GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 21.

The following Return is published in accordance with section 17 of Ordinance No. 18 of 1896.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th January, 1899.

Return of Samples examined under "The Sale of Food and Drugs Ordinance, 1896," for the quarter ended December 31, 1898.

Description.	Number of samples.	Number found genuine.	Number found adulterated.
Brandy.	8	4	4
Rum.	1	1	0
Whisky.	5	2	3

FRANK BROWNE,
Acting Government Analyst.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 22.

The following Notice is published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th January, 1899.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

HONGKONG HARBOUR.

From the 16th January, 1899, until further notice (about 3 weeks), sunken obstructions will be laid to the North and South of Stone Cutters' Island.

The obstructed area to the North of Stone Cutters' Island will extend right across and will be within lines drawn from the most northern point of the island to the Watering Pier at Ly-che-kok, and from the Government Pier on the North shore near the Magazines in an N.N.E. direction to the mainland.

To the South of Stone Cutters' Island the southern limit of the obstructed area will be a line between two buoys carrying red flags and about 600 yards North of the fairway. Lines true North from these buoys to Stone Cutters' Island will give the eastern and western limits of the obstructed area.

Vessels and junks are prohibited from anchoring in the obstructed areas.

For purposes of navigation the sunken obstructions may be considered as reducing the depth of water shown on the chart by eleven feet.

R. Murray Rumsey, Retd. Comdr., R.N., Harbour Master, &c.

Harbour Department, Hongkong, 13th January, 1899.