

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 41.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Subadar AHMED DIN, The Hongkong and Singapore Company of the Asiatic Artillery, to be his Honorary Aide-de-Camp.

By His Excellency's Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 28th January, 1899.

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The following Circular Despatch and its enclosure are published for general information. Any person willing to assist the Government in making the collections referred to should communicate at once with Mr. FORD, Superintendent of the Botanical and Afforestation Department. The transmission to England of the specimens collected will be undertaken by the Government.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 26th January, 1899.

## CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,  
6th December, 1898.

Sir,—In my Circular despatch of the 19th of August last, I referred to an intended investigation of Malaria.

A Commission has now been appointed for the purpose and is about to proceed to Africa.

The Commissioners will report, from time to time, to a Committee appointed jointly by the Royal Society and myself, who will exercise a general supervision over the enquiry.

It has been suggested by this Committee, that, in view of the possible connection of Malaria with mosquitoes, it is desirable to obtain exact knowledge of the different species of mosquitoes and allied insects in the various tropical Colonies. I will therefore ask you, if there are facilities for the purpose, to be good enough to take the necessary steps at your early convenience to have collections made of the winged insects in the Colony which bite men or animals.

I enclose a printed copy of directions which have been drawn up by the British Museum for the guidance of those who may be employed on the work, and would add that several specimens of each kind of insect should be obtained and that they should be sent direct to the British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London, S.W., to be examined and classified. A first series of the specimens will be retained by the Museum, whilst the duplicates will be available for distribution as may be desired.

As the question of the scientific investigation of Malaria is one to which I attach great importance, I trust that every effort will be made to carry out as speedily and as thoroughly as possible the directions contained in this despatch.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

*The Officer Administering the Government of*  
HONGKONG.

HOW TO COLLECT MOSQUITOES  
(CULICIDÆ).

## LIST OF ARTICLES REQUIRED FOR COLLECTING AND PREPARING MOSQUITOES.

ONE entomologist's collecting-net of book-muslin (one or two spare net-bags should be taken in case the one in use gets torn).

One dozen glass-bottomed pill-boxes (1½ to 2 in. in diameter is about the best size).

A cyanide killing-jar, or materials for making same, as follows:—

¼ lb. of cyanide of potassium (in lumps).

1 lb. of plaster of Paris.

A glass jar with wide mouth and closely fitting lid.

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