

5. Let the night beats and patrols in the Victoria District be at once restored to the maximum strength of 1876 ; and let the Captain Superintendent prepare for my consideration a revised scheme of night beats and patrols of about thirty-three per cent. greater strength than the maximum I refer to.

6. In future I should like to see weekly returns of the night duties, and to receive a special report before the numbers are altered in any particular district.

J. POPE HENNESSY,
Governor.

27th September, 1878.

*The Right Honourable Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., to His Excellency Governor
Pope Hennessy, C.M.G.*

HONGKONG,
No. 119.

DOWNING STREET,
11th December, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 94 of the 28th September, and to express to you my approval of the steps which you have taken for increasing the strength and efficiency of the night patrols of the Hongkong Police.

I understand you to be of opinion that the authorised Force is able to supply these additional night patrols by a rearrangement of duties, but if an increase of the force will be involved, I request you to furnish me as soon as possible with an estimate of the cost of such increase.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) M. HICKS-BEACH.

Governor HENNESSY, C.M.G.,
&c., &c., &c.

No. 65.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notice to Mariners is published for general information.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

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

Government of India.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 11.]

RED SEA.

CENTRAL CHANNEL—ZEBAYIR ISLANDS, JEBEL ZUKUR, AND THE HANISH ISLANDS.

The information contained in this Notice has been published by the Hydrographer to the British Admiralty.

The following amended positions of Zebayir islands, Jebel Zukur, and the Hanish islands, are derived from a recent examination by Commander W. J. L. Wharton, H. M.'s Surveying vessel *Fawn*, 1877.

ZEBAYIR ISLANDS.—The west end of Centre Peak island lies East one mile from the position it formerly occupied on the Admiralty chart, and is now placed in latitude $15^{\circ} 1\frac{1}{2}'$ N., longitude $42^{\circ} 12'$ E. The west end of Jebel Zebayir is E. by S. $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles; the west end of Saddle island is E. N. E. $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles; and the remaining islands of the group are N. E. by N. $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles from their former charted positions, respectively.

An islet 40 feet high lies S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ S. half a mile from Rugged island.

JEBEL ZUKUR AND THE HANISH ISLANDS.—Jebel Zukur and the Hanish islands are situated $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles S.E. of their former position on the chart. Jebel Zukur north point is in latitude $14^{\circ} 3' 53''$ N., longitude $42^{\circ} 45' 28''$ E., depending on the submarine telegraph office at Aden, being in longitude $44^{\circ} 58' 32''$ E.

[All Bearings are Magnetic. Variation $4^{\circ} 20'$ Westerly in 1878.]

By Direction of the Government of India,

JOHN HENRY ELLIS, *Staff Comdr. R.N.*,
Depty. Superintendent, Marine Survey of India.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Red sea, sheet 4, No. 8*d*, sheet 5, No. 8*e*; Index chart No. 2523; also, Red sea pilot, 1873, pages 15, 29, 32, 33; and Taylor's Sailing Directory, Vol. I, page 165.

If this Notice is received on boardship, the information contained therein should be noted in the Sailing Directions, and compared with the charts, when the ship is navigating the locality to which it refers.