

No. 40.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notices to Mariners are published for general information.

By Command,

C. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th February, 1879.

Government of India.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 2.]

BAY OF BENGAL, COAST OF TENASSERIM.

Sunken Danger in Mergui Archipelago.

Mr. E. C. RUSSELL, Commanding the British India Steam Navigation Company's Steam Vessel *Medina*, whilst on his voyage from Rangoon to Penang *via* the Coast ports, discovered a dangerous patch of rock and sand with rather less than 2 fathoms on it at low water spring tides; lying with—

Centre of Bound island bearing W. $\frac{1}{2}$ N.
 South extreme of Cantor's island " S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ S.

Position (Admiralty Chart): Latitude 12° 15' 0" N., longitude 98° 19' 50" E.

[*The bearings are Magnetic. Variation, 2° 30' Easterly in 1878.*]

By Direction of the Government of India,

A. DUNDAS TAYLOR, *Comdr. (late I. N.),*
Superintendent, Marine Survey of India.

MARINE SURVEY DEPARTMENT, CALCUTTA, 3rd January 1879.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty charts:—Mergui Archipelago, No. 216a; Bassein river to Pulo Penang, No. 830; Bay of Bengal, No. 70b; Indian Ocean No. 748b; also Taylor's Sailing Directory, Vol. I, page 508; and Marine Survey Department Hydrographic Notice No. 8, page 6.

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.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

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[No. 3.]

BAY OF BENGAL—GODAVERY DISTRICT—COCANADA.

Revolving Light at Vakalapudi.

With reference to this Department Notice to Mariners, No. 27 of 8th December 1878, on the intended exhibition of a revolving light at Vakalapudi, telegraphic information has this day been received that the light was exhibited on the 15th instant, and that on the same night the small light, formerly shewn on the north side of the entrance to Cocanada river, was discontinued.

The light is a revolving *white* light on the fourth order, flashing at intervals of 20 seconds, elevated 80 feet above high water, and should be visible in clear weather from a distance of 14 miles, in every direction seaward.

The light tower—a white column 76 feet high from base to vane—is situated to seaward of the cocoanut trees, about $2\frac{1}{2}$ cables from the shore, and 4.6 nautic miles N. by E. $\frac{3}{4}$ E. from the old light-house at Cocanada.

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.]

This light is intended to lead vessels clear of the shoals to the north Point Godavari (Gordeware), when coming into the Cocanada anchorage from the southward and eastward.

In rounding the point, vessels should not come under 10 fathoms till the Vakalapudi light bears to the westward of W. N. W., and the fixed light on Hope Island bears S. by W., when the anchorage, which is in 5 fathoms, may be safely approached.

[*The bearings are Magnetic: Variation 2° 0' Easterly in 1879.*]

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, 16th January, 1879.

This Notice affects the following Indian Marine Survey Charts, Coringa or Cocanada, bay, No. 113; Narsapul point to Palmyras point, No. 1172; Cape Comorin to Coconada, No. 15b; and Admiralty Charts of Coringa or Cocanada bay, No. 81; Coromandel Coast, No. 71a; Cape Comorin to Cocanada, No. 828; 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; and Taylor's Sailing Directory, Vol. I, page 464.

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[No. 4.]

BAY OF BENGAL—COAST OF ORISSA.

Intended Alteration in False Point Light.

Notice is hereby given that it is intended shortly to substitute for the present very inefficient light at False Point, a 1st order Dioptric fixed light, which will illuminate 200° of arc, and be visible at a distance of about 20 miles. The present light will be shewn until the new light is exhibited, due notice and details of which will be given.

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

MARINE SURVEY DEPARTMENT, CALCUTTA, 17th January 1879.

This Notice affects the Indian Marine Survey Charts:—False Point anchorage, No. 1165; False Point to Mutlah River, No. 115; Nursapur Point to Palmyras Point, No. 1172; and Bay of Bengal (western portion) No. 103a; also the Admiralty Charts of False Point anchorage, No. 755; the Sandheads, No. 814; Palmyras Point to Chittagong, No. 1681; Cocanada to Bassein River, No. 829; Bay of Bengal (western portion), No. 70a; and Indian Ocean (northern portion), No. 748b; the Admiralty and Marine Survey Department Light List for 1879; and Taylor's Sailing Directory, Vol. 1, page 469.

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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

The British Brig "LUNAN," struck on the *Chih-seu Rock* at the entrance of the OUTER HARBOUR, AMOY, and afterwards drifted off and sank in 7 fathoms, at low water springs.

The following are the magnetic bearings from the wreck.

Tsing-seu Light	S. 41° E.
Tai-tan Light	S. 85. E.
Peh-chioh than Battery	N. 45. E.
Ki-seu Island Pagoda	N. 65. W.

The lower mast-heads are visible at low water.

W. C. HOWARD,
Harbour Master.

AMOY, 27th January, 1879.

No. 41.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Police Returns for the year 1878 are published for general information.

By Command,

C. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th February, 1879.

[No. 19.]

VICTORIA, HONGKONG,
23rd January, 1879.

SIR,—I have the honour, in accordance with the instructions contained in your Circular of 2nd December, 1878, to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, details of the Police Establishment, the List of Pensioners, and the Criminal Statistics for 1878.

2. The Criminal Statistics show that 6,835 Cases were reported to the Police during 1878, being a decrease of 553 Cases or 7.47 per cent. from the returns for 1877.

In the sub-division of these Cases into Serious Crimes (so called) and Minor Offences, an increase of 645 Cases or 32.31 per cent. is found in Serious Crimes and a decrease of 1,198 Cases or 22.09 per cent. in Minor Offences.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. M. DEANE,
Captain Superintendent of Police.