

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.--No. 19.

The following Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the Month ended 31st December, 1900, 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 January, 1901.

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	2,927,088	1,600,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	7,003,450	5,000,000
National Bank of China, Limited,	450,000	150,000
TOTAL,.....\$	10,380,538	6,750,000

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 20.

The following Notice is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th January, 1901.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

HONGKONG HARBOUR.

From the 14th instant until further notice (about six weeks) sunken obstructions will be laid to the North and South of Stone Cutters' Island.

To the South of Stone Cutters' Island the southern limit of the obstructed area, from the 14th to the 18th instant inclusive, will be a line between two buoys carrying red flags and about 600 yards north of the fairway. Lines true North from these buoys to Stone Cutters' Island will give the eastern and western limits of the obstructed area.

On the 19th instant part of this area will be cleared and the southern limit will then be about 700 yards from Stone Cutters' Island and marked as before by 2 buoys carrying red flags, the eastern-most buoy being approximately 700 yards due South of the southeastern point of Stone Cutters' Island, the western buoy about 700 yards due West of the first mentioned buoy. Lines due North from these buoys will give the eastern and western limits of the obstructed area. Within this area the obstructions will at all times be floating.

To the North of Stone Cutters' Island the obstructed area will be bounded on the West by a line drawn from the most northern point of the Island to the Watering Pier at Lai-chi-kok, and on the East by a line drawn from the Government Pier on the North shore near the Magazines in a N.N.E. direction to the mainland. A fairway about 250 yards wide will be buoyed through the middle of this obstructed area, being marked on the North by 3 buoys carrying red flags and on the South by 3 buoys carrying white flags. No obstructions will be laid within this fairway, but vessels and junks are prohibited from anchoring therein. The obstructions to the South of the fairway will be floating, those to the North sunken. For purposes of navigation the sunken obstructions may be considered as reducing the depths of water shown on the Chart by 11 feet.

All vessels are prohibited from anchoring in any of the obstructed area, and also from passing through areas in which floating obstructions are moored.

At night the buoys to the southward of Stone Cutters will be marked by red lights.

BASIL TAYLOR,
Acting Harbour Master, &c.

Harbour Department, Hongkong, 5th January, 1901.