

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.

Government of India.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 27.]

BAY OF BENGAL—GODAVERY DISTRICT—COCANADA.

*Intended Exhibition of Revolving Light at Vakalapudi.*

Notice is hereby given that owing to the extension of the mud deposits from the Godavery river and the consequent removal of the anchorage to the northward, the light at present shewn on the north side of the entrance to the Cocanada river is of little use, and that on and after the 15th of January 1879 this light will be extinguished, and a new light exhibited at Vakalapudi, which lies 4-6 nautic miles N. by E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  E. from the present light-house.

The light will be a revolving white light, showing a flash every 20 seconds, elevated 80 feet above high water, and in clear weather should be visible from a distance of 14 miles, in every direction seaward.

The illuminating apparatus is catadioptric, or by reflectors and lenses of the fourth order.

Position: Latitude 17° 0' 40" N., longitude 82° 16' 30" E.

Further notice will be given when the light is exhibited.

[The bearing are is Magnetic, Variation 2° 0' Easterly in 1878.]

By Direction of the Government of India,

R. C. CARRINGTON, Chief Civil Assistant, for  
A. DUNDAS TAYLOR, Comdr. (late I. N.),  
Superintendent, Marine Survey of India.

MARINE SURVEY DEPARTMENT, CALCUTTA, 18th December, 1878.

This Notice affects the following Indian Marine Survey Charts, Coringa or Cocanada bay, No. 113; Narsapur point to Palmyras point, No. 1172; Cape Comorin to Cocanada, No. 15b; and Admiralty charts of Coringa or Cocanada bay, No. 81; Coromandel Coast, No. 71a; Cape Comorin to Cocanada, No. 823; Cocanada to Bassein, No. 829; Bay of Bengal, western part, No. 70a; Indian Ocean, northern portion, No. 748b; also Indian Marine Survey and Admiralty Light lists for 1878; and Taylor's Sailing Directory. Vol. I, page 464.

If this Notice is received on boardship, the substance of it should be inserted on the Charts affected by it, and introduced into the Sailing Directions to which it relates.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

Unclaimed Correspondence, 17th January, 1879.

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	Gracias, A. J. 1	Larnach, J. W. 1	Neo-Chee-Tian 1 regd.	Smith & Co., R. 1	Williams, John 1
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Books, &c., without Covers.

Arbetare-Bradet.	El Inparcial.	Langelands Zidende.	Reynolds's Newspaper.	Schreib und Hilfskalender, 1879.	The Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News.
Amsterdammer.		L'Union Savoisienn.			
Christian.	Journal de Geneve.	Leisure Hour.	Sunderland & Durham County Herald.	Times.	United Methodist Free Churches Minutes 1878.
Dagbladet.	Journal de St. Petersburg.	Loofungen und Lehrerte. (2 books).	Saturday Falkirk Herald.	The Times of India.	Weekly Scotsman.
Daily Telegraph.		Navy List.			

Detained for Postage.

McLaren, Mrs., Revd. Pro. McLaren, D.D., Toronto, Canada, (4 cents), ..... 1 Book.  
General Post Office, Hongkong, 17th January, 1879.