

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 227.

The following Return of Stamp Revenue, for the first quarter of 1898 and 1899, respectively, is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th April, 1899.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the Revenue under the *Stamp Ordinance*, 1886, the *Stamp Amendment Ordinances*, 1894 and 1895, the *Chinese Emigration Consolidation Ordinance*, 1889, the *Medical Registration Ordinances*, 6 of 1884 and 4 of 1893, and for Telegraph Forms, Land Office Fees and Fees of the Supreme Court, during the first quarter of 1898 and 1899, respectively.

Schedule Number.	DESCRIPTION.	Revenue in 1898.		Revenue in 1899.		Increase.		Decrease.	
		\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
1	Adjudication Fee,	6.00		7.00		1.00		...	
2	Agreement,	943.00		1,124.00		181.00		...	
3	Arbitration Award,	26.00		...		...		26.00	
4	Articles of Clerkship, .....	...		...		...		...
5	Attested Copy,	38.00		83.00		45.00		...	
6	Bank Cheques,	948.80		987.54		38.74		...	
7	Bank Note Duty,	26,629.57		27,081.93		452.36		...	
8	Bill of Exchange and Promissory Note,	7,879.29		8,327.33		448.04		...	
9	Bill of Lading,	5,760.70		5,238.80		...		521.90	
10	Bottomry or Respondentia Bond, Average Statement,	5.70		14.20		8.50		...	
11	Broker's Note,	384.00		327.50		...		56.50	
12	Charter Party,	2,038.20		1,566.50		...		471.70	
13	Copy Charter,	323.00		226.50		...		96.50	
14	Conveyance or Assignment,	4,341.00		13,125.40		8,784.40		...	
15	Copartnership Deed,	58.50		34.00		...		24.50	
16	Declaration of Trust,	40.00		30.00		...		10.00	
17	Deed of Gift,	65.00		466.50		401.50		...	
18	Duplicate Deeds,	108.00		160.40		52.40		...	
19	Emigration Fees,	45.00		34.00		...		11.00	
20	Foreign Attachment Bond,	9.00		108.00		99.00		...	
21	Miscellaneous Instruments,	60.00		70.00		10.00		...	
22	Lease with Fine or Premium, .....	...		...		...		...
23	Lease on Agreement, .....	...		...		...		...
24	Lease without Fine or Premium,	375.00		593.70		218.70		...	
25	Letter of Hypothecation,	52.00		110.00		58.00		...	
26	Mortgage,	629.70		1,960.90		1,331.20		...	
	Do. (ii) Additional Security,	0.80		7.05		6.25		...	
	Do. (iii) Transfer,	27.50		9.80		...		17.70	
	Do. (iv) Re-assignment,	114.42		169.12		54.70		...	
	Do. (v) on Agreement,	7.00		...		...		7.00	
27	Notarial Act,	28.00		70.00		42.00		...	
28	Note of Protest,	3.75		17.50		13.75		...	
29	Policy of Insurance,	5,230.50		5,675.85		445.35		...	
30	Power of Attorney,	242.00		356.00		114.00		...	
31	Probate, or Letters of Administration,	43,512.44		16,843.06		...		26,669.44	
32	Receipt Stamps, Impressed,	196.86		169.20		...		27.66	
33	Servant's Security Bond,	124.00		50.90		...		73.10	
34	Settlement, .....	...		7.20		7.20		...	
35	Settlement on Agreement, .....	...		...		...		...
36	Transfer of Shares,	3,542.30		4,227.20		684.90		...	
	ADHESIVE STAMPS,	9,115.64		8,968.08		...		147.56	
	AFFIDAVITS, STATUTORY DECLARATION,	109.00		94.00		...		15.00	
	PROXIES,	1.82		4.22		2.40		...	
	TELEGRAPH FORMS,	5.75		9.50		3.75		...	
	COURT FEES, .....	...		0.25		0.25		...	
	MEDICAL REGISTRATION, .....	...		...		...		...
	BILL OF HEALTH,	798.00		639.00		...		159.00	
	TOTAL,	\$ 113,825.24		98,995.07		13,504.39		28,334.56	
	DEDUCT INCREASE,					\$ 13,504.39			
	TOTAL DECREASE FOR THE 1ST QUARTER 1899,					\$ 14,830.17			

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STAMP OFFICE, HONGKONG, 8th April, 1899.