

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 60.

The following Notice is published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th February, 1899.

POLICE NOTIFICATION.

Notice is hereby given that in view of the approaching Chinese New Year, the Captain Superintendent of Police has been authorised to give permission, under Ordinance 13 of 1888, for Crackers to be fired as follows :—

Within that portion of the City of Victoria bounded by the following limits :—

1. Centre Street from the Sea to Bonham Road.
2. Bonbam Road from Centre Street to No. 8 Police Station.
3. A line running from No. 8 Police Station down Rutter Street, Po Yan Street, New Street, and crossing Queen's Road through Wo Fung Street to the Sea.
4. The Praya from Wo Fung Street to Centre Street.

On Thursday, the 9th February, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on Friday, the 10th February, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

On Thursday, the 16th February, from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Within that portion of the City of Victoria not comprised in the above limits.

From 4 p.m. on Thursday, the 9th February, till 4 p.m. on Saturday, the 11th February, and on Thursday, the 16th February, from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Cracker firing is to be strictly confined to the times named above, both within and without the prescribed area; and both sides of all Streets, or parts of Streets named as the boundaries above are to be considered as within the prescribed area.

No burning Cracker or other fire is to be thrown above the head or near any person or inflammable material, and all reasonable precaution must be taken against accident, as every one is liable for damage arising from his carelessness.

The Police will have strict orders to summon or arrest persons firing Crackers in contravention of the foregoing restrictions.

The Firing of Bombs is Strictly Prohibited.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Captain Superintendent of Police.

Central Police Barracks, Hongkong, 31st January, 1899.

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The following Returns of the Average amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the Month ended 31st January, 1899, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks, are published.

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BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	2,861,846	1,629,500
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,.....	7,380,837	4,500,000
National Bank of China, Limited,.....	446,085	150,000
TOTAL,.....\$	10,688,768	6,279,500