

Patterns of the articles and a form of the tender may be seen at this Office.

No tender will be received after one o'clock on the day of treaty, nor any noticed unless the party, or an agent for him, attends.

Every tender must be accompanied by a letter, addressed to the Navy Board, and signed by two responsible persons, engaging to become bound with the person tendering, in the sum of £500, for the due performance of the contract.

G. Smith.

Office for Taxes, Somerset-Place
January 27, 1827.

PURSUANT to Acts, passed in the forty-second and fifty-third years of His late Majesty's reign, notice is hereby given, that the price of the Three per Centum Consolidated Bank Annuities, sold at the Bank of England this day, was £79 and under £80 per Centum.

By order of the Commissioners for the Affairs of Taxes,
E. Bates, Secretary.

East India-House, January 24, 1827.

THE Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, do hereby give notice,

That the special General Court of the said Company, appointed to be held at their House, in Leadenhall street, on Wednesday the 7th February next, is made further special, for the purpose of laying before the Proprietors for their approbation, in conformity with the 17th section of the 6th chapter of the bye-laws, a resolution of the Court of Directors of the 10th instant, appointing an Assistant in the Medical Department at the Company's Depot at Chatham, with a salary of £300 per annum, and an allowance of £40 per annum for house-rent.

Copies of the said resolution now lies open at this House, for the perusal of the Proprietors.

Joseph Dart, Secretary.

East India-House, January 24, 1827.

THE Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, do hereby give notice,

That the transfer-books of the said Company's stock will be shut on Tuesday the 6th March next, at three o'clock, and opened again on Thursday the 12th April following:

That a Quarterly General Court of the said Company will be held at their House, in Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday the 21st March next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon:

That a General Court of the said Company will be held at their House, in Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday the 11th April next, from nine o'clock in the morning until six in the evening, for the election of six Directors of the said Company for four years:

And that the list of the Members of the said Company will be ready to be delivered at this House, on Wednesday the 28th March next.

Joseph Dart, Secretary.

East India-House, January 24, 1827.

THE Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, do hereby give notice,

That a special General Court of the said Company will be held at their House, in Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday the 7th February next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the desire of more than nine Proprietors, agreeably to the following letter, received this day, viz.

"To the Honourable the Court of Directors of the East India Company.

"We, the undersigned Proprietors of India Stock, duly qualified, request that a Court of Proprietors may soon be called, to which it is our intention to submit the following Propositions:

"1st. To deliberate on the present state of the Oriental education, connected with the absolute necessity for the whole of the Company's servants in Hindoostan to acquire at least some colloquial knowledge of its popular tongue.

"2d. To determine whether the elementary acquisition of Hindoostanee in this country be not indispensable to candidates for official appointments previous to their nomination by the Court of Directors, in order so far to secure the future good government of British India, and the durable prosperity of that vast empire.

"3d. To decide also on the propriety of the proposed preliminary qualification for free merchants, mariners, and others, before granting them a licence to reside among a hundred millions of native subjects, in daily contact with those European inhabitants, who in general know nothing of the Hindoostanee, and consequently may injuriously impede, through the multifarious transactions of public or private life, not only the local Authorities, but the common weal of the People and State.

"4th. For a copy of the regulations issued by the Court of Directors relative to the public examinations at home or abroad of persons intended for the Company's service in India, on their respective acquirements as Oriental scholars with the view of securing efficient servants for the effectual management of numerous important affairs in our extensive and extending domains in the East.

"5th. To compare the real expence of the two systems of Oriental tuition existing here since 1818, with the notorious disproportionate results of each, the total charge of one mode of Oriental instruction alone having amounted to £64,000 for 560 students, while that of the other was only £4,000, for communicating similar information to 1,600 pupils, at the Hindoostanee and Persian Lecture-rooms in London, many of whom are now not only very useful Interpreters; &c., but a capable and ready to execute other responsible functions in the East Indian service.

"6th. To recommend the adoption of some plan here for the immediate encouragement of appropriate military education and Oriental literature, with colloquial proficiency among the King's Officers, the Company's Cavalry, and Infantry Cadets, &c., to the serious attention of the Executive Court, which has done nothing yet to enable those youths to proceed hence as Officers or Linguists to India, well qualified to command numerous bodies of brave