

Middle Ground.—There is a 2 fathoms patch on the South-eastern part of this shoal not laid down on the chart, and a cluster of dangerous rocks, called Takaba, is reported to lie between it and Karabuse rock.

Buoy.—If a buoy be placed in this vicinity, it will be at the southern edge of the Middle Channel, north of Barrua Shoal, the channel here for vessels of heavy draught being only 2 cables broad at low water, and the course through it East.

By ORDER OF VICE-ADMIRAL G. ST. VINCENT KING, C.B., COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,

December 5th, 1866.

CHAS. BULLOCK,
Commander of H. M. S. "Serpent."

No. 10.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

At the request of the Government of Natal the following Notice, announcing the erection of a Light House on the Bluff at the South side of the entrance of Port Natal, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

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

GOVERNMENT NOTICE No. 122, 1866.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government directs the publication, for general information, of the following Notice of the Erection of a Light-house on the Bluff at the south side of the entrance of Port Natal.

By His Excellency's command,

D. ERSKINE,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Office, Natal, October 20th, 1866.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

A Lighthouse has been erected on the Bluff at the south side of the entrance of Port Natal at an elevation of 292 feet above high water, a light from which will be exhibited on the 23rd January, 1867.

The Lighthouse is in Latitude 29° 52' 50" S., and Longitude 31° 3' 35" E.

The building is an iron tower, in the form of a frustrum of a cone, 81 feet high, painted white; centre of light being 70 feet above the base, exhibiting a revolving white light of the second class (dioptric), attaining its greatest brilliancy once every minute.

It is visible in all directions from North (round by East and South), to S. 59° W.; and can be seen from a ship's deck 24 miles in clear weather.

The above light is not visible from the Aliwal Shoal, which is 25 miles S., 53° W., from the Lighthouse: Vessels should not, therefore, when coming from the southward and westward, approach the shore nearer than 4 miles, or shoal their water under 40 fathoms, using the lead freely until they make the light well out from the deck, when they may stand in until it bears N. 59° E.,—which bearing will keep them outside all known danger—until they are abreast of the Umlazi River (about 9½ miles below the Lighthouse), when they must keep it more to the northward, as the land trends more to the eastward, giving the shore a good berth of a mile, and when the light bears about E.N.E. they can haul in to the northward for the anchorage: anchoring in 8½ to 10 fathoms, with the Lighthouse bearing S.W. to S.W. ½ S., distant 1 mile.

W. E. ARCHDEACON,
Master R.N., Admiralty Surveyor.

No. 11.

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. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

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

Account of the average amount of Notes in Circulation at the Bank of the Oriental Bank Corporation, in Hongkong, for the month ending 31st December, 1866, rendered in accordance with the terms of Her Majesty's Royal Charter of Incorporation.

NOTES ISSUED,	\$230,800.
SPECIE IN RESERVE,	\$200,000.

JAS. BERWICK,
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, 3rd January, 1867.

I hereby certify that I this day inspected the Books and Treasure of the Oriental Bank Corporation, and found the necessary amount of Specie as required by the Royal Charter.

A. F. ALVES,
Accountant.

FRED. FORTH,
Colonial Treasurer.

Victoria, Hongkong, 11th January, 1867.