No. S. 236.—The following statement of the securities lodged with the Crown Agents by the Mercantile Bank of India, Limited, against their notes in circulation, is published for general information under Section 5 of the Mercantile Bank Note Issue Ordinance, 1911, (Ordinance No. 65 of 1911):—

Security.	Amount.	Nominal Value.	Price when deposited.	Latest market price.
 5½ % Treasury Bonds repayable @ 100 in 1930, 	£130,000		•••	$104\frac{1}{4} - 104\frac{3}{4}$

CLAUD SEVERN,
Colonial Secretary.

15th August, 1924.

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 237.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Repairs to Steam-Launch 'P. D. 1'", will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Friday, the 22nd day of August, 1924.

A list of work may be obtained at the Government Marine Surveyor's Office.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

The work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the Government Marine Surveyor.

No. S. 238.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for the supply of Coal to the Hongkong Government", will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Friday, the 29th day of August, 1924, for the supply of 9,000 tons of Japanese Coal with 80 % Lump and not more than 20 % ash.

Such Coal to be delivered at the Government Railway Siding, Tsim Tsa Tsui Point, in not more than 2 shipments (first shipment of 4,500 tons to be received not later than 1st November, 1924, and the remainder 4,500 tons not later than 1st December, 1924). The cost of delivery including baskets and stacking to be borne by Tenderer.

No tender will be received unless the person tendering produces a receipt to the effect that he has deposited in the Colonial Treasury the sum of \$500 as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if such person refuses to carry out his tender, if accepted.

The successful tenderer will be required to sign a formal contract and to give security in the sum of \$5,000 in cash to be deposited with the Colonial Treasury for the due and faithful performance of the term of such contract.

For form of tender and further particulars apply to the Harbour Master, Harbour Office.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Lieut.-Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., Harbour Master, &c.

15th August, 1924.