

*The Treasury to the Colonial Office.*TREASURY CHAMBERS,
3rd October, 1878.

SIR,—In replying to Mr. MEADE's letter of the 15th instant, I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to state, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that the Retiring Allowance (whether Superannuation or Compensation) of an Officer who entered the Public Service before the passing of the Superannuation Act of 1859, and whose duties have not required that his whole time should be given to the Public Service, but who had acquired a right to Superannuation before the passing of the Act of 1859, would be reckoned on the scale of that Act.

I am, &c.,

(Signed)

CHARLES W. STRONGE.

R. G. W. HERBERT, Esq.,
Colonial Office.

No. 125.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified, that H. G. THOMSETT, Esquire, R.N., having reported his return to the Colony, has resumed his duties as Harbour Master and Emigration Officer, from this date.

By Command, •

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th May, 1879.

No. 126.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

In accordance with the authority given to him by Her Majesty, His Excellency the Governor is pleased to direct that the Anniversary of the Queen's Birthday be celebrated this year in Hongkong, and its Dependencies, on Saturday, the 24th of May.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th May, 1879.

No. 127.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint, temporarily and provisionally and until further notice, EDWARD BURNIE, Master Mariner, to act as Government Marine Surveyor *vice* R. H. CAIRNS, Master Mariner, absent on leave.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th May, 1879.

No. 128.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notice to Mariners is published for general information.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office Hongkong, 20th May, 1879.

Government of India.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 19.]

EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO—JAVA. SUNDA STRAIT.

(1) *Discontinuance of Additional Light at Fourth Point.*

The Netherlands Government has given Notice, that the additional light shown from Fourth Point lighthouse to indicate the direction (now altered) of the Telegraph cable between Anjer and Telok Betong, is discontinued.

NORTH COAST.

(2) *Shoal in the Fairway to Batavia Road.*

Also, of the existence of a shoal in the approach to Batavia, bearing N. E. by E. of Serassa rock, distant 1 $\frac{3}{10}$ ths miles:—
The shoal, one cable in extent, with 4 fathoms over it at low water, lies with the following bearings, *viz.*—

East extreme of Parrie island,	N. 41° 45' W.
North-west extreme of Great Kombuys island,	S. 63 15' W.
West extreme of little Kombuys island,	S. 28 45' W.