GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 124.

The following Circular Despatch with its enclosure is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th March, 1901.

CIRCULAR.

Downing Street, 12th January, 1901.

SIR.

With reference to my Circular Despatch of the 16th December, 1898, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Government, a paraphrase of a telegram from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Washington, relating to the United States Commission which is considering the question of the revision of the Customs Tariff of the Philippine Islands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

The Officer Administering the Government of

Hongkong.

Enclosure.

Paraphrase.

Telegram.

From Lord Pauncefote to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Washington, 16th December, 1900. No. 25 Commercial.

With reference to your Lordship's Commercial Telegram No. 19 in regard to the Philippine Customs Tariff, Mr. Hay informs me that an opportunity is being given by the United States Commissioner in the Philippines for all business interests there to be heard. The Secretary of State for War will be sent the results which will be published in the Trade Journals whilst suggestions will be publicly invited on the subject. An offer has been made by Mr. Hay to have any suggestions laid before the Commission which may be made in the interests of British trade.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 125.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint C. McI. Messer to be Acting Colonial Treasurer and Collector of Stamp Revenue during the absence on leave of the Honourable A. M. Thomson, or until further notice.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 6th March, 1901.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 126.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following acting appointments during the absence on leave of Dr. G. P. JORDAN, or until further notice:—

Dr. J. H. Swan to be Acting Health Officer of the Port.

Dr. R. Gibson to be Acting Deputy Health Officer of the Port.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 6th March, 1901.