GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION. -- No. 3.

The following Notice is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th January, 1889.

NOTICE.

Owners of Tenements are reminded that Rates for the First Quarter of 1889, are payable in advance, during and within the month of January.

Such Rates should be paid before the 31st ,January as after that date, immediate application will be made to the Supreme Court for the recovery of arrears.

H. E. Wodehouse, Acting Treasurer.

Treasury, Hongkong, 29th December, 1888.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 4.

The following Returns of the Average Amount of Bank Notes in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the Month ended 31st December, 1888, 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, 5th January, 1889.

Banks.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,	1,389,115	470,000
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	1,362,812	600,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	2,865,548	1,500,000
Total,\$	5,617,475	2,570,000

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 562.

Lady Des Vœux's afternoon receptions at Government House will re-commence on Monday, January 7th, and will be continued on every subsequent Monday until further notice.

By Command,

SLINGSBY W. BETHELL, Private Secretary.

Government House, Hongkong, 21st December, 1888.