GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.--No. 279.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Wednesday, the 6th day of July, for the building of a new Steam-launch for the Water Police, according to a specification which can be obtained on application at the Office of the Government Marine Surveyor.

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 June, 1887.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 280.

Tenders will be received at this Office up till Noon of Monday, the 11th instant, for the sole privilege of Slaughtering Cattle within the Colony for Seventeen Months, commencing on the 1st of

August, 1887, and ending on 31st December, 1888.

No tender will be received, unless the person tendering produces 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 refuses to carry out his tender, should the tender be accepted.

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 person 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.

The conditions on which the privilege will be granted are the following:—
1st. The Holder of the Privilege shall be entitled to the use and occupation of the Western Slaughter House, and of such other houses or places as may hereafter be permitted.

2nd. The Holder of the Privilege shall provide in the Villages of Hongkong and Kaulung, places suitable for slaughtering, and shall maintain the same to the entire satisfaction of the Sanitary Board.

3rd. For every Animal slaughtered within the Colony, the Holder of the said Privilege shall be entitled to a Fee not exceeding Twenty cents if the weight of the Animal be less than One picul, or Forty cents if the weight be more; and he may also retain to himself the blood of

each Animal so slaughtered; and if he ask or take any other Fee, he shall forfeit his said Privilege, and shall be further liable to the penalties of the Law.

4th. He shall, under the like pain of forfeiture and penalty, well and sufficiently, to the Surveyor General's satisfaction, cleanse, repair, maintain, and keep (reasonable soil deposit, wear and tear only excepted) the said Slaughter House and such others as may be permitted during his said Term, and he shall in particular remove all Filth and Refuse from the same once at least in every Twenty-four hours, and shall limewash and tar the exterior and interior of the buildings at least once every quarter; and he shall not permit more than three of his servants to live in the Western Slaughter House, and no other person shall on any account be allowed sleeping accommodation in that building.

5th. Slayers, Butchers, Servants, Utensils, Instruments, Hot Water, and all other requisite and proper means of slaughtering Animals, and of dressing the Carcasses thereof, shall be provided by him, and at all times kept ready at hand in all places where slaughtering is permitted, for the service of persons resorting with or sending Animals thither for slaughter, under the penalty of forfeiture of his said Privilege in case of refusal or neglect to comply with this

6th. The weight of Animals shall be ascertained immediately before they are slaughtered.

7th. The Holder of the said Privilege shall have no right to interfere with slaughtering of Goats by or for the Indian Troops or Police.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 1st July, 1887.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.--No. 264.

The following Lots of Crown Land at Mongkok, Kowloon, will be sold by Public Auction, on Monday, the 4th day of July, at 3 P.M.

Inland Lots Nos. 394 to 399 inclusive.

For Particulars and Conditions of Sale see Government Notification No. 255 of the 18th instant. By Command,

> FREDERICK STEWART, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th June, 1887.