

No. 90.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notices to Mariners are published for general information.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th April, 1879.

The substance of this Notice, as soon as it is received on board, is to be inserted in red ink on the Charts affected by it; and introduced into the margin, or otherwise in the page, of the Sailing Directions to which it relates. See Instructions, Navigation and Pilotage, p. 172.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 10.]

JAPAN—GOTO ISLANDS. KUGA CHANNEL.

Sunken Rock in Southern Entrance.

The following information has been received from Commander P. Aldrich, H. M. Surveying-vessel *Sylvia*, relative to the existence of a dangerous sunken rock recently found in the fairway of the southern entrance to Kuga channel:—

This danger (*Keary rock*), less than 20 feet in diameter, with 3 feet over it at low water spring tides, lies with the following bearings, namely:—

East extreme of Hisaka sima (Kuga sima) bearing North, distant $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

North extreme of Isuburajima (Kosima) bearing N. $87\frac{1}{2}$ E., „ $2\frac{1}{4}$ „

Position approximate, lat. $32^{\circ} 46' 15''$ N., long. $128^{\circ} 55'$ E.

NOTE.—Tobinoko islet open of the east extreme of Hisaka sima leads eastward of Keary rock. The north extremes of Kaba sima and Isuburajima in line lead southward of Keary rock.

The tides set with considerable velocity in the vicinity of this danger, great caution should therefore be used when navigating near it.

[*The bearings are Magnetic: Variation $3\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ Westerly in 1879.*]

By Command of their Lordships,

FREDK. J. EVANS,
Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London, 14th January 1879.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Korean Archipelago, southern portion, No. 104; Kiusiu and Nipon, western part, No. 358; harbours on the west coast of Kiusiu and adjacent islands, No. 359; and China Sea Directory, vol. IV., 1873, page 267.

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[No. 14.]

INDIA—BAY OF BENGAL. CORINGA BAY.

(1) *Discontinuance of Coconada Light, and intended Light at Vakalapudi.*

The Government of India has given Notice, that on 15th January, 1879, in consequence of the anchorage ground having been shifted northward by the extension of the mud flats in Coringa bay, the light shown on the north side of entrance to Coconada river would be discontinued, and a light exhibited at Vakalapudi, $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles N.N.E. of Coconada light-house:—

The light would be a *flashing* white light, showing a flash of \dots seconds, elevated 80 feet above high water and should be visible in clear weather from a distance of 14 n.

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

Position, lat. $17^{\circ} 0' 40''$ N., long. $82^{\circ} 16' 30''$ E.

Further Notice will be given of the exhibition of the light.

BASSEIN RIVER.

(2) *Prohibited Anchorage near Telegraph Cables.*

Also, that to afford protection to the Telegraph cable laid between Diamond island and the north point of Bassein river entrance, two beacons (posts surmounted by boards and painted white) have been placed to mark its position; one where the cable is landed, the other inland on line of direction of the cable:—

Mariners are cautioned not to anchor in this vicinity except with the beacons well open of each other. If the beacons are not visible they should avoid anchoring between the following bearings of the centre of Diamond island, namely, S. by E. and S. by W.

Vessels bound for Bassein should not anchor between the telegraph cable houses (one on each bank of the river, painted white), in Gnapootau reach.

[*The bearings are Magnetic. Variation $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Coringa bay } 2^{\circ} \\ \text{Bassein river } 2\frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right\}$ Easterly in 1879.*]

By Command of their Lordships,

FREDK. J. EVANS,
Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London, 20th January 1879.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—

(1) Indian ocean, No. 748b; Bay of Bengal, No. 70a; Cape Comorin to Coconada, No. 828; Coconada to Bassein river, No. 829; Coromandel coast, No. 71a; Coringa or Coconada bay, No. 81: Also, Admiralty List of Lights in South Africa, East Indies, &c., 1879, page 14, No. 81.

(2) Bay of Bengal, No. 70b; Coconada to Bassein river, No. 829; Bassein river to Pulo Penang, No. 830; Coronge island to White point, No. 823; Preparis, north channel, No. 152; Rangoon and Bassein rivers, No. 834.