GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 372.

The following Hydrographic Notices are published for general information. By Command,

> Arathoon Seth, for the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 31st August, 1889.

Government of Queensland.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 14 of 1889.

INNER ROUTE TO TORRES STRAIT.

REEF NEAR LARK PASS.

Notice is hereby given, that a small mush-room Coral Patch with 4 feet of water over it at low-water springs, has been reported by Lieut. Pirie, R.N., Commanding H.M.S. "Paluma," to lie with the S.W. beacon in Lark Pass bearing S. 39½° E. magnetic, distant 3.3 cables.

Vessels anchoring to the north-westward of the reef on which the beacon stands, should bring up in not less than 10' fathoms, while small craft intending to anchor close in, should not bring the beacon to the Eastward of S.S.E.

> G. P. HEATH, Commander, R.N., Portmaster.

Department of Ports and Harbours, Brisbane, 8th July, 1889.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 15 of 1889.

CLEVELAND BAY.

ROCK OFF WESTERN ENTRANCE TO MAGNETIC ISLAND CHANNEL.

Notice is hereby given, that a small Rock (Burdekin Rock) awash at low-water springs, has been found lying S. 70° W. 2.56 miles from Bay Rock Lighthouse.

The top of the Rock is only about 50 feet long North and South, and 20 feet in width, with a surrounding depth of 4

Vessels will be to the Northward of this danger when Bay Rock is closed in with the North point of Magnetic Island, and to the Eastward of it when the highest peak of the Great Palm Island is open eastward of Cordelia Rock.

> G. P. HEATH, Commander, R.N., Portmaster.

Department of Ports and Harbours, Brisbane, 11th July, 1889.

Government of Japan.

Notification No. 164 of Department of Communications.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

KAMOME-SHIMA BEACON LIGHT.

YESASHI,

COAST OF HOKKAIDO. WEST

Notice is hereby given that on and after the night of the 15th September, 1889, a Beacon Light will be exhibited from Tower erected on Kamome-shima, Yesashi Harbour, West coast of Hokkaido.

The Light will be a Fixed White Light, visible between the bearings of S. 17° 45' E. and N. 72° 15' E. It will be elevated 104 feet above the sea, and in clear weather should be seen from a distance of 6 miles. The bearings are true and as observed from the Tower.

The Tower is built of wood, square in horizontal section, painted white, and is 13½ feet high from the base to the centre of the Lantern.

The position of the Beacon Light, according to the Japanese Admiralty Chart No. 10, is approximately :-

41° Lat. 52'5" Long. 140° 52''E.

> COUNT GOTO SHOJIRO, Minister of State for Communications.

Tokio, 16th August, 1889.