No. 98.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Account, duly certified, of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation in Hongkong, during the Month ending 31st July, 1869, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th August, 1869.

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	$	$
Oriental Bank Corporation,.....	782,043	260,681
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,.....	656,185	250,000
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,.....	375,250	130,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,.....	1,095,511	800,000
TOTAL,.....$	2,908,989	1,440,681

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified, by order of His Excellency SIR RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL, that henceforward, the rates of Postage chargeable on Packets of Printed Papers or Patterns of light weight sent from Hongkong to the United Kingdom when forwarded viâ Southamptom, will be as follows:

For a Packet not exceeding one ounce in weight, ... 2 cents.
" " above one and not exceeding two ounces, ... 4 "

and of double these rates when forwarded viâ Marseilles.

Packets of greater weight than two ounces will remain subject to the same rates as are now chargeable, viz.:

8 cents for every four ounces when forwarded viâ Southampton, and
12 cents for every four ounces when forwarded viâ Marseilles.

This alteration will apply to Printed Circulars, Price Lists, Market Reports and all printed papers other than Newspapers, as well as to Books and Trade patterns or samples.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 12th August, 1869.

No. 93.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Regulation, made by His Excellency The GOVERNOR under Ordinance No. 8 of 1858, Section XVII, is published for general information. The fine provided by that Ordinance for infraction of such Rule is a sum not exceeding Twenty Dollars.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th August, 1869.

From and after the date of this Notification the only Jetties or Piers within District No. 5 of the City of Victoria, at which public Boats shall be permitted to ply for hire after 8 P.M., shall be the Government Wharf, and the Wharves known as Pedder's Wharf, and Gibb's Wharf.

RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL,
Governor.

Victoria, Hongkong, 7th August, 1869.