

NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 101.—It is hereby notified that the following letter has been received from the Consul General for the Netherlands-India.

HONGKONG, 2nd April, 1912.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that according to a telegram received yesterday from Batavia the Netherlands-Indian Government has declared Hongkong from the 25th March an infected port on account of plague.

The importation of the following articles from Hongkong or transhipped at this port is temporarily prohibited :—

- (1.) Wearing apparel, old and worn clothes, household effects for daily use, used bedding, unless these goods are transported as personal luggage or in consequence of removal.
- (2.) Rags.
Refuse of new goods coming direct from the weaving-mills, from workshops where apparel is made or from bleaching-establishments, artificial wool, and cuttings of new paper, are not considered as rags.

All goods, of which the importation is not prohibited, shall be disinfected on arrival, if in the opinion of the Health Officer of the Port they have been infected.

Particulars about the medical inspection of the ship on arrival in a Netherlands-Indian port, and of the passengers and baggage and about the conditions to be complied with by the masters of ships arriving in Netherlands-India within 21 days after their departure from a plague infected port etc. will be given on application at the Netherlands Consulate General at Hongkong, where an English version of the Netherlands-Indian Quarantine Ordinance is at the disposal of those concerned

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DE REUS,
Consul General.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
Hongkong.

No. S. 102.—Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 31st March, 1912, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks :—

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	6,268,956	4,000,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	22,517,242	15,000,000
TOTAL,\$	28,786,198	19,000,000