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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

By order of His Excellency The GOVERNOR the following Letter from the Acting Netherlands Consul at this Port is published for the information of Mariners and others whom it may concern.

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th January, 1867.

CONSULATE OF THE NETHERLANDS,
HONGKONG, *January 11th, 1867.*

SIR,—At the request of the Director of Ways and Means, I have the honor to hand you enclosed Translations of two Notifications, referring to Lightships at the roads of Macasser and Straits of Riouw.—I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient Servant,

C. H. M. BOSMAN,
Acting Consul.

The Honorable W. T. MERCER, Esq.,
Colonial Secretary, &c., &c., &c.

TRANSLATIONS.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

The Director of Ways and Means makes known that a Lightship has been placed at nearly a cable's length distance, south of the great Laë Laë Reef (Roads of Macasser), the bearings are as follows:

The beacon of Taka Pienjieng, S. 10° W.

The white tomb of Losarie, S. 86° E.

The lighthouse of Macasser, N. 50° E. (true Compass).

At the mast of this lightship, a red dioptric light will be hoisted (from sunset to sunrise), 5. 5 Dutch Metres=9 Yards Eng. above the horizon and visible at a distance of $\frac{3}{4}$ German Geographical Miles=3 Eng. Miles.

To make the roads of Macasser, the sailing directions are:

The harbor light of Macasser and the floating light near Laë Laë are intended for entering the harbor from the S. or S.W., the first must be in nearly N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ N. direction and then to steer straight for it, until the red floating light is visible, after which the course is straight for the latter. In sailing up, the lightship must be kept on the port side and after having passed this, the course must be continued till the soundings are 7 and 6 fathoms, then the passage of Taka Pienjieng and Great Laë Laë is passed, after which with a N. and N.E. course the Macasser roads are sailed up.

When during the night it is necessary to lower the lantern, a bell will be rung on board the lightship until the light is hoisted again.

The Director of Ways and Means,

(Signed), C. CASTENS.

Batavia, the 4th December, 1866.

The Director of Ways and Means referring to his advertisement in the Java Gazette of 23rd, 26th and 30th October, 1866, Nos. 85, 86 and 87 makes known that the new Globular Beacon has been placed on the Pan Reef (Northern entrance Straits of Riouw) and that the bearings are:

Boerong on Battan Point, N. 68° W.

Sauw Point in Riouw Strait, S. 1° W.

Batoe Point on Bintang, S. 16° 52' E.

Sebong Point on Bintang, N. 78° E.

Mount Djohor on the Malay Peninsula, N. 24° W.

The Director of Ways and Means,

(Signed), C. CASTENS.

Batavia, 4th December, 1866.