

On the 21st at 11.25 a.—“The barometer has fallen very rapidly in the neighbourhood of Shanghai, and is rising slowly in S. China. The typhoon, with its centre now close to Gutzlaff, is moving Northwards and will probably recurve in the Yellow Sea. Gradients steep for SW winds in S China and over the N. part of the China Sea.” Forecast:—“fresh to strong SW winds; squally, thunder storms.”

On the 22nd at 11.40 a.—“The barometer has risen considerably in the neighbourhood of Shanghai, is unchanged in S. China and has fallen slightly over the Philippines. The typhoon seems to have recurved and to be moving Eastwards between Gutzlaff and W. Japan at present. Gradients remain steep for SW winds in S. China and over the N part of the China Sea.” Forecast:—“fresh SW winds; squally, thunder storms.”

On the 23rd at 11.55 a.—“The barometer is rising quickly on the E. coast of China, and slowly on the S. coast. The typhoon, probably now near SW Japan, continues moving Eastwards. A second area of low pressure, which has been lying in the N. part of the Sea of Japan during the past two days, seems to be now passing away over E Japan to the Pacific. Gradients continue rather steep for SW winds in S. China.” Forecast:—“fresh SW winds; squally, showery.”

On the 24th at 11.50 a.—“The barometer has risen on the China coast, moderately in the North and slightly in the South. The typhoon has apparently filled up to a great extent, and probably exists now as a depression of moderate intensity to the S. of SW Japan. Gradients slight on the China coast.” Forecast:—“moderate or light SW winds; fair.”

On the 25th at 11.55 a.—“The barometer has risen moderately on the E. coast of China, slightly on the S. coast. The depression is probably moving Eastwards along the S. coast of Japan. Gradients slight on the China coast.” Forecast:—“SW to SE winds, moderate or light; fair.”

W. DOBERCK,  
*Director.*

Hongkong Observatory, 10th August, 1899.

#### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 456.

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

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th August, 1899.

| BANKS.  | AVERAGE<br>AMOUNT. | SPECIE<br>IN RESERVE. |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|
|   | \$                 | \$                    |
| Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, ..... | 2,053,858          | 1,500,000             |
| Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, .....    | 7,245,418          | 5,000,000             |
| National Bank of China, Limited, .....              | 448,800            | 150,000               |
| TOTAL, .....  | \$ 9,748,076       | 6,650,000             |

#### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 436.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Tuesday, the 15th August, 1899, for levelling and forming the site for the Governor's Summer Residence at "Mountain Lodge," the Peak.

No work will be permitted on Sundays.

For form of tender, specification and further particulars apply at the Public Works Office.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th August, 1899.