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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Letter from His Excellency Vice-Admiral SIR CHARLES SHADWELL, K.C.B., Naval Commander-in-Chief, defining the position of a Rock recently discovered in the Anchorage off the Foreign Settlement at Swatow, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 22nd April, 1874.

"IRON DUKE," AT HONGKONG,
20th April, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward herewith for Your Excellency's information Notice of a Rock recently discovered in the Anchorage off the Foreign Settlement at Swatow, and I beg to suggest the desirability of giving publicity to the same.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's very obedient Servant,

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

His Excellency

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

NOTICE.

THE "MADRAS" ROCK, SWATOW.

The Rock on which the P. & O. S. S. *Madras* struck in September, 1873, has recently been examined and verified by the Commanders of the Imperial Chinese Gun-boat *Ling Feng*, and Her Majesty's Ship *Hornet*.

This Rock has eight feet on it at low water spring tides, and is dangerous from its proximity to the Anchorage for small vessels off the Foreign Settlement.

Its position may be determined by the following bearings:—

Bottefurh's Rock,North 80° East.
English Consulate Flag Staff,South 65° East.
Eastern extreme of Western Pier,South 35° East.

This affects Admiralty Chart No. 854.