

No. 111.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The subjoined *Sailing Directions* for approaching the Port of CALCUTTA having been received from the Government of Bengal, are published for the information of Shipmasters and others whom it may concern.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 16th October, 1856.

DIRECTIONS
FOR
APPROACHING THE SAND HEADS
IN BOTH MONSOONS.

SOUTH-WEST MONSOON.

The South-West Monsoon may be considered to commence on the 15th March, on which date the Pilot Vessels take up their station near the Buoy on the Pilot's Ridge as described below. The S. W. Monsoon is over by the end of September.

2d, False Point Light House is in latitude 20° 19' North and longitude 86° 47' East; and a Buoy is placed in 21½ fathoms on the Pilot's Ridge, in latitude 20° 49' North and longitude 87° 42' East: the Buoy therefore bears from False Point Light House, North 59° 49' East, true, and distant 59½ miles.

3d, A Vessel, therefore, after making the Light House at False Point (in passing which she ought not to go into less than 10 fathoms), should bring it to bear about West-South-West 10 or 15 miles distant, when she will be in 11 or 12 fathoms, then steer East-North-Eastward, when the soundings will gradually increase to 23 fathoms on the eastern edge of the Pilot's Ridge. She should then regulate her course so as to keep between the Ridge and 27 fathoms, when, by attention to the lead and nature of the soundings, course and distance run from the Light House, it is almost impossible to avoid making the Pilot Vessels, as their cruising ground is immediately to the North-East of the Light Vessel stationed during the South-West Monsoon in close proximity to the Buoy on the Ridge.

4th, The soundings to seaward of the Pilot's Ridge are, in general, a greenish or olive-coloured mud, with occasionally a few bits of broken shells mixed with it; whilst those on the Ridge are of a shelly sand, or minute gravel, of a reddish or rusty brown color.

5th, Vessels approaching the Station are earnestly warned to be careful in avoiding collision when communicating with either the Light or supplying Pilot Vessels; and, on making the former at night, they are strongly recommended to heave to, at a proper distance, till day-light, by which measure they will avoid the probability of passing the supplying Pilot Vessels in the darkness of the night.

6th, The Eastern Channel Light Vessel is in latitude 21° 04', North and longitude 88½° 14' East, and therefore bears from the Buoy on the Pilot's Ridge, North 63° 26' East, true; and distant 32½ miles. The Eastern Channel Light Vessel, from the 15th March to the 15th September, burns a blue light every half hour and a maroon every quarter hour during the night, commencing at 7 p.m.; and her standing light is a plain light.

7th, The Pilot's Ridge Light Vessel shows from the 15th March to the 15th of September a plain standing light, and burns a blue light every hour, and a maroon at the intermediate half hours.

8th, It is important to observe the difference as to the blue lights and maroons shown by the Eastern Channel and the Ridge Light respectively, as, if this is attended to, a Vessel, out in her reckoning, or uncertain of her position, cannot possibly mistake one for the other.

THE NORTH-EAST MONSOON.

9th, This Monsoon, which constitutes the fine season in the Head of the Bay of Bengal, is considered to commence in October and end in the beginning of March. During this season the Pilot Station is about the outer Floating Light situated in the Eastern Channel as above, and Vessels coming in should make directly for that mark. The Pilot Vessels cruise in the day-time spreading East and West of, sometimes a little to the southward of, the Light Vessel; and at night anchor in positions not far from her. At this season she shows a maroon or torch-light every half hour and a blue light every hour.

DIVIE ROBERTSON,
Master Attendant.

FORT WILLIAM,
The 1st March, 1856.

In re JAMES W. CURTIS, deceased.
" EMAUM ALI, "

NOTICE.—All claims against the above Estates must be proved before the OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR, before the 11th day of April, 1857, otherwise they will not be included in the Scheme of Division. All Persons indebted to the said Estates are requested to make immediate payment to

WILLIAM HASTINGS ALEXANDER,
Registrar—Official Administrator.

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP heretofore existing at this Port, between the undersigned, under the Style of WILLIAMS, ANTHON & Co., expires this day by lapse of time and mutual consent. The outstanding Accounts will be settled by either Partner; and a strictly AGENCY & COMMISSION BUSINESS will be conducted by them as Partners at the PORT OF SINGAPORE under the Style of WILLIAMS, ANTHON & Co.

C. D. WILLIAMS,
H. ANTHON, JR.,
G. L. HASKELL.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1856.

NOTICE.

BY order of the Consular Department of the Foreign Office at Copenhagen, it is hereby notified, that the Office of DANISH CONSUL at Canton having become vacant, applications from Resident Merchants of that place who may desire to fill the said Office, will be received by the MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, at Copenhagen, until the 1st February, 1857.

FRED. H. BLOCK,
H. D. M. Consul.

Danish Consulate, Hongkong,
1st October, 1856.

NOTICE.

AN Assignment of the Property, Real and Personal, of the Firm of WETMORE & Co. of CANTON, FOCHOW, and SHANGHAI, CHINA, having been duly made on the 12th July, 1856, to the undersigned, in trust for the benefit of their Creditors, and recorded in the United States Consulate at Canton: I hereby give notice to all concerned to make payment to me of all Sums due to, and to present to me any Claims against, the said Firm.

OLIVER H. PERRY.

Canton, 7th August, 1856.

NOTICE.

WHEREAS the Firm of NYE BROTHERS & Co. of Canton, China, did, on the 11th day of March, 1856, at the Office of the UNITED STATES CONSULATE in Canton, execute an Assignment of all their Property, real and personal, in trust for the benefit of their Creditors, to the undersigned: We hereby give notice to all concerned to make payment to us of all sums due to, and to present to us any claims against, the said Firm.

RUSSELL & Co.
JAMES PURDON & Co.

Canton, 18th March, 1856.

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