GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION .-- No. 195.

With reference to Government Notification No. 161 of the 16th instant the following Letter, with its enclosure, is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th March, 1899.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, SINGAPORE, 21st March, 1899.

SIR,—Referring to my telegram of the 15th instant, I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of Hongkong, the enclosed copies of Government Notification, No. 199, declaring the port of Hongkong to be infected, and imposing nine days' quarantine on all vessels arriving in this Colony from that port, unless released by the Health Officer before the expiry of that period.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

E. J. BROADRICK, for Colonial Secretary, S.S.

The Honourable

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Hongkong.

(Enclosure.)

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION-No. 199.

Information having been received that a contagious disease, namely bubonic plague, exists at Hongkong, it is hereby declared by His Excellency the Governor that the port of Hongkong is infected. Under the Regulations made by the Governor in Council, under "The Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance 1886," all vessels arriving from the port of Hongkong will be put in quarantine, and there detained for nine days from the date of the last case of the said disease on board or from the date of sailing from such port if no disease has manifested itself on board, provided that in all cases the Health Officer of the port may, in his discretion, release such vessel from quarantine before the expiry of the period above-named.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. A. SWETTENHAM, Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, SINGAPORE, 15th March, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 196.

His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of the Queen, to the following Ordinance passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 8 of 1899.—An Ordinance to provide for the Performance of Divine Worship and other Services in accordance with the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England at Saint John's Cathedral Church at Victoria and elsewhere in this Colony; for the Incorporation of a Church Body in which the said Cathedral Church shall be vested and by which it shall be administered; and for other purposes connected with the said Cathedral Church.

By Command,

J. II. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 30th March, 1899.