"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—

the chart showing 7 or 8 fms.

At a distance of 2 cables inshore in various directions, the depths were 5 and $5\frac{1}{4}$ fins., 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° E. magnetic; by chart it bears S. 55° 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° W. magnetic from the buoy off Treaty Point.

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, 19th July, 1888.

HYDROGRAPHICAL MEMO: No. 29.

JAPAN.

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

The following bearings point out its position:-

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

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.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 366.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Saturday, the 18th instant, for clearing landslip 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.