

No. 173.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Hydrographic Notice is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 30th July, 1879.

The information contained in this notice is to be carefully considered, to be noted in the Sailing Directions, and compared with the chart when the ship is navigating the parts to which it refers.

HYDROGRAPHIC NOTICE.

[No. 6.]

CHINA SEA DIRECTORY, VOL. I.

NOTICE No. 1.

The following information has been received from various sources during the years 1877-79.

[All bearings are Magnetic. Variation in 1879:—

<i>Penang</i>	- - - -	1° 40' E.		<i>Gaspar strait</i>	- - - -	1° 10' E.
<i>Dinding island</i>	- - - -	1° 40' E.		<i>Varella strait</i>	- - - -	1° 20' E.]

SUMATRA—North coast.*—A reef having a depth of 16 feet has recently been found in Krang Ryah bay. Position as given lat. 5° 38' N., long. 95° 30' 15" E., which places the reef about half a mile from the shore and 4 miles eastward of Pedro point.†

MALACCA STRAIT.

PENANG—South channel.‡—A shoal having a depth of 11 feet has formed over a wreck situated in the anchorage south of Fort point, Georgetown. The shoal is about a cable in extent, and its centre is marked by a green buoy named "Wreck Shoal," lying S. $\frac{1}{3}$ E. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ cables from landing pier; and N.N.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. 4 cables from No. 1 buoy.

Buoy No. 7 has been replaced by a beacon, consisting of three poles surmounted by a disc.§

DINDING island and channel.¶—The following buoys have recently been placed in the north entrance to Dinding channel, namely:—

Buoy No. 1, on south-west side of North bank, lies with North-west, islet centre bearing W. $\frac{1}{2}$ N.; off-lying rocks S. by W. $\frac{1}{2}$ W.

Buoy No. 2, on north side of Bower Patch, lies with North-west islet (north-east end), bearing W.N.W., Tanjong Hantu N. $\frac{3}{4}$ W.

Buoy No. 3, on south end of North Bank, lies with Table rocks bearing S. by E., N.W. islet W. by N. $\frac{3}{4}$ N.

Buoy No. 4, entrance to Dinding river, lies with Table rocks bearing S. by W. $\frac{1}{2}$ W. Scorpion rock W. $\frac{1}{2}$ N.

Lloyd rock, a pinnacle, recently found, lies West 4 cables from Motts point, (north entrance point of Dinding river,) and is said to be visible at low water springs; this rock is marked by a buoy situated with River rocks bearing S. by E. $\frac{3}{4}$ E., Scorpion rocks W. by S. $\frac{1}{4}$ S.¶

ONE FATHOM BANK. The buoy which formerly marked the north end of this bank has been removed.**

PULO PISANG. The building of the lighthouse on Pulo Pisang is for the present delayed.††

SINGAPORE HARBOUR.

NEW HARBOUR—Keppel rock.‡‡—The depth of water over this rock has been increased from 15 to 24 feet, by the explosion of dynamite and gunpowder by the crew of H.M.S. *Charybdis*. The rock is now ascertained to be 23 yards long in an easterly and westerly direction, 12 yards broad, and flat on the top.§§

SUNDA STRAIT.

TELEGRAPH CABLE.¶¶—The direction of the telegraph cable between Anjer in Java and Telok-Betong in Sumatra has been altered. The position of the cable near Anjer is indicated by three white buoys; and near Telok-Betong by a white buoy and two white beacons, the beacons being in line with Choondung islands. Each of the buoys is marked by the word "Kabel" in black letters, and is surmounted by an iron flag painted in red, white, and blue horizontal stripes, the word "Telegraaf" being marked on the flag in black letters.

The additional white light shown from Fourth point lighthouse to indicate direction of the telegraph cable has been discontinued.

At Anjer, anchorage is prohibited in the vicinity of the white buoys.

* See Admiralty chart:—Sumatra, north coast, Acheen head to Diamond point, No. 219. Also, China Sea directory, vol. 1, 2nd edition, 1878, page 15.

† Berigt aan Zeevarenden's Gravenhage, No. 44 of 1878.

‡ See Admiralty charts:—Strait of Malacca, sheet 1, No. 1,353; Pulo Penang to Parcelar hill, No. 793 a; Penang (or Prince of Wales island), No. 1,366, scale, $m=1$ inch. Also, China Sea directory, vol. 1, pages 51-52.

§ Navigating Lieutenant C. C. P. Bawden, H.M.S. *Lapwing*, 1878.

¶ See Admiralty chart:—Dinding islands and channel, No. 792, scale, $m=3$ inches. Also, China Sea directory, vol. 1, pages 54-59.

¶ Superintendent of the Settlement at Dinding, 1878.

** Mr. Henry Ellis, Master Attendant, Singapore, 1878.

†† See Admiralty charts:—Strait of Malacca, Sheet 2, No. 1,355; Mount Formosa to Tanjong Bolus, No. 796. Also, China Sea directory, vol. 1, page 81.

‡‡ See Admiralty chart:—Singapore new harbour, No. 2,023, scale, $m=12$ inches; Singapore main strait, No. 2,404, scale, $m=1$ inch. Also, China Sea directory, vol. 1, page 105.

§§ Captain C. F. Hotham, H.M.S. *Charybdis*, 1878.

¶¶ See Admiralty chart:—Sunda strait and its approaches, No. 2,056; Also, China Sea directory, vol. 1, 2nd edition, 1878, pages 166-167, 176-177.

At Telok-Betong, vessels are not allowed to anchor eastward of the line of the white beacons, nor inshore of the white buoy.

Should necessity compel a vessel to anchor within these prescribed limits, the anchor should be weighed as soon as possible, special precautions being taken against injuring the cable. The former prohibitory regulations relative to anchorage on the west coast of Java are rescinded.*

GASPAR STRAIT.

BLAS MATEU REEF.†—This reef, according to an examination made in 1876 by the Netherlands' surveying vessel *Hydrograaf*, lies in lat. 3° 22' 8" S., long. 160° 55' 15" E.; or S. 80° W. distant 17 miles from Shoal water island.‡

VARELLA STRAIT.

JAMES ROCK.§—A pinnacle on which the British barque G.B.S. grounded in 1878 is situated between Sinkep and Seera islands. This danger, now named James rock, lies with cape Boekoe bearing S.E. ¾ E., Sharp peak on Sinkep island E. by N. ¼ N.; west point Seera island W.S.W.¶

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London, 31st March 1879.

- * Beright ann Zeevarenden, 'sGravenhage, No. 3 of 1879.
- † See Admiralty charts:—Banka and Gaspar straits, No. 2,149; Gaspar strait, No. 2,137: Also, China Sea directory, vol. 1, page 253.
- ‡ Beright ann Zeevarenden, 'sGravenhage, No. 7 of 1877.
- § See Admiralty chart:—Banka strait to Singapore, No. 2,757; channels between Sumatra and Linga, Sinkep, &c., No. 1,789. Also, China Sea directory, vol. 1, pages 375-376.
- ¶ Mr. Henry Ellis, Master Attendant, Singapore, 1878.

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