

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.--No 142.

The following Return from the Collector of Stamp Revenue for the First Quarter of 1887 and of 1888 is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th April, 1888.

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, during the First Quarter of 1887 and First Quarter of 1888, respectively.

Schedule Number.	DESCRIPTION.	Revenue in 1887.		Revenue in 1888.		Increase.		Decrease.	
		\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
1	Adjudication Fee,	6.00		7.00		1.00			
2	Agreement,	448.50		435.95				12.55	
3	Arbitration Award,	3.00		2.00				1.00	
4	Articles of Clerkship,								
5	Attested Copy,	35.00		41.00		6.00			
6	Bank Cheques,	474.40		330.50				143.90	
7	Bank Note Duty,	8,342.43		10,498.58		2,156.15			
8	Bill of Exchange and Promissory Note,	4,923.80		4,827.59				96.21	
9	Bill of Lading,	4,848.60		4,894.40		45.80			
10	Bottomry or Respondentia Bond, and Average Statement,...	28.10		40.40		12.30			
11	Broker's Note,	1,233.50		1,068.50				165.00	
12	Charter Party,	1,025.00		1,134.30		109.30			
13	Copy Charter,	306.00		262.00				44.00	
14	Conveyance or Assignment,.....	5,762.70		10,985.40		5,222.70			
15	Copartnership Deed,	40.00		24.00				16.00	
16	Declaration of Trust,.....	30.00		20.00				10.00	
17	Deed of Gift,	175.00		125.00				50.00	
18	Duplicate Deeds,	85.10		110.20		25.10			
19	Emigration Fees,	63.00		118.00		55.00			
20	Foreign Attachment Bond,			3.00		3.00			
21	Miscellaneous Instruments,	80.00		130.00		50.00			
22	Lease with Fine or Premium,								
23	Lease on Agreement,.....								
24	Lease without Fine or Premium,.....	365.05		375.85		10.80			
25	Letter of Hypothecation,.....	62.60		65.70		3.10			
26	Mortgage,	1,010.55		773.75				236.80	
	Do. (ii) Additional Security,								
	Do. (iii) Transfer,	1.40		117.80		116.40			
	Do. (iv) Re-assignment,	54.87		45.47				9.40	
	Do. (v) on Agreement,			1.00		1.00			
27	Notarial Act,	49.00		25.00				24.00	
28	Note of Protest,.....	29.50		5.50				24.00	
29	Policy of Insurance,	1,875.20		1,873.40				1.80	
30	Power of Attorney,	138.00		100.00				38.00	
31	Probate or Letters of Administration,	1,897.00		4,647.00		2,750.00			
32	Receipt Stamps, Impressed,.....	69.00		67.26				1.74	
32A	Do. Adhesive,	1,662.60		1,746.90		84.30			
33	Servant's Security Bond,.....	214.40		123.90				90.50	
34	Settlement,.....			79.20		79.20			
35	Transfer of Shares,	3,947.90		3,699.40				248.50	
	ADHESIVE STAMPS, exclusive of 3-cent Stamps, Art. 32A,....	7,681.72		7,414.42				267.30	
	TELEGRAPH FORMS,	40.00		13.75				26.25	
	BILLS OF HEALTH,	540.00		582.00		42.00			
	COURT FEES,.....								
	MEDICAL DECLARATIONS,								
	MEDICAL CERTIFICATES, D.,.....								
	TOTAL,.....\$	47,548.92		56,815.12		10,773.15		1,506.95	
	DEDUCT DECREASE,							1,506.95	
	TOTAL INCREASE FOR THE 1ST QUARTER, 1888,							9,266.20	

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STAMP OFFICE, HONGKONG, 5TH APRIL, 1888.