

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 728.

The following further Correspondence regarding the appointment of Sanitary Experts, which was laid before the Legislative Council on the 25th instant, is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th November, 1901.

Secretary of State to Governor.

HONGKONG.
No. 341.

DOWNING STREET,
9th October, 1901.

SIR,

Mr. Chadwick, 13th
September, 1901.
To C. A., 30th September,
1901.

In continuation of my despatch No. 303 of the 13th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit to you copies of correspondence, noted in the margin, on the subject of the visit of Mr. CHADWICK to Hongkong to report on the sanitary condition of the Colony.

2. On receipt from the Crown Agents of Mr. CHADWICK's letter of the 13th ultimo, I telegraphed to you stating the terms on which he was willing to undertake this duty and asking you whether you agreed to them. I also informed you that Professor SIMPSON's terms were prohibitive, but that further enquiry was being made. Professor SIMPSON, in answer to an enquiry as to his terms, telegraphed as follows from the Cape:—"My terms for visiting Hongkong would be £350 per month and travelling expenses: visit would probably necessitate absence from England of between 5 and 6 months."

3. On the 28th ultimo, I received your telegram stating that you agreed to Mr. CHADWICK's terms and I accordingly, in the letter, a copy of which is enclosed, desired the Crown Agents to inform him that his terms were accepted and to ask him to leave for the Colony at an early date.

4. In view of the expense which would probably be entailed I propose to take no further action at present in regard to sending out a medical expert on plague.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

Governor

Sir H. A. BLAKE, G.C.M.G.,

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Telegram from Secretary of State to Governor.

4th November.

Referring to my telegram 19th September misunderstanding as to SIMPSON's terms he has accepted 250 per month with travelling expenses. Will start end of this month.