

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 93.

The following Hydrographic Notice is published for general information.

By Command,

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"IMPÉRIEUSE" AT HONG KONG,
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STRAITS OF MALACCA.

PENANG.—The following buoys permanently moored in Penang Harbour are not shewn on the chart.

A Red buoy marked Cable in 4 fms. lies with Signal Station, the Highlands and Harbour Mark ϕ do 51° Rat Island.

A Black Mooring Buoy in 4½ fms. S. 24° E. 2½ Cables from Cable buoy.

A Green buoy marking a wreck in 11 fms. N. 65° E. 4½ Cables from Fort Cornwallis.

(CHART No. 1366. CHINA SEA DIRECTORY VOL. I. PAGE 58).

PAHANG RIVER.—The entrance of this River is reported to be in Lat. 3° 31' N. Long. 103° 30' E.

H.M.S. *Orion* found good anchorage in 4¼ fms. Flagstaff bearing S.W. the bar being distant about 4½ Cables.

(CHART No. 2660 A. CHINA SEA DIRECTORY VOL. II. PAGE 56).

LABUAN.

VICTORIA HARBOUR.—The Columbine beacon does not exist. The Bank off the Northern shore is marked at intervals by post beacons.

BATAVIA.

TANJONG PRIOK.—Ships drawing 24' 7" of water are now berthed in the New Harbour.

SARAWAK.

SARAWAK RIVER MORATABAS ENTRANCE.—The chart is reported incorrect 1 to 2 fms. less water than chart shews.

(CHART No. 1822.)

CHINA SEA.

HONGKONG. LIGHT ON GREEN ISLAND.—On and after the 1st March, 1889, the Light exhibited at Green Island will shew as follows:—

White from S. by E. ½ E. through E. to N.W.

Red between S. by E. ½ E. and S.S.W. ¼ W.

Bearings are magnetic and taken from Seaward.

The remaining portion of the white circle is obscured by the Island itself.

The illuminating apparatus is fixed dioptric, fourth order, elevated 95 feet above the Sea.

(CHART No. 1466.)

LIGHT ON CAPE PADARAN.—A Light was established at Cape Padaran, on the 19th January, 1889.

The Light is of the First Order, Flashing, showing two white and two red flashes alternately, and has a range of 32 miles.

(CHART No. 1261. VOL. II. PAGE 349.)

TAMSUI HARBOUR.—The Harbour Buoy (a red nun buoy, surmounted by a red spherical cage) has been moved to a point about 3 cables to the eastward of the position it has hitherto occupied. It is moored in about 16 feet, low water, spring tides, and marks the Northern edge of the Sand-spit on the South side of the entrance to the harbour with the Low Bar Light bearing N. 73° E. and distant about 620 yards.

(CHART No. 2376. CHINA SEA DIRECTORY VOL. III. PAGES 294 AND 295).

TAKAO.—With reference to Vol. III. page 280, China Sea Directory, in which it states that "a vessel making for Takao Harbour can bring it to bear E. by S. ¼ S.; and run in boldly, keeping the Northern shore close on board, &c.;" the Lieutenant Commander of the "*Espoir*," reports that should a vessel do this under the present condition of the bar, which crosses the entrance of the harbour, she would certainly incur the greatest risk. The position of the bar and the depth on it are continually changing. Caution is therefore necessary.

RUSSIAN TARTARY.

ANIWA BAY, C. NOTORO.—Caution is necessary in the navigation of this bay. The relative positions of C. Notoro and Enduma Point are reported incorrect.

Reefs off Vennotchi Point extend further off than charted.

A Reef lies N. E. by N. about 2 miles from Tishia Rock.

(CHARTS Nos. 2405 AND 452.)

BARRACOUTA HARBOUR SOUTHERN BAY.—The water is reported shoaling at the head of this bay. The "*Alacrity*" reports finding only 3 fms. instead of 5 fms.

(CHART No. 2508).

NORTH CHINA.

PORT ARTHUR.—The Harbour Master berths Men-of-war wishing to go inside.

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.