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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notice to Mariners, received from the Government of Ceylon, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 1st February, 1864.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

LIGHT-HOUSES have been erected on FOUL POINT and ROUND ISLAND in the entrance of TRINCOMALIE HARBOUR. The lights are of the following description, and will be exhibited from Sun-set to Sun-rise every night after the 1st of February 1864.

FOUL POINT.—A flash light showing a brilliant flash every half minute, which is plainly visible 17 miles in clear weather, from a Vessel's deck elevated 18 feet above the sea; a faint light is shown between the flashes, which is not visible beyond a distance of 7 miles.

ROUND ISLAND.—A fixed bright light, which is plainly visible 10 miles in clear weather, from a Vessel's deck elevated 18 feet above the sea; it shows a red light when brought to bear between the points W. by S. $\frac{1}{2}$ S., and S.W. $\frac{1}{2}$ S., which is not visible beyond a distance of 6 or 7 miles. Approaching between these bearings the bright light is not seen.

The following directions are for the guidance of vessels entering the inner harbour. Approaching from the Southward bring Foul Point light to bear West distant 2 miles; then steer N.W. until Round Island light bears W.S.W.; then steer direct for it until the extreme point of *Chapel Hill bears North; then steer W. by N. until Round Island light bears S. by E. $\frac{1}{4}$ E.; then steer N. by W. $\frac{1}{4}$ W., passing midway between Ostenberg Point and Sober Island, and keeping Round Island light bearing S. by E. $\frac{1}{4}$ E.; anchor immediately when the water is shoaled to ± 12 fathoms.

Approaching from the Northward when Foul Point light is made, bring it to bear S. by E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E., and steer direct for it until Round Island light bears S.W. $\frac{1}{2}$ W.; then steer direct for it until the extreme point of Chapel Hill bears N. by E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E.; and then follow the directions already given for approaching from the Southward after Chapel Hill bears North.

The Red light is intended to direct vessels clear of the dangers off Foul Point, and Chapel Rock; therefore vessels working into the harbour should be careful to keep within its limits.

JAMES DONNAN,
Master Attendant.

Master Attendant's Office, Colombo, 19th December, 1863.

* Chapel Hill being a high bluff headland may be easily distinguished in the darkest night, as when brought to bear N. or N. by E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E., it will be only $1\frac{1}{4}$ mile distant, and will be the extreme point of land visible in that direction.

† The Lead should be kept going after passing Ostenberg Point, as the water shoals rapidly from 25 to 12 fathoms.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Statement of Revenue received and Expenditure incurred at the Colonial Treasury, is published for general information.

A further Statement including receipts and disbursements on account of the Colony by the Crown Agents in England, will be published as soon as the Accounts to 31st December last shall have been received.

By Order,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 2nd February, 1864.