GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 580.

It is hereby notified for general information that Wong Nei Chong Inland Lot No. 126, which was sold by auction on the 23rd day of December, 1895, has this day been re-entered and resumed by the Crown and that the Premium paid upon the purchase has been wholly forfeited to Her Majesty in accordance with Condition 9 of the Conditions of Sale under which the said Lot was sold.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th December, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 581.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th December, 1898.

No. 24.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Sanitary Board, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 1st day of December, 1898.

PRESENT:

The Principal Civil Medical Officer, (Dr. John Mitford Atkinson), President.

The Captain Superintendent of Police, (The Honourable Francis Henry May, C.M.G.), Vice-President.

The Acting Registrar General, (JAMES DYER BALL, Esquire).

The Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. Francis William Clark).

EDWARD OSBORNE, Esquire.

Minutes.—The minutes of a meeting held on the 17th day of November, 1898, and of a confidential meeting held on same date, were confirmed.

Report on Watchmen at the Slaughter-house. -- A Report by a Sub-Committee of the Board appointed to consider the advisability of dispensing with the services of the watchmen at the Slaughter-house was considered.

The President moved—

That the Report be adopted and a copy forwarded to the Government for its approval.

The Acting Registrar General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Application for permission to retain Water-closets. - An application for permission to retain two waterclosets at the Ice Factory, East Point, was considered.

The Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Board and moved—

That the application be refused.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question-put and agreed to.

Proposed Washing Tanks at Tai Hang Village.—Some correspondence concerning the proposed washing tanks at Tai Hang Village was considered.

The Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Board and moved—

That the Government be asked to forward the plans and full information as to the details of the scheme to the Board for its information and consideration.

The Acting Registrar General addressed the Board and seconded.

Question-put and agreed to.

Bubonic Plague Returns.—Bubonic Plague returns from Bombay from October 11th to 24th, 1898, were laid on the table.

Mortality Returns.—The mortality returns for Macao for the weeks ending November 13th and 20th, 1898, were laid on the table.

The mortality returns for the Colony of Hongkong for the weeks ending November 12th and 19th, 1898, were laid on the table.

Adjournment.-The Board then adjourned until Thursday, the 15th day of December; 1898.

F. H. MAY, for President.

Confirmed this 15th day of December, 1898.

FRANCIS W. CLARK, Acting Secretary.