

No. 240.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Tenders will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office, on or before Friday, the 27th December, at Noon, for the erection of a boat as per accompanying specification.

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

SPECIFICATION.

A stout and substantial boat, fit for use in heavy weather. Length, 24 feet 6 inches; beam, 5 feet 3 inches; depth, 2 feet, with good floor and lines. Keel, gunwale, garboard strake, thwarts, and gratings (to extend right fore and aft) to be of teak, the planking of China pine, fastened with copper rivets. Duck awning fore and aft with teak or iron stanchions at stem and stern. House aft, of No. 1 canvas on iron frame.

Rowlocks and fittings to be of iron, except brass knees. Brass steering yoke (double purchase) and plaited lines. Mast clamp and step to be fitted, but no mast or sail required. To pull 4 oars, but oars not required. To have three coats of paint inside and out. Workmanship and materials to be all of the best description.

By Command,

C. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 13th December, 1878.

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The following Accounts, duly certified, of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation in Hongkong, during the Months ending 31st October, and 30th November, 1878, are published for general information.

By Command,

C. MAY,
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31st October, 1878.

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Oriental Bank Corporation,	194,150	150,000
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,	714,334	250,000
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	736,891	300,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	1,524,575	600,000
TOTAL,.....\$	3,169,950	1,300,000

30th November, 1878.

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Oriental Bank Corporation,	346,450	200,000
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,	642,452	250,000
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	562,560	200,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	1,430,052	600,000
TOTAL,.....\$	2,981,514	1,250,000