GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 415.

The following Hydrographic Notices are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th September, 1888.

"Imperieuse" at Oterranai Bay, 18th August, 1888.

HYDROGRAPHICAL MEMO: No. 32.

Rhio Strait.—H.M.S. 'Orion' reports having touched on a pinnacle rock judged to be situated about five or six cables to the Westward of Pulo Loban Keci.

The Soundings obtained by H.M.S. "Orion" whilst searching for the Rock showed shoaler water than the Chart gives. Caution is therefore necessary.

Chart No 2413. Directory Part I p. 424.

Yantze River.—The two new charts do not bear the latest corrections viz. those contained in Shanghai Notices Nos. 217 and 218, and Hydrographical Memo: No. 22 of 1887.

Charts Nos. 1199 and 1602.

NOWELL SALMON, Vice-Admiral.

To the Commodore and the respective Captains, Commanders, and
Officers Commanding Her Majesty's Ships
and Vessels employed on the China Station.

Government of **Ja**pan.

NOTIFICATION No. 132, OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Shirakami-saki Lighthouse, Western Entrance to Tsugaru Straits.

Notice is hereby given that a Lighthouse has been erected on SHIRAKAMI-SAKI, the Southern extreme of MATSUMAE GORI, HOKKAIDO, the Light of which will be exhibited on the night of the 15th September 1888, and every night thereafter from Sunset until Sunrise.

According to the Japanese Admiralty Chart No. 10, the Lighthouse is in Latitude 41 degrees 24 minutes 20 seconds North, and in Longitude 140 degrees 12 minutes 40 seconds East of Greenwich.

The Lighthouse is built of iron, hexagonal in shape, painted with Black and White horizontal bands and 50 feet high from the base to the centre of the lantern.

The Light will be a Second Order Catoptric Revolving Light showing alternate White and Red flashes at intervals of 40 seconds. Its arc of illumination will be $206\frac{1}{2}$ degrees, from North 74 degrees 45 minutes East to North 78 degrees 45 minutes West. The bearings are true and as observed from the Lighthouse.

The elevation of the Light above the sea will be 120 feet, and in clear weather the light will be visible at a distance of 17 Nautical miles.

VISCOUNT ENOMOTO TAKEAKI,

Minister of State for Communications.

Tokio, 17th August, 1888.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

With reference to the Notification No. 128 of Department of Communications dated the 13th August, 1388, respecting the MOORING BUOY for Quarantine vessel off Nagaura, the bearing of Kanonsaki Lighthouse from the Mooring Buoy as given in that Notification was incorrect, S. 23° E. having been an erratum for S. 28° E.

BY ORDER.

Lighthouse Bureau, Yokohama, 23rd August, 1888.