On the 28th at 11.30 a.—"The barometer has risen slightly on the E coast of China, and remains almost steady on the S coast. The depression, which is apparently slowly filling up, seems to be still lying in the NE part of the China Sea. Pressure is high over N China. Gradients continue rather steep with N and NE gales off the China coast and in the N part of the China Sea." Forecast:— "fresh or strong N winds; squally, some rain." At 4.15 p.—Red Drum lowered.

On the 29th at 11.45 a.—"The barometer has fallen on the E coast of China, risen on the S Pressure is high over N China and low, probably, in the Pacific to the E of the Philippines. Gradients moderate with fresh monsoon on the China coast." Forecast:- "moderate N winds;

cloudy, some rain.'

On the 30th at 11.15 a.—"The barometer has fallen in the extreme North and remains almost steady on the China coast. The depression lying in the Pacific to the E of the Philippines yesterday, seems to be advancing towards SE Luzon. Pressure is highest over China. Gradients moderate with fresh monsoon on the coast and strong monsoon in the N. part of the China Sea." "moderate N to NE winds; fair."

On the 31st at 11.55 a.—" The barometer has risen on the E coast of China, and remains steady on the S Coast. Pressure is high over N China, low in the NE part of the China Sea. Gradients rather steep on the China coast and in the NE part of the China Sea." Forecast:—"fresh N and NE

winds; fair."

On the 1st November at 11.40 a.—" The barometer has risen in the extreme North and remains almost steady elsewhere. Pressure is high over N. China, low in the NE part of the China Sea. Gradients continue rather steep on the coast and in the N part of the China Sea." Forecast:—"fresh N and NE winds; cloudy, some rain."

On the 2nd at 11.25 a.—"The barometer has fallen on the China coast, particularly on the E Pressure remains high over N China, and low in an area lying between the NE part of the China Sea and the Loochoos. Gradients moderate on the coast and in the N part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—"moderate N winds; cloudy, rainy."
On the 3rd at 11.35 a.—"The barometer is inclined to rise on the China coast. Pressure is high over N China, and low in a shallow area probably lying over W Japan. Gradients moderate with fresh monsoon on the coast and in the N part of the China Sea." Forecast:—"moderate or fresh N winds; cloudy, some rain.'

> W. Doberck. Director.

Hongkong Observatory, 9th November, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 508.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Saturday, the 26th November, 1898, for the supply of dry earth for sanitary purposes to Victoria Gaol for the space of one year from the 1st January next.

The earth to be procured from a spot to be pointed out by the Director of Public Works in the vicinity of the McDonnell Road, and to be delivered at Victoria Gaol at such times and in such

quantities as may be required.

For further information apply at the Superintendent's Office, Victoria Gaol. The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH. Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th November, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 509.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Saturday, the 26th November, 1898, for the purchase of Waste Food from Victoria Gaol for the ensuing year, commencing 1st January, 1899, to 31st December, 1899, inclusive.

This consists of the Kitchen Refuse and Waste of Rice, Congee, Vegetables, Fish, &c. averaging

100 tbs. daily.

For form of tender apply at this Office.

For particulars apply at the Office of the Superintendent, Victoria Gaol.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th November, 1898.