

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 16.

The following Return of Stamp Revenue, for the years 1896 and 1897, respectively, is published.

By Command,

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Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th January, 1898.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the Revenue under the *Stamp Ordinance*, 1886, the *Stamp Amendment Ordinances*, 1894 and 1895, the *Chinese Emigration Consolidation Ordinance*, 1889, the *Medical Registration Ordinance*, 1884, and for Telegraph Forms, Land Office Fees and Fees of the Supreme Court, for the years 1896 and 1897, respectively.

Schedule Number.	DESCRIPTION.	Revenue in 1896.		Revenue in 1897.		Increase.		Decrease.	
		\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
1	Adjudication Fee,	49.00		50.00		1.00		...	
2	Agreement,	3,479.20		3,332.90		...		146.30	
3	Arbitration Award,	2.00		61.00		59.00		...	
4	Articles of Clerkship, .....	...		...		...		...
5	Attested Copy,	121.00		137.00		16.00		...	
6	Bank Cheques,	2,457.96		3,018.60		560.64		...	
7	Bank Note Duty,	73,014.90		82,490.28		9,475.38		...	
8	Bill of Exchange and Promissory Note,	20,303.92		25,291.57		4,987.65		...	
9	Bill of Lading,	24,318.10		24,771.50		453.40		...	
10	Bottomry or Respondentia Bond, Average Statement,	126.80		298.60		171.80		...	
11	Broker's Note,	753.00		1,095.00		342.00		...	
12	Charter Party,	3,620.40		4,881.10		1,260.70		...	
13	Copy Charter,	928.00		911.00		...		17.00	
14	Conveyance or Assignment,	14,051.80		21,178.00		7,126.20		...	
15	Copartnership Deed,	154.00		130.00		...		24.00	
16	Declaration of Trust,	70.00		70.50		.50		...	
17	Deed of Gift,	158.00		290.00		132.00		...	
18	Duplicate Deeds,	547.35		430.75		...		116.60	
19	Emigration Fees,	268.00		225.00		...		43.00	
20	Foreign Attachment Bond,	878.00		44.00		...		834.00	
21	Miscellaneous Instruments,	290.00		280.00		...		10.00	
22	Lease with Fine or Premium, .....	...		...		...		...
23	Lease on Agreement, .....	...		1.00		1.00		...	
24	Lease without Fine or Premium,	1,243.95		1,446.70		202.75		...	
25	Letter of Hypothecation,	409.00		361.00		...		48.00	
26	Mortgage,	3,506.30		3,242.40		...		263.90	
	Do. (ii) Additional Security,	260.55		175.35		...		85.20	
	Do. (iii) Transfer,	48.90		74.20		25.30		...	
	Do. (iv) Re-assignment,	263.92		224.43		...		39.49	
	Do. (v) on Agreement,	82.50		8.00		...		74.50	
27	Notarial Act,	186.00		163.00		...		23.00	
28	Note of Protest,	91.00		60.25		...		30.75	
29	Policy of Insurance,	18,246.05		20,287.00		2,040.95		...	
30	Power of Attorney,	1,014.00		884.00		...		130.00	
31	Probate, or Letters of Administration,	21,264.50		29,172.00		7,907.50		...	
32	Receipt Stamps, Impressed,	483.77		498.41		14.64		...	
33	Servant's Security Bond,	329.20		512.30		183.10		...	
34	Settlement,	61.44		45.00		...		16.44	
35	Settlement on Agreement, .....	...		...		...		...
36	Transfer of Shares,	12,123.90		11,633.55		...		490.35	
	ADHESIVE STAMPS,	30,559.17		33,942.35		3,383.18		...	
	AFFIDAVITS, STATUTORY DECLARATION,	99.00		239.00		140.00		...	
	PROXIES,	10.50		.68		...		9.82	
	TELEGRAPH FORMS,	40.00		11.50		...		28.50	
	MEDICAL REGISTRATION,	25.00		25.00		...		...
	MEDICAL DECLARATION,	10.00		5.00		...		5.00	
	BILL OF HEALTH,	2,349.00		2,046.00		...		303.00	
	TOTAL,	\$ 238,299.08		\$ 274,044.92		38,484.69		2,738.85	
	DEDUCT DECREASE,					\$ 2,738.85			
	TOTAL INCREASE FOR THE YEAR 1897,					\$ 35,745.84			

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STAMP OFFICE, HONGKONG, 13th January, 1898.