

## ERRATUM.

In Government Notification No. 4 of the 5th instant, for LEE-A-TUK read LEE-A-FUK.

No. 3.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Notice is hereby given, that at Noon on Monday, the 14th instant, the Privilege of Farming the Quarry in Kowloon, during the year 1878, will be put up to Public Auction at the Government Offices.

1. The Monopoly shall begin on the 21st of January, 1878, and terminate on the 31st of December of the same year.

2. The highest bidder above the upset price shall be recommended to His Excellency The Governor as the purchaser, but His Excellency reserves the right of not accepting the highest bid. If any dispute arise, the Monopoly may be put up again at a former bidding.

3. No person shall at any bidding advance less than \$50.

4. Immediately after the fall of the hammer, the purchaser shall sign a Memorandum of Agreement for completing the purchase according to these conditions, and shall on the same day give security of two householders, approved by the Government, each to the amount of one-twelfth of the total annual premium for the due fulfilment of the contract, if approved by His Excellency the Governor.

5. The Monthly Premium shall be paid into the Colonial Treasury upon the Twenty-first day of each month.

6. Persons desirous of bidding at this Auction are directed to call at the Surveyor General's Office, where further particulars may be obtained.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th January, 1878.

No. 266.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that, in accordance with "The Rating Ordinance, 1875," His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, has fixed the Police Rate for the Year 1878, at Seven-and-three-quarters per cent for Houses in the City of Victoria, and at Five per cent for Houses in British Kowloon and the outlying Villages of the Colony; and the Lighting Rate at One-and-a-half per cent, the Fire Brigade Rate at Three-quarters per cent, and the Water Rate at Two per cent per annum, for Houses in the City of Victoria.

The Police, Lighting, Fire Brigade, and Water Rates will be payable Quarterly in advance at the Colonial Treasury, between the first and last Days of the first Month in each Quarter.

These several Rates shall be charged and chargeable on, and recoverable from, the Owners of the Tenements in respect of which the above Assessments have been made.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th December, 1877.

## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that the Crown Rents for the half-year ending 25th December, 1877, should be paid into the Treasury on or before the 15th January, 1878.

CECIL C. SMITH,  
*Colonial Treasurer.*

Colonial Treasury, Hongkong, 28th December, 1877.

## POST OFFICE NOTICE.

Correspondence for the West Indies (except those belonging to the Postal Union, the Bahamas, and Hayti), for Costa Rica, Honduras, Monte Video, New Granada, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent via San Francisco.

ALFRED LISTER,  
*Postmaster General.*

General Post Office, Hongkong, 27th December, 1877.