

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 41.

The following Order issued by the Government of the Straits Settlements, under *The Passenger Ships Ordinance*, 1874, of that Colony, is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 30th January, 1886.

ORDER

BY

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,

UNDER

"The Passenger Ships Ordinance, 1874."

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for the carriage of deck passengers to and from places without the limits of the Straits of Malacca :

NOW IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by His Excellency the Governor of the Straits Settlements, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, under the powers in that behalf given by Section 10 of *"The Passenger Ships Ordinance, 1874,"* as follows:—

1. The Order in Council made under the said Ordinance on the 4th day of August, 1885, is hereby cancelled.
2. Ships of whatever nationality arriving between the 20th day of October and the 5th day of June both inclusive at any port of the Colony from Hongkong, and British Ships arriving during such period as aforesaid at any port of the Colony from any port or place to which the legislation of the legislature of Hongkong under *"The Chinese Passenger Act, 1855,"* for the time being extends, may bring deck passengers in such number as may in each particular case, be allowed by any certificate or license issued by the proper officer under such legislative authority.
3. Ships arriving during the period in the last preceding clause mentioned at any port of the Colony from any of the Treaty Ports in China and not being British Ships may bring deck passengers in such number as would be allowed if such ships were British Ships arriving from any such port or place as in the last preceding clause is mentioned or referred to, provided always that every such ship shall be furnished on deck with a suitable awning and screens sufficient for the protection of the deck passengers from the sun and from rain.
4. No ship arriving between the 6th day of June and the 19th day of October both inclusive at any port of the Colony from any such port or place as in this Order is mentioned or referred to shall under any circumstances be allowed to bring deck passengers.
5. This Order in Council shall have effect from the 15th day of February, 1886.

A. P. TALBOT,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Singapore, 11th January, 1886.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 42.

The following Hydrographic Notices are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 30th January, 1886.

Government of India.

GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL, MUNICIPAL (MARINE) DEPARTMENT.
NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 82.)

BAY OF BENGAL.

SANDHEADS.

Alteration of Lights.

Notice has been given by the Port Commissioners of Calcutta that on and after the 1st July 1886, the following alterations will be made in the lights exhibited by the undermentioned light-vessels marking the approaches to the river Hooghly:—

Eastern Channel Light-vessel.

This light will be altered to a single flashing white light in periods of thirty seconds, the duration of each flash being about five seconds, and the dark interval about twenty-five seconds.

During the south-west monsoon, or from 15th March to 31st October, a blue light will be burnt every half hour between 7 P.M. and 5 A.M. In the north-east monsoon, or from 1st November to 14th March, a blue light will be burnt every hour between 7 P.M. and 5 A.M.

Pilot's Ridge Light-vessel.

This light will be altered to a single flashing white light in periods of sixty seconds, the duration of each flash being about ten seconds, and of the dark interval fifty seconds.

This light will only be shown from the 15th March to the 31st October, inclusive. A blue light will be burnt every hour between 7 P.M. and 5 A.M.

By direction of the Government of Bengal,

ARTHUR W. STIFFE,
Port Officer of Calcutta.

Audacious at Hongkong,
27th January, 1886.

HYDROGRAPHICAL MEMO., No. 6.

The following information obtained from Captain C. H. Palmer, Harbour Master at Amoy, refers to Admiralty Charts No. 1767, Amoy Harbours and approaches-Corr : iii 1883, and No. 1764, Amoy Inner Harbour-Corr : xii 1882 :—

AMOY.

Minerva Rock.—A black Nun buoy 7ft. 6in. in diameter, with *Minerva* painted on it in white letters, has been moored in 4 fathoms 50 yards S.E. of the shoalest part of the rock.

AMOY INNER HARBOUR.

Coker Rock dries at low water Spring Tides, the buoys marking this danger are conical and the same size. The eastern one is black and white chequered, and the western one is red and white chequered.

Brown Rock has 7ft. over it at low water Spring Tides, the buoys marking it are similar to those mentioned in the China Sea Directory, Vol. iii 1884.

Iltis Rock the west side of the Harbour lies S.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. half a cable from the southern Black Stone Beacon, which is off Ling-Tau, it has 5ft. over it at low water Spring Tides.

Therese Rock the east side of the harbour lies S.S.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. 500ft. from H.W. Rock, and has 8ft. over it at low water Spring Tides.

Banner Rock the east side of the harbour, is a small pinnacle with 10ft. over it at low water Spring Tides.

Kellett Spit.—Owing to the extension of this Spit the buoy marking it, which is conical and painted with red and black vertical stripes, has been shifted 540ft. N.N.E. from its old position.

R. VESEY HAMILTON,
Vice-Admiral, and Commander-in-Chief.

To the Commodore and respective Captains, Commanders, and
Officers Commanding Her Majesty's Ships
and vessels employed on the China Station.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 28.

The following Notice is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd January, 1886.

NOTICE.

Under the provisions of Ordinance No. 11 of 1844, notice is hereby given that a Special Sessions of the Justices of the Peace will be held at the Police Magistrates' Court, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon of Friday, the 5th day of March, 1886, and thereafter on the first Friday of every month for the purpose of considering applications for granting or transferring Spirit Licences during the year 1886.

Such applications to be lodged at the Police Magistrates' Court at least ten days before each of the Sessions now notified.

The notice dated the 6th November, 1885, is hereby cancelled.

ALFRED G. WISE,
Police Magistrate,
for Police Magistrates.

Police Magistrates' Office, Hongkong, 20th January, 1886.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 43.

The following Notice under the Contagious Diseases Ordinance, 1867, is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 30th January, 1886.

THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES ORDINANCE, 1867.

It is hereby notified that the part of the house hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, the First Floor of No. 22, Tsz Mi Lane, was, on the 25th day of January, 1886, pursuant to Section 23 of the above Ordinance, declared by me under my Hand and Seal of Office to be an Unlicensed Brothel.

L.S.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Acting Registrar General.

Registrar General's Office, Hongkong, 25th January, 1886.