

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 561.

The following Telegrams regarding the appointment of Sanitary Experts, which were laid before the Legislative Council this day, are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 26th September, 1901.

TRANSCRIPTION

of a Telegram from the Secretary of State to His Excellency the Governor, dated 31st August, 1901.

"After full consideration of your despatch of 5th July, experts strongly recommend Professor Simpson who has superintended Plague measures Cape Colony as best man for inquiry Hongkong, but he cannot reach Hongkong till about the end of year. If you concur propose to accept his services.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES."

TRANSCRIPTION

of a Telegram from the Governor to the Secretary of State, dated 5th September, 1901.

"I have considered your Telegram of 31st August in Executive Council. I concur with Council that immediate examination by Sanitary Engineer and report on general system of drainage and improvements is of paramount importance. Council does not consider employment of Professor Simpson would be satisfactory as he is not Sanitary Engineer.

BLAKE."

TRANSCRIPTION

of a Telegram from the Secretary of State to His Excellency the Governor, dated 5th September, 1901.

"Referring to your Telegram of 5th September if Sanitary Engineer sent as soon as possible will Colonial Government agree to additional expense of Simpson.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES."

TRANSCRIPTION

of a Telegram from the Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 10th September, 1901.

"Referring to your Telegram of 5th September, yes. Telegraph estimated cost of both officers.

BLAKE."

(From the Governor of Hongkong to the Secretary of State.)

No. 360.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
HONGKONG, 11th September, 1901.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegrams of the 31st ultimo and the 5th instant, and in continuation of my telegraphic reply of the 10th instant. I have to inform you that the Executive Council, which I summoned in order to consider your second telegram, expressed a strong opinion that Professor Simpson should if possible remain in this Colony for five or six months to assist in the study of the Plague problem during the period of its now annual recurrence.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor &c.

TRANSCRIPTION

of a Telegram from the Secretary of State to His Excellency the Governor, dated 19th September, 1901.

"Governor, Hongkong, your Telegram of 10th September Chadwick could start not earlier than December. Terms £150 per month inclusive for say 6 months. Do you agree? Simpson's terms prohibitive. Further enquiry being made.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES."