

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 45.

The following Post Office Notice is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th February, 1888.

HOURS OF CLOSING THE ENGLISH MAILS.

Two days before departure.

3 P.M. Reception of Parcels ceases.

Day before departure.

2 P.M. Money Order Office closes.

2 P.M. Posting of Prices Current and Circulars ceases.

(Prices Current and Circulars may however be posted up to 4 o'clock if they are tied in bundles, country by country, with the addresses all one way.

Those for the United Kingdom must be divided into (1) London, (2) England and Wales, (3) Scotland, (4) Ireland; those for Germany into (1) Hamburg, (2) other places in Germany.)

4 P.M. Registry ceases. Posting of newspapers, books, and patterns ceases.

5 P.M. Mail closes.

LATE LETTERS may then be posted in the Night Box at the Post Office *with 10 cents late fee* up to 9 P.M., after which hour they may be sent on board with the same late fee.

A. LISTER,
Postmaster General.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,
HONGKONG, *January 25th.*, 1888.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 46.

The following Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the Month ended 31st January, 1888, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks, are published for general information.

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FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th February, 1888.

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,	1,109,185	370,000
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	1,435,839	700,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	3,413,774	1,700,000
TOTAL,.....\$	5,958,798	2,770,000

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 47.

The following Returns of Deaths for the week ended the 28th January are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th February, 1888.