GENERAL POST OFFICE.

No. S. 372.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Repairs to the Post Office Launch", will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Monday, the 27th November, 1922.

Specifications can be obtained at the Government Marine Surveyor's Office.

Repairs to be executed to the satisfaction of the Government Marine Surveyor.

The Contractor to supply a suitable launch during the repairs.

S. B. C. Ross, Postmaster General.

17th November, 1922.

BOTANICAL AND FORESTRY DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 373.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for the Purchase of Pine Trees, Brushwood and Prunings from Trees", will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Saturday, the 9th Day of December, 1922, for the Purchase of Pine Trees, Brushwood and Prunings from Trees from the Botanical and Forestry Department for the year 1923.

For forms of tender apply at the Colonial Secretary's Office.

For specifications and further particulars apply at this office.

No tender will be considered unless the person tendering produces a receipt to the effect that he has deposited in the Colonial Treasury the sum of \$50 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, should his tender be accepted.

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

H. Green,
Superintendent.

17th November, 1922.

No. S. 374.

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

The Chinese steamer Luen Sheung (Lonshon) is reported to be stranded 3 miles S. by E. (approximate) of the Wangmun Light near off Island. Dangerous to navigation.

The following report has been received in this office, and is exhibited for the information of the public:—

The Master S.S. Tai Lee reports that on 1st November, 1922, he rescued the crew of the water logged S.S. Heiyo Maru (a wooden ship of 586 tons nett length 219 feet) which ship is presumed to have sunk at anchor on the above date in 16 fathoms in Lat. 30° 45′ N., Long. 122° 47′ E. (Mui Tan Light Head bearing N. 50½° W. dist. 16′) (Shitan Bay District).

Positions and Bearing given approximate.

C. W. BECKWITH, Commander, R.N., Harbour Master, &c.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT,

Hongkong, 13th November, 1922.

No. 232.

Java—Semarang—W/T Coast Station Opened.

Position.—Semarang.

Call letters.—PKN.

Normal Range.—100 sea miles.

Tariff.—30 cents per word.

Description.—The W/T Station is established in Semarang for Public correspondence with ships at sea.

On working days.—From 7 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Java Mean Time).

On Sun-and holy days.—From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Charts affected.—Engl. Adm. Charts Nos. 932, 1653.

Authority.—Het Hoofd-van het Departement der Marine.

(Batavia N.t.M. No. 188/77 dated 6th September, 1922).

No. 237.

Java N. Coast—Madura Strait—Bura Reef and Eendrachts Rock— Buoys replaced by Beacons.

Position.—Bura Reef, lat. 7° 27′ S., long. 113° 02′ E. (approx.). Eendrachts Rock, lat. 7° 30′ S., long. 113° 11′ E. (approx.).

Description.—The conical buoys with ball-topmarks which indicate the positions of the Buru Reef and the Eendrachts Rock in Madura Strait will be replaced by iron screw-pile-beacons.

Further notice will be given.

Chart affected.—Engl. Adm. Chart No. 1654.

Authority.—Het Hoofd van het Departement der Marine.

(Batavia N.t.M. No. 191/78 dated 13th September, 1922).

No. 238.

Small Sunda Island—Alor Strait—Lapang (Vlak Island)— Coast Reef.

From Lapang island in Alor Strait, a coast reef, for the greater part dry, extends to North about 2.5 miles.

Its Northern extremity is lying at about lat. 8° 10′ S., long. 124° 3′ E.

Authority.—Het Hoofd van het Departement der Marine.

(Batavia N.t.M. No. 192/79 dated 15th September, 1922).

No. 241.

Borneo—E. Coast—Berau river—Muara Tidung—Shoal discovered.

Position.—Close to the entrance of Berau river at Muara Tidung; about lat. 2° 9′ 30'' N., long. $118^{\circ}~10'~12''$ E.

Description.—A shoal with 8½ foot (2m55) water over black mud bottom.

Chart affected.—Engl. Adm. Chart No. 2636.

Authority.—Het Hoofd van het Departement der Marine.

(Batavia N.t.M. No. 195/80 dated 16th September, 1922).

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The Astronomical positions are only approximate unless seconds are given. The bearings are given both True and Magnetic, and those relating to lights are from seaward. The visibility of lights is that in clear weather. Fog signals are sounded only in thick or foggy weather. The elevation given is the height of focal plane above high water.

AUSTRALIA-SOUTH COAST, SPENCER GULF.

Middle Bank Light (U)—Distinguishing day mark to be fixed to structure.

Mariners and others are hereby notified that a distinguishing day mark, as described hereunder, will be fixed to the structure on Middle Bank, on or about 15th December, 1922.

Position.—Lat. 33° 38′ S.; Long. 137° 32½′ E., on Chart No. 2389.

Details.—The distinguishing day mark will consist of a ball four feet six inches in diameter, painted white, suspended from an outrigger on the east side of the tower and a similar ball suspended from an outrigger on the west side. The balls will be twenty-two feet apart.

Remarks.—The other details of the light will remain unaltered.

Note.—No further notice will be given.

Chart affected.—Admiralty Chart No. 2389—St. Vincent and Spencer Gulfs.

Publications affected.—Admiralty List of Lights and Time Signals, Part VI., 1922, No. 2333.

Australia Pilot, Vol. I. 1918, page 220.

Melbourne, 11th September, 1922.

No. 8 of 1922.

AUSTRALIA-SOUTH COAST, SPENCER GULF.

Shoalwater Point Light (U)—Color of structure altered.

Mariners and others are hereby notified that the color of the structure on Shoalwater Point has been altered from Red to White.

Position.—Lat. 33° $42\frac{1}{4}$ ′ S.; Long. 137° $14\frac{1}{2}$ ′ E., on Chart No. 2389.

Alteration.—The color of the steel frame tower carrying the lantern has been altered from Red to White. The tower and lantern are now painted White.

Remarks.—The other details of the light remain unaltered.

Chart affected.—Admiralty Chart No. 2389.—St. Vincent and Spencer Gulfs.

Publications affected.—Admiralty List of Lights and Time Signals, Part VI., 1922, No. 2332.

Australia Pilot, Vol. I., 1918, page 187.

Melbourne, 11th September, 1922.

No. 9 of 1922.

AUSTRALIA-SOUTH COAST-BASS STRAIT.

Cliffy Island Light-Intended alteration in Power and Phase.

Mariners and others are hereby notified that the power of the light on Cliffy Island will be increased and the phase of the light will be altered, on or about 20th January, 1923.

Position.—Lat. 38° 57½′ S.; Long. 146° 42½′ E., on Chart No. 1703.

Details.—The power of the light will be increased, the period reduced from twelve seconds to eight seconds, and the duration of the flash reduced from two seconds to one second. The characteristics of the light will be as follows.—

Character.—Flashing White Light every eight seconds, thus:—

Eclipse
7 secs.

Power.—87,500 candles.

Remarks.—The other details of the light will remain unaltered.

Note.—No further notice will be given.

Chart affected.—Admiralty Chart No. 1703 — Wilson Promontory.

3169 —Port Phillip to Gabo Island.

,, 1695A—Bass Strait.

Publications affected.—Admiralty List of Lights and Time Signals, Part VI., 1922, No. 2496.

Australia Pilot, Vol. II., 1918, page 182.

General Notice to Mariners respecting Navigation in Victorian Waters, 1918, pages 6 and 118.

By direction,

PERCY WHITTON,

Acting Comptroller-General of Customs.

JOSHUA F. RAMSBOTHAM, Director of Lighthouses.

Department of Trade and Customs, Melbourne, 11th September, 1922.