GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 159.

With reference to Government Notification No. 144 of the 11th instant, it is hereby notified that the 1st day of April has been fixed as the date from which the Regulations published thereunder shall come into force.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th March, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION .-- No. 160.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th March, 1899.

No. 5.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Sanitary Board, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 2nd day of March, 1899.

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 Director of Public Works, (The Honourable Robert Daly Ormsny),

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

EDWARD OSBORNE, Esquire.

Minutes.—The minutes of a meeting held on the 16th day of February, 1899, and of a confidential meeting held on the same date, were confirmed.

Slaughter-houses.—A letter from the Colonial Secretary, concerning the control of the Slaughter-houses of the Colony by the Government was laid on the table.

Water Supply of Villages.—Some correspondence concerning the water supply of the outlying villages was laid on the table.

Bubonic Plague.—Further Reports concerning the progress of Bubonic Plague in Calcutta and Formosa were laid on the table.

Bubonic Plague returns from Bombay for January 17th to 30th, 1899, were laid on the table.

Licences to keep Cattle, Swine and Goats.—Seventy-one applications for dicences and renewal of dicences to keep cattle, swine and goats were considered.

The President moved—

That the licences be granted.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question-put and agreed to.

Mortality Returns.—The mortality returns for Macao for the weeks ending February 5th and 12th, 1899, were

The mortality returns for the Colony of Hongkong for the weeks ending February 18th and 25th, 1899, were laid on the table.

The President moved-

That strangers be requested to withdraw.

The Captain Superintendent of Police seconded.

Question--put and agreed to.

A confidential meeting of the Board was then held.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned until Thursday, the 16th day of March, 1899.

J. M. ATKINSON, President.

Confirmed this 16th day of March, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN, Secretary.