

The following Bills are read a first time :—

Bill to extend Ordinance No. 1 of 1875 to provide means for enforcing good order and discipline in the Police Force employed in the Royal Naval Yard to the other Establishments of the Royal Navy in this Colony.

Bill to amend Ordinance No. 2 of 1858 entitled "An Ordinance for Licensing and Regulating the Sale of Prepared Opium."

The following votes are approved :—

Gratuity of \$840 to Dr. VAN DER HORCK for his services as Acting Superintendent of the Civil Hospital.

Supplementary vote of \$1,500 for Repairs to Buildings.

The Honourable HENRY LOWCOCK, in accordance with notice previously given, moves that the correspondence between the Government and the Supreme Court, the Magistrates and the Police Department, with reference to every case deported or recommended to the Executive for deportation since April, 1877, be laid on the Table.

The Honourable W. KESWICK seconds the motion.

His Excellency said that he had already agreed to lay the correspondence asked for on the Table at the last Meeting, and that it was now in course of being prepared for the printer. He had, in order to make the correspondence complete, added documents of an earlier date than that fixed by the Honourable Member.

In reply to His Honour the Acting Chief Justice, His Excellency states that a Commission to inquire into the operation of Ordinance No. 4 of 1863 would be appointed as soon as circumstances permitted.

His Excellency adjourns the Council *sine die*.

J. POPE HENNESSY,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 18th day of January, 1879.

H. E. WODEHOUSE,
Clerk of Councils.

No. 15.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Sir JOHN SMALE having returned to the Colony on the 14th instant, His Honour has resumed the duties of Chief Justice, and the following changes of officers have been made :—

Mr. SNOWDEN has resumed his duties as Puisne Judge.

Mr. RUSSELL has resumed his duties as Police Magistrate.

The Honourable J. M. PRICE having resigned the post of Acting Colonial Treasurer, Mr. M. S. TONNOCHY has been provisionally appointed by His Excellency the Governor to fill that office.

Consequent on Mr. PRICE resuming his functions as an unofficial member, Mr. HAYLLAR vacates the temporary seat he filled at the Legislative Council.

By Command,

C. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 21st January, 1879.

No. 16.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notice to Mariners, received from the French Consul, is published for general information.

By Command,

C. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 21st January, 1879.

AVIS AUX NAVIGATEURS.

BALISAGE DE LA RIVIÈRE CUA-CAM, (TONQUIN).

Le Gouvernement français fait savoir qu'il a été placé des bouées pour baliser la rivière Cua-Cam (Tonquin) depuis la pointe Do-Son jusqu'à Haiphong.

Ces bouées sont au nombre de neuf: 4 rouges, 1 blanche et 4 noires.

Les bouées rouges et la bouée blanche limitent le chenal dans l'Est, les bouées noires le limitent dans l'Ouest.
 La bouée la plus Sud est surmontée d'un voyant, elle est mouillée sur la barre extérieure, dans l'Est 7° Nord de la pointe Do-Son, à l'accon d'un petit banc sur lequel il ne reste que 2 mètres 80 d'eau à basse mer d'Equinoxe.
 La bouée blanche est surmontée d'un petit voyant, elle indique le changement de route.

Le 10 Janvier, 1879.

Le Consul de France à Haiphong

(Signé): L. TURC.

Pour copie certifiée conforme.

Hongkong, le 18 Janvier, 1879.

Le Consul de France

J. PLICHON.

No. 17.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notices to Mariners are published for general information.

By Command,

C. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 21st January, 1879.

Government of New Zealand.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 27 of 1878.]

Marine Department, Wellington, 30th October, 1878.

The following letter, received from Captain MILES of the brig *Rio Loge*, relative to the position of Rennels and Bellona Islands, is published for general information.

G. GREY.

RENNELS AND BELLONA ISLANDS, Dunedin, 3rd October, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honour to report to you an error in the position of some islands I passed on my passage from Foochow to this port in the brig *Rio Loge*. These islands, named Rennels and Bellona, are marked as "doubtful" islands on the latest published charts, and are situated directly in the track between China and Australia. The position assigned to Rennels Island is N.W. point 11° 12' south latitude, and 160° 19' east longitude, whereas the correct position should be for the N.W. point 11° 30' south latitude, and 160° 8' east longitude, making an error of 18' in latitude and 11' in longitude. My observations were taken within two or three miles of the N.W. point, and the error of my chronometer found only the day before at Christoval, so that I can rely upon the position. The S.E. point I place in 11° 51' south and 160° 42' east, approximate. Rennels Island and Bellona bear from each other N.W. by W. and S.E. by E., not more than fifteen miles distant.

I cannot find in any directory a description of Rennels Island, and I believe there is none published, I therefore enclose the following remarks from my own observation:—

Rennels Island is about 38 miles long and 8 wide at the N.W., and lies in a N.W. and S.E. direction, is about 500 to 600 feet high, of uniform height throughout, and thickly wooded down to the water's edge. Along the whole N.E. side is a fringing reef about two cables from the shore. The N.W. point is a gradually-sloping point, with a hummock two hundred or three hundred yards from the beach, and has a reef extending about four or five cables from the shore, with a strong tide rippling round the point; the coast trends about three miles to the S.W., and thence to south-eastward. Bellona Island appears to be about the same height as Rennels Island, and also thickly wooded.

Trusting that you will give this publicity for the benefit of shipmasters generally,

I have, &c.,

EDWARD MILES,
 Master *Rio Loge*.

Government of South Australia.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

INVESTIGATOR STRAIT ALTHORPE ISLAND.

Referring to Notices issued from this Department on the 27th July, 1877, the 25th January, 1878, and the 6th June, 1878, Mariners are now hereby informed that on and after the 14th day of February, 1869, a Revolving Light of the first order, flashing every fifteen seconds, will be exhibited from a Light Tower, painted white, and 40 feet in height, erected on the large Althorpe Island. The color of the light will be white, except between the bearings, from the Lighthouse, of N. 25° W., and 61° W., where a red arc of light will be shewn, leading half-a-mile to the eastward of Emmes Reef, and nearly half-a-mile southward of the S.W. Rock.

The focal plane of the light will be at an elevation of 350 feet above the sea-level. In ordinary weather, the bright portion of the light should be observed from a ship's deck about 25 miles distant, and the red arc of light about 17 miles.

When much refraction exists both lights may be seen at a greater distance.

R. H. FERGUSON,
 President Marine Board.

Marine Board Offices, Port Adelaide, 7th November, 1878.