

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 471.

The following Returns of the Average amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the Month ended 30th September, 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, 15th October, 1898.

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	2,873,076	2,000,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,.....	6,180,333	3,500,000
National Bank of China, Limited,.....	445,879	150,000
TOTAL,.....\$	9,499,288	5,650,000

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Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Wednesday, the 19th October, for the supply and making up of the undermentioned Winter Clothing, for the use of the Hongkong Police Force, viz. :—

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| More or less. | { | 13 Blue Fine Cloth Suits for Inspectors. |
| | | 280 Serge Suits for Europeans and Indians. |
| | | 200 Serge Suits for Chinese. |
| | | 300 Pairs of Chinese Shoes. |
| | | 250 " " Stockings. |
| 350 " " Garters. | | |

Blue Cloth, Alpaca, Buff Cloth, Sleeve Lining, Black Silesia, Unbleached Calico, Buttons, Hooks and Eyes, Mohair and White Cord, and Serge will be supplied from the Police Store.

No tender will be received unless the person tendering produces a receipt to the effect that he has deposited in the Colonial Treasury the sum of \$100, as a pledge of the *bona fides* of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown if such person fails or refuses to carry out his tender, should the tender be accepted.

Form of tender may be obtained at the Colonial Secretary's Office.

For further particulars apply at the Office of the Captain Superintendent of Police.

No tender will be received unless written on the required Form.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

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