

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 216.

The following Hydrographic Notices are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 21st May, 1887.

"AUDACIOUS" AT HONGKONG,
10th May, 1887.

HYDROGRAPHICAL MEMO., No. 18.

CHINA.

Canton River.—A bank of soft mud, with 3 feet on it at low water and 8 to 12 feet close around, has been discovered by H.M.S. "Cockchafer," on the eastern edge of Spit extending Northward from 2nd Bar. Its position is marked by the following Magnetic Bearings:—

2nd Bar Pagoda,	S. 47° W.
Knowles Point,	N. 4° E.
Barlow Point,	N. 52° W.

Charts affected No. 1742, and China Sea Directory Vol. iii, p. 117.
The fishing stakes I, W.S.W. of Tree Island have been removed.
Chart affected No. 1782.

A Telegraph Cable crosses the river from a point, midway between Watson and Louisa Islands, to a position nearly due South of it; a little Eastward of Bambu Town. Its direction is marked by two Pole Beacons on each bank, those nearest the river bear boards, with the words "Telegraph Cable" on them.

Chart affected No. 1742, and China Sea Directory Vol. iii, p. 114.

Gap Rock.—Gap Rock is 97 feet high; Vessels should not approach it too closely, as several rocks have been discovered within a radius of 1 cable from it. Reef Island is 90 feet, and Peaked Rock is 160 feet high.

Charts affected Nos. 2212, 1962, and China Sea Directory Vol. iii, p. 81.

Tai-Chau Islands.—The wreck of a steamer, with her masts above water lies to the Westward of the Islands in Lat. 28° 28', N.; Long. 121° 49½' E.

Chart affected No. 1759.

Chusan Archipelago.—The Beacon on the rock N.E. by E. ½ E. 650 yards from summit of Takeu Island was not in position on 18th April, 1887.

Charts affected Nos. 1199, 1395, 1429, 1969, and China Sea Directory Vol. iii, p. 380.

Amoy.—Two detached rocks have recently been discovered in Amoy Inner Harbour.

I. Devonhurst Rock, with 14½ feet on it at L.W.S., lies 1½ cables S.S.E. ½ E. from Alibi Rock beacon.

II. Eighty feet N. by W. of Devonhurst Rock, is a rocky patch with 22 feet at L.W.S.

Chart affected No. 1764, and China Sea Directory Vol. iii, p. 201.

Ballintang Islands.—The Longitude of these Islands mentioned in my Hydrographical Memo., No. 7, of 14th February, 1886, should be 122° 7' E. not 126° 7' E.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Manila Bay.—There is no light on St. Nicholas' Bank, nor is there a buoy.

Chart affected No. 976.

Fulton Rock mentioned on p. 261, Vol. ii China Sea Directory does not exist, and has been removed from the Chart. The Navigating Officer of the "Leander" reports that the accuracy of the Time Ball at Manila, is not to be depended on.

List of Time Signals pp. 26, 27, and China Sea Directory Vol. ii, p. 263.

JAPAN.

Toba Anchorage.—A sunken rock, not marked on the Chart, has recently been discovered in this harbour, by a Japanese war vessel striking on it. Its position has not yet been received. Judging from the irregular depths and nature of the bottom it is possible other dangers exist.

Chart affected No. 952, and China Sea Directory Vol. iv, p. 288.

BANKA STRAIT.

There are no trees growing on Melvill Bank, at Eastern entrance to Banka Strait, as stated in foot note to page 317, China sea Directory Vol. i, 1886.

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 of India.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

STRAITS OF MALACCA.

After the 31st May, 1887, the Light-ship on the Formosa Bank will be removed for repairs. No temporary light will be placed there during her absence.

HENRY ELLIS,
Master Attendant, S. S.

MASTER ATTENDANT'S OFFICE,
Singapore, 9th May, 1887.

Government of China.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS, No. 40.

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 7th instant.

S. PARKHILL,
Harbour Master.

Approved:

C. HANNEN,
Commissioner of Customs.

Custom House, Foochow, 9th May, 1887.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 217.

With reference to Government Notification No. 190 of the 7th May, 1887 calling for tenders for constructing Quarters for Boatmen, Chinese Constables, Interpreter, &c. Hunghom Police Station, it is hereby notified that the date on which the tenders are to be received has been extended until Noon of Tuesday, the 31st instant.

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, 21st May, 1887.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 218.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Friday, the 3rd June, 1887.

1. For reforming, channelling, macadamizing, &c. the West end of Second Street between Centre Street and Western Street.
2. For reforming, channelling, macadamizing, &c. Stavely Street between Wellington Street and Gage Street.

For forms of tender apply at this Office.

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

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

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FREDERICK STEWART,
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