

No. 6.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Tenders will be received at this Office, until Noon of Saturday the 17th instant, for the execution of certain excavations and repairs to the Queen's Road East at Wanchai.

Specifications and full particulars of the work may be had by application at the Surveyor General's Office, where also a proper Form of Tender may be obtained.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th January, 1874.

No. 7.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Letter from Commodore PARISH, regarding the position of the "Nelly Rock," is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th January, 1874.

Princess Charlotte,

AT HONGKONG, 6th January, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward herewith, for Your Excellency's information, the Copy of a Letter I have this day received from the Commander of the P. & O. Steam-ship *Avoca*, respecting the position of the danger on the East Coast of Kiusiu Island, and marked on the Charts of Japan, as the Nelly Rock.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

JOHN PARISH,
Commodore.

To His Excellency

SIR ARTHUR E. KENNEDY, C.B., K.C.M.G.,
&c., &c., &c.

Copy.

P. & O. STEAM NAVIGATION Co.,
HONGKONG, 6th January, 1874.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to report for your information that I have had an opportunity of seeing the danger on the East Coast of Kiusiu Island, marked on the Charts of Japan as the Nelly Rock (P.D.), and which was searched for unsuccessfully in 1866 by Commander BULLOCK of H.M.S. *Serpent*.

The weather at the time being misty with rain, the Islet Ohosima was not visible, but the following bearings were taken from the S.S. *Avoca*:

Kayeta Saki,.....	N. 71 W.
Utoyana,	S. 38 W.
Nelly Rock,	N. 28 W. distance 2 miles.

These bearings give the position of the Danger:

Lat. 31.48 N. }	On Admiralty Chart 358, corrected up
Long. 131.35 E. }	to 1870.

I judge that this shoal is at all times covered by about 8 feet of water, there was a heavy swell rolling in from the Eastward at the time of observation, causing heavy breakers on the Rock, about two Cables in extent.

I notice that the latitude is the same as given by the barque *Nelly*, as also the bearing of Ohosima S.S.W. The longitude of this Coast has been corrected since 1863, which will account for the discrepancy in that respect.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) W. B. ANDREWS,
Commander P. & O. S.S. Avoca.

Commodore PARISH, R.N.,
H.M.S. *Princess Charlotte*,
HONGKONG.