
GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 275.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Friday, the 22nd instant, for a general overhauling and the fitting of a new Fire-box to the boiler of the Government Floating Steam Fire Engine.

A detailed specification of the repairs to be executed may be obtained on application to the Superintendent of the Government Fire Brigade.

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

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th June, 1888.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 276.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Friday, the 22nd instant, for making 300,000 Tree Pits.

For form of tender apply at this Office.

For specification and further particulars, apply to the Superintendent of the Botanical and Afforestation Department.

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

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th June, 1888.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 277.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Saturday, the 23rd instant, for the construction of a granite sewer at Wantsai.

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.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th June, 1888.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 278.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Tuesday, the 26th instant, for fixing iron standards and railings at Victoria College.

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.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th June, 1888.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION—No. 279.

The following Hydrographic Notices are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th June, 1888.

*Government of China.*NOTICE TO MARINERS,
No. 218.

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

Sunken Rock South of Tayung—Rugged Islands.

THE following communication has been received from Commander W. USBORNE MOORE, R.N., Commanding H.B.M.'s Surveying Ship *Rambler*:—

"A dangerous rock has been discovered 5 cables south-east of the south coast of Tayung, Rugged Islands. The top has 2 feet over it at low water spring tide. From it the summit of Tayung bears N. 26° W., distant 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ cables; the rock off the south point of the island W. by N. of S.E. Horn, in line with the summit of Morrison Island, bears N. 69 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° E., distant 2.6 miles; and S.W. Horn bears N. 73° W., distant 6 miles. The position of this rock is generally indicated by chow water. It is named Huxley Rock.

"The highest and left-hand peak of Tripoint Island, just open of the south point of the S.E. bay of Tayung bearing N. 19° W. leads 3 cables east of the Huxley Rock.

"Bearings given are magnetic.

"(Signed) W. USBORNE MOORE,
"Commander, R.N."

By Order of the Inspector General of Customs,

E. V. BRENNAN,
Acting Coast Inspector.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS,
COAST INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,
SHANGHAI, 29th May 1888.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 219.

CHINA SEA.

YANGTZE RIVER—KIUKIANG DISTRICT.

Christmas Island Beacon Light.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Christmas Island Beacon Light has been shifted 84 yards N. 36° W. from its last position, in consequence of the washing away of the river embankment.

By Order of the Inspector General of Customs,

E. V. BRENNAN,
Acting Coast Inspector.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS,
COAST INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,
SHANGHAI, 4th June 1888.

The substance of this Notice, as soon as it is received on board, is to be inserted in red ink on the Charts affected by it; and introduced into the margin, or otherwise in the page, of the Sailing Directions to which it relates. See Admiralty Instructions, Navigation and Pilotage, pp. 312 & 313.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 115 of the year 1888.]

RED SEA.

Position of Avocet Rock.

With reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 190 of 1887, on reported sunken rocks northward of Jebel Zukur island:—Telegraphic information has been received from Lieutenant and Commander T. F. Pullen, H.M. Surveying vessel *Stork*, that he has found a small coral patch, with a least depth of 15 feet, situated in lat. 14° 22' 8" N., long. 42° 41' 32" E. This is undoubtedly the danger on which the steam vessels *Avocet* and *Teddington* struck during last year. It lies midway between the two best positions, which, from conflicting evidence, could be assigned to the respective vessels when they struck. The depths around the rock are 28 to 30 fathoms.

The *Stork's* search is the fourth that has been made by H.M. Ships, before this small danger has been re-discovered. Vessels passing down the Red sea should keep to the westward of this rock, and should remember that irregular lateral currents sometimes set across the sea; and if when on the homeward voyage they pass eastward of Abu Ail, care should be taken to steer to the westward after rounding that island, until Jebel Zukur summit bears about S.S.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. There is little doubt that the loss of the *Avocet* was due to one of the lateral currents above mentioned, as not only was the steam vessel *St. Oswald*, in company with the *Avocet*, also to the eastward of the correct track, but other vessels passed on both sides of the two vessels while stopped to save the crew of the *Avocet*.

(The bearing is Magnetic. Variation 4° Westerly in 1888.)

By Command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. WHARTON,
Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London, 30th April 1888.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Red sea, No. 2523; Red sea, sheet V., No. 8c; Jebel Teir to Perim island, No. 143; Also Red Sea Pilot, 1883, page 16.

The substance of this Notice, as soon as it is received on board, is to be inserted in red ink on the Charts affected by it; and introduced into the margin, or otherwise in the page, of the Sailing Directions to which it relates. See Admiralty Instructions, 1887, Navigation and Pilotage, p. 368.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 125 of the year 1888.]

AUSTRALIA—NORTH—WEST COAST.

Reef Reported Westward of Cartier Islet.

Information has been received through the Board of Trade, that the Master of the Barque *Millicent*, reports the existence of a reef, which dries at low water, and on which that vessel was wrecked on 5th January 1888, situated in lat. 12° 35' S., long. 123° 16' E.

NOTE.—The above position is extremely doubtful, but as the whole of the vicinity is very imperfectly surveyed, and it is possible that many more reefs may exist than those laid down, Mariners are warned accordingly.

By Command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. WHARTON,
*Hydrographer.**Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London, 9th May 1888.*

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Australia, northern portion, No. 2759a; north-west coast of Australia, No. 475; cape Ford to Buccaneer archipelago, No. 1047: Also, Australia Directory, vol. III., 1881, page 175.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

Unclaimed Correspondence, 15th June, 1888.

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Abad 1	Carlyle, S. 1	Grant, Rev. P. 1 p. card.	Kirk, R. A. L. 1	Nicholson, H. 2	Summers, W. H. 1
American } 1	Cameron, Jas. 1	Garrett, 1	Kohn, J. 1	Oldun, J. 1	Sabbattini, A. 1
Trading Co. } 1	Crocker, Miss B. 1	Grunblat, A. 1 regd.	Kirby, P. H. 4	Palmer, Dr. S. 1	Stratton, C. H. 1
Borgiotti, O. 1 regd.	Dodd, C. B. N. 1 2	Gruseid, H. 1	Kirk, L. 1	Parker, L. C. 1	Thorpe, T. J. 1 p. card.
Bowler, T. I. 2	David, N. 1	Grassi, G. 2	Klein, W. 1	Roy, J. 2	Thompson, C. 1 2
Balliston, H. 1	Dinnen, Mrs. 1	Guan Sing 1	Kaneko & John 1	Richard, V. 1	Taylor, Capt. E. 1
Benett, M. 1	Elstone, Thos. 1	Hausser, P. L. 1	Kwong Tat Chuen 1	Rosenberg, K. 1 regd.	Talbot, W. J. 1
Buck, M. 1	Flattering, Mrs. E. 1	Hogg, F. R. 1	Keates, W. 2	Schworer, E. 1	Vivier, F. 1
Coong, Wah 1 regd.	Fraser, E. H. 1	Hogg, C. 1	Laimbeer, R. 1	Sellwood, Dr. J. J. 1	White, H. 1
Conklin, Miss L. E. 2	Frost, H. G. 1	Hamilton, A. 1 regd.	Lacant 1	Smith, G. 1	Wilson, T. E. 1
Crawford, Miss L. 1	Feldman, J. 1	Hone, J. H. 1	Logie, Dr. A. 1	Scott, B. C. G. 1 1	Williams, C. J. 1
Chaston, E. C. 1	Forrester, W. 1	Ichmose, Jno. 2 regd.	Leigh, Mrs. N. C. 1	Schlitten, D. 1	Wilson & Co. 1
Coates, G. 1	Giles, H. A. 1	Jones, S. 1	Lord, Capt. 1	Saheb Din 1 regd.	
Cruz, J. 1			Murdock, Miss L. 1		
Chaimsohn, J. 1 regd.			Missenden, W. 1		

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Allenore, s.s. 2	Eclipse 1 2	Ihm 1 regd.	Muke Maru, s.s. 2	Sulltalma 4	Westmeath 1
Atholl 4	Ernest 1 regd.	J. Nicholson 2	New Guinea, s.s. 1	Savoia 1	Wm. Mellor 1
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Arcadia 2 6	F. P. Sitchfield 1	Lutstalond 1	Gillaredi 1	Scotchman, s.s. 1	Wanlock 1
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Chittoor 3					
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Australian.	Corriere Della Sera.	Glasgow Weekly Mail.	Missionary Society.	Osservatore Romano.	Soerabaya Courant.
Blik op het Indisch	Die Gartenlaube.	Indian Daily News.	Missionary Record.	Public Ledger.	Suisse Liberale.
Staatsbestuur.	Daily Journal of Commerce.	Illustrte Zeitung.	Money Market Review.	People's Journal.	Times.
Berliner Tageblatt.	Daily Telegraph.	La Vie Parisienne.	Mail.	Photographs.	Waterville Mail.
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General Post Office, Hongkong, 15th June, 1888.