, D.,.....	...		...		...		...
	TOTAL,.....\$	84,494.40		93,063.60		13,254.36		4,685.16	
	DEDUCT DECREASE,.....\$					4,685.16			
	TOTAL INCREASE FOR THE HALF YEAR OF 1887,.....\$					8,569.20			

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Stamp Office, Hongkong, 4th July, 1887.