

[No. 646.]

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
HONGKONG, 14th August, 1878.

REV. SIR,—Adverting to my letter No. 403 of the 16th May, I have the honour to inform you that Governor POPE HENNESSY having carefully considered the objections you have taken to the practice of Sunday labour by Government employées, which has prevailed in Hongkong for many years past, has given instructions that His Excellency hopes will put a stop to all labour of the kind in future, except that which may be absolutely necessary and unavoidable

I have the honour to be,

Rev. Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Rev. EDMUND DAVYS,
Acting Colonial Chaplain.

No. 179.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION.

The following Documents are published for general information.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th September, 1878.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

HONGKONG, 12th September, 1878.

SIR,—With reference to the Competitive Examination for the vacant post of Shroff (including also the duties of an English and Chinese Clerk) at the Supreme Court, we have the honour to report:—

1. All the candidates who at the preliminary examination, conducted by the Honourable C. B. PLUNKET, and to have any knowledge of English at all, were summoned to present themselves for examination at the Government Central School.

2. Of the 15 Candidates thus summoned, only 6 presented themselves for examination, two of whom begged to be allowed to withdraw before the whole examination was completed, viz., Nos. 8 and No. 16, so that only 4 Candidates submitted to the whole examination, viz., Nos. 14, No. 15, and No. 18.

3. These 6 Candidates were examined according to the scheme approved by His Excellency the Governor, and the results are detailed in the appended tabulated statement, from which it will appear that the Candidates ranged as follows:—

No. 15,	63 Marks.
„ 6,	38 „
„ 14,	31 „
„ 16,	24 „
„ 8,	22 „
„ 18,	14 „

4. The only Candidate whom we can recommend for the favourable consideration of His Excellency the Governor is No. 15, Mr. CHUNG-SHING-HONG, who passed well in every subject, and regarding whom the Honourable C. B. PLUNKET writes in his list No. 15, “an intelligent smart man, speaks, reads and writes English remarkably well for a Chinaman;” which remark the undersigned are fully able to endorse.

5. The examination papers of all the Candidates and the testimonials of Mr. CHUNG-SHING-HONG are herewith enclosed.

6. The testimonials of all the other Candidates and the documents which Dr. EITEL obtained from the Honourable C. B. PLUNKET for the purposes of this examination, and which are to be returned to Mr. PLUNKET, are also herewith forwarded.

E. J. EITEL.
M. S. TONNOCHY.
NG CHOY.

The Honourable J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Minute by His Excellency the Governor.

I am much obliged to the Examiners for the trouble they have taken in this matter, and I approve of the appointment of the Candidate they recommend, Mr. CHUNG-HING-HONG.

J. POPE HENNESSY.

13th September, 1878.

No. 180.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Tenders will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office, until Noon on Monday, the 23rd September, 1878, for the supply and making up of the undermentioned Winter Clothing for the use of the Hongkong Police Force, viz. :—

- 20 Fine Blue Cloth Suits for Inspectors and Jemadar.
- 275 Blue Cloth Suits for Europeans and Indians.
- 341 Serge Suits for Chinese.
- 150 Turbans.
- 550 Pairs of Chinese Shoes.
- 200 Do. Stockings.
- 200 Do. Garters.

Blue Cloth, Buff Facings, Black Lining for Inspectors' Coats, Striped Sleeve Lining, White Lining, Buttons, Hooks and Eyes, Mohair Braid and Mohair Cord, White Cord Trousers, Buckles, Serge for the Chinese Force, and Cloth for Indians' Turbans only, will be supplied from the Police Store.

No Tender will be received, unless the Person tendering shall produce a receipt to the effect that he has deposited in the Colonial Treasury the sum of \$100, as a pledge of the *bona fides* of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if such Person shall refuse to carry out his Tender.

Form of Tender and any further information can be obtained on application at the Office of the Captain Superintendent of Police.

No Tender will be received unless sent in the Form required.

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

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th September, 1878.

No. 181.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on Monday, the 30th day of September, 1878, at 4 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th September, 1878.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 30th day of September, 1878, at 4 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Four Lots of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a Term of 75 Years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	LOCALITY.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square ft.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
	Rural Building Lot.		feet.	feet.	feet.	feet.		\$	\$
1	No. 1,	Near Mount Gough,	431.0	487.0	265.0	{218.0 214.0}	138,861	46.68	650.00
2	No. 2,	Do. do.,	340.0	431.0	289.6	241.0	91,526	31.51	425.00
3	No. 3,	Do. do.,	382.0	340.0	353.0	120.0	68,593	23.61	300
4	No. 4,	Do. do.,	N. & E. 610.0	470.0		310.6	120,170		