GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 217.

The following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on Monday, the 13th day of May, 1889, at 4 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,

Frederick Stewart, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th May, 1889.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 13th day of May, 1889, at 4 p.m., by Order of His Excellency the Governor of Two Lots of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999 Years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

| No. of | Registry | LOCALITY. | Boundary Measurements. | | | Contents | Annual | Upset | |
|--------|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------|-------|----------|------------|-------|--------|
| Sale. | No. | | N. | s. | Е, | w. | Square ft. | Rent. | Price. |
| | Aberdeen Inland Lot | | feet. | feet. | feet. | feet. | | \$ | \$ |
| 1 | No. 70. | East end of Aberdeen Village, | 600 | 600 | 200 | 200 | 120,000 | 276 | 3,600 |
| 2 | ,, 71. | j, ,, ,, | 300 | 300 | 200 | 200 | 60,000 | 138 | 1,800 |

CONDITIONS OF SALE.

- 1. The highest bidder above the upset price shall be the Purchaser, and if any dispute arise between two or more bidders, the Lot in dispute shall be put up again at a former bidding.
 - 2. No person shall at any bidding advance less than \$25.
- 3. Immediately after the fall of the hammer, the Purchaser shall sign the Memorandum of Agreement, hereinafter contained, for completing the purchase according to these Conditions, and shall, within Three Days of the day of sale, pay into the Colonial Treasury, the full amount of Premium at which the Lot shall have been purchased.
- 4. The Purchaser of each Lot shall also pay to the Land Officer, on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, the sum of \$10 within three days of the day of Sale, for and in consideration of the Boundary Stones, properly cut, fixed, and marked with the Registry Number, which shall be placed by the Surveyor General, for the Purchaser, at each angle of the Lot.
- 5. The Purchaser of each Lot shall also pay to the Land Officer, on behalf of Her Majesty The Queen, a Fee of \$15 upon the execution of the Crown Lease thereof.
- 6. The Purchaser of each Lot shall fill in the same to the level of the roadway running between the Lots, together with that portion of the sloping embankment of the existing roadway immediately adjoining his lot, and shall build and finish, fit for occupation before the expiration of two years from the day of sale, in a good, substantial and workmaulike manner, one or more good and permanent messuages or tenements upon some part of his Lot, and shall expend thereon a sum of not less than \$6,000 (Six thousand Dollars).
- 7. The Purchaser of Inland Lot No. 70 shall pay the cost of the proposed Nullah shewn on the sale plan, which will be constructed by the Government for the purpose of diverting the stream from the Lot. He shall also fill in for a width of 15 feet behind the walls of the said Nullah along its entire length to the levels of the coping, for the purpose of forming Public Roadways.
- 8. When the conditions herein contained have been complied with to the satisfaction of the Surveyor General the Purchaser of the Lot shall be entitled to, and shall execute on demand, a Lease from the Crown of the Piece of Ground comprised in such Lot for 999 Years, to be computed from the day of Sale, at such Annual Rental, payable half-yearly on the 24th day of June, and the 25th day of December in every Year, as is specified in the Particulars of such Lot hereinbefore contained; and such Crown Lease shall be subject to, and contain, all Exceptions, Reservations, Covenants, Clauses, and Conditions inserted in the Crown Leases of Inland Lots in the Colony of Hongkong.
- 9. Should the Purchaser neglect, or fail to comply with these Conditions. his Premium or any portion thereof which may be paid, shall be thereupon forfeited to Her Majesty, who shall be at full liberty either to enforce the Sale, or to re-sell the Property at such time and place, and in such manner as to Her Majesty shall seem fit, and in case of a re-sale the increase, if any, of the Premium or Purchase Money shall be retained by Her Majesty, and the deficiency, if any, and all Costs and Expenses shall be made good by the defaulter and be recoverable as liquidated damages.
- 10. Possession of the Lots shall be given to the Purchasers, and deemed to have been taken by them, on the day of sale.

SPECIAL CONDITION.

The Government reserves to itself all water rights over the stream running through Inland Lot No. 70, but the Purchaser will be permitted to divert, and to utilise the same within his own premises, always provided the water is not required for a public purpose.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BY THE PURCHASERS.

Memorandum that the persons whose names are hereunder written have been declared the highest bidders for the Lots described in the foregoing Particulars of Sale and hereunder specified opposite to their said names and signatures respectively, and do hereby agree with Her Majesty The Queen to become the Lessees thereof under and subject to the foregoing Conditions of Sale, and on their part to perform and abide by the said Conditions.

| Number of Sale. | Registry Number and Description of Lot Purchased. | Annual Rental. | Amount of Premium at which Purchased. | Signature of Purchasers. |
|-----------------|---|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 1 2 | Aberdeen Inland Lot No. 70. | \$276 \$13 8 | | |

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION .-- No. 218.

The following Returns of the Average Amount of Bank Notes in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the Month ended 30th April, 1889, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks, are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th May, 1889.

| Banks. | Average Amount. | SPECIE IN RESERVE. | |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|--|
| | \$ | \$ | |
| Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China, | 1,235,156 | 420,000 | |
| Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, | 1,471,060 | 600,000 | |
| Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, | 3,105,004 | 1,200,000 | |
| TOTAL,\$ | 5,811,220 | 2,220,000 | |

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 219.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Saturday, the 18th instant, for repairs to the Government Steam Dredger.

For form of tender apply at this Office.

For specification and further particulars apply at the Marine Surveyor'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, 4th May, 1889.