

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 216.

The following Hydrographic Notice is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 19th May, 1888.

Government of China.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 217.

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

Southern Entrance to the Yangtze.

NOTICE is hereby given that—on account of a recent survey of a section of the southern entrance of the Yangtze having shown that a Middle Ground or Shoal, from $\frac{2}{10}$ to $\frac{9}{10}$ of a mile in width and having from 6 to 18 feet of water on it, stretches nearly 7 miles in a south-easterly direction from a point N. 64° E., distant $2\frac{1}{10}$ miles from the Kiutoan Beacon, and that the channel to the north-eastward of this Middle Ground is wider, deeper, and more direct than the one on its south-western side—the following changes have been made in this vicinity:—

“KIUTOAN” LIGHTSHIP.

This vessel has been moored in 4 fathoms off the south-western edge of Blockhouse Shoal, with the Kiutoan Beacon bearing S. 71° W., distant about $3\frac{1}{10}$ miles.

MIDDLE GROUND UPPER BUOY.

A red and black vertically striped Buoy, surmounted by a black triangular cage, has been moored on the north-western end of the Middle Ground, in 3 fathoms, with Kiutoan Beacon bearing S. $65\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W., distant about $2\frac{1}{10}$ miles.

MIDDLE GROUND LOWER BUOY.

A red and black vertically striped Buoy, surmounted by a black diamond-shaped cage, has been moored on the south-eastern end of the Middle Ground, in 3 fathoms, with House Island Beacon bearing N. $2\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W., distant about $4\frac{2}{10}$ miles.

BLOCKHOUSE SHOAL BUOY.

This Buoy, No. 2 in the published List for 1888, has been removed.

Vessels entering by the channel to the north-eastward of the Middle Ground may now keep the *Tungsha* Lightship bearing S. 55° E. till she is 8 miles distant, and then steer to pass 2 cables to the south-westward of the *Kiutoan* Lightship; after which they may steer to make a course N. 56° W. till the small Kiutoan Beacon bears S. 45° W.

All bearings and courses given are magnetic, and the depths are for low water spring tides.

CAUTION.

Vessels should not attempt to pass to the north-eastward of the *Kiutoan* Lightship in her present position.

By Order of the Inspector General of Customs,

A. M. BESBEE,
Coast Inspector

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS,
COAST INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,
SHANGHAI, 1st May, 1888.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 217.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Tuesday, the 22nd instant, for covering in the main sewer at Hunghom.

For form of tender apply at this Office.

For specification 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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