

party attends, or an agent for him duly authorised in writing.

Every tender must be addressed to the Secretary of the Admiralty, and bear in the left-hand corner the words "Tender for Coals," and must also be delivered at Somerset-place, accompanied by a letter, signed by a responsible person, engaging to become bound with the person tendering, in the sum of £200 for the due performance of the contract.

CONTRACTS FOR RUM, VINEGAR, PEPPER, TOBACCO, SOAP, AND CANVAS.

Department of the Comptroller for Victualling and Transport Services, Somerset-Place, April 23, 1853.

THE Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland do hereby give notice, that, on Thursday the 26th May next, at one o'clock, they will be ready to treat with such persons as may be willing to contract for supplying and delivering into Her Majesty's Victualling Stores at Gosport and Plymouth, the undermentioned articles; viz.:

Rum (the produce of the British possessions in the West Indies), 16,000 gallons, Gosport; one half to be delivered in a month, and the remainder in a month afterwards, or earlier if preferred by the party tendering.

Rum (the produce of other British possessions), 16,000 gallons, Gosport; one half to be delivered in a month, and the remainder in a month afterwards, or earlier if preferred by the party tendering.

Vinegar, 5,000 gallons, Gosport; 5,000 gallons, Plymouth; one half of each to be delivered in a month, and the remainder in a month afterwards, or earlier if preferred by the party tendering.

Pepper (whole black), 2 tons, Gosport; one half to be delivered in a month, and the remainder in a month afterwards, or earlier if preferred by the party tendering.

Tobacco (Virginia), 15 tons, Gosport; one half to be delivered in a month, and the remainder in a month afterwards, or earlier if preferred by the party tendering.

Soap (Mottled), 15 tons, Gosport; 15 tons, Plymouth; one half of each to be delivered in a month, and the remainder in a month afterwards, or earlier if preferred by the party tendering.

Canvas, for Pudding Bags, 400 ells, Gosport; one half to be delivered in a month, and the remainder in a month afterwards, or earlier if preferred by the party tendering.

The rum, pepper, and tobacco to be exempted from the Customs' duties, and the soap to be tendered for at a price exclusive of the excise drawback, which will be allowed to the contractor.

No tender will be received for a less quantity of rum than 2,000 gallons of either description, of vinegar than 1,000 gallons, of pepper the whole quantity, of tobacco and soap than 5 tons of each, and 200 ells of canvas.

Samples of the rum to be sent in pints for each Import Mark, and the average strength of each Mark Ex to be stated, and not an average of different marks or strengths of several imports; and any cask of rum that is found not to be of the same quality, mark, or average strength of the sample tendered and accepted, will be rejected by the Officers; and samples of the pepper and tobacco (not less than 2 lbs. of each), and of the

soap (not less than 2 bars), must be produced by the parties tendering, and separate tenders must be made for each description of rum, and samples of the canvas may be seen at the said Office, and at Gosport and Plymouth.

The samples produced by persons whose tenders are not accepted, are requested to be taken away by them immediately after the contracts have been decided.

The conditions of the revised contracts, to which particular attention is called, may be seen at the said Office, at the Victualling Yards at Gosport and Plymouth, at the office of Commander Bevis, at Liverpool, and of the Collector of Customs at Bristol.

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

Every tender must be addressed to the Secretary of the Admiralty, and bear in the left-hand corner the words "Tender for " and must also be delivered at Somerset-place, and those for rum, and canvas must be accompanied by a letter signed by a responsible person, engaging to become bound with the person tendering, in the sum of £20 per cent. on the value, for the due performance of each of the contracts.

East India-House, April 27, 1853.

THE Court of Directors of the East India Company do hereby give notice,

That the transfer books of the said Company's stock will be shut on Thursday the 9th June, at three o'clock, and opened again on Tuesday the 12th July; and

That the warrants for the dividends on the said stock, payable on the 6th July, 1853, under the 11th section of the Act 3rd and 4th Wm. IV., cap. 85, will be ready to be delivered on that day.

James C. Melvill, Secretary.

East India-House, April 27, 1853.

THE Court of Directors of the East India Company do hereby give notice,

That a Quarterly General Court of the said Company will be held at their House, in Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday the 22nd June next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

James C. Melvill, Secretary.

South Australian Company.

4, New Broad-Street, London,
April 26, 1853.

THE Directors hereby give notice, that a call of £2 10s. per share on the new shares issued in 1851, is required to be paid on or before Wednesday the 25th May next, at the Banking-house of Messrs. Currie and Co., No. 29, Cornhill, pursuant to the provisions of the deed of settlement.

By order of the Board of Directors,

And. Miller, Manager.

National Bank of Ireland.

13, Old Broad-Street, London,
April 26, 1853.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Eighteenth Annual General Meeting of the Proprietors of the National Bank of Ireland will be held on Wednesday, the 25th day of May next, at the office of the Society; No. 13, Old Broad-street, London, when, pursuant to the deed of settlement, three of the present Directors are to go out of office by rotation, which will create three vacancies in the office of Director to be filled up, and when the two present vacancies in that office, which were