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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 74.]

JAPAN—NIPON—SIMONOSEKI STRAIT.

Sunken Rock off West end of Takenoko Island.

Information has been received through Vice-Admiral Sir CHARLES A. SHADWELL, K.C.B., F.R.S., Commander-in-Chief, China Station, of the existence of a sunken rock, on which H.M.S. *Ringdove* struck on the 7th April 1874, lying off the west point of Takenoko island, north side of the west entrance of Simonoseki strait.

This danger (*Ringdove rock*) is a solitary rock, about 40 yards long and 15 yards broad, with 7 feet water on it and 5 to 7 fathoms around. From the rock—

Rokuren lighthouse bears North (easterly).

West point of Takenoko island E.N.E., distant $1\frac{1}{2}$ cables.

Cape Sizikuts S.E. $2\frac{1}{2}$ cables.

As outlying rocks were observed to the northward of the west point of Takenoko island, extending some distance from the shore, vessels are cautioned that in passing the west point of Takenoko island and Cape Sizikuts, they should not approach the shore within a distance of 3 cables.

[All Bearings are Magnetic. Variation $4\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ Westerly in 1874.]

By Command of their Lordships,

FREDK. J. EVANS,
Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London, 13th June 1874.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Simonoseki strait, No. 532; Seto Uchi or Inland sea, No. 2875; Hirado-no-Seto, No. 127; and Kiusiu, Nipon, &c., No. 358: Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. IV., page 262.

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

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[No. 75.]

CHINA, EAST COAST—FORMOSA STRAIT.

Intended, and Temporary Light on Ooksen Island.

The Engineer's Office, Amoy, has given Notice of the commencement of the erection of a lighthouse on the high, or West, Ooksen island, from which, when completed, a light will be exhibited.

The light will be a *revolving* light showing a white flash *every minute*, it will be elevated 286 feet above the level of the sea, and in clear weather should be seen from a distance of 24 miles.

The illuminating apparatus will be dioptric or by lenses, of the first order.

The tower will be 64 feet high, round, and built of stone. Position, lat. $24^{\circ} 59' N.$, long. $119^{\circ} 28' E.$

During the progress of the works and until the revolving light is exhibited, a *fixed* white light of the sixth order will be exhibited, and which in clear weather should be seen from a distance of 7 miles.

By Command of their Lordships,

FREDK. J. EVANS,
Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London, 13th June 1874.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Hongkong to Liou-tung, No. 1262; Port Matheson to Ragged point, No. 1761; Chauan bay to Matheson port, No. 1760; Formosa and Japan, &c., No. 2412, and Formosa island and strait No. 1968: Also, The China Pilot, 4th edition, page 129.

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No. 126.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

In conformity with the Provisions of Ordinance No. 1 of 1852, His Excellency The Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. JOHN GERRARD, First Clerk in the Registrar General's Office, to be Marriage Registrar from this date till further Notice, *vice* COLLINS resigned.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th August, 1874.

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that between the 1st June and the 15th October inclusive, Ships conveying Passengers under the provisions of Ordinance No. 8 of 1871, will not be permitted to carry them on the Upper or Weather Deck.

H. G. THOMSETT,
Emigration Officer, &c.

Harbor Department, Hongkong, 28th April, 1874.