No. 48.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency The Governor is pleased to recognize Franz S. Schutze, Esquire, as Acting Consul for Belgium at this Port from the 15th Instant, provisionally, and till further notice.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 19th March, 1867.

No. 49.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency The Governor is pleased to recognize provisionally George J. Helland, Esquire, as Consul for Sweden and Norway, pending receipt of Her Majesty's Exequatur, or until further notice.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 21st March, 1867.

No. 50.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Letter from the Acting Netherlands Consul at this Port, 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, 22nd March, 1867.

No. 318. B.

Consulate of the Netherlands, Hongkong, March 21st, 1867.

Sir,—At the request of His Excellency the Rear Admiral Commanding His N. M.'s Naval Forces, and Chief of the Marine Department in Netherlands India, I have the honor to hand you enclosed Translation of a Notification, referring to the erection of Lighthouses in the Riou Straits.—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.

TRANSLATION.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

The Rear Admiral Commanding His N. M.'s Naval Forces, and Chief of the Marine Department, in Netherlands India, brings to the notice of those interested that three Lights have been erected in Riouw Straits which will burn in future, regularly from Sunset to Sunrise and together with the Revolving Light on the Pedro-Branca Rocks will insure a safe navigation through the Straits at night.

The Lights are stationary, white, and in the following positions:-

- 1. On the Island Klein Karras, 36 Dutch Mètres=39 Yards Engl. above the level of the Sea visible at 2 Germ. geo. miles=8 Engl. miles from South 56° 15′ West, to South 33° 45′ West.
- 2. In the centre of the Island Terkœlei 12.5 Dutch Mètres=13 Yards, 12 inches Engl. above ordinary high water mark, illuminating the whole horizon for a distance of 2 Germ. geo.=8 Engl. miles.
- 3. On the Eastern point of the Island Saöe, 36 Dutch Metrès=39 Yards Engl. high, visible at a distance of 2 Germ. geo.=8 Engl. miles from North 30°, West to South 30° West.

The Rear Admiral, (Signed,) FABIUS.

Batavia, 22nd January, 1867.