

The vessel at the time of striking drew 15 feet, and then obtained a sounding of 11 fathoms. Bearings were taken immediately after the vessel cleared the danger, when the rock lying 2½ miles south of the S.E. point of Pulo Laut, bore North (westerly) and the south-west point of Pulo Laut N.N.W. ¼ W., which bearings place the danger approximately in lat. 4° 34' 40" N., long. 107° 39' 40" E.

[All Bearings are Magnetic. Variation 1½° Easterly in 1873.]

By Command of their Lordships,

GEO. HENRY RICHARDS,
Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London, 15th November 1873.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—China Sea, No. 2660 a; and Natuna islands, No. 1348: also, China Sea Directory, Vol. II., page 51.

Agent for the Sale of Admiralty Charts, Mr. J. D. POTTER, 31, Poultry, London, E.C.

No. 24.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Form of Preliminary Act now being used in Her Majesty's High Court of Admiralty, and to be used hereafter in the Vice-Admiralty Court of this Colony, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th February, 1874.

PRELIMINARY ACT.

The _____ Master.

STATEMENT on behalf of the Owners of the _____

The Names of the Vessels <i>which came into Collision, and the Names of their Masters.</i>	I.	<i>The Lights, if any, carried by her.</i>	VIII.
Time of Collision.	II.	<i>Distance and Bearing of the other Vessel when first seen.</i>	IX.
Place of Collision.	III.	<i>The Lights, if any, of the other Vessel which were first seen.</i>	X.
Direction of Wind.	IV.	<i>Whether any Lights of the other Vessel, other than those first seen, came into view before the Collision.</i>	XI.
State of the Weather.	V.	<i>What measures were taken, and when, to avoid the Collision.</i>	XII.
<i>State and Force of the Tide.</i>	VI.	<i>Parts of each Vessel which first came in contact.</i>	XIII.
<i>The course and speed of the Vessel when the other was first seen.</i>	VII.		

This _____ Day of _____ 187 .

{ Signature of Party,
or his Proctor.