

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified to all parties who may be desirous of storing Gunpowder in the Government Depôts that under the provisions of Section XVI of Ordinance No. 4 of 1867 some increase of the charges hitherto made is contemplated, and that all parties storing after this date will be liable to increased charges.

H. G. THOMSETT,
Harbor Master, &c.,

Harbor Department, Hongkong, 16th December, 1874.

No. 198.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that, in accordance with Section 12 of "The Police and Lighting Rate Ordinance, 1863," His Excellency the Governor, by and with the Advice of the Executive Council, has fixed the Police Rate for the Year 1875, at $7\frac{3}{4}$ per cent for Houses in the City of Victoria; and, in accordance with Section 18 of the same Ordinance, at Five per cent for Houses in the outlying Villages of the Colony.

His Excellency has also, by and with the Advice of the Executive Council, and in accordance with the Provisions of Ordinance No. 4 of 1868, fixed the Fire Brigade Rate at $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent for Houses in the City of Victoria.

The above Rates, as regards Houses in Victoria, will be levied exclusive of a Lighting Rate of One-and-a-half per cent under Section 12 of the first named Ordinance, and a Water Rate of Two per cent per annum under the Provisions of Ordinance No. 12 of 1860.

The Police, Lighting, Fire Brigade, and Water Rates will, under Terms of the Ordinances, be payable Quarterly in advance at the Colonial Treasury, between the first and last Days of the first Month in each Quarter.

These several Rates shall be charged and chargeable on, and recoverable from, the Owners of the Tenements in respect of which the above Assessments have been made.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th December, 1874.

No. 197.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Sealed Tenders will be received at this Office, up to Noon of Monday, the 21st instant, for the Privilege of Slaughtering Cattle in the Western Slaughter Houses for Twelve Months commencing the 1st January, 1875.

No Tenders will be received unless the Person tendering shall produce a receipt to the effect that he has deposited in the Colonial Treasury the sum of \$250 as a pledge of the *bona fides* of his offer, — which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if such Person shall refuse to carry out his Tender.

The Conditions shall be such as are set forth in "The Markets Ordinance, 1858," and "The Markets Ordinance, 1867," and the Bye-Laws issued thereunder; and shall be subject to such modifications as may be made by any subsequent revision of those Ordinances, or of those Bye-Laws.

The Conditions shall also exclude the right to interfere with the Slaughtering of Goats by, or for the Indian Troops and Police.

Each Tender must be addressed to the Colonial Secretary, and state the exact Amount offered as Rent for the above period, which Rent shall be payable monthly, and in advance.

The Tender should also state the calling and residence of the party tendering, and afford similar information as to the Sureties to be offered.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest, or any Tender.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 2nd December, 1874.

No. 192.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Under Provisions of Ordinance No. 11 of 1844, notice is hereby given that a Special Session of the Justices of the Peace will be held at the Police Magistrates' Court, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of *Tuesday, the 5th day of January next*, and thereafter on the *First Tuesday* of every month, for the purpose of considering applications for granting or transferring Spirit Licenses during the year 1875.

Such applications must be lodged at the Police Magistrates' Office, at least Ten days before each of the Sessions now notified.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 19th November, 1874.