

NOTICE.

THE next Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court will be held on *Monday, the 18th day of February, 1889*, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

By Order of the Court,

ALFRED G. WISE,
Acting Registrar.

Registry Supreme Court,
Hongkong, 16th February, 1889.

SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

THE Court will sit in *Summary Jurisdiction*, every *Friday*, until further notice.

THE Court will sit in *Original Jurisdiction*, on every *Monday* and *Thursday*, until further notice.

By Order of the Court,

ALFRED G. WISE,
Acting Registrar.

NOTICE is hereby given that BRUCE SHEPHERD of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, Gentleman, intends as Agent for WILLIAM WILLIS of 29 Southampton Row Bloomsbury in the County of Middlesex Manufacturer and JOHN SMITH and WILLIAM SMITH, both of Upton Villa Beckenham in the County of Surrey Engineers, to apply to His Excellency the Governor under the provisions of Ordinance No. 14 of 1862 for Letters Patent for an Invention of Improvements in and relating to rotary apparatus for measuring liquids and for other purposes.

And further notice is hereby given that His Excellency the Governor under the provisions of the Ordinance aforesaid has appointed Tuesday the 19th day of February instant at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for a Meeting of the Executive Council, to consider the said application.

Dated this 9th day of February, 1889.

WOTTON & DEACON,
Solicitors for the Applicant.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE.—CHONG E SAM of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, having been adjudged Bankrupt under a Petition for adjudication filed in the Supreme Court of Hongkong in Bankruptcy, on the 30th day of January, 1889, is hereby required to surrender himself to ALFRED GASCOYNE WISE, Esquire, the Acting Registrar of the said Court, at the First Meeting of Creditors to be held by the said Acting Registrar on Tuesday, the 26th day of February, 1889, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

The said ALFRED GASCOYNE WISE, Esquire, is the Official Assignee.

A Public Sitting will hereafter be appointed by the said Court for the said Bankrupt to pass his Final Examination, and to make application for his discharge, of which Sitting Notice will be given in the *Hongkong Government Gazette*.

At the First Meeting of Creditors, the Acting Registrar will receive the proof of the debts of the Creditors, and the Creditors who shall have proved their debts respectively, or the majority in value of the said Creditors, are hereby directed to choose at such Meeting an Assignee or Assignees of the Bankrupt's Estate and Effects to be called the Creditors' Assignee or Assignees.

Dated the 9th day of February, 1889.

HENRY J. HOLMES,
Solicitor in the Bankruptcy.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

FORTY-SEVENTH

REPORT OF THE COURT OF DIRECTORS TO THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TO BE HELD

AT THE CITY HALL, HONGKONG,

On Saturday, the 23rd February, 1889,

AT NOON.

To the Proprietors of the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

GENTLEMEN,

The Directors have now to submit to you a General Statement of the affairs of the Bank, and Balance Sheet for the half-year ending 31st December, 1888.

The net profits for that period, including \$10,441.36 balance brought forward from last account, after paying all charges, deducting interest paid and due, and making provision for bad and doubtful accounts, amount to \$874,087.93, of which after taking out remuneration to Directors there remains for appropriation \$864,087.93.

From this sum, the Directors recommend the payment of a Dividend of One Pound and Ten Shillings per Share, which will absorb \$400,000.

The difference in Exchange between 4/6, the rate at which the Dividend is declared, and 3/0 1/2, the rate of the day, amounts to \$191,780.82.

They recommend transferring \$212,432.44 to the Credit of Reserve Fund which with \$87,567.56 being re-valuation of £150,000, 3% Indian Government Sterling Loan, will then stand at \$4,300,000.

The Balance of \$59,874.67 to be carried to New Profit and Loss Account.

DIRECTORS.

Mr. W. H. FORBES has been appointed Chairman for the year 1889, and Mr. H. L. DALRYMPLE Deputy Chairman.

The Honourable A. P. MCEWEN having resigned on leaving the Colony, the Directors have invited Mr. J. F. HOLLIDAY to join the Board; his appointment requires confirmation at this meeting.

Mr. W. H. FORBES, Mr. H. L. DALRYMPLE and Mr. J. S. MOSES retire in rotation, and being eligible for re-election offer themselves accordingly.

Mr. G. E. NOBLE was appointed Chief Manager on the 1st January, 1889, in place of Mr. T. JACKSON who takes over the management in London.

AUDITORS.

The Accounts have been audited by the Hon. PHINEAS RYRIE, and Mr. FULLARTON HENDERSON.

JOHN BELL-IRVING,

Chairman.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1889.

ABSTRACT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

31st December, 1888.

LIABILITIES.	
Paid-up Capital,.....	\$ 7,500,000.00
Reserve Fund,.....	\$4,000,000.00
Difference account 3 per cent. Indian Government Sterling Loan written up from £86 to £95,.....	87,567.56
Marine Insurance Account,.....	4,087,567.56
Notes in Circulation,.....	5,609,638.78
Deposits,.....	76,745,737.98
	82,355,376.76
Bills Payable (including Drafts on London Bankers and Short Sight Drawings on London Office against Bills Receivable and Bullion Shipments),.....	19,570,947.34
Profit and Loss Account,.....	874,087.93
	\$114,637,979.59

ASSETS.

Cash,.....	\$ 9,147,354.84
INVESTMENTS, viz.:-	
£100,000, 2 1/2 per cent. Consols.	
£150,000, 3 per cent. Indian Government Sterling Loan.	
The above lodged with the Bank of England as a Special London Reserve,.....	\$1,540,540.54
Rs. 5,000,000, Indian 4 per cent. Govt. Loan,.....	2,195,945.94
	3,736,486.48
Bills Discounted, Loans and Credits,.....	52,163,552.23
Bills Receivable,.....	48,541,228.89
Bank Premises,.....	387,727.03
Dead Stock,.....	111,680.12
	\$114,637,979.59

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT, HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

31st December, 1888.

Dr.	
To AMOUNTS WRITTEN OFF:-	
Remuneration to Directors,.....	\$ 10,000.00
To DIVIDEND ACCOUNT:-	
£1.10 per Share on 60,000 Shares=	
£90,000 @ 4/6,.....	400,000.00
To DIVIDEND ADJUSTMENT ACCOUNT:-	
Difference in Exchange between 4/6, the rate at which the Dividend is declared, and 3/0 1/2, the current rate of the day,.....	191,780.82
To RESERVE FUND,.....	212,432.44
To BALANCE carried forward to next half-year,.....	59,874.67
	\$874,087.93
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By Balance of Undivided Profits, 30th June, 1888,.....	\$ 10,441.36
By Amount of Net Profits for the Six Months ending 31st December, 1888, after deducting all Expenses and Interest paid and due,....	863,646.57
	\$874,087.93

RESERVE FUND.

To Balance on 31st December, 1888,....	\$4,300,000.00
By Balance on 30th June, 1888,.....	\$4,000,000.00
By Difference Account 3 per cent. Indian Government Sterling Loan, written up from £86 to £95,.....	87,567.56
By Amount transferred from Profit and Loss Account,.....	212,432.44
	\$4,300,000.00

T. JACKSON, *Chief Manager.*
W. GASKELL, *Acting Chief Accountant.*
J. BELL-IRVING,
Wm. H. FORBES,
H. L. DALRYMPLE, } *Directors.*

We have compared the above Statements with the Books, Vouchers, and Securities at the Head Office, and with the Returns from the various Branches and Agencies, and have found the same to be correct.

P. RYRIE,
F. HENDERSON, } *Auditors.*
Hongkong, 8th February, 1889.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twentieth ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, Pedder's Street, on Monday, the 25th February instant, at 12 o'clock (Noon), to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1888, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 12th to the 25th day of February instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1889.

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