

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Return of Notes in Circulation and Specie in Reserve at the Bank of the Oriental Bank Corporation in Hongkong, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. BRIDGES, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 11th January, 1858.

Statement of the average Amount of Notes in Circulation at the Bank of the Oriental Bank Corporation in Hongkong, for the Month ending 31st December, 1857, rendered in accordance with the Terms of Her Majesty's Royal Charter of Incorporation.

NOTES ISSUED.....\$342,965. SPECIE IN RESERVE, „ 200,000.

P. CAMPBELL, Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, 5th January, 1858.

I have inspected this day the Books and Treasure Vault of the Oriental Bank Corporation, and hereby certify that the Amount of Specie shown is in accordance with the Terms of the Charter.

FRED. FORTH, Colonial Treasurer.

J. A. CARVALHO, Accountant.

Victoria, Hongkong, 8th January, 1858.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notice to Mariners from the Hydrographer to the Admiralty, London, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. BRIDGES, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 12th January, 1858.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 36.]

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—PORT PHILLIP.

TEMPORARY LIGHT VESSEL IN GEELONG HARBOUR.

The Harbour Authorities at Geelong, Port Phillip, have given Notice, that a Light-vessel has been temporarily moored opposite the Rock, on the port side of the channel leading into Corio harbour, Geelong, near the position hitherto occupied by the Second black light, which has been removed.

The Light is white, fixed, and elevated 27 feet above the sea; and it may be seen from the deck of a small vessel at a distance of 9 miles in clear weather.

The Light-ship lies in 12 feet at low water, with the following bearings:—Outer red dolphin, upon which a red ball has been placed, W.; beacon on Bird Rock S. 89° E.; white buoy off Bird Rock S. 54° E.; red buoy off Point Wilson S. 87° E.; white buoy off Point Wilson S. 52° E., and Point Henry S. 4° W.

Should the Light-vessel break adrift, or be otherwise shifted from her moorings, the white light will be discontinued, and two red lights exhibited instead by night, and a large white flag by day.

The following tidal signals will be made from the Light-vessel by day to indicate the depth of water on the Bar:—

Table with 2 columns: Signal description and Depth in feet. Signals include one blue flag, one ball, ball with blue flag over, ball with blue flag under, two balls, two balls with blue flag under, two balls with blue flag over, two balls with red flag under, two balls with red flag over, two balls with red flag between, and red flag. Depths range from 10 to 15 feet.

[All bearings are magnetic. Variation 8° East in 1857.]

By Command of their Lordships,

JOHN WASHINGTON, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London, 29th September, 1857.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Australian, General, No. 1042; Bass Strait, No. 1695; Port Phillip, No. 1171. Australia Directory, Vol 1., p. 127, and Art. 26 of Appendix; and Australia Lights List, No. 91.