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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Account, duly certified, of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation in Hongkong, during the Month ending 31st May, 1878, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th June, 1878.

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Oriental Bank Corporation,	11,909	150,000
Chartered Bank of India, London and China,	434,561	150,000
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	661,637	250,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	862,915	500,000
TOTAL,.....\$	2,370,966	1,050,000

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notice respecting Typhoons is published for general information.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 1st June, 1878.

NOTICE.

In the event of bad weather being apprehended by this Department, a *black drum* will be hoisted at the *Office Flagstaff*. A similar signal will be hoisted and a *gun* will be fired from the *Police Hulk*.

The usual signs of approaching bad weather are, a falling Barometer with high Thermometer, sultriness of the atmosphere, and wildness and discoloration of the clouds. Should these symptoms exist and the wind be anywhere between North-Westerly and North-Easterly, a typhoon of a severe type may be looked for.

If there are the same indications of bad weather with the wind between South-Easterly and South-Westerly, a typhoon may be known to be in the neighbourhood, but not likely to be severely felt at Hongkong.

This signal is not to be considered as relieving Masters of ships from their proper responsibilities. The signal is intended only as calling the attention of the Mercantile Marine to any change of weather which the undersigned is expecting.

J. P. McEuen, R.N.,
Acting Harbour Master, &c.

Harbour Department, Hongkong, 30th May, 1878.