

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 365.

The following Hydrographic Notices are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th August, 1888.

*Government of China.*

## NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 222.

## CHINA SEA.

## AMOY DISTRICT—TAITAN LIGHT.

*Alteration in the Character of the Light.*

Notice is hereby given that the *fixed* Light formerly shown from Taitan Island over a section of the horizon was replaced on the 10th June 1888 by a new Light of which the illuminating apparatus is Sixth Order, Dioptric, *visible all round*, and *occulting*, being distinguished by a double eclipse, timed as follows:—Fourteen seconds of light, two seconds of eclipse, two seconds of light, two seconds of eclipse, and then again fourteen seconds of light, and so on.

The Light is elevated 300 feet above the level of the sea, and in clear weather it should be visible at a distance of 10 nautical miles.

The Light-building is of iron, 10½ feet high, and is painted white.

Geographical position furnished by Commander W. U. MOORE, H.B.M.S. *Rambler*:—

Latitude, ..... 24° 23' 16". 1 N.  
Longitude, ..... 118° 10' 0". 6 E.

By Order of the Inspector General of Customs,

E. V. BRENNAN,  
*Acting Coast Inspector.*

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS,  
COAST INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,  
SHANGHAI, 26th July 1888.

## ASIATIC STATION.

## SQUADRON NOTICE TO MARINERS, No. 12.

U. S. FLAGSHIP "BROOKLYN,"  
Yokohama, Japan. July 26th, 1888.

## KOREA—CHEMULPO.

*Dangerous Isolated Rock.*

Information has been received from Lieutenant Commander J. E. Craig, U. S. N., Commanding U. S. S. *Palos*, of the existence of an isolated rock, not laid down on the chart, in the East Channel leading to Chemulpo, Korea. As located by him it lies to the southward and westward of the South Watcher and on the northern circumference of the 2½ fathom patch at the extremity of a diameter extending N. by W. and S. by E. (mag.) The 2½ fathom patch is shown on the chart just north of Young Hung Do. The geographical position of the rock is N. 37 deg. 18 min. 14 sec. and E. 126 deg. 27 min. 50 sec. At a low stage of water the rock is exposed about 3 feet, while at the commencement of the flood tide it is completely covered. The rock is 20 feet long in a north and south direction and 12 feet wide, with a pinnacle at its southern end 2½ feet higher than the body of the rock. The rock while not lying directly in the fairway is a danger to vessels beating, or to steamers standing up the passage in fogs and strong tides of that locality, or in seeking an anchorage near the South Watcher. To clear the danger en route to Chemulpo in rounding Young Hung Do bring North Watcher and highest point of Yo dol mi in range north east (mag.) Run on this range until South Watcher bears four points on starboard bow. This will clear the danger, and then a course N.E. 7-8 E. (mag.) may be set leading between the Watchers.

The 2½ fathom patch above quoted seems to be incorrectly termed as depths were found on it varying from 6 to 18 feet.

The isolated rock has been called Pender Rock having been reported by Capt. Pender of s.s. *Owari Maru*.  
Chart affected, B. A. 1258 and the China Sea Directory (1884) Vol. IV p. 57. (North and South Watcher's.)

RALPH CHANDLER,  
*Rear Admiral, U.S.N.,*  
*Commanding U. S. Naval Force on Asiatic Station.*

"AUDACIOUS" AT YOKOHAMA,  
9th July, 1888.

## HYDROGRAPHICAL MEMO: No. 27.

## JAPAN.

*Owari Bay.*—There is considerably less water at the Anchorage off Yakaichi, than is shewn on the chart.  $5\frac{1}{2}$  fms. was found with the following bearings—

Light House, .....N.  $72^{\circ}$  W.  
Yoshi Saki, .....S.  $23\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W.

the chart showing 7 or 8 fms.

At a distance of 2 cables inshore in various directions, the depths were 5 and  $5\frac{1}{4}$  fms., and at the same distance East from the above position, the depth was  $5\frac{1}{2}$  fms.

The Coast line of Owari Bay, except that near the entrance, appears to be incorrectly laid down in the charts. No Sima in line with S.W. extreme of Chita Peninsula bears S.  $50^{\circ}$  E. magnetic; by chart it bears S.  $55^{\circ}$  E.

Charts affected Nos. 952, 997; China Sea Directory Vol. iv, p. 291.

NOWELL SALMON,

*Vice-Admiral, and 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.*

"AUDACIOUS" AT YOKOHAMA,  
14th July, 1888.

## HYDROGRAPHICAL MEMO: No. 28.

## JAPAN.

*Gulf of Tokio.*—Shoal reported off Treaty Point. A small shoal of black sand and mud with 17ft. of water on it,—on which the s.s. *Wordsworth* grounded on the 12th inst.,—is reported to lie about 4 cables S.  $7^{\circ}$  W. magnetic from the buoy off Treaty Point.

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"AUDACIOUS" AT YOKOHAMA,  
19th July, 1888.

## HYDROGRAPHICAL MEMO: No. 29.

## JAPAN.

*Strait of Simonoseki.*—Information has been received of the discovery of a dangerous rock in the Eastern entrance of the Strait of Simonoseki. It has 21 feet of water on it at L.W.S.

The following bearings point out its position:—

Mozi Saki, .....S.  $75^{\circ}$  W.  $10\frac{1}{2}$  cables nearly.  
Fisherman Rock Buoy, .....N.  $26^{\circ}$  E. 2 cables nearly.  
Ridge Hill, .....N.  $29^{\circ}$  W.

Charts affected Nos. 532 and 2875; China Sea Directory, Vol iv, p. 434.

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## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 366.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Saturday, the 18th instant, for clearing land slip and widening Belcher Street behind Lots Nos. 260, 261, and 262, Kennedytown.

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, 11th August, 1888.