

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 199.—Information has been received from the Military Authorities that Field Firing Practices will be carried out in the vicinity of Chin-lon-chun and Black Hill, on the following dates :—

from 12th to 15th March, 1906.

„ 19th to 24th „

„ 26th to 28th „

all dates inclusive.

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Colonial Secretary.

9th March, 1906.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 200.—Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 28th February, 1906, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks.

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	3,235,953	2,300,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	15,895,664	11,000,000
National Bank of China, Limited,	59,428	40,000
TOTAL,\$	19,191,045	13,340,000

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Colonial Secretary.

7th March, 1906.

No. 201.

POST OFFICE.

1. Postal Orders of the values named below, payable within three months at any Post Office in Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, British Guiana, British Central Africa Protectorate, British Honduras, Cyprus, Ceylon, Dominica, Egypt, Falkland Islands, Gambia, Gibraltar, Gold Coast, Grenada, India, Jamaica, Lagos, Malta, Mauritius, Montserrat, Natal, Nevis, Newfoundland, New Zealand, Orange River Colony, St. Helena, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Seychelles; Sierra Leone, Somaliland Protectorate, Straits Settlements, Tobago, Trinidad, Transvaal, Turks or Caicos Islands, Virgin Islands, Zanzibar, and in the United Kingdom, and at the Agencies of the British Post Office at Ascension, Beyrout, Constantinople, Panama, Salonica, Smyrna, and Tangier, can be obtained at Hongkong or at any British Post Office in China at the following prices, which include Commission :—

-/6.....	26 cents.
1/-.....	52 „
1/6.....	78 „
2/6.....	\$ 1.30
5/-.....	\$ 2.55
10/-.....	\$ 5.10
10/6.....	\$ 5.40
20/-.....	\$10.20

2. The purchaser of any Postal Order must fill in the Payee's name before parting with it. He may also fill in the name of the Office where payment is to be made. If this is not done the Order is payable (within three months) anywhere in the above places. Any Postal Order may be crossed to a Bank.

3. Postal Orders should *always* be forwarded in *Registered Covers*. If this precaution is not taken NO ENQUIRIES WHATEVER will be made as to the loss or alleged loss of any Order.

L. A. M. JOHNSTON,
Postmaster General.

7th March, 1906.