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By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

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JAPAN.

Tokio Gulf.—The Japanese Government have given notice, that a Conical Buoy, painted black and white in horizontal bands, and surmounted by a spherical cage, has been placed to mark the Eastern extreme of the shoal off Treaty Point.

The top of the cage is 10ft. above water, and the buoy is moored in 5 fathoms of water, at L.W.S.

Chart affected No. 2657, and China Sea Directory Vol. iv, p. 311.

CHINA.

Saddle Group.—Notice has been received that the wreck of the s.s. "Menzaleh" lies a little less than 5½ miles N 52° E magnetic, from the North Saddle Light House, in about 12 fathoms at low water spring tides. On the 25th May 1887, the masts were standing, the eyes of the main topmast rigging being about 7ft. above high water.

Charts affected Nos. 1602, 1199, 2347, 2412, 1262.

Min River.—Notice has been received, that the Niu Ta Rock, near Spiteful Island has now been marked by two new buoys; one is placed on the northern edge, painted black and white chequers; one is placed on the southern edge, painted red and white chequers. Vessels must not pass between these two buoys.

The Spiteful Island red buoy has been removed (having been replaced by the red and white chequered buoy mentioned above), and the Tui Che Rock black buoy has also been removed as the channel is filling with silt.

Chart affected No. 2400, and China Sea Directory Vol. iii, pp. 320, 321.

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.