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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 256.

With reference to Government Notification No. 159 of the 5th April last, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint, with effect from the 8th instant, Captain JOHN HALIBURTON LAURIE, The King's Own Regiment, to be Private Secretary, *vice* Captain FRANCIS RICHARD LOVEBAND, who vacates that appointment.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th June, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 257.

The following Returns of the Average amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the Month ended 31st May, 1898, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks, are published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th June, 1898.

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	2,836,976	1,300,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	6,439,806	3,000,000
National Bank of China, Limited,	450,000	150,000
TOTAL,	\$ 9,726,782	4,450,000