

The Crown Agents have been instructed to provide passages for these Officers and their families at an early date.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

ROBERT G. W. HERBERT,
(for the EARL OF CARNARVON.)

Governor HENNESSY, C.M.G.,
&c., &c., &c.

No. 18.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Notice is hereby given, that His Excellency J. POPE HENNESSY, C.M.G., has been pleased to recognize TOBIAS PIM, Esquire, provisionally and until Her Majesty's pleasure may be known, as Vice-Consul for Peru.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 21st January, 1878.

No. 19.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Notice is hereby given, that Saturday, the 2nd February, being the Chinese New Year's Day, will be observed as a Holiday throughout the Government Departments.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 22nd January, 1878.

No. 20.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Account, duly certified, of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation in Hongkong, during the Month ending 31st December, 1877, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 22nd January, 1878.

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Oriental Bank Corporation,	373,016	200,000
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,.....	407,298	150,000
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	544,670	200,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	1,516,781	600,000
TOTAL,.....\$	2,841,765	1,150,000

No. 21.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Tenders will be received at this Office, up to the 15th February next, for the construction of a High Pressure Boiler, to be built of the best Lowmoor Plate Iron for No. 1 Government Steam Fire Engine, similar in plan to that now fitted to No. 2 Engine, which can be seen at No. 1 Fire Brigade Station, Cross Roads, and for the thorough overhaul and needful repairs, if any, of the said Engine.

Tubes for the said Boiler to be obtained from England by the Contractor, being telegraphed for. Plan and Specification to accompany each Tender.

The entire work to be completed on or before the 31st May, 1878.

Further information can be obtained upon application to the Superintendent of Fire Brigade.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th January, 1878.