

No. 8.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that in accordance with Section II of Ordinance No. 12 of 1856, His Excellency the GOVERNOR, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, has decided to close the Chinese Cemetery in the Wong-nei-Choong Valley on the 1st Proximo. On the same date a new Cemetery will be opened immediately South of Caroline Hill for the burial only of Chinese dying East of the Parade Ground.

The Boundaries of the new Cemetery are: North, Caroline Hill Road; South, Government Ground; West, a contour line 200 feet above High Water Mark; East, Farm Lots 3 and 4.

The Cemetery extends 1,000 feet in length from Caroline Hill Road, and averages 400 feet in width.

A plan of the same may be seen at the Registrar General's Office.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th January, 1867.

No. 9.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

At the request of Commodore JONES, the following Hydrographic Notice is published for the information of Mariners, and others whom it may concern.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th January, 1867.

CHINA AND JAPAN STATION.

HYDROGRAPHIC NOTICE.

[No. 5.]

JAPAN, SOUTH COAST AND INLAND SEA.

[The Bearings are Magnetic. Variation 4° W. in 1866.]

The following additional information relating to the navigation of the south coast of Nippon and the Inland Sea has lately been obtained. It should be compared with the fourth edition of the *China Pilot*, to which the bearings noted have reference:—

GULF OF YEDO.

Submarine jets, apparently of steam, were observed on October 6th, 10 miles N.E. of Cape Diamond near Simoda, about 2 miles off the land. They rose to the height of 20 feet.

Redfield Rocks, [p. 462.] As little as 12 fathoms were found when passing along the west side of these rocks, about equi-distant from either group; therefore it is not correctly stated that the water deepens as they are approached. At half-a-mile from the South and principal cluster are soundings of 20 fathoms, rock. The flat rock also is connected with the South rocks and lies close to them.

GULF OF SURUGA.

Directions for the Harbors on the west coast of the Idsu Peninsula. [p. 459.] Tago and Hada may be "fearlessly" steered for, but Arari can only be made by small craft, being difficult of access and its entrance only 40 feet broad.* It lies close to the N.E. of Tago which is a good harbor and easily identified by the two rocky islets of its entrance.

Hada is a safe and accessible anchorage and can be recognised by the low stony barrier which fronts it with its line of dark pine trees.

Strong winds from S.W. do not always blow home into the Gulf of Suruga.

Lady Inglis Rocks.—In a south-wester, good shelter may be obtained under the lee of Omae-saki in 7 to 4 fathoms, but not closer in. A vessel may pass inside the reef by giving the shore a berth of a mile. This reef quite covers at high water and does not always break. An iron perch or beacon should be erected on it.

From YOKOHAMA to the WESTWARD.

Directions.—After passing Rock Island, take an inshore passage, steering to pass well outside Omae-saki, and thence towards Kii no oosima, but take the greatest precaution to give a wide berth to the dangerous reefs off Xima, if passing at night. The *Serpent* carried a favorable current the whole way in October.

KII CHANNEL, &c.

Tanabe has proved at times a convenient anchorage, the usual position for anchoring being south of the Daimio's residence, but better shelter in westerly winds would be found N.E. of the Binzli reef. Two sunken rocks have lately been discovered in the fairway to the above anchorage, one of 22 feet water is S. 6° E. 4½ cables from the islet off Maruyama point; the other with 15 feet is, S. 30° E. at the same distance. To anchor:—Stand in for the green earthwork east of the white wall of the Daimio's residence bearing E.N.E. till Ebisima shuts in with Maruyama islet; then keep East and anchor in 6 to 4 fathoms. The low rock of Binzli always shews.

Ahasi Strait to Hiogo, [p. 491.] A shoal, having 20 feet water on it, is said to exist about a mile south of Mico on the Nipon shore. The *Serpent* obtained 10 fathoms on the spot marked on the chart by a Japanese naval officer, although it appeared very shoal from the extreme discoloration of the water in a heavy tide rip, caused by the ebb stream being deflected from the shore after sweeping out of the Akasi bight. There is very probably a shoal nearer the coast, formed by the eddy.

Standing on towards Hiogo there are not less than 9 fathoms at a mile off shore; and Hiogo point, which is low and has a round gray tower at its extremity, may be rounded at one or two cables.

* See Plan of Arari Bay on Chart of Japan, No. 2847, which is represented four times its proper size.