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## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE Contract hitherto in force for the publication of GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS having ceased on the 21st instant. —Notice is hereby given, that the HONGKONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, this day established, will be hereafter the only Official Organ of Proclamations, Notifications, and all Public Papers of this Government.

By Order,

W. CAINE,  
Colonial Secretary.

Victoria, Hongkong, 24th September, 1853.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified, that the Government Rents due for the current half year will be payable on the 24th instant, and for twenty one days following.

R. RIENAECKER,  
Colonial Treasurer.

Colonial Treasury, Victoria,  
Hongkong, 17th June, 1854.

## NOTICE.

The following Extract from the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 9th May last is published for the information of Ship-Masters.

By Order,

C. B. HILLIER,  
Officiating Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria,  
Hongkong, 15th June, 1854.

## NOTICE TO MARINERS TOUCHING NAVIGATION IN THE VICINITY OF THE LACCADIVE, AND MALDIVA ARCHIPELAGO.

In consequence of the wreck of the Ships *Wuzeer* and *Hamoody* on the Cherbaniani and Byramgore Reefs, situated on the Western extremity of the Laccadive group of islets and shoals, it will be seen, by notes quoted in the margin, that an erroneous idea is entertained that the respective position of those dangerous shoals is not correctly laid down in Horsburgh's Chart. It is, therefore, essentially necessary to warn Commanders of Ships against so fallacious an impression by a statement of such facts as will prove that those shoals have been most ably surveyed, and are delineated with the utmost care and precision.

Extract from the deposition made by Captain A. C. Barnes of the Barque "*Hamoody*" before C. F. Chamier, Esq. Head Assistant Collector of Canara on the 27th March 1854.

"From observations taken on the wreck we made the Longitude 71°—26" (the Chronometer being afterwards found perfectly correct in Tellicherry) while the wreck of the Byramgore is laid down in Horsburgh's Chart in Longitude 71°—51'.

"It is my opinion therefore that the Byramgore is considerably more to the West than it is laid down, or that the shoal on which the "*Hamoody*" lies is a new formation.

Extract from a letter from C. F. Chamier, Esq. dated Mangalore 28th March, 1854.

"I am only desirous of adding my conviction that the Cherbaniani and Byramgore reefs are either not correctly laid down in the Nautical Charts, or that there are peculiarities in the current, which are not generally known: and of advocating the necessity of the results of the latest survey being published for general information. As the Commanders of the "*Wuzeer*" and "*Hamoody*" were both experienced in the navigation of these seas, it is difficult, on any other supposition, to account for their losing their Ships on shoals, with the danger of which they were well acquainted and of which they both believed that their course would have made them clear."

The Ship "*Wuzeer*" 525 tons from Liverpool to Bombay was totally wrecked on the Cherbaniani reef about 3 A.M. on the 27th of March 1853—her Longitude by Chronometer at noon on the 26th placed her nearly ninety miles to the Westward of that shoal.

The "*Hamoody*," 438 tons from Bombay and bound to the Mauritius was wrecked on the Byramgore shoal at 7 P.M. on the 16th of March, 1854.

As, however, some Commanders of Ships may not be provided with the latest edition of either Horsburgh's Sailing Directory or Charts, their attention is, in the first place, directed to the following important communication which was repeatedly published in the Government Gazette and public Journals at the three Presidencies.