

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 501.

The following Returns of the Average amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the Month ended 31st October, 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, 5th November, 1898.

| BANKS. | AVERAGE AMOUNT. | SPECIE IN RESERVE. |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, | 2,534,743 | 2,000,000 |
| Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, | 6,419,676 | 3,000,000 |
| National Bank of China, Limited, | 449,538 | 150,000 |
| TOTAL, | \$ 9,403,957 | 5,150,000 |

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 502.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Saturday, the 12th November, 1898, for concreting, channelling and draining lanes in Wongneicheong Village.

No work will be permitted on Sundays.

For form of tender, specification and further particulars apply at the Public Works Office.

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

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th November, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 489.

With reference to Government Notification No. 428 of the 24th September, 1898, it is hereby notified that the time for receiving Tenders for the general surface scavenging of, and the removal of household and trade refuse, and manure from, the City of Victoria and Hill District, has been extended to Noon of Wednesday, the 9th November, 1898, instead of as previously notified.

By Command.

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 28th October, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 488.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Thursday, the 1st December, 1898, for the sole privilege of slaughtering animals for the food of man within the Colony, for the year 1899.

For specification, period of contract and full particulars apply at the Offices of the Sanitary Board, "Beaconsfield."

No tender will be received unless the person tendering produces a receipt to the effect that he has deposited in the Treasury the sum of \$250 as a pledge of the *bona fides* of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown if such person refuses to enter into the usual bond, should the tender be accepted.

For form of tender apply at this Office.

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

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 29th October, 1898.