

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 357.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Passenger and Vehicles Ferry" are hereby called for.

TIME FOR TENDERING AND SUBJECT MATTER.

1. The tenders will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1932, and will be for a licence for the exclusive maintenance of a ferry service for the conveyance of persons and things (including vehicles) between the frontages herein specified of Victoria and Kowloon Peninsula, for a period or term of Fifteen years commencing on the 1st day of January, 1933, or, if Government Jubilee Street Pier be not then completed, on the day of the opening of such pier.

FERRY POINTS, FRONTAGES AND FERRY-RUNS.

2.—(1) The ferry points or piers and the frontages are :—

In Victoria.

Point or Pier—Government Jubilee Street Pier (when construction is completed.
Pending completion—Western Market Pier).

Frontage—The Praya from On Tai Street to Queen Victoria Street.

N.B.—The Western Market Pier is the pier at present used by the Mongkok and Shamshuipo Ferry service.

In Kowloon Peninsula.

(a) Point or Pier—Government Jordan Road Pier (in course of construction).

Frontage—North side of Waterloo Road to the North face of Public Pier at Tsim Sha Tsui.

(b) Point or Pier—Government Mong Kok Tsui Pier.

Frontage—From North side of Waterloo Road to Prince Edward Road.

(c) Point or Pier—Government Sham Shui Po Pier.

Frontage—the North side of Prince Edward Road to the N.W. boundary of the Military Camp at Sham Shui Po.

(2) The ferry-runs are between :—

(a) Government Jubilee Street Pier and Government Jordan Road Pier.

(b) Government Jubilee Street Pier and Government Mong Kok Tsui Pier.

(c) Government Jubilee Street Pier and Government Sham Shui Po Pier.

The licensing of any other ferry or ferries under the Ferries Ordinance, 1917, or under any other enactment amending the same or substituted therefor, between any other frontages, or between one of the said frontages and some other frontage, will not infringe on the licensee's rights and he shall make no claim in respect of any such other ferry.

Note.—Regulation 1 (3) of the Ferries Regulations is as follows :—(3) Any Ferry point may be a point of radiation common to or used by more than one ferry.

SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED.

3.—(1) The service to be provided on the 1st day of January, 1933, and to be maintained thereafter during the subsistence of the term of the licence, including any and every extension thereof in case of renewal under the Ferries Regulations, shall be a service for the conveyance of passengers and things, including in the case of the Government Jubilee Street Pier—Government Jordan Road Pier ferry-run laden and unladen motor vehicles, conducted by means of ferry vessels designed, constructed and maintained for the purpose having regard to the Government Piers to be used in such service, plans of which may be seen at the Public Works Department and at the Harbour Office.

(2) Plans, drawings and specifications of the vessels required for conveyance of passengers and vehicles on the Government Jubilee Street Pier—Government Jordan Road Pier ferry-run (hereinafter referred to as "special type vessels") may be seen at the Colonial Secretary's Office and at the Harbour Office. The special type vessels shall be fitted with Diesel engines and shall be in conformity with the said plans, drawings and specifications.

(3) The vessels for the service, other than special type vessels, shall be steam or motor vessels, designed with regard to the said Government Piers, of a service speed of not less than 10 knots.

(4) All the vessels for the service shall be British ships, duly registered.

(5) Particulars of vessels, other than special type vessels, must accompany tenders. Drawings and specifications should supplement the particulars. The number of special type vessels and the number of other vessels offered and contemplated by each tender must be stated therein.

(6) During the first year of the period or term of the licence vessels as above mentioned shall be provided and maintained by the licensee to the number necessary to maintain not less than one departure every ten minutes from each commencement point of a ferry run; each ferry vessel, not being a special type vessel, to have due accommodation for not less than 250 passengers. Of the said departures on the Government Jubilee Street Pier—Government Jordan Road Pier ferry-run there shall be not less than one every thirty minutes by a special type ferry vessel.

(7) During the second and subsequent years of the subsistence of the licence, including every extension (if any) as aforesaid, the number of ferry vessels to be provided used and maintained by the licensee in and for the service shall be such, having regard to their accommodation and the time table then current, as shall be capable of coping from time to time and at all times with all ordinary traffic requirements in respect of passengers and things (including vehicles as aforesaid), and the requirements of the Governor in Council as to the number of special type vessels and other vessels, and as to time tables, shall at all times be complied with by the licensee: Provided that the licensee shall be allowed not less than six months to provide vessels by way of increase of his fleet and not by way of replacement.

(8) No vessel of the licensee shall be used in or for the service until it has been approved by the Harbour Master; the vessels shall be painted in such colour or colours as he may direct, and shall at all times be equipped, fitted and maintained to his satisfaction. To enable the Harbour Master to carry out the control of the licensee's vessels as above, all reasonable facilities shall be provided by and at the cost of the licensee.

FARES AND CHARGES.

4.—(1) As a guide to tenderers, and subject to consideration of tenders, the lists of passenger fares and charges, considered reasonable as maximum fares and charges are —

LIST A.—PASSENGER FARES.

First Class	- - - - -	10 cents.
Second Class	- - - - -	4 cents.
Third Class	- - - - -	2 cents.

NOTES.—(a) Passengers retaining their seats in cars using the ferry to be charged at 5 cents per head but such passengers not to leave the deck reserved for car parking.

(b) Chauffeurs of private cars to be charged for at 5 cents per head.

(c) One driver to each commercial vehicle to be allowed to travel with his vehicle free.

(d) Members of the Hong Kong Police Force in uniform and on duty to be carried free of charge.

LIST B.—CHARGES FOR VEHICLES AND OTHER THINGS.

Goods and Merchandise handled by fare paying bearers.

Chinese Cotton Quilt - - - - -	2 cents	Old Clothes, Small bale - - - - -	5 cents
Clothes Trunk, Large - - - - -	10 "	Luggage, Per piece - - - - -	10 "
Do., Small - - - - -	5 "	Singlets and Socks, Large case	20 "
Canvas Bed - - - - -	2 "	Do., Medium	
Dressing Table, Large - - - - -	10 "	case	15 "
Do., Small - - - - -	5 "	Do., Small case	10 "
Settee, Large - - - - -	10 "	Woollen Singlets, Large bale -	10 "
Do., Small - - - - -	5 "	Do., Small bale -	5 "
Opium Bed - - - - -	15 "	Hats, Large case - - - - -	20 "
Suit Case - - - - -	2 "	Do., Medium case - - - - -	10 "
Lanterns, Pair, Large - - - - -	10 "	Do., Large box - - - - -	5 "
Do., Small - - - - -	5 "	Do., Small box - - - - -	2 "
Sedan Chair - - - - -	30 "	Round Blackwood Table - - - - -	10 "
Food Box, Large - - - - -	10 "	Table, Large - - - - -	10 "
Do., Small - - - - -	5 "	Do., Small - - - - -	5 "
Ornamental stand - - - - -	10 "	Mirror frames, Bundle - - - - -	10 "
Blackwood Chair - - - - -	3 "	Piano - - - - -	40 "
Tea poy - - - - -	2 "	Organ - - - - -	20 "
Iron and Brass, Picul - - - - -	5 "	Bed, Iron - - - - -	15 "
Rickshaw - - - - -	20 "	Bed, Chinese Bed planks, set -	10 "
Coal, Picul - - - - -	4 "	Pickles and Sauce, Picul - - -	10 "
Flour, Sack - - - - -	2 "	Biscuits and Foodstuff, Picul -	10 "
Sugar, Picul - - - - -	5 "	Do., Basket	2 "
Vegetables, Large basket - - -	10 "	Fruit, Large basket - - - - -	10 "
Do., Medium basket - - - - -	5 "	Do., Medium basket - - - - -	5 "
Do., Small basket - - - - -	2 "	Do., Small basket - - - - -	2 "
Bananas, Cluster - - - - -	10 "	Wine and Peanut Oil, Jar - - -	2 "
Ice, Picul - - - - -	5 "	Eggs, Basket - - - - -	2 "
Lard - - - - -	2 "	Meat, Mutton, Pork per 100 lbs.	10 "
Roast Pig - - - - -	5 "	Do., Less than 100 lbs. - - -	5 "
Poultry, Large basket - - - - -	20 "	Dried Meat, Basket - - - - -	10 "
Do., Medium basket - - - - -	15 "	Fresh Fish, Basket - - - - -	10 "
Do., Small basket - - - - -	8 "	Marine Foodstuffs, Picul - - -	10 "
Foreign Spirit, Case - - - - -	5 "	Piecegoods, Large box - - - - -	5 "
Old Clothes, Large bale - - - - -	10 "	Do., Small box - - - - -	2 "

Vehicles and Animals.

(a) Bicycle - - - - -	\$0.10
(b) Motor Cycle - - - - -	.20
(c) Motor Cycle and side car - - - - -	.50
(d) Motor Car not exceeding 1 ton - - - - -	1.00
(e) Motor Car not exceeding 30 cwt - - - - -	1.50
(f) Motor Car exceeding 30 cwt - - - - -	2.00
(g) Lorry not exceeding 1 ton - - - - -	1.00

(h) Lorry exceeding 1 ton - - - - -	{ \$1.00 for the first ton. .50 for each additional $\frac{1}{2}$ ton or part thereof.
(i) Load projecting beyond the length of the vehicle-	.15 for each lineal foot load projects.
(j) Hand Truck empty or full - - - - -	1.00
(k) Vehicle drawn by not more than 2 animals- - -	1.20
(l) Each additional animal- - - - -	.30
(m) Cattle, per head - - - - -	.20
(n) Horses, per head - - - - -	.20
(o) Sheep, per head - - - - -	.05
(p) Pigs, per head - - - - -	.05

(2) Every tenderer must submit with his tender an itemised list of maximum fares and charges contemplated by his tender. Alternative lists and alternative royalties—see paragraph 5—may be submitted, but at least one list must be in conformity with Lists A and B in sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph 4.

(3) It is pointed out that references to charges, as distinguished from passenger fares, and the inclusion of such charges in any ferry licence, is in connection with the royalty hereinafter mentioned, and implies no monopoly to the licensee in the matter of the carriage of things of any description, not in combination with a passenger service. (See section 2 of the Ferries Ordinance, 1917).

(4) The said lists of maximum fares and charges must relate to the fares and charges to be taken and made during the first three years of the said period of 15 years. On the expiration of the said three years and at any time and from time to time thereafter the fares and charges to be taken and made shall be the current fares and charges fixed by the Governor in Council for the ferry service and deemed by him to be fair and reasonable having regard as well to the licensee as to the general public.

RENT AND ROYALTIES OR PERCENTAGE OF PROFITS.

5.—(1) A fixed monthly rent or sum, to be paid without any deduction, and royalties and, as an alternative to royalties, an annual payment based on the profits of the undertaking or service, as hereinafter mentioned, shall be offered by every tenderer.

(2) The royalties to be offered shall be sums for every passenger—members of the Hong Kong Police Force carried free as before mentioned will not be computed—and for every thing conveyed. Such royalties shall be paid on the 7th day of each month in respect of the persons and things conveyed during the preceding month, and shall be accompanied by full and complete monthly traffic accounts for such preceding month. The amount of royalty offered shall be set opposite each fare or charge item proposed to be made.

(3) The percentage of profits, to be paid to Government annually not later than three months from the termination of each financial year of the licensee's undertaking, and to be offered as an alternative to royalties, shall be a percentage of the net profits of the licensee's undertaking, as herein defined, that is to say—

The sum of money, which less any sum carried forward from the working account of the previous year shall be annually appropriated and applied by the licensee towards the payment of interest on debentures or loans, dividends or bonuses or in or towards the formation or increase of a reserve fund, and shall include any sum carried forward to the working account of the succeeding year and all sums in excess of 5 per cent per annum written off for depreciation of ferry vessels, provided that the cost of all additions will be charged to capital account, and for the purpose of determining the amount of the said depreciation the licensee shall furnish the Government with full details of the cost of the ferry vessels, and should the cost of such ferry vessels appear to the Government to be in excess of the sum fairly chargeable for the same to capital account, then the Government and the licensee shall, in the event of their being unable to come to an agreement as to the sum fairly chargeable for the same, refer the question as to such amount to arbitration.

(4) On any alteration of the fares and charges by the Governor in Council as mentioned in paragraph 4 (4) the royalties (if any) shall be adjusted and shall be the same percentage or percentages of the fares and charges as the percentage or percentages current during the said three years. No alteration of the fares or charges as aforesaid shall affect the fixed monthly rent or sum, or any percentage of profits to be paid by the licensee to Government. No alteration as aforesaid shall give rise to any claim by the licensee.

(5) All reasonable facilities, including inspection of books, and ticket, turnstile, weighing and other records and facilities for Government checking clerks, and full and complete statements showing the computations of the royalties or percentage of profits, as the case may be, due to the Government, shall be provided by the licensee as may be required by the Colonial Treasurer.

DEPOSIT BY TENDERERS.

6. Every tenderer must deposit with the Colonial Treasurer the sum of \$1,000 and the deposit receipt must be forwarded to the Colonial Secretary with the tender. The respective deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful tenderers in accordance with the Ferries Regulations.

SECURITY.

7. The security to be furnished by the successful tenderer within fourteen days after the posting to him of notice of acceptance of his tender shall be \$50,000, either in cash or approved Bank Deposit or securities as the Colonial Treasurer may direct and approve. On furnishing such security as aforesaid, but not otherwise, the deposit of \$1,000 made by the successful tenderer will be returned to him.

THE FERRIES ORDINANCE AND REGULATIONS.

8. The grant of a licence to the successful tenderer is under and subject to the Ferries Ordinance, 1917, and the regulations for the time being and from time to time in force thereunder. The Ferries Regulations now in force are set out in Government Notification No. 695 in the Gazette of the 21st November, 1930; these may be seen at the Colonial Secretary's Office.

SPECIAL PROVISION.

9. In the event at any time of any special emergency, the Governor in Council being the sole judge of the occasion and duration of such emergency, the Governor in Council may direct that the Hong Kong Government shall take over the service and continue the same, with or without modification, or suspend the same, as the Governor in Council shall see fit until the emergency no longer exists. The amount (if any) due to the licensee consequent upon any such order as aforesaid shall be determined by a board of arbitrators constituted in the manner provided in regulation 39 of the Ferries Regulations.

GENERAL PROVISIONS AS TO TENDERS.

10.—(1) Every tender must contain an address in the Colony to which communications to the tenderer with reference to his tender may be posted.

(2) Forms of tender may be obtained on application at the Colonial Secretary's Office.

(3) The forms will include a statement as to fitness and capability of the tenderer to maintain the service; No tender will be accepted unless the tenderer represents, if an individual that he is a British subject, and if a firm or company that the majority of the partners or directorate are British subjects, and in any case that the management and the staff or an effective majority thereof to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council, are or will be British subjects; that the control will be within the Colony and essentially British; that at all times and in all circumstances (including any and every emergency) the Government

may be assured that the ferry service or services will be duly and loyally maintained; and that the situation as above will continue and be observed with the utmost good faith during the subsistence of the licence, if granted to the tenderer. Such representations (including the undertakings contained therein) shall be the basis of any licence that may be granted, and if it shall at any time appear to the Governor in Council that any such representation as aforesaid has failed and no longer supports the licence then and in such case the Governor in Council may cancel such licence, and thereupon all the powers and privileges of the licensee thereunder shall cease and determine and the ferry or ferries shall be deemed to have been discontinued by the licensee.

(4) The Government is not bound to accept the highest or any tender.

W. T. SOUTHORN,
Colonial Secretary.

2nd October, 1931.

HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS,
Headquarters, Hong Kong.

No. S. 358.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which must be clearly marked "Tender for Matsheds and Bridge and Provisions and Stores, etc., Fanling Camp", will be received at the Office of the Colonial Secretary until Noon of Monday, 12th October, 1931, for the supply and erection of Matsheds and a Bridge; the provision of Supplies, Stores, Labour, Messing, including the supply of Dining Table, Forms, etc. The whole of the foregoing will be required by the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps during the period of their Annual Camp from 20th November to 13th December, 1931.

Each Tenderer must produce with his Tender a receipt for the sum of Dollars One Hundred and Fifty (\$150), which amount he is required to deposit with the Colonial Treasurer, as a pledge of the *bona fides* of his Tender, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, should the Tenders refuse or fail to carry out to the satisfaction of the Commandant, the whole or any portion of the Tender, which may be accepted.

Forms of Tender and further particulars may be had on application to the Adjutant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, Garden Road.

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

(Sgd.) W. H. G. GOATER,
Captain and Adjutant,
H. K. V. D. Corps.

2nd October, 1931.