

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 314.

The following Return of Stamp Revenue, for the Half-year 1897 and 1898, respectively, is published.

By Command,

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Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th July, 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 Ordinances, 6 of 1884 and 4 of 1893, and for Telegraph Forms, Land Office Fees and Fees of the Supreme Court, for the Half-year 1897 and 1898, respectively.*

| Schedule Number. | DESCRIPTION. | Revenue in 1897. | | Revenue in 1898. | | Increase. | | Decrease. | |
|------------------|---|------------------|----|------------------|----|-----------|----|-----------|----------|
| | | \$ | c. | \$ | c. | \$ | c. | \$ | c. |
| 1 | Adjudication Fee, | 17.00 | | 21.00 | | 4.00 | | | |
| 2 | Agreement, | 1,661.99 | | 1,860.50 | | 198.60 | | | |
| 3 | Arbitration Award, | 17.00 | | 52.00 | | 35.00 | | | |
| 4 | Articles of Clerkship, | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Attested Copy, | 68.00 | | 69.00 | | | | | 8.00 |
| 6 | Bank Cheques, | 1,419.34 | | 1,503.08 | | 83.74 | | | |
| 7 | Bank Note Duty, | 40,854.87 | | 51,574.11 | | 10,719.24 | | | |
| 8 | Bill of Exchange and Promissory Note, | 10,842.71 | | 15,863.54 | | 5,020.83 | | | |
| 9 | Bill of Lading, | 11,676.80 | | 11,339.20 | | | | | 337.60 |
| 10 | Bottomry or Respondentia Bond, Average Statement, | 259.59 | | 80.69 | | | | | 178.90 |
| 11 | Broker's Note, | 610.50 | | 535.50 | | | | | 75.00 |
| 12 | Charter Party, | 2,152.80 | | 3,491.00 | | 1,338.20 | | | |
| 13 | Copy Charter, | 443.00 | | 582.50 | | 139.50 | | | |
| 14 | Conveyance or Assignment, | 11,004.50 | | 12,340.00 | | 1,335.50 | | | |
| 15 | Copartnership Deed, | 68.00 | | 86.50 | | 18.50 | | | |
| 16 | Declaration of Trust, | 21.00 | | 60.00 | | 39.00 | | | |
| 17 | Deed of Gift, | 125.00 | | 115.00 | | | | | 10.00 |
| 18 | Duplicate Deeds, | 258.75 | | 216.90 | | | | | 41.85 |
| 19 | Emigration Fees, | 112.00 | | 93.00 | | | | | 19.00 |
| 20 | Foreign Attachment Bond, | 43.00 | | 9.00 | | | | | 34.00 |
| 21 | Miscellaneous Instruments, | 80.00 | | 120.00 | | 40.00 | | | |
| 22 | Lease with Fine or Premium, | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | Lease on Agreement, | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | Lease without Fine or Premium, | 780.85 | | 818.55 | | 37.70 | | | |
| 25 | Letter of Hypothecation, | 190.00 | | 156.00 | | | | | 34.00 |
| 26 | Mortgage, | 1,799.45 | | 1,631.55 | | | | | 167.90 |
| | Do. (ii) Additional Security, | 2.35 | | .80 | | | | | 1.55 |
| | Do. (iii) Transfer, | 64.20 | | 40.50 | | | | | 23.70 |
| | Do. (iv) Re-assignment, | 116.45 | | 231.70 | | 115.25 | | | |
| | Do. (v) on Agreement, | | | 7.00 | | 7.00 | | | |
| 27 | Notarial Act, | 81.00 | | 72.00 | | | | | 9.00 |
| 28 | Note of Protest, | 20.50 | | 50.75 | | 30.25 | | | |
| 29 | Policy of Insurance, | 9,505.75 | | 10,667.75 | | 1,162.00 | | | |
| 30 | Power of Attorney, | 502.00 | | 454.00 | | | | | 48.00 |
| 31 | Probate, or Letters of Administration, | 8,955.00 | | 50,025.44 | | 41,070.44 | | | |
| 32 | Receipt Stamps, Impressed, | 250.46 | | 298.22 | | 47.76 | | | |
| 33 | Servant's Security Bond, | 194.70 | | 216.00 | | 21.30 | | | |
| 34 | Settlement, | 45.00 | | 11.70 | | | | | 33.30 |
| 35 | Settlement on Agreement, | | | | | | | | |
| 36 | Transfer of Shares, | 6,802.65 | | 5,903.60 | | | | | 899.05 |
| | ADHESIVE STAMPS, | 14,832.50 | | 19,206.39 | | 4,373.89 | | | |
| | AFFIDAVITS, STATUTORY DECLARATION, | 104.00 | | 230.00 | | 126.00 | | | |
| | PROXIES, | .26 | | 1.84 | | 1.58 | | | |
| | TELEGRAPH FORMS, | 5.50 | | 14.00 | | 8.50 | | | |
| | MEDICAL REGISTRATION, | | | 25.00 | | 25.00 | | | |
| | MEDICAL DECLARATION, | | | 10.00 | | 10.00 | | | |
| | BILL OF HEALTH, | 897.00 | | 1,557.00 | | 660.00 | | | |
| | TOTAL, | \$ 126,885.29 | | 191,633.22 | | 66,668.78 | | | 1,920.85 |
| | DEDUCT DECREASE, | | | | | 1,920.85 | | | |
| | TOTAL INCREASE FOR HALF YEAR 1898, | | | | | 64,747.93 | | | |

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STAMP OFFICE, HONGKONG, 9th July, 1898.