GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 20.

The following is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th January, 1898.

POLICE NOTIFICATION.

Notice is hereby given that in view of the approaching Chinese New Year, the Captain Superintendent of Police has been authorised to give permission, under Ordinance 13 of 1888, for Crackers to be fired as follows:—

Within that portion of the City of Victoria bounded by the following limits:-

- 1. Centre Street from the Sea to Bonham Road.
- 2. Bonham Road from Centre Street to No. 8 Police Station.
- 3. A line running from No. 8 Police Station down Rutter Street, Po Yan Street, New Street, and crossing Queen's Road through Wo Fung Street to the Sea.
- 4. The Praya from Wo Fung Street to Centre Street.
- On Friday, the 21st January, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, the 22nd January, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

On Friday, the 28th January, from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Within that portion of the City of Victoria not comprised in the above limits:—

From 4 p.m. on Friday, the 21st January, till 4 p.m. on Sunday, the 23rd January, and on Friday, the 28th January, from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Cracker firing is to be strictly confined to the times named above, both within and without the prescribed area; and both sides of all Streets, or parts of Streets named as the boundaries above, are to be considered as within the prescribed area.

No burning Cracker or other fire is to be thrown above the head or near any person or inflammable material, and all reasonable precaution must be taken against accident, as every one is liable for damage arising from his carelessness.

The firing of Crackers is not to be carried on in the vicinity of places of Christian Worship during Divine Service on Sunday, the 23rd January.

The Police will have strict orders to summon or arrest persons firing Crackers in contravention of the foregoing restrictions.

The Firing of Bombs is Strictly Prohibited.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,

Captain Superintendent of Police.

Central Police Barracks, Hongkong, 12th January, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 21.

Tenders will be received at this Office until noon of Monday, the 24th January, 1898, for the construction of house drainage works in the Colony of Hongkong and Kowloon as ordered from time to time by the Executive Engineer in charge prior to the First of January, 1899.

No works will be permitted on Sundays.

For form of tender, specification and further particulars apply at the Public Works Office. The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th January, 1898.