

GOVERNMENT LABORATORY,  
October 10th, 1901.

SIR,—I have the honour to report that a large number of cultivations have been made so as to ascertain the presence in the rice or absence therefrom of the plague bacillus. In no sample has it been found. On two samples the harmless *Bacillus Subtilis* was growing. From the few kinds of bacteria observed, rice alone does not appear to contain the constituents necessary for the growth of many varieties of micro-organisms.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

FRANK BROWNE,  
*Government Analyst.*

THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL MEDICAL OFFICER.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 618.

The following Notice is published.

By Command,

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

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th October, 1901.

POSTAL NOTES.

1. Postal Notes of the values named below, payable within three months at any Post Office in the United Kingdom, or at Constantinople, can be obtained at Hongkong or at any British Post Office in China at the following prices, which include Commission:—

1/- .....	54 cents.
1/6 .....	81 „
5/- .....	\$ 2.70
10/- .....	\$ 5.30
20/- .....	\$10.60

2. The purchaser of any Postal Note must fill in the Payee's name before parting with it. He may also fill in the name of the Office where payment is to be made. If this is not done the Note is payable (within three months) anywhere in the United Kingdom, or at Constantinople. Any Postal Note may be crossed to a Bank.

3. Postal Notes should *always* be forwarded in *Registered Covers*. If this precaution is not taken NO ENQUIRIES WHATEVER will be made as to the loss or alleged loss of any Note.

4. Postal Notes issued in the United Kingdom are NOT payable in Hongkong or China.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

HONGKONG, 14th October, 1901.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 619.

The following Returns of Deaths, for the month of September, 1901, are published.

By Command,

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

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 19th October, 1901.