

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 5.—Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 31st December, 1905, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks.

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	3,418,617	2,300,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	15,458,266	10,000,000
National Bank of China, Limited,	63,410	40,000
TOTAL,\$	18,940,293	12,340,000

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Colonial Secretary.

4th January, 1906.

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No. 6.—Statement of Sanitary Measures adopted against Hongkong.

Place or Port.	Nature of Measure.	Date.	Reference to Government Notification.
Manila.	Hongkong vessels may bring steerage passengers, and, if health of Hongkong satisfactory, can proceed direct to Manila after 1st November. Fresh vegetables prohibited.	16th October, 1902.	No. 66C.
Newchwang.	Importation of rags, waste paper, hair, earth and manure from Hongkong prohibited.	4th October, 1904.	No. 684.
Siam.	Medical Inspection at Kohphra against arrivals from Hongkong.	14th Sept., 1905.	No. 576.
Madras.	Arrivals from Hongkong subject to Regulations under the Venice Convention, at uninfected ports.	21st Dec., 1905.	No. 840.
Burma.	Hongkong declared infected.	29th Dec., 1905.	No. 857.

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Colonial Secretary.

5th January, 1906.

TREASURY.

No. 7.—It is hereby notified that in accordance with the terms of The Rating Ordinance, No. 6 of 1901, Owners and Occupiers of Tenements are reminded that Rates for the First Quarter of 1906 are payable in advance on or before the 31st of January, 1906.

If any person shall fail to pay such Rates on or before the 28th February, 1906, proceedings will be taken in the Supreme Court for their recovery without further notice.

No Refund of Rates on vacant tenements will be granted unless such Rates have been paid during and within the month of January, nor unless application is made for such refund within fifteen days from the expiration of the Quarter.

A. M. THOMSON,
Treasurer.

3rd January, 1906.