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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 406.

There is a vacancy at the Government Civil Hospital for an educated Chinese youth as Student Apothecary.

Candidates must be prepared to enter into an agreement to serve a 5 years' pupilage.

The salary will be \$120 per annum, with an annual increase of \$24 at the end of each year's service.

The Student will be required to reside in the Hospital when necessary.

Applications covering certificates of *age*, *character*, and *health*, will be received up to Noon on Monday, the 1st of October, 1888, addressed to the Colonial Secretary.

For further particulars, apply at the Government Civil Hospital between the hours of 9 and 10 A.M.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th September, 1888.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 407.

The following is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th September, 1888.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

Opium and other Farms for the ensuing Year 1889.

The Government are now prepared to receive up to the 15th November next, tenders for the following farms:—

1. *The Opium Farm.*—For the whole Territory of British North Borneo extending from Sipitong river, Padas District West Coast, to Sibucco on the East Coast.

Separate tenders for this Farm will also be received for the East Coast District (Tanjong Sugut to Sibucco) including Segama Gold Fields, Darvel Bay, Sandakan Bay, Kinabatangan, Segama, Labuk, Sugut and all rivers within this boundary.

Also for the West Coast District (Inarantang Point to Sipitong Padas Bay) including Banguay Marudu Bay and all rivers within this boundary.

Also for each of the following Districts or Provinces:—

- (a.) Kudat (Province Alcock) which includes Marudu Bay and the Island of Banguay and all rivers in the Province.
- (b.) Gaya (Province Keppel) which includes Gaya Island, Tampasuk, Abai, Ambong Bay, Tuaran, Putatan, Kawang, Pangalat, Papar, Kimanis, Bangawan and all rivers in the Province.
- (c.) Padas (Province Dent) which includes Kwala Penyn, Klias, Padas Bay to Sipitong and all rivers in the Province.

The Regulations governing the Opium Farm are similar to those now in force in the Straits Settlements.

The maxim retail prices allowed by the Regulation are as follows:—

<i>Tacts.</i>	<i>Chees.</i>	<i>Hoons.</i>	<i>s c.</i>
6	8	0	10.00
3	2½	0	5.00
0	6	2	1.00
0	2	9	0.50
0	1	0	0.19
0	0	1	0.02
1 Ball.			38.00

2. *The Spirit Farm.*—For the East Coast District as herein defined.
3. *The Pawnbroking Farm.*—For Sandakan Town.
4. *The Gambling Restriction Farm.*—For Sandakan Town, also for the following Farms in the West Coast District, viz.:—
 - Province Alcock* (Kudat, West Coast) as herein defined.
5. The Spirit Farm.
6. „ Tobacco Farm.
7. „ Pawnbroking Farm.
8. „ Gambling Restriction Farm.
- Province Keppel* (Gaya, West Coast) as herein defined.
9. The Spirit Farm.
10. „ Tobacco Farm.
11. „ Pawnbroking Farm.
12. „ Gambling Restriction Farm.
- Province Dent* (Padas, West Coast) as herein defined.
13. The Spirit Farm.
14. „ Tobacco Farm.
15. „ Pawnbroking Farm.
16. „ Gambling Restriction Farm.
17. „ Blachan Farm.

Each tender should state the monthly payments for the year 1889

Tenders for the Opium Farm for the whole Territory or for the East Coast District and for the Spirit, Pawnbroking and Gambling Restriction Farm East Coast or Sandakan will be received by the Government Secretary, Sandakan.

All tenders should be under seal and marked confidential tender for Revenue Farm.

Tenders for the Farms for Separate Provinces such as Kudat, Gaya, Padas will be received by the Officer-in-Charge of the Province.

In the case of these Tenders being written in the Chinese language, Tenderers or their Agents must open and read the same to the Officer appointed to receive them.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

Each tender should specify in full the names, residences and occupations of the persons tendering and should give similar information as to the proposed sureties.

Any further information on the subject may be obtained from the Treasurer General, Sandakan or from the Officer-in-Charge of the different Districts or Stations, and from the Company's Agents in Singapore or Hongkong.

By His Excellency's Command,

L. B. VON DONOP,
Government Secretary.

Sandakan, 1st September, 1888.