

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 223.

Sealed Tenders will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office till 3 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, the 21st day of June, 1888, for the purchase of the entire privileges and monopolies known as the Prepared Opium Farms established under *The Opium Ordinances 1884 and 1887*, for three years from March 1st, 1889.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 26th May, 1888.

CONDITIONS OF TENDERING.

1. No tender will be received unless the tenderer produces a receipt from the Treasurer for,—
 - (i.) A deposit of \$30,000, or of Title Deeds, or other approved securities to a like amount, and
 - (ii.) A stamped agreement to be executed by him on a form provided by the Treasurer, to the effect that, if he should decline to accept a grant of the Farm on the terms of the tender sent in by him, such deposit or securities shall be forfeited to the Crown.

Such deposit must be completed not later than Noon on the 20th of June. All such deposits will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers.

2. The tender must state the monthly sum offered for the Farms as rent.
3. The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.
4. The Security deposited with the Treasurer by the successful tenderer will be retained, until such successful tenderer shall have entered into a Bond and lodged security either in money or title deeds to the value of two months' rent of the Farm for the due performance of the conditions of such bond.
5. The Governor in Council will execute to the accepted bidder a Grant in the form hereto annexed.

CONDITIONS to be fulfilled by the Grantee of the Opium Farm, and the breach of which will involve forfeiture of the Grant and of the penalty of the Bond to be signed in connection therewith.

- (1.) The payment of the monthly fee regularly in advance, from the 1st day of April, 1889.
- (2.) To have no Opium in possession except what is reported through the Exports and Imports Office; and to pay a fee of \$165 per picul for all Opium received in excess of 3,600 chests each year.
- (3.) To part with Opium, either raw or in any state of preparation, only by sale, and at a price of not less than 40 cents per tael weight.
- (4.) If the Opium Farmer wishes to dispose of Opium at a price less than 40 cents per tael weight, he is to obtain the permission of the Governor, which will not be granted except on proof, to the Governor's satisfaction, that such Opium is to be exported to places which are not Chinese Territory.

FORM OF GRANT.

TO ALL TO WHOM these Presents shall come, I, SIR G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX K.C.M.G., Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, in Executive Council, SEND GREETING: WHEREAS by the Opium Ordinances 1884 and 1887, it is enacted amongst other things that the Governor in Council may grant to any person for such consideration and upon such conditions and for such terms or periods and in such form as from time to time may be by the Governor in Council regulated and determined and also previously notified to the public in the *Gazette* the sole privilege of boiling and preparing Opium either inclusive or exclusive of dross opium, and of selling and retailing within the said Colony or the waters thereof opium so boiled or prepared, and that such privilege may from time to time be granted to the highest bidder to be ascertained either by public auction or by tender to be made in pursuance of notice to be published in the *Gazette* to that effect; AND WHEREAS it is by the said Ordinance also enacted that the holder of such privilege may grant licenses to proper persons authorising them to boil and prepare opium and to sell and retail opium so boiled and prepared, but that such licenses should be granted subject to such conditions as should from time to time be by the Governor in Council regulated and previously notified in the *Gazette*; AND WHEREAS notice was published in the *Gazette* of the day of 188 that the said privilege therein described and

known as the Prepared Opium Farms established under the Opium Ordinances 1884 and 1887 would be disposed of by public tender on the _____ day of _____ for the term of three years from the 1st day of March 1889; AND WHEREAS the conditions of the said privilege and the form of grant thereof were regulated and determined by the Governor in Council in pursuance of the said Ordinances on the _____ day of _____ 188 and notified to the public in the *Hongkong Government Gazette* of the _____ day of _____ 188 ; AND WHEREAS _____ (whose name in Chinese characters is _____) of _____

was declared to be the accepted tenderer for the purchase of the said privilege at the sum of \$ _____ per annum payable in equal monthly instalments in advance.

AND WHEREAS the said _____ in pursuance of the provisions in that behalf contained in the said Ordinances has entered into a Bond with sureties in the sum of \$ _____ as security for the due and regular payment of the said yearly sum of \$ _____ by equal monthly instalments of \$ _____ in advance on the first day of each month and for the due observance and performance of the other conditions and stipulations on which the said privilege is granted; AND WHEREAS the said _____

has also deposited in the _____ as additional security the sum of \$ _____ in the name of the Colonial Treasurer for the due observance and fulfilment of the conditions of the said privilege, KNOW YE THEREFORE that in consideration of the premises and of the payment by the said _____ of the yearly sum of \$ _____ payable in twelve monthly instalments of \$ _____ each on the first day of each month, in advance during the term hereby granted, and in pursuance of the said Ordinances and such conditions as are regulated and determined or may be regulated and determined as provided by the said Ordinances, I the said Governor by and with the advice of the said Executive Council have given and granted and by these presents under the seal of the said Colony for myself and my successors in the Government of the same DO GIVE AND GRANT unto the said _____

executors, administrators and assigns the sole privilege of boiling and preparing Opium (inclusive of dross opium) and of selling and retailing within the said Colony, and the waters thereof, Opium so boiled or prepared for and during the term hereinafter expressed, in conformity with and subject to the said Ordinances in that behalf provided, and to the said conditions and stipulations and to these presents, and so as that the said _____ his executors, administrators and assigns shall and lawfully may have and enjoy the whole profit, benefit, commodity and advantage, from time to time, during the said term coming, growing, accruing and arising by reason of the said privilege To HAVE hold use exercise and enjoy the premises hereby granted, with the power to grant licenses subject to such conditions as shall from time to time be by the Governor in Council regulated and notified as aforesaid, and all other powers incident to the said privilege, and all benefit and advantage of the said Ordinances and conditions, or any of them unto the said _____ for and during and unto the full end and term of three whole years commencing with the First day of March, 1889; PROVIDED ALWAYS and these presents are upon this express condition, that if at any time during the said term hereby granted the said _____ his executors, administrators or assigns shall not upon his or their part or behalf pay the said monthly instalments or any of them, or observe, perform, and keep any of the provisions of these presents, or of the said Ordinances, or the said conditions and stipulations or any of them, or shall of their own proper authority add to or alter the said provisions and conditions respectively, or any of the same respectively, or attempt to make any such addition or alteration in that behalf, or if these presents are now, or at any time during the said term shall become or be contrary to Law, then and in any or either of the said cases, these presents shall forthwith cease, determine and be utterly void, anything hereinbefore contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding. IN WITNESS whereof, I, the said Governor have set my hand and the Seal of the said Colony to these presents on the _____ day of _____ 188 .

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The following is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 26th May, 1888.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

On and after the first June, 1888, the Postmaster General will (not in consequence of any legal liability, but voluntarily, and as an act of grace) subject to the rules hereinafter mentioned, give com-