

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 391.

The following Hydrographic Notice is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
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Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th September, 1887.

"AUDACIOUS" AT GOSHKEVITCH BAY,
29th August, 1887.

HYDROGRAPHICAL MEMO., No. 20.

JAPAN.

Eastern entrance to Toba Anchorage.—A rocky head with 2ft. of water on it, and patches of 5 to 8ft. around lies N.E. by E. $\frac{3}{4}$ E. $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles from Light House on Suga Sima. Another patch with 9ft. water on it, lies N.E. by E, $\frac{1}{2}$ E. $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles from the same Light House.

Chart affected No. 952; China Sea Directory, Vol. iv. p. 287.

Passage inside Wilson Island.—A patch with 6ft. of water on it, lies N. 13° E. 6 cables from N.W. extreme of Katsu Sima. Another patch with 9ft. water on it, lies N. $\frac{1}{4}$ W. 12 cables from the same point.

Chart affected No. 127; China Sea Directory, Vol. iv. p. 537.

Gulf of Tokio.—The approximate position of the Fort on Saratoga Spit is N. $21\frac{1}{2}$ E. 3 and six-tenths miles from Kuwan on Saki Light House.—The paragraph relating to this subject in Hydrographical Memo. No. 16, 7th March, 1887, is hereby cancelled.

Chart affected No. 2657; China Sea Directory Vol. iv. p. 315.

Simonoseki Strait.—A conical buoy, painted in Black and White Vertical stripes, surmounted by a Red Spherical cage, has been moored to mark the northern extreme of the shoal with $2\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms water, called Tobigasu, recently discovered at Eastern entrance of Simonoseki Strait. The buoy lies in 5 fathoms L.W.S., with the following cross bearings

Isaki Light House.....S. 41° 40'E.

E. end of Manziu Sima.....N. 39° 40'E.

Charts affected Nos. 532, 2875, and 358; China Sea Directory, Vol. iv. p. 434. The paragraph in Hydrographical Memo. No. 15, 16th February, 1887, relating to Yedo Gulf, and the last two clauses of the paragraph relating to Simonoseki Strait, in the same Memo. are hereby cancelled.

CHINA SEA.

Pulo Condore Group.—Notice has been given, that after the 21st July, 1887, a light would be exhibited from the Islet of Bai-Kan, Lat. 8° 40' N., Long. 106° 41' E. The light is Fixed, White, 696ft. above the level of the sea, and should be visible 30 miles in clear weather. See Notice to Mariners No. 197, of 1884.

Charts affected Nos. 2660A, 1000; China Sea Directory, Vol. ii. p. 71; Light List for East Indies and China, 1887, No. 243A.

CHINA.

Newchwang.—A time ball is dropped on Saturdays from Custom House Flag Staff, at noon local mean time.

Chart affected No. 2894; China Sea Directory, Vol. iii. p. 676.

KOREA.

Chemulpho.—H.M.S. "Alacrity" reports that on visiting Chemulpho in June, 1887, the approach to the anchorage was much obstructed by fishing stakes.

Chart affected No. 1258; Supplement to China Sea Directory, Vol. iv. p. 16.

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.