

No. 156.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Under Instructions from His Grace The Duke of BUCKINGHAM AND CHANDOS, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, it is notified that cases having not unfrequently occurred in which it has been proposed by Foreign Governments to grant Decorations to British Subjects, it is advisable that the title under which those Decorations can be worn should be clearly understood.

For general information, therefore, it is promulgated, that British Subjects are not entitled to wear such Decorations without Her Majesty's special permission, and that such permission is granted only in cases in which the Foreign Order shall have been conferred in consequence of active and distinguished service which had been performed before the Enemy, either at Sea or in the Field; or in cases in which the Recipient shall have been actually and entirely employed beyond Her Majesty's Dominions, in the Service of the Foreign Sovereign by whom the Order is conferred.

By Command,

CECIL C. SMITH,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 1st November, 1867.

No. 157.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Tenders for the supply of Provisions and other Articles required for the use of Victoria Gaol, from the 21st November, 1867, to the 20th November, 1868, inclusive, will be received at this Office until Noon of the 18th instant.

All information required and blank Forms of Tender may be obtained on application to the Superintendent of Victoria Gaol.

Tenders to be addressed to the Colonial Secretary and endorsed, "Tender for Gaol Contract, 1868."

By Command,

CECIL C. SMITH,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 1st November, 1867.

No. 149.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of the 30th November, 1867, for the privilege of farming all granite quarries in Hongkong and Kowloon during the Year 1868.

Persons desirous of tendering are directed to call at the Surveyor General's Office to obtain a proper form of Tender.

By Command,

CECIL C. SMITH,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th October, 1867.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Owners of Tenements assessed to the Police, Lighting and Water Rates are informed that the Rates are payable *in advance*, during and within the Month of October, for the last Quarter of the present Year.

After the 31st October all Rates not paid are recoverable through the Court of Summary Jurisdiction with Costs and Interest.

Rate Payers are further informed that all Receipts in payment of Local Taxes must,—to be valid,—be signed by the Treasurer and Accountant Mr. C. H. HORDEN;—no other Parties being authorized to sign Treasury Receipts.

FREDK. FORTH,  
*Colonial Treasurer.*

Colonial Treasury, Victoria, Hongkong, 21st September, 1867.