

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 451.

The following Hydrographic Notice is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th November, 1886.

"AUDACIOUS" AT YOKOHAMA,
4th November, 1886.

HYDROGRAPHICAL MEMO., No. 13.

JAPAN.

WAYWODA ROCK.—This rock having been searched for without success by a Squadron of 8 vessels on the 24th September, 1886, is considered not to exist. Position as given Lat. $42^{\circ} 14\frac{1}{2}'$ N., Long. $137^{\circ} 17'$ E.
Charts affected Nos. 452, 2405, 2459, and China Sea Directory, Vol. iv 1884, p. 127.

A Hydrographical Note received from H.M.S. "Champion" calls attention to the fact that the position of Inuboye Saki Light House on Chart No. 2347 differs nearly 5 miles from that assigned to it in China Sea Directory, Vol. iv, in Light List 1886, and in Chart No. 208.

CHINA EAST COAST.

The following information has been received from H.M.S. "Rambler":—

BEAL ROCK has 10 feet over it. Turnabout Light House bearing S. 47° E., 4.3 miles. North end of Lochinvar Island S. 83° W., $6\frac{1}{4}$ cables.

DAWSON ROCK has 24 feet over it, with Sharp Peak, Kwing Island N. 71° W., 1.56 miles.

VEREKER ROCKS consist of 2 pinnacles:—No. 1 with 13 feet over it; Sharp Peak S. 52° W., 2.03 miles. No. 2 with 22 feet over it; Sharp Peak S. 53° W., 2.20 miles.

BASSETT ROCK is a pinnacle with 19 feet over it. Summit Warning Rock, S. 34° W., 1.56 miles.

OCKSEU LIGHT HOUSE is in Lat. $24^{\circ} 59' 36.3''$ N., Long. $119^{\circ} 27' 7''$ E.

Charts affected by above Nos. 1761, 1985.

SAND BANKS exist off the White Dogs Islands. The least water as yet discovered is:—

(1.) 26 feet with summit of Tongsha Island N. 61° E., 2.7 miles.

(2.) 26 feet with summit of Tongsha Island N. 34° E., 2.0 miles.

Charts affected Nos. 1761, 2400.

SUMATRA.

BENKOELLEN.—The following information, obtained from the Harbour Master at Benkoelen, has been received from H.M.S. "Zephyr":—

The Light House and Fort are not correctly placed on Chart relatively to each other. The Fort is S.S.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E., 400 yards from Light House.

The Buoy shewn on Chart has been removed. A Red Buoy, with staff and cage, in $5\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms, marks the North extreme of outer G. Sambilan reef.

A Red Buoy also marks the edge of the reef, with the following bearings:—

Middle of Rat Island, S.W.

Onjong Padattia, N. $\frac{1}{2}$ W.

Benkoelen Light House, E.S.E.

Chart affected No. 2761, and China Sea Directory, Vol. i, Notice No. 2, p. 51.

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.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 409.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Monday, the 22nd November proximo, for the general surface scavenging of the City of Victoria.

For form of tender apply at this Office.

For specifications and full particulars apply at the Office of the Secretary to the Sanitary Board.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th October, 1886.