GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 62.

The following Hydrographic Notice is published for general information. By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th February, 1887.

"Audacious" at Hongkong, 7th February, 1887.

HYDROGRAPHICAL MEMO., No. 14.

The following information has been taken from Officers' Remark Books for 1886:-

CHINA.

Canton River.—Pedra Areca Rock, at entrance of Macao Harbour, is marked by a conical buoy painted Black and White in vertical stripes. The Pilots and Captains of River Steamers report that the channel N.E. of Lintin Island is shoaling. A Signal Station is on Chuenpee Point. With reference to Station Hydrographic Memo. No. 43 of 5th February, 1884, there is no passage for Ships through the bridge across Collinson Reach (Remark Books H.M.S. Espoir). Charts affected, Nos. 2212, 2562, 1782, 1741, 1742, and China Sea Directory Vol. iii, pp. 71, 107, 108.

Pakhe i.—The fishing stakes off Tikok Point have been extended to the North Bank—a passage through them is marked by a basket beacon on each side (Remark Books H.M.S. Heroine, Daring and Firebrand). Chart affected, No. 875, and China Sea Directory, Vol. ii. p. 379.

-The N.W. end of Bush Island is now about 8 cables S.E. of its position on Chart No. 1602. The buoy has not been shifted (Remark Books H.M.S. Alacrity.)
Charts affected 1602, 2809, 1480, and China Sea Directory Vol. iii. p 418.

Woosung River.—The barrier, mentioned in Notice to Mariners No. 15 of 1885 as having been placed on the inner bar of Woosung River, has been removed (Remark Books H.M.S. Alacrity).
Chart affected No. 1601, and China Sea Directory Vol. iii. p. 437.

JAPAN.

Mikawa Bay.—Vessels visiting Mikawa Bay, on S. coast of Nipon, should be provided with Japanese Chart No. 170; the Admiralty Chart No. 952 not being a trustworthy guide for that locality. Matsu Sima, in line with the 272 feet hill on Irako Saki, clears the dangers in the channel at entrance of Chita Bay, as the northern inlet in Mikawa Bay is called (Remark Books H.M.S. Champion).

Chart affected No. 952, and China Sea Directory Vol. iv. p. 291.

R. VESEY HAMILTON, Vice-Admiral and 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. 63.

The following Lot of Crown Land at Kennedy Town, will be sold by Public Auction, on Monday, the 21st day of February, at 4 P.M. Inland Lot No. 1082.

For Particulars and Conditions of Sale see Government Notification No. 48 of the 5th instant. By Command,

> FREDERICK STEWART, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th February, 1887.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 45.

The following Lots of Crown Land at Tunglowán, Victoria, will be sold by Public Auction, on Monday, the 14th day of February, at 4 P.M.

Inland Lots Nos. 1030 to 1044, 1051, 1052, and 1057 to 1070.

For Particulars and Conditions of Sale see Government Notification No. 37 of the 29th ultimo.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th February, 1887.