GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION .--- No. 250.

The following Notice is published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 1st June, 1898.

TREASURY NOTICE.

Owners of property are reminded that Crown Rent for the first half-year of 1898 is payable at the Treasury on or before the 24th June, 1898.

A. M. THOMSON,
Acting Treasurer.

Treasury, Hongkong, 1st June, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 251.

The following Report on the Praya Reclamation Works for 1897 is published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Sceretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th June, 1898.

Public Works Department. No. 259.

Public Works Office, Hongkong, 23rd May, 1898.

Sir,—In accordance with the request of Mr. E. Bowdler, late Special Engineer, Praya Reclamation Works, I have the honour to forward his report for last year and submit that it be printed separately from the Public Works Department report sent in on the 26th ultimo.

I have the honour to be,

Sir.

Your most obedient Servant,

R. D. Ormsby, Director of Public Works.

The Honourable

THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

No. 145.

Praya Reclamation Office, Hongkong, 31st January, 1898.

Sir,—I have the honour to submit for the information of His Excellency the Governor the Statistics and Report on the Praya Reclamation Works for the year ending 31st December, 1897. The statistics have been prepared in accordance with the report and instructions of the Director of Public Works and the Local Auditor and approved by His Excellency the Governor in C.S.O. 818 of 1892.

Section No. 1.—Eastern portion on a length of 975 feet and containing 134,560 square feet of land assignable to Crown Lessees. Contract No. 18 made with Tsang Keng on the 21st February, 1894, for completing the upper portion of the sea wall (above the concrete blocks) constructing Storm Water Drains, filling in and reclaiming the land, forming and levelling the roads and footpaths, constructing side channels, concreting and macadamizing roads, footpaths, &c., the work to be completed on the 8th October, 1895. The work under this Contract was suspended on the 18th April, 1896, to allow the new buildings authorized by C.S.O. No. 495 of 1896 being erected on the reclaimed land, also the pipe sewers, water and gas mains being laid, the two former by the Public Works Department and the latter