GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.--No. 49.

Information has been received from the Military Authorities that Heavy Gun Practice will take place from Kowloon East Battery in a South-Easterly direction, between the 1st and 4th of February next.

All ships, junks and other vessels are cautioned to keep clear of the range.

The inhabitants of the houses near Kowloon East Battery are warned to keep their glass windows open during the practice.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th January, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 50.

Notice is hereby given that Artillery Practice will be carried out in the vicinity of Lyemun over land ranges between the dates 2nd and 10th February, in a Southerly direction, and in a South-Westerly direction.

All persons are hereby warned to keep clear of the ranges when firing is going on. Gunners will be placed on picquet to prevent people crossing the ranges, and the ground will be cleared previous to practice by parties of gunners detailed for that purpose.

All persons are warned not to touch any unexploded shell.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBR SMITH, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th January, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.--No. 51.

It is hereby notified that the Hougkong Volunteers will fire from 7-pounder R.M.L. and Machine Guns on a land range across Repulse Bay on Friday, the 10th February, 1899.

Picquets will be posted to ensure safety of land range.

All ships, junks and other vessels are cautioned to keep clear of the range.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th January, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.--No. 592.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Monday, the 30th January, 1899, for the general scavenging of the following villages, namely:—

- 1. Hunghom, Kowloon Point, Yaumati and Taikoktsui, etc.
- 2. Shaukiwan and Quarry Bay.
- 3. Aberdeen and Aplichau.
- 4. Stanley and Taitam.

For specifications, period of contracts and full particulars, apply at the Office of the Secretary to the Sanitary Board.

For form of tender apply at this Office.

No tender will be received for (1) Hunghom, Kowloon Point, Yaumati and Taikoktsui, etc. unless the person tendering produces a receipt to the effect that he has deposited in the Colonial Treasury the sum of \$50; and no tender will be received for (2) Shankiwan and Quarry Bay, for (3) Aberdeen and Aplichau, or for (4) Stanley and Taitam unless the person tendering produces a receipt to the effect that he has deposited in the Colonial Treasury the sum of \$25; which sum or sums shall be forfeited to the Crown by way of liquidated damages if such person or persons refuse to enter into an Agreement and Bond should his or their tenders be accepted.

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, Hongking, 24th December, 1598.