GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 543.

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 15th day of December, 1887, to EDWARD WILLIAM SERRELL, Junior, of New York in the United States of America, for securing to the said EDWARD WILLIAM SERRELL, Junior, 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 to the said EDWARD WILLIAM SERRELL, Junior,

(a.) For application of a Solenoid for reinforcing electrical contacts, for the term of 14 years, from

the 18th day of November, 1886.

(b.) An Improved Process and Apparatus for preparing silk Cocoons for Reeling, for the term of 14 years, from the 26th October, 1886.

(c.) A Process and Machinery for the mechanical debavage or cleaning of Cocoons after brushing, for the term of 14 years, from the 27th April, 1887.
(d.) For Improvements in machinery for Reeling Silk from the Cocoons, for the term of 14 years,

from 18th November. 1886.

- (e.) For Improvements applicable to mechanical devices which are periodically started by means of electricity, for the term of 14 years, from the 18th November, 1886. and
- (f.) To the said Edward William Serrell, Junior, and Edouard Fougeirol of Paris, France, for a Process and Machinery for preparing Silk Cocoons for Reeling, for the term of 14 years, from the 8th November, 1886.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd December, 1887.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.--No. 544.

A competitive examination for the post of Fourth Clerk in the Office of the Superintendent of Imports and Exports will be held on Thursday, the 12th January, 1888, at 2 P.M., in the Council Chamber, Government Offices.

Duties.—Issuing Permits and general clerical work.

Qualifications.—Good handwriting and general intelligence.

Salary.—\$480 per annum.

The examination will be held in accordance with the Regulations made by the Governor in Council, and published in Government Gazette No. 26 of 1883.

Applications, with copies of testimonials as to character, and certificates of age and health, to be sent to the Colonial Secretary not later than Monday, the 9th proximo, at Noon.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd December, 1887.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 545.

The following Notice is published for general information. By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd December, 1887.

NOTICE.

Crown Rents for the half year ending 25th December, 1887, should be paid into the Treasury on or before the 16th January, 1888.

ALFRED LISTER, Treasurer.

Treasury, Hongkong, 20th December, 1887.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.--No. 546.

The following Return of the quantity of Spirits distilled at the Tin Un Sauce Factory, at Yaumati, is published for general information. Piculs.

Spirits manufactured during the quarter ended 30th November, 1887,160. By Command,

> FREDERICK STEWART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd December, 1887.