## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION .- No. 251.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Thursday, the 8th instant, at Noon, for certain repairs to the Health Officer's Steam-launch Blanche. A list of the requirements may be seen at the Government Marine Surveyor's Office, to whose satisfaction the above repairs must be completed.

The Contractor will be required to supply a suitable Steam-launch for the use of the Healt Officer during repairs to the Blanche.

No tender will be received, unless the person tendering produces a receipt to the effect that he deposited in the Colonial Treasury the sum of \$50 as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, we sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if such person refuses to carry out his tender, should the tere be accepted.

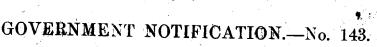
The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,

Acting Colonial Secretary

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 3rd July, 1886.



The following Notice from the Director of the Observatory is re-published for general information

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART, Acting Colonial Secreta

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th April, 1886.

## NOTICE.

Meteorological Signals will be hoisted on the mast in front of the Police Barracks at Tsir

A red drum indicates the existence of a typhoon in the China Sea to the East of

A red cone pointing upwards indicates, that a typhoon exists in a latitude morthan the Colony, or, that it is progressing towards North.

A red cone pointing downwards indicates, that a typhoon exists in a latitude more than the Colony, or, that it is progressing towards South.

A red ball indicates the existence of a typhoon somewhere to the West of the Colony.

- 2. The shipping community is supposed to be guided not solely by these signals, but to consult The China Coast Meteorological Register issued daily from here.
- 3. The Meteorological signals do not imply that a typhoon is approaching the Colony. Local Storm-warnings are given by firing the gun placed at the foot of the mast. It will be fired one round, whenever a strong gale of wind is expected here. It will be fired two rounds, whenever the wind is expected to blow with storm or typhoon force, and it will be fired again, if possible, when the wind is likely to shift round suddenly,—such shifting being frequently accompanied by great disasters to the shipping.
- 4. In cases where special information is urgently required, enquiries at the Observator possible, be made between 1 p. and 4 p., as I am particularly engaged at other in

Government Somer.

Hongkong Observatory, 25th May, 1885.