

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 257.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Thursday, the 22nd instant:—

For levelling, forming, and channelling Elgin and Chater Streets at Tsimshatsui, Kaulung.
 For constructing 850 feet lineal of new sewer in front of Marine Lots 20 and 21 at Tsimshatsui, Kaulung.

For 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 July, 1886.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 258.

The following Hydrographic Notice is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

Leander, at Yokohama,
 19th June, 1886.

HYDROGRAPHICAL MEMO., No. 10.

RIVER YANGTSE.

H.M.S. *Wanderer* while proceeding down the river Yangtse found depths corresponding to 15 or 16, and 19 feet at low water spring tides between Kiutoan Light Vessel and a position $2\frac{1}{3}$ miles S. 55° E. from it.
 Attention is called to the Note on Notice to Mariners No. 97 of 29th May, 1885, enjoining caution when navigating in this locality.

The first clause of the remarks relating to the river Yangtse in my Hydrographical Memo. No. 8, of 8th March, 1886, is hereby cancelled.

Captain Knights of the steamer *Kiang-yu* reports a rock, with 5 feet on it in winter, to lie near the *right* bank of the river, off the mouth of a creek $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles below Dove Point beacon, where a sounding of 4 fathoms is marked on Chart. Charts affected hereby Nos. 2678, 2695, 1602, and China Sea Directory, Vol. iii. p.p. 470-480.

The following information has been received from H.M.S. *Flying Fish* —

SULTANA AND NICHOLSON BANKS.

The danger limits of Sultana and Nicholson Banks are:—

Latitude, $9^\circ 45'$ to $10^\circ 01' N.$
 Longitude, $121^\circ 21'$ to $121^\circ 26' E.$

S. FILOMENA SHOAL—CUYOS ISLANDS.

To the Southward of Quiminatin Island, with the summit bearing between N. 55° W. and N. 50° E., within a radius of 7 miles, are 5 shoal patches with depths of from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 fathoms on them. The West Shoal (S. Filomena) in Latitude $0^\circ 39' N.$, Longitude $120^\circ 42' 45'' E.$, is about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles long N.E. and S.W., and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile broad,—least water 12 feet; it is very steep-to on north side, shoaling from 33 to $4\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms in half a cable's length.

MITSUHAMA LIGHT.

The Government of Japan have given notice that a fixed White Light is now exhibited from a Lighthouse on the northern pier of Mitsugahama Harbour, Province of Iyo. It is visible between the bearings of S. 37° E. and N. $29\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ E. magnetic, over an arc of $113\frac{1}{2}^\circ$. Height above sea 29 feet; visible in clear weather 6 miles.

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

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