GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION. -No. 547.

The following Circular Despatch, accompanying an extract from a letter from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office. Hougkong, 23rd December, 1887.

CIRCULAR.

Downing Street, 17th October, 1887.

SIR,—With reference to my Circular Despatch of the 14th of September last, transmitting to you copies of revised Regulations governing the examination and entry of Naval Cadets, I have the honour to transmit to you, for information in the Colony under your Government, an extract from a letter from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, stating that they have decided to allow to Colonial Candidates who fail to pass successfully at their first examination the opportunity of being examined again in about six months' time, provided they are still within the prescribed limit of age.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

H. T. HOLLAND.

The Officer Administering the Government of Hongkong.

Extract from a Letter from the Admiralty to the Colonial Office, dated the 11th of October, 1887.

My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having had under their consideration the disadvantages under which, in some respects, Candidates for Colonial Cadetships suffer, as compared with Candidates who are examined in England, especially as regards a second trial, I am commanded by their Lordships to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that they have decided to allow Colonial Candidates who fail to pass successfully at their first trial the opportunity of being examined again in about six months' time, provided they are then still within the limit of age.

2. My Lords have, therefore, given orders to the effect that when a Candidate, who is examined for the first time, fails to pass successfully, he is to be informed by the Commander-in-Chief on the Station that he may present himself for re-examination in the following June or November, as the case may be, provided he will, at the date of his re-examination, be still within the limit of age prescribed

by the Regulations.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 548.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Tuesday, the 3rd day of January, 1888:-

(1). For construction of Tunnel outlet and connexion to Conduit at Wongnaichung.

(2). For fixing Iron-work in Valve Well and other work in connexion with the Dam at Tytam.

(3). For fixing Iron Pipes and work at the new Filter Beds and Service Reservoir, Albany. For forms of tender apply at this Office.

For specifications 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, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd December, 1887.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 549.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Friday, the 6th January, 1888:-

(1.) For supplying junks and labour in removing and discharging the Mud, Stone, Debris, &c. dredged from the Foreshore, &c. in front of the City of Victoria during the year ending 31st December, 1888.

(2.) For supplying Coals and Stones required for the use of the Dredger during the year ending 31st December, 1888.

For forms of tender apply at this Office.

For specifications 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, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd December, 1887.