GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 198.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon on Monday, the 10th April, for the repair of the Post Office Launch.

Specifications can be obtained at the Government Marine Surveyor's Office. Repairs to be executed to the satisfaction of the Government Marine Surveyor.

Contractor to supply a suitable launch during the repairs and to be responsible for the safety of the Post Office Launch.

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, 30th March, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 199.

The following Regulation, made by His Excellency the Governor under section 10 of The Post Office Ordinance, is published for general information :--

From and after this date the following fees shall be charged for the interception of postal matter, viz. :-

1. For Letters, Newspapers, and other Postal matter arriving in the Colony by any particular Contract Mail Steamer from Europe, \$1.00.

2. For Letters, Newspapers, and other Postal matter arriving in the Colony by any vessel from any port during the course of one calendar month from the date of the request for interception, \$5.00.

3. Interceptions shall be made when practicable, and the above fees shall not entitle the person applying to have his mail matter intercepted to claim as of right the interception of all or any particular postal matter addressed to him.

4. The Postmaster General shall not be bound to entertain any request for interception of any postal matter unless such request is accompanied by the above prescribed fees. By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 30th March, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 200.

The following is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 30th March, 1899.

Government of China.

NOTICE TO MARINERS, No. 336.

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

NORTH CHANNEL ENTRANCE TO THE YANGTZE. LIUCHIAO LIGHTHOUSE.

Notice is hereby given that the Light at Liu-chiao-chiang was exhibited for the first time at sunset on the 3rd instant. The illuminating apparatus is Dioptric, Occulting, of the Fourth Order, showing a fixed white light varied by an eclipse every 15 seconds, thus:

Light......13 seconds.

is elevated $52\frac{1}{2}$ feet above the level of the sea, should be visible in clear weather at a distance of $12\frac{1}{2}$ nautical miles. The Light is obscured by trees on bearings more westerly than N. 63° W.

This bearing is magnetic and taken from seaward.

The tower is an iron screw pile structure, 40 feet high, with a total height from the base to the lantern vane of 53 feet.

The tower is painted white. Approximate position:-

Longitude121° 41′ 10″ E.

By Order of the Inspector General of Customs,

W. FERD. TYLER, Acting Coast Inspector.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS, COAST INSPECTOR'S OFFICE, SHANGHAI, 17th March 1899.