

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 334.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Thursday, the 16th proximo, for the erection of Masonry Abutments to tramway bridges over the Peak road.

For form of tender apply at this Office.

For specification and further particulars apply at the Surveyor General's Office.

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, 28th August, 1886.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 335.

The following Lots of Crown Land at Hunghòm, will be sold by Public Auction, on Monday, the 6th day of September, at 4 P.M.

Inland Lots Nos. 125, 126, 128, 129, 135, 136, 146, 102 to 107, 94, and 37 to 43.

For Particulars and Conditions of Sale see Government Notification No. 318 of the 21st instant.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 28th August, 1886.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 143.

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

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

NOTICE.

Meteorological Signals will be hoisted on the mast in front of the Police Barracks at Tsimshátsui:—

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

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

A red cone pointing downwards indicates, that a typhoon exists in a latitude more Southern 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 Observatory should, if possible, be made between 1 p. and 4 p., as I am particularly engaged at other times.

W. DOBERCK,
Government Astronomer.

Hongkong Observatory, 25th May, 1885.