

No. 170. •

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified, that the QUEEN'S Exequatur empowering GUSTAV TRAVERS, Esquire, to act as Consul for His Imperial Germanic Majesty at this Port received Her Majesty's Signature on the 16th June, 1879.

By Command.

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 28th July, 1879.

No. 171.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Return of Births and Deaths for the Second Quarter of 1879, ending 30th June, is published for general information.

By Command.

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 29th July, 1879.

RETURNS OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS FOR THE 2ND QUARTER OF 1879, ENDING 30TH JUNE.

DISTRICTS.	BRITISH AND FOREIGN COMMUNITY.				CHINESE.				DEATHS. BRITISH & FOREIGN COMMUNITY.
	BIRTHS.		DEATHS.		BIRTHS.		DEATHS.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.	Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.	
Victoria,	25	12	28	15	152	108	500	469	British and Foreign, 9 Portuguese, .. .....15 Indian, &c., 7 Non-Residents, .....12 <hr/> 43
Kow-loon, .....	...	...	...	...	7	6	43	39	
Sháu-kí Wán, .....	...	...	...	...	10	9	16	17	
Aberdeen, .....	...	...	...	...	1	2	16	11	
Stanley, .....	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	4	
TOTAL,...	25	12	28	15	171	126	576	540	
GRAND TOTAL,	ANNUAL DEATH-RATE, PER 1,000 FOR 2ND QUARTER OF			1879.		2.47			
Births, 334	Whole Population,.....			33.31	...	...	...	...
Deaths, ...1,159	British & Foreign Community,			19.16	...	...	...	...
	Do. deducting non-Residents,			15.82	...	...	...	...
	Chinese,			34.29	...	...	...	...

JOHN GERRARD,
Acting Registrar General.

Registrar General's Office, Hongkong, 23rd July, 1879.

No. 172.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notices to Mariners are published for general information.

By Command.

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 30th July, 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. 58.]

CHINA—EAST COAST. YANGTSE-KIANG.

Wusung Inner Bar—Alteration in Tidal Signals.

The Chinese Government has given Notice, that on 31st March 1879, the undermentioned signals would be substituted for the flags previously used at the inner bar station Wusung river, to indicate the depth of water on the bar during the day.

The signals indicating the depth of water—from 10 to 24½ feet—on the inner bar, will be seen in approaching the signal station, both on entering and leaving the river:—

Depth.	South Yard arm.	North Yard arm.	Depth.	South Yard arm.	North Yard arm.
10 feet.....	▲	◆	17½ feet.....	●	●
10½ „.....	▲	×	18 „.....	●	■
11 „.....	◆	●	18½ „.....	●	▲
11½ „.....	◆	●	19 „.....	●	◆
12 „.....	◆	■	19½ „.....	●	×
12½ „.....	◆	▲	20 „.....	×	●
13 „.....	◆	◆	20½ „.....	×	●
13½ „.....	◆	×	21 „.....	×	■
14 „.....	■	●	21½ „.....	×	▲
14½ „.....	■	●	22 „.....	×	◆
15 „.....	■	■	22½ „.....	×	×
15½ „.....	■	▲	23 „.....	▲	●
16 „.....	■	◆	23½ „.....	▲	●
16½ „.....	■	×	24 „.....	▲	■
17 „.....	●	●	24½ „.....	▲	▲

With the tide rising, a ball will be shown from the mast head.

NOTE.—Should there be more water on the bar than 24½ feet, or less than 10 feet:—the Number of feet will be shown from the mast head by the Universal Code of Signals, and the half-feet by a red and white flag at the yard arm.

By Command of their Lordships,

FREDK. J. EVANS,
Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London, 19th April 1879.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Wusung river, No. 1601; Yangtse-Kiang entrance, No. 1602; and China Sea Directory, vol. III., 1874, page 361.

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. 76.]

CHINA SEA—SOUTHERN PORTION.

(1) *Reported Coral Reef.*

The Spanish Government has published the following information, relative to the existence of a reef in the China sea:— This danger (*Mariveles reef*), on which the Spanish steam-vessel *Mariveles* struck at night on the 27th January 1879, when proceeding from Singapore to Manila, is composed of coral, and is in places nearly awash.

The reef is steep to, 55 fathoms being obtained close to the edge, and it appeared to be about 4 miles long and 2 miles broad, with deep water in the centre.

The position given by the Commander of the *Mariveles* is: approximately, lat. 7° 58' N., long. 113° 50' E., (this would place the reef within the space marked as “dangerous ground” on charts of the China sea.)

EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO—SOURABAYA STRAIT.

(2) *Intended withdrawal of Sourabaya Light-Vessel, and Establishment of Leading Lights.*

The Netherlands Government has given Notice, that it is intended to withdraw Sourabaya light-vessel from her station on Zee bank, Sourabaya strait:—

And that in lieu thereof, two fixed leading lights will be exhibited, one at cape Piering, and the other at Simpil point (near Sembilangan), on the west coast of Madura island.

By Command of their Lordships,

FREDK. J. EVANS,
Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London, 21st May 1879.

This Notice affects the following British Admiralty Charts:—

(1) China sea, southern portion, No. 2660b: Also, China Sea Directory, vol. II., 1868, page 283.
(2) Indian ocean, No. 748b: Eastern Archipelago, No. 941b: Sourabaya, Baly, and Sapoedic straits, No. 934: Also, Admiralty List of Lights in South Africa, East Indies, &c., 1879, No. 121: and Seaman's Guide round Java, 1852, pages 71—75.