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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 506.

The following is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 3rd December, 1887.

NOTICE.

Applications for Passage Brokers' Licences for the year 1888, under Ordinance No. 5 of 1874, will be received at this Office from the 8th instant up to the 31st instant.

Applicants are requested to state the names and addresses of the parties they offer as sureties.

R. Murray Rumsey, Ret. Com., R.N., Acting Emigration Officer, &c.

Harbour Department, Hongkong, 1st December, 1887.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.--No. 507.

The following Returns of the Average Amount of Bank Notes in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the Month ended 30th November, 1887, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks, are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 3rd December, 1887.

Banks.	Average Amount.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,	1,128,373	380,000
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	1,264,183	600,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	2,663,500	1,300,000
Total,\$	5,056,056	2,280,000

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 508.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Friday, the 9th instant, for the purchase of timber, the thinnings of certain plantations.

For forms of tender apply at this Office.

For specifications and further particulars, apply at the Office of the Botanical and Afforestation Department.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 3rd December, 1887.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.--No. 509.

The following Returns of Deaths for the week ended the 26th November are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 3rd December, 1887.