

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 125.

The following Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of the Reserves in Hongkong, during the Month ended 31st March, 1886, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks, are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th April, 1886.

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPARE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China, .....	379,931	150,000
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, .....	1,222,116	600,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, .....	2,718,774	1,400,000
TOTAL,.....\$	4,320,821	2,150,000

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 126.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Tuesday, the 13th instant, for the construction of Nullah Street, Kennedy Town.

Form of tender apply at this Office.

For specification and further particulars apply at the Surveyor General's Office.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th April, 1886.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 127.

The following Hydrographic Notices are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th April, 1886.

*Audacious*, at Singapore,  
8th March, 1886.

HYDROGRAPHICAL MEMO., No. 8.

The following information has been taken from Officers' Remark Books for 1885:

MIN RIVER.

Navigating Officer of *Albatross*, remarks that a new channel has opened south of North Channel, which water has a depth of 5 feet at low water, spring tides. The new channel has 7 feet at low water, spring tides, and is marked by a temporary buoy to seaward, and by Nos. 2 and 3 of North Channel. A black buoy is moored off Wild Duck Island, marking south side of channel; also a mooring buoy in mid-channel E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  S. of Pagoda.

Lieutenant in command of *Firebrand*, reports very great changes in the river between Spiteful Island and Pagoda Anchorage, having found less than 2 fathoms where 6 was marked on the Chart.—Great caution is therefore necessary.

Navigating Officer of *Firebrand*, remarks that the temporary buoy outside the bar is painted in Red and Black horizontal stripes, and lies with the following bearings:—

- Sharp Peak, ..... N. 76° W.
- Sand Peak, ..... S. 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W.

Charts 1761, 2400 and China Sea Directory, Vol. iii. p. 317, 318, 320 are affected hereby.

## RIVER YANGTSE.

Navigation Officer of *Wanderer*, remarks that the foul ground shown on chart between Saashan Bluff and Rocky Point of East bank being steep to all along.

Channel between White Chau Island has been shifted to West point of Island. The channel between Eagle Island and East bank of the river is now always used.

Wanglinchow beacon has been moved to the opposite side of the river, N.E., from the position on chart, and marks the shoal water in 3 fathoms.

Charts 2678, 2695, and China Sea Directory, Vol. iii. p. 470-75-78-90 are affected hereby.

## PORT HAMILTON.

Navigation Officer of *Champion*, remarks that a red buoy, with staff and cage, is moored in  $6\frac{1}{2}$  fathoms low water, spring tides, on end of spit extending from Shoal Point Sunhodo Island.

C.M. Bearings { Bold Point, Sunhodo, ..... E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  S.  
Sharp Peak, ..... N.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  N.  
N.E. Point, Observy Island, S.E. by E'ly.

Charts 2604 and China Sea Directory, Vol. iv. p. 93-4 are affected hereby.

## JAPAN.

Navigation Officer of *Champion*, remarks that Kobe Green Light is scarcely visible beyond 2 miles.

Yokomoto Light House has two broad black bands on it.

Yokohama Bay is said to be shoaling. Charts 2875, 16, 996, 953, 2657, and China Sea Directory, Vol. iv. p. 366, 367, 312, are affected hereby.

## GUTZLAFF ISLAND.

Navigation Officer of *Linnet*, remarks that the best anchorage off Gutzlaff Island is about 2 cables South of the middle of the Island, or further East.—The various telegraph cables are thus avoided.

China Sea Directory, Vol. iii. p. 396 is affected hereby.

## WENCHAU RIVER.

Lieutenant in Command of *Firebrand*, remarks that the Custom House and Flagstaff opposite Snipe Island have been removed.

China Sea Directory, Vol. iii. p. 346 is affected hereby.

## FORMOSA.

Navigation Officer of *Wanderer*, recommends that when anchoring in Anping Anchorage, Fort Zealandia should not be anchored East of N. 60° E., as the shoal ground to the North has shifted to the Southward.

Remark Books of *Espoir*, state that with a strong N.E. Monsoon blowing an allowance for set of 1 mile an hour was required when crossing from Haitan Strait to Tamsui.

Chart 2409, and China Sea Directory, Vol. iii. p. 281-47, are affected hereby.

## BANGKOK.

From observations made by the Officers of the Squadron the approximate position of the Light House on Bar of Bangkok River may be considered to be S.b.W.  $\frac{3}{4}$  W. 1 mile, from its present position on charts.

Charts 2414, 2720, 999 are affected hereby.

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

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

## FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

## LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS, No. 35.

*Min Reef Whistling Buoy: replaced in position.*

Notice is hereby given that the Whistling Buoy marking the Min Reef, having been painted, was replaced in position on the 31st ultimo.

S. PARKHILL,  
Harbour Master.

Approved:

C. HANNEN,  
Commissioner of Customs.

CUSTOM HOUSE, FOOCHOW, 1st April, 1886.

## FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

## LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS, No. 36.

*Aymar Reef Buoy: replaced in position.*

Notice is hereby given that the conical Buoy marking the Aymar Reef, having been painted, was replaced in position on the 31st ultimo.

S. PARKHILL,  
Harbour Master.

Approved:

C. HANNEN,  
Commissioner of Customs.

CUSTOM HOUSE, FOOCHOW, 1st April, 1886.