

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 301.

The following Hydrographic Notices are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th August, 1886.

*Government of Queensland.*

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 6 of 1886.]

INNER ROUTE TO TORRES STRAITS. BEACON ON REEF, COLE ISLANDS,  
WASHED AWAY.

Notice is hereby given, that the Beacon on Reef has been washed away. It will be replaced as soon as practicable.

G. P. HEATH, Commander R.N.,  
*Portmaster.*

Department of Ports and Harbours, Brisbane, 3rd June, 1886.

*Government of Japan.*

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 4.)

MOORING BUOY OFF NAGA URA.

It is hereby notified that a Mooring Buoy has been laid by Kanagawa Kencho off Naga Ura for Mooring the Quarantine vessel.

The Buoy is cylindrical in shape and painted light red. It lies in 15 fathoms of water and west of a line drawn from Kannonsaki lighthouse to Honmoku Lightship.

Its distance from Futsu Buoy (Saratoga Spit Buoy) is 2 miles and its magnetic cross bearings\* are as follows.

Buoy of Saratoga Spit, .....	bears	N 78° 45' E
Kannonsaki Lighthouse, .....	"	S 36° 33' E
Sarushima, .....	"	S 5° 37' W
North end of Natsushima, .....	"	N 56° 15' W

Mariners should navigate this part of the gulf with caution not to run foul of the Mooring Buoy as the Quarantine vessel may not be there sometimes.

VICE-ADMIRAL ENOMOTO TAKEAKI,  
*Minister of State for Communications.*

Tokio, July 6th, 1886.

\* According to the Japanese Admiralty Chart No. 90, 17th year of Meiji.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 1

The following Notice from the Director of the Observatory is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th April, 1886.

NOTICE.

Meteorological Signals will be hoisted on the mast in front of the Police Barracks at Tsimshátsui:—

A red drum indicates the existence of a typhoon in the China Sea to the East of the Colony.

A red cone pointing upwards indicates, that a typhoon exists in a latitude more Northern than the Colony, or, that it is progressing towards North.

A red cone pointing downwards indicates, that a typhoon exists in a latitude more Southern than the Colony, or, that it is progressing towards South.

A red ball indicates the existence of a typhoon somewhere to the West of the Colony.

2. The shipping community is supposed to be guided not solely by these signals, but to consult *The China Coast Meteorological Register* issued daily from here.

3. The Meteorological signals do not imply that a typhoon is approaching the Colony. *Local Storm-warnings* are given by firing the gun placed at the foot of the mast. It will be fired one round, whenever a strong gale of wind is expected here. It will be fired two rounds, whenever the wind is expected to blow with storm or typhoon force, and it will be fired again, if possible, when the wind is likely to shift round suddenly,—such shifting being frequently accompanied by great disasters to the shipping.

4. In cases where special information is urgently required, enquiries at the Observatory should, if possible, be made between 1 p. and 4 p., as I am particularly engaged at other times.

W. DOBERCK,  
*Government Astronomer.*

Hongkong Observatory, 25th May, 1885.