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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 115.

The following Notice is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th March, 1898.

Whereas, by the Charter of Incorporation of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China dated the 29th December, 1853, it is declared as follows:—

It shall not be lawful for the said Company to invest, lay out, or employ any part of their Capital or Funds in the purchase of any lands, houses or other real, or leasehold, property whatsoever, in any of our Colonies, Possessions or Dependencies, save and except such as may, by the Governor or Lieutenant-Governor, or other principal Superintendent or Officer for the time being, of the Colony, Possession or Dependency, in which such hereditaments may be situate, be considered as necessary or proper for the purpose of managing, conducting and carrying on the affairs, concerns and business of the said Company, but not in any trading or mercantile speculation or business whatsoever not usually considered as falling within the ordinary and legitimate purposes and operations of a Banking Establishment.

And whereas, the said Company is desirous of purchasing the leasehold property in this Colony, known as Inland Lot No. 1218, together with the dwelling-house thereon, hitherto known as "The Pines", to be used solely as a residence for its Hongkong Manager for the time being:—

Now, I, Major-General WILSONE BLACK, C.B., the Officer Administering the Government, do, hereby, declare that I consider the purchase of the said leasehold property to be proper for the purpose of managing, conducting and carrying on the affairs, concerns and business of the said Company.

Dated the 12th day of March, 1898.

WILSONE BLACK.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 116.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to make the following acting appointments during the absence from the Colony of the Honourable JAMES HALDANE STEWART LOCKHART or until further notice:—

THOMAS SERCOMBE SMITH, to be Acting Colonial Secretary.

ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON, to be Acting Colonial Treasurer and Acting Collector of Stamp Revenue in addition to his duties as Postmaster General.

ARTHUR WIMBOLT BREWIN, to be Acting Registrar General in addition to his duties as Inspector of Schools.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th March, 1898.