GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION .-- No. 204.

The following is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th May, 1888.

HOURS OF CLOSING THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH MAILS

when the Packets leave at noon.

The following hours will be observed in closing the mails for Europe, &c. by the English and French Packets, when they leave at noon The Money Order Office will be closed at 5 p.m. the

8.00 A.M.—Posting of Prices Current and Circulars ceases.

(Prices Current and Circulars may however to posted up to 10 J'clock If they are tied in bundles, country by country, with the enddresses all one way.)

10.00 A.M — Registry ceases.

10.30 A.M.—Posting of newspapers, books, and patterns ceases.

11.00 A.M.—Mail closes.

LATE LETTERS may be posted (from 11.10 A.M.) with 10 cents late fee up to 11.30 A.M., after which hour they may be sent on board with the same late fee.

HOURS OF CLOSING THE ENGLISH MAILS

when the Packet leaves at daylight.

The following hours will be observed in closing the English mails when the Packet leaves at daylight. For the present these hours are experimental only.

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.)

4 P.M. Registry ceases,

5 P.M. Posting of Newspapers, Books, and Patterns ceases.

(But Newspayers published that day may be posted in the Night Box till 8.30 r.m.)

5 P.M. Post Office closes

LETTERS, and the day's Newspapers, may then be posted in the Night Box till 8.30. LATE CORRESPONDENCE of all kinds, with 10 cents extra postage on each article, may be posted in the Night Box from 8.30 to 9, after which hour it may be sent on board with the same late fee.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

Hongkong, May 1st, 1888.

GOVERNMENT COTIFICATION. -No. 205.

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By Command.

FREDERICK STEWART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th May, 1888.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

The extra steamers of the Mossagories Maritimes Company between Colombo and Calcutta have been withdrawn. From this date through communication with Madras and Calcutta by Messageries packet will be four-weekly only, viz., on the following dates of departure from Hongkong:-

> June July

80. August

November 28.

August 2.

September 27. October

December 26.

Mails for India will be made up by the intermediate packets as formerly for transmission to Colombo, whence they will go on to Madras by the first opportunity.

GENERAL POST OFFICE.

Hongkong, May 10th, 1888.