

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 423.

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By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 30th October, 1886.

Scavenging Contract.

1.—The Contractor shall, each and every day, sweep and cleanse all the public or private streets, courts, lanes, alleys, passages and roads in Victoria, between Mount Davis and Causeway bay, including the Kennedy Road and the Wong-nai Chung Road. For this purpose, he shall maintain eight permanent sweeping gangs consisting of as many coolies as may in the opinion of the Sanitary Inspector be necessary to carry out the terms of this Contract, but *such gangs are to consist of never less than Fifteen coolies in each.* The coolies shall be and provided with serviceable and proper brooms, baskets and all tools and implements necessary for the efficient execution of their duty. Each gang shall consist of able bodied adult coolies only, and shall be placed under a thoroughly competent foreman, who must understand the English language. The gangs must work separately, and shall have charge of the Eastern, Central and Western divisions of the City respectively. The boundaries of each division will be the same as those allotted to the Inspectors of Nuisances, viz.: between the Eastern and Central divisions, a line drawn from the Robinson Road passing along Garden Road to Murray Wharf; and between the Central and Western divisions, a line drawn from Robinson Road passing along West Street and the Western Market to the Praya.

2.—The Contractor shall sweep and cleanse the principal thoroughfares twice daily, the first sweeping to be finished by 9 A.M.; and the second shall be done at such hours as the Sanitary Inspector may direct.

3.—The Contractor shall sweep and cleanse once a week, or as often as may be required, the principal roads in the Hill Districts, and for this purpose he shall maintain a permanent gang of two coolies.

4.—The Contractor shall every day scrape or sweep the channels of the streets, clearing them of all sand, mud, refuse, and rubbish as carefully as the streets themselves, and for this work he shall maintain three gangs to consist of not less than six coolies in each gang, and he shall periodically wash such side channels and stone steps as may be directed by the Sanitary Inspector.

5.—The Contractor shall likewise every day carefully sweep and clear all footpaths and side walks, taking care that no dirt, rubbish or refuse is allowed to accumulate thereon, and he shall also once a week during the hours of low tide carefully clean and scrub with sand the steps of the following public wharves, viz.:—Commissariat Lane Wharf, Murray Wharf, Peddar's Wharf, Pottinger Street Wharf, and Central Market Wharf.

6.—The Contractor shall daily remove all filth, rubbish, or offensive matter found floating in the Harbour close to the Praya Wall or washed up along the City foreshore, as also any filth, rubbish, or offensive matter found lying on any waste or vacant lands within the boundaries of the City of Victoria.

7.—The Contractor shall empty and thoroughly clear and cleanse all the public sewer traps at present existing, or such additional traps as may be constructed during the term of his contract, *at least twice in every week during the dry season.* He shall immediately after voiding them of all mud and filth, fill them with clean water, but he shall on no account attempt to begin the cleansing of any trap until he shall first have the requisite quantity of clean water on the spot ready to pour into the trap immediately upon the latter being emptied and cleansed. During the rainy season he shall clean out the sewer traps as often as required by the Sanitary Inspector, but never less than once in every week. The mud, filth, and water scavenged out of the sewer traps shall on no account be emptied into any sewer or open surface drain, but shall be disposed of in such manner as may be from time to time directed by the Sanitary Inspector. No sewer trap is to be scavenged except between the hours of midnight and 6 A.M.

8.—The Contractor shall, within such hours and in such manner as may be directed, empty and thoroughly clean and cleanse out every day all the existing public dust-bins, or such additional dust-bins as may be constructed during the term of his contract, or such carts or boats as may be stationed and used as public dust-bins, carefully removing their contents to the dust-boats stationed along the Praya. He shall station one coolie *permanently* at each dust-bin to see that no dust or refuse of any kind is deposited outside the dust-bin, and he shall on no consideration whatsoever allow the raking out and lifting of the contents of the dust-bin or boat, either by his own servants or by the Public.

9.—The Contractor shall, within such hours as may be indicated to him from time to time by the Sanitary Inspector, visit daily with a proper service of dust-carts all the streets now visited, and any other streets which may hereafter be pointed out to him by the Sanitary Inspector, in order to remove to the dust-boats the dust, dirt, ashes and refuse from the public dust-bins, and from the dust boxes of private tenements. The carts used for this purpose will be provided by the Government, but the necessary labour for moving them shall be provided by the Contractor, and it is hereby distinctly understood that the number of coolies employed to draw each cart shall not be less than is provided in the following service:—

No. 1.—Dust-cart with 8 Dustmen.

To start from Sòkonpò Market and go through Jardine's Bazaar to East Point Wharf.

No. 2.—Dust-cart with 6 Dustmen.

To start from the corner of Wántsai Road at Bowrington, go along Wántsai Road to No. 2 Police Station and return along the Praya to East Point Wharf.

No. 3.—Dust-cart with 6 Dustmen.

To start from Lung On Street and go through the Wántsai Road to No. 2 Police Station and then along the praya to Ship Street Wharf.

No. 4.—Dust-cart with 8 Dustmen.

To start from Ship Street and go along Queen's Road East, Wántsai Road and the Praya to Ship Street Wharf.

No. 5.—Dust-cart with 8 Dustmen.

To start from the City Hall and go along the Queen's Road to Ship Street, going down Ship Street and along Praya East to Eastern Market Wharf.

No. 6.—Dust-cart with 8 Dustmen.

To start from the City Hall and go Westward along Queen's Road to No. 5 Police Station, then down Mun Wa Lane and return along the Praya to Ice House Lane Wharf.

No. 7.—Dust-cart with 8 Dustmen.

To start from Peddar's Hill, go down Wyndham Street, Wellington Street and d'Aguilar Street, then passing along Queen's Road and down Ice House Street to Ice House Street Wharf.

No. 8.—Dust-cart with 7 Dustmen.

To start from the junction of Pottinger Street, go along Wellington Street, d'Aguilar Street and Stanley Street to Graham Street, thence to Gilman Street Wharf.

No. 9.—Dust-cart with 7 Dustmen.

To start from the corner of Lyndhurst Terrace and Hollywood Road, and go through Lyndhurst Terrace, Wellington Street and Mun Wa Lane to Gilman Street Wharf.

No. 10.—Dust-cart with 8 Dustmen.

To start from the top of Lyndhurst Terrace and go along Gage Street, Gough Street, Aberdeen Street, Wellington Street, Mun Wa Lane and Praya to Gilman Street Wharf.

No. 11.—Dust-cart with 8 Dustmen.

To start from Peddar's Hill Buildings and go along Upper Wyndham Street, turn up Arbuthnot Road to Chancery Lane then back and along Hollywood Road down East Street, through Jervois Street, Bonham Strand and Morrison Street to Cleverly Street Wharf.

No. 12.—Dust-cart with 8 Dustmen.

To start from No. 5 Police Station and go along Queen's Road, down Bonham Strand and along the Praya to Queen Street Wharf.

No. 13.—Dust-cart with 6 Dustmen.

To start from corner of Lascar Row and Ladder Street, go along Lascar Row, Bonham Strand, and Wing Lok Street to Queen Street Wharf.

No. 14.—Dust-cart with 8 Dustmen.

To start from Man Mò Temple, go along Hollywood Road, Gap Street, Queen's Road, Bonham Strand West to Queen Street Wharf.

No. 15.—Dust-cart with 8 Dustmen.

To start from the top of Tank Lane and go down Tank Lane and through Bridges Street, Staunton Street, Shelley Street, Cochrane Street, Gage Street, Aberdeen Street, Wellington Street and Wing Lok Street to Cleverly Street Wharf.

No. 16.—Dust-cart with 8 Dustmen.

To start from College Gardens and go along Caine Road, Lower Caine Road, Hollywood Road, Gap Street, Queen's Road and New East Street to New East Street Wharf.

No. 17.—Dust-cart with 6 Dustmen.

To start from the Junction of Seymour Road and Castle Road, go along Seymour Road, Bonham Road, High Street, Pokfulam Road and Battery Road to French Street Wharf.

No. 18.—Dust-cart with 6 Dustmen.

To start from the Albany at the Junction of the Peak Road, pass the Public Dust-bin and go down Garden Road to Ice House Street Wharf.

No. 19.—Dust-cart with 6 Dustmen.

To start from St. Joseph's College, and go along Robinson Road, Bonham Road, Pokfulam Road to French Street Wharf.

No. 20.—Dust-cart with 6 Dustmen.

To start from the corner of Third Street and New East Street, and go along Third Street along Second Street and back to Pokfulam Road and along Queen's Road to New East Street Wharf.

No. 21.—Dust-cart with 8 Dustmen.

To start from the corner of First Street and New East Street, and go along First Street, Pokfulam Road, Battery Road, Nullah Street, and the Praya to New East Street Wharf.

No. 22.—Dust-cart with 6 Dustmen.

To start from Saiyingp'un Nullah and go along Battery Road, Whitty Street, Praya, Tung-wo Street, and Middle Street to Shekt'ongt'sui Wharf.

10.—All dust-carts shall start at 5 A.M. in summer, and 5.30 A.M. in winter, visiting the Public Dust-bins in the localities through which they may pass, and after waiting a few minutes at every main crossing, they shall reach the floating dust-bins not later than 6.40 A.M. in summer, and 7.10 A.M. in winter.

11.—The Contractor shall appoint one dustman out of every gang employed in drawing the dust-carts to act as foreman of the gang, who shall see that axles of the carts are properly greased every morning before they start to go their rounds, and the Contractor shall see that all such foremen adhere punctually to the hours of departure and arrival here laid down for the dust-carts, that all the dust-boxes are properly emptied into the carts by the people, and that in respect of such bye streets as are not visited by the dust-carts every facility and assistance be given to the inhabitants to empty their dust-boxes into the carts while the latter are passing along the streets, and with a view to notify the people of the approach of the dust-cart, the foreman of the same shall ring a bell in a proper manner at every main crossing.

12.—The Contractor shall maintain the dust-carts at all times in good repair, and upon the expiration of his contract he shall return such carts to the Sanitary Inspector in good condition, fair wear and tear excepted.

13.—The Contractor shall within such hours and in such manner as may be directed, remove all dust and refuse from the public markets and Government Buildings to the dust-boats.

14.—The Contractor shall provide a sufficient number of, adequately manned, strong substantial dust-boats to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Board, according to the pattern approved of by the Board and the carrying capacity and crew of each dust-boat shall not be less than those specified in the following list:—

DUST BOATS.

No.	STATION.	CARRYING CAPACITY IN PICULS WEIGHT.	MINIMUM No. OF CREW.
1	Jardine's Bazaar,	300	5
2	Ship Street,	600	7
3	Eastern Market,	300	5
4	Ice House Street,	400	7
5	Central Market,	600	7
6	Gilman's Bazaar,	600	7
7	Cleverly Street,	600	7
8	Queen Street,	600	7
9	New Eastern Street,	400	5
10	French Street,	400	5
11	Shekt'ongt'sui Nullah,	300	5
...	3 Spare Boats,	600	...
...	2 Do.,	400	...

15.—The dust-boats shall be stationed daily at the stations named between the hours of 9 P.M. and 7 A.M. in summer, or 9 P.M. and 7.30 A.M. in winter, but they will not be allowed to remain near the Praya on any account whatever except between the hours specified, but will proceed direct to Mount Davis, and such dust-boats, as well as the dust-carts referred to in the preceding clause, shall be carefully cleansed every day after the conveyance of the refuse, so as to be inoffensive to the neighbourhood in which they may be kept.

16.—The Contractor shall provide 6 substantial floating dust-bins of a size and pattern to be approved of by the Sanitary Board, and they are to be stationed during the day at the following points on the praya, viz. :—Ship Street, Eastern Market, Central Market, Gilman Street, Queen Street, and East Street.

17.—In order to prevent gully-holes and the gratings of the sewer traps from getting choked by sand, leaves, sticks, or other matters, and the roads from being destroyed by the overflow of surface drainage, the Contractor shall on rainy days station fifty coolies beside or near the sewer traps, with instructions to keep the same clear, and it is to be distinctly understood that these fifty coolies shall be exclusive of those engaged in the street sweeping gangs. The coolies shall be stationed in the following order :—

Morrison Gap,1	Elgin Street,.....1	Praya West,.....3
Wantsai Road,.....1	Gage Street,.....1	Queen's Road West,....4
Praya East,3	Caine Road,3	Eastern Street,.....1
Queen's Road East,3	Albert Road,1	Centre Street,1
Cricket Field,1	Albany and Robinson } 3	Western Street,1
Praya Central,3	Road,.....}	Pokfulam Road,.....1
Queen's Road Central, ...3	Market Street,1	Bonham Road,.....2
Bonham Strand,2	Station Street,1	
Jervois Street,1	Po-Yan Street,.....1	Eastern District, 1 foreman.
D'Aguilar Street,.....1	Hollywood Road,.....1	Central " 1 "
Wyndham Street,.....1	Gage St. & Pound Lane, 1	Western " 1 "

18.—The Contractor shall at least once a day carefully clean out and free of all sand, dead leaves, stones, and rubbish, all the open catch water drains built across public roads, for this purpose, he shall provide the sweeping gangs with suitable iron scrapers of such form and shape as the Sanitary Inspector may approve.

19.—The Contractor shall, after every heavy rain, or as often as required by the Inspectors of Nuisances, void of sand and mud and thoroughly cleanse the present catchpits to all Nullahs and sewers, and such other catchpits as may hereafter be built by the Government, and the sand and mud so voided shall be carefully removed to the dust boats unless otherwise specially directed by the Sanitary Inspector.

20.—It is to be distinctly understood that the Contractor shall not shoot or deposit any dust, dirt, sweepings, offal, or refuse of any kind or description whatsoever, whether offensive or inoffensive, in any sewer, open drain, sewer trap, gully hole, side channel, street, road, or vacant lot, either within or without the City of Victoria, nor yet on the foreshore along the Praya, or into the sea at any part of the harbour, or in any place whatsoever other than the depôt specially mentioned in the following clause; and he must on no account allow his servants to sweep dust, rubbish or other thing off the streets into any sewer-trap, pipe-hole or other inlet to the sewers of the city.

21.—It is clearly and distinctly understood that any damage or obstruction to roads, streets, &c., caused by the neglect of the Contractor or his servants to properly and thoroughly carry out sections 17, 18, 19, and 20 of this contract will be repaired or removed by the Government at the expense of the Contractor and the cost of executing such repairs or removals will be deducted from the moneys becoming due to him under this contract.

22.—The Contractor shall remove all offal, mud, filth, dust, sweepings and all other refuse by boat to Mount Davis, there to be deposited at a depôt to be indicated to him by the Sanitary Inspector, and he shall not allow any such refuse to be dropped into the water in the act of loading the boats, or in landing and discharging their contents, nor shall he allow the removal of it from any of his boats to any place other than the depôt at Mount Davis.

23.—The Contractor shall use every endeavour to completely burn the City refuse deposited at the depôt at Mount Davis.

24.—In respect of the Hill Districts of Victoria Peak, Mount Gough, and Mount Kellett, the Contractor shall daily remove before 7 A.M. all sullage and kitchen-slops, as well as all dry rubbish, dust, and ashes from every public and private tenement, and he shall convey the same in properly covered buckets of approved size, pattern, and material to such depôts in the vicinity as may be pointed out to him by the Sanitary Inspector, and the depôts shall be kept in such a manner as not to become a nuisance.

25.—The Contractor shall at all times see that his servants carry out their work in an orderly manner, and that no unnecessary noise is created by them during the performance of their duties. He shall also see that his sweeping gangs perform their work in such a manner as not to raise dust or otherwise cause any annoyance to passengers.

26.—The Contractor's coolie quarters *must* comply with the sanitary conditions required of lodging houses for Chinese Emigrants.

27.—The Contractor shall be responsible for any damages which may arise from his non-observance of any part or clause of this agreement, and he shall make good all such damages immediately upon being required to do so by the Sanitary Inspector, who shall appraise such damages according to the schedule of prices in force in the Public Works Department of the Colony, and the Contractor shall abide by such appraisalment and decision as final.

28.—Should the Contractor at any time fail to provide a sufficient number of men to sweep, cleanse, and scavenge the streets, footpaths, traps, dust-bins, &c., or fail or neglect to carry out any portion of this contract, the Sanitary Inspector shall be at liberty to supply such additional number of men as he may deem necessary, or make such other arrangements as to him may seem fit for expediting the work of cleansing, &c., and the cost of such additional men shall be defrayed by the Contractor, or should the tools and implements requisite for the due execution of this contract not be to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, the latter shall be at liberty to procure proper tools and implements at the cost of the Contractor.

29.—The Contractor is bound in the strictest manner by the Rules and Regulations issued and to be issued under Ordinances No. 9 of 1867 and No. 7 of 1883.

30.—The Contractor, on being convicted before a Police Magistrate of having himself or by any of his servants committed a breach of any of the terms of this contract, binds himself to pay any penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100) which may be inflicted on him by the Police Magistrate.

31.—His Excellency the Governor reserves to himself the exclusive right of cancelling this contract, without giving previous notice to the Contractor, at any time, upon His Excellency's finding that the said Contractor is not fulfilling the whole or any part or clause of this contract or any Rules or Regulations already issued or to be hereafter issued under Ordinances No. 9 of 1867 and No. 7 of 1883.

32.—And it is hereby distinctly understood that this contract refers solely and exclusively to the scavenging and removal of such waste products as offal, sullage, cesswaters, house-refuse, ashes, dust, mud, and general house and street sweepings, and that it does not include the removal of night-soil, or urine, or animal manure, for the collection and removal of which separate Government Contracts exist.

Approved in Executive Council, this 29th day of October, 1886.

J. M. GUTIERREZ,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 424.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Friday, the 5th November, 1886, for repairing, widening, and channelling a portion of the Sháukiwán Carriage Road at Quarry Bay.

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, 30th October, 1886.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 425.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Friday, the 12th November, 1886:—

1. For the construction of 600 feet lineal of sewer in the new Street at the back of Gap Street and Queen's Road.

2. For forming and channelling the new Street at the back of Gap Street and Queen's Road.

For form of tender apply at this Office.

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

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