No. 160.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

SALE OF THE OPIUM FARM.

Notice is hereby given, that Tenders for the Privilege of Preparing and selling Prepared Opium within the Colony for the term of one, two, or three years from the 1st of March, 1879, under the provisions of Ordinance No. 2 of 1858, will be received at this Office, until Noon on Monday, the 23rd September, 1878.

Each Tender should specify the monthly payment offered for the period above-mentioned.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any Tender.

Should the highest Tender be less than the sum the Governor thinks a fair price for the Opium Farm, His Excellency in Council will grant Licences direct under Section 3 of the Ordinance, and take such further steps as may be necessary to realize a fair price.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 21st August, 1878.

No. 172.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

With reference to the above Notification, it is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to extend the period up to which Tenders will be received to Noon on Wednesday, the 23rd October.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 6th September, 1878.

No. 173.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following abstract of the Returns of the Collector of Stamp Revenue is published for general information.

By Command,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

Total Revenue for the month of August, 1878,	$11,924.52
Collected in 1878 up to August 31st,	$86,422.25
„ in 1877 „ „	78,245.46
Increase,	$8,176.79

A. LISTER,
Collector of Stamp Revenue.

Stamp Office, Hongkong, 2nd September, 1878.

No. 174.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notices to Mariners are published for general information.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th September, 1878.

Government of Queensland.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

SHOAL PATCH OFF TURTLE GROUP, INNER ROUTE.

Captain BROWN, of the s.s. *Gunga*, reports the existence of a Shoal Patch, over which the vessel grazed—and on which there probably would not be more than 12 feet at low water—lying 1 mile to the northward of the North Island of the Turtle Group, and with that Island on with Lookout Point.

Nothing less than 7 fathoms was obtained by the lead.

G. P. HEATH,
Commander R.N., Portmaster.

Department of Ports and Harbours, Brisbane, July 22nd, 1878.