

No. 43.

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,

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 7th May, 1858.

W. T. BRIDGES,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Account of the average Amount of Notes in Circulation at the Bank of the Oriental Bank Corporation in Hongkong, for the Month ending 30th April, 1858, rendered in accordance with the Terms of Her Majesty's Royal Charter of Incorporation.

NOTES ISSUED, \$335,038.  
SPECIE IN RESERVE, „ 200,000.

P. CAMPBELL,  
Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, 1st May, 1858.

I 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 Royal Charter.

FRED. FORTH,  
Colonial Treasurer.

J. A. CARVALHO,  
Accountant.

Victoria, Hongkong, 7th May, 1858.

No. 44.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The subjoined *Hydrographic Notice*, is published for the information of Shipmasters.

By Order,

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 8th May, 1858.

W. T. BRIDGES,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

*Hydrographic Notice.*

CHINA SEA.

NORTH-WEST COAST OF BORNEO AND PALAWAN PASSAGE.

VARIATION 1° 20' E. IN 1858.

Two dangerous Coral banks were passed by H.M.S. *Fury* on her passage to and from the Island of Moaro, on the North-west Coast of Borneo.

The first, in Latitude 5° 42' N., Longitude 114° 59' E., and situated to the North-west of the 4 fathoms sounding marked Samarang in Sheet 7 of the N.W. Coast of Borneo, appeared to be 4 or 5 miles long, East and West, and 3 to 4 miles broad, with heavy breakers extending 1½ miles. There was a heavy sea at the time, and the deepest water obtained was 12 fathoms, the least 6 fathoms.

The second, in Latitude 5° 56' N., Longitude 114° 50' E., was also about the same length, East and West, and, as far as could be judged from the discoloured water, 3 miles in breadth. No Breakers were seen; the bank appears to be steep-to, and was first struck on one side with a depth of 11 fathoms, and on the other with 7 fathoms. The vessel was then steered West 1½ miles when the soundings shoaled, then North, when they shoaled to 4½ fathoms, and then suddenly deepened to no bottom with the hand lead. The soundings on this bank were very regular.\*

CAUTION.—Great attention should be paid to the lead, and a good look-out kept for discoloured water, when in this neighbourhood, for it is well known to be full of shoals, and the mariner is cautioned not to make too free with its navigation.

ROGER BREAKERS.—The Peninsular and Oriental Mail Steam Packet Company have given notice to the Admiralty, that heavy breakers were seen every three or four minutes, bearing East 2 or 3 miles, from the Steam Vessel *Formosa*, at 6h. 50m. A.M. January 4th, 1858, when proceeding from Singapore towards Hongkong by the Palawan passage. There was a swell from the N.E., and the broken water, about 10 yards in extent north and south, was apparently caused by a rock a few feet under water. The vessel proceeded slowly, and soundings were occasionally tried for with 100 fathoms, no bottom. The weather was thick and rainy, but at 11 A.M. it cleared up and Mantaleengahan mountain, 6,843 feet high, near the southern end of Palawan, bore E.N.E. ¼ N. The position of the breakers, worked back from observation and cross bearings of the land at noon, is in lat. 8° 21' N., long. 116° 25' E.†

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London, 24th March 1858.

\* See Admiralty Charts, China Sea, No. 1,720, scale d = 0.9 of an inch; and Sheets 6 and 7 of N.W. coast of Borneo, Nos. 2,109, 2,110; scales 0.2 and 0.5 of an inch, of which these dangers are inserted.

† See Admiralty Charts, China Sea, No. 1,270, scale d = 0.9 of an inch; and Palawan island, No. 967, scale d = 6 inches, on which this danger is inserted.

POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

THE Next GENERAL MAILS per Steamer "SINGAPORE," will close on FRIDAY, the 21st instant, at 6 o'clock P.M.

The usual SUPPLEMENTARY MAIL will be made up on the following morning. LETTERS received from 9 to 11 o'clock A.M., for a late fee of 6d.; and from 11 A.M. to 12½ o'clock P.M., for a late fee of 1s.

Letters posted between the hours of 11 and Half-past 12 o'clock must be prepaid.

WM. CHAPMAN,  
Post-Master.

Post Office, Hongkong,  
8th May, 1858.

In re JAMES HUNTER, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,—to the NEXT OF KIN, and all other Persons, to produce any WILLS or CODICILS of the above Party that may be in their possession before the Supreme Court, on FRIDAY, the Fourteenth day of May, A.D. 1858; or, if none, that the Next of Kin do accept or refuse LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION; failing which, Administration will be granted to the Registrar of the said Court.

By the Court,

NORMAN RAMSAY MASSON,  
Acting Registrar.

NOTICE.

MR GEORGE J. HELLAND, is authorized to sign our Firm.

JOHN BURD & Co.

Hongkong, 8th May, 1858.

NOTICE.

MR ROBERT MUIRHEAD REDDIE, is authorized to sign the name of our Firm in China.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1857.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership heretofore subsisting between WILLIAM GASKELL and JAMES BROWN, as Attorneys, Solicitors, Notaries Public, and Proctors, at Hongkong, was dissolved, by the decease of the said JAMES BROWN, on the 28th day of April, 1857.

WILLIAM GASKELL.

Dated this 29th day of April 1857.

NOTICE.

WE have established a Branch of our House, as General Merchants & Commission Agents, at BANGKOK, SIAM, from the 25th August last.

REMI, SCHMIDT & Co.

Shanghai, 1st October, 1857.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of Messrs DANIEL, DICKINSON & Co., of London, in our Firm, ceased on the 31st January last. Mr WILLIAM DICKINSON continues to be a Partner with us.

ALFRED WILKINSON & Co.

Hongkong, 31st March, 1858.

NOTICE.

I, the undersigned, have admitted Mr F. INNES HAZELAND a Partner in my business, of Attorney, Solicitor, Proctor, and Notary Public.

G. COOPER TURNER.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1858.

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