

“IRON DUKE,” AT HONGKONG,  
7th April, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward herewith to Your Excellency a Notice of the position of a newly discovered Rock near the entrance of the Simonoseki Strait, off the North West end of Hiku Sima, Japan, on which Her Majesty's Ship *Ringdove* struck on the 20th February last.

As this Rock lies very nearly in the fairway Channel for vessels proceeding through the Straits of Simonoseki to and from the Inland Sea, I beg to submit the desirability of giving publicity to it in the usual manner.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's very obedient Servant,

CHAS. F. SHADWELL,  
*Vice-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief.*

*His Excellency*

SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, K.C.M.G., C.B.,

&c.,            &c.,            &c.

### NOTICE.

#### RINGDOVE ROCK.

This Rock lies off the North West end of Hiku Sima, near the entrance to Simonoseki Strait, Japan, (Admiralty Chart, No. 532), on which Her Majesty's Ship *Ringdove* struck on February 20th, 1874.

It is a solitary Rock about forty yards long and fifteen broad, with from five to seven fathoms all round it.

The following magnetic bearings were taken from the *Ringdove*, when on shore—

Rokuren Light House,.....North.  
Cape Sizikuts, .....South East.  
South West end of Takenoku Island,.....East North East,

which place it in—

Latitude, ..... 33° 57' 30" North.  
Longitude,.....130° 52' 30" East.

Nearest distance from the shore 260 yards, and about the same distance from the middle of the fairway Channel, as indicated on the Chart by a dotted line.

No. 66.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Account, duly certified, of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation in Hongkong, during the Month ending 31st March, 1874, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th April, 1874.

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Oriental Bank Corporation,.....	280,811	150,000
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,.....	750,440	255,000
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,.....	505,121	175,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,.....	1,844,044	700,000
TOTAL,.....\$	3,380,416	1,280,000