

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 557.

The following Financial Returns accompanying the Draft Estimates for 1900, which were laid before the Legislative Council on the 11th instant, are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART.
Colonial Secretary.

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

No. 54.

TREASURY, 30th September, 1899.

SIR,

I have the honour to transmit the following returns for consideration and approval of His Excellency the Governor :—

1. Estimates of Revenue for 1900.*
2. Table of the Assets and Liabilities of the Colony for the past year.
3. Estimated Balance of the Assets of the Colony on 31st December, 1899.
4. Estimated Loan Account 1899.
5. Loan Account 1898.

The Statement marked A will show how the balance of \$288,056.94 is arrived at. I have omitted all items appearing in the statement of Assets and Liabilities for 1898 set forth at page (C 16) of the Blue Book for 1898 which will form part of the Revenue and Expenditure for the current year.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. M. THOMSON,
Treasurer.

The Honourable
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
&c., &c., &c.

* Not printed.

ESTIMATED BALANCE OF THE ASSETS OF THE COLONY.

ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1899.

Estimated Revenue, 1899,	\$3,373,414.00
Estimated Expenditure, Local,	\$2,538,626.00
Do. Do., Crown Agents,	570,934.00
	3,109,560.00
Estimated Revenue in excess over Expenditure,	\$ 263,854.00
Loan Works, 1st January to 30th June,	\$ 17,292.04
Do., 1st July to 31st December (Estimated),	121,000.00
	\$138,292.04
Balance of Assets of 1898,	\$288,056.94
Plus Revenue in excess of 1899 Expenditure,	263,854.00
	\$551,910.94
Less Loan Works,	138,292.04
Estimated Balance of 1899 Assets,	\$413,618.90

A. M. THOMSON,
Treasurer.

Treasury, 29th September, 1899.

Statement A.
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.
ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1898.

ASSETS.	\$ c.	LIABILITIES.	\$ c.
Subsidiary Coins,	345,000.00	Drafts drawn by Crown Agents in transit,....	82,000.00
Cost of Subsidiary Coins in transit,.....	632,484.00	Deposits not available,	407,080.76
Advances to be recovered,	85,885.07	Officer's Remittances not yet paid,.....	26,613.00
Suspense House Service,	5,461.75	Money Orders not yet paid,	12,881.99
		Private Drainage Works,	292.36
		Overdrawn Balance,	251,905.77
		BALANCE OF ASSETS,	288,056.94
	\$ 1,068,830.82		\$ 1,068,830.82

A. M. THOMSON,
Treasurer.

Treasury, 29th September, 1899.

LOAN ACCOUNT, 1898.

<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
To Inscribed Stock Loan at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ interest to be paid off on the 15th April, 1943,.....£341,799.15. 1	By Sinking Fund,.....£ 8,854. 8. 1

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ESTIMATED LOAN ACCOUNT, 1899.

<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
To Inscribed Stock Loan at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ interest to be paid off on the 15th April, 1943,.....£341,799.15. 1	By Sinking Fund,.....£12,584. 6.11

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Treasurer.

Treasury, 29th September, 1899.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES,

ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1898.

ASSETS.	\$ c.	LIABILITIES.	\$ c.
Subsidiary Coins,	345,000.00	Drafts drawn by Crown Agents, in transit,	82,000.00
Subsidiary Coins in transit,	650,000.00	Military Contribution,	60,370.34
Arrears of Taxes,	21.87	Deposits not available,	407,080.76
Arrears of Crown Rent,	40,433.92	Refund of Taxes,	2,500.00
Advances to be recovered,	48,885.07	Officers' Remittances, not yet paid,	26,613.00
Suspense House Service,	5,461.75	Money Orders, not yet paid,	12,881.99
		Transit Charges,	5,900.00
		Pensions due to Civil Officers,	15,900.00
		Do. to Police,	11,000.00
		Private Drainage Works,	292.36
		Overdrawn Balance,	251,905.77
		TOTAL LIABILITIES,..... \$	876,444.22
		Balance,	213,358.39
TOTAL ASSETS,.....\$	1,089,802.61	\$	1,089,802.61

Balance of Assets over Liabilities,.....\$213,358.39

Less Balance of 1893 Loan, 123,334.14

\$ 90,024.25

A. M. THOMSON,
Acting Treasurer.

Treasury, Hongkong. 13th March, 1899.