

(2.) Any offence mentioned in that section may also be prosecuted, and the penalty for it recovered, in the same manner as if the offence were an offence declared by the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, to be punishable by a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds.

A.D. 1889.

Provided as follows :

- (a.) Where any such offence is prosecuted as last aforesaid the Court imposing the penalty shall not impose a higher penalty than one hundred pounds ; and
- (b.) Nothing in this section shall authorise the imposition of more than one penalty in respect of the same offence.

4. The expression "one of Her Majesty's ships" includes any vessel being under the command of an officer of Her Majesty's Navy on full pay.

Definition of Her Majesty's ships.

5. Nothing in this Act shall affect any power of the Admiralty in respect of the red ensign usually worn by merchant ships.

Saving for Admiralty.

6. This Act may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Colours) Act, 1889, and shall be construed as one with the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1854 to 1887, and those Acts and this Act may be cited together as the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1854 to 1889.

Title and construction of Act.

Enclosure 2.

6. All other vessels registered as belonging to one of Her Majesty's Colonies or Dependencies will fly the Red Ensign without any Badge. (See section 1 of 52 and 53 Victoria Cap. 73.) There will, however, be no objection to Colonial Merchant Vessels carrying distinguishing flags with the Badge of the Colony thereon, in addition to the Red Ensign, provided that such flag does not infringe the limits laid down in Section 105 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 491.

The following Hydrographic Notices are published for general information.

By Command,

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 30th November, 1889.

A. LISTER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Government of Queensland.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 20 of 1889.

SUNKEN ROCK OFF ROUND-TOP ISLAND.

Notice is hereby given, that a Sunken Rock, with about 19 feet of water over it at low water, has been found by the B.I.S. "Taroba" to lie in the following position:—

Round-Top Island (centre), S.W. $\frac{1}{2}$ S.
Flat-Top Island Lighthouse, West.

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

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

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 21 of 1889.

CHANNEL ACROSS BAR OF BURNETT RIVER.

Notice is hereby given, that an Inner Black Buoy has been placed on the Bar, in the line of the leading beacons and lights, to point out the extremity of a spit which has extended from the Southward into the Channel.

After passing the Outer Black Buoy vessels are to open the Lights slightly to the Northward until past the second black buoy, when they are to bring the Lights into line again, and proceed as formerly. Abreast the second buoy there is ample width of channel and deep water.

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

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

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 22 of 1889.

INNER ROUTE TO TORRES STRAIT.

The following information has been supplied by Lieutenant G. C. Frederick, R.N., commanding H.M. Surveying Ship "Dart":—

Oswald Reef, near Cape Melville, is 4 cables in length North and South, and 3 cables wide, with a general depth of from 2 to 5 fathoms. It has, however, several coral heads with not more than 9 feet, and one near its western edge on which there is only 4 feet, at low-water springs, and which lies in the following position:—

Lightship.....S. 20° W.
Sandy Islet, Pipon Islands.....S. 64° 30' E.
Left extreme.....N. 87° E.

Taiwan Shoal has not more than 17 feet of water over it at low-water springs, and lies midway between e and g Reefs, with the—

Beacon on e Reef bearing.....S. 34° W.
Beacon on d Reef.....S. 56° E.

Night Island.—The Reef off the N.W. end of this Island, of which a Notice was issued on 12th December, 1887, has been found on examination to consist of a small detached reef, its outer or north-western edge being 3 cables from the northernmost mangroves of Night Island.

The main reef extends 2 cables northward of the Island, but all dangers may be cleared, and a coral bar may be run up off the Sandy Beach, by keeping No. IX Island, its own breadth, open to the westward of Night Island.

Shoal and Rock near No. X. Claremont Island.—A bank with 2½ fathoms on its western edge lies 8 cables E. by N. from this Island, and extends thence for more than a mile, with patches carrying 4 and 5 fathoms.

At 1.9 miles E.N.E. from the Island is a coral rock with only 5 feet of water over it at low-water springs.

Rocky Patch off Cape Direction.—On the edge of the shoal water to the North-eastward of the Cape, and at a distance from it of 1.6 miles, is a sandy patch with only 1 fathom at low water, with deep water close to outside. It lies in the following position:—

Beacon on y Reef.....N. 60° E.
Highest tree on No. X Island.....S. 36° E.

Reef S.E. of Young Islet.—Careful search was made for the coral patch awash at low water shown on the Admiralty Chart as lying about one mile S.E. of Young Islet, but no indication of shoal water could be found.

m Reef, Cape Grenville.—A close examination of the north-west and western edges of m Reef failed to discover the outlying patches shown upon the Admiralty Chart.

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

Department of Ports and Harbours,
Brisbane, 24th October, 1889.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 482.

The following Bye-Laws under *The Public Health Ordinance, 1887*, are published for general information.

By Command,

A. LISTER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd November, 1889.

Bye-Laws made under Sub-section 6 of Section 13 of Ordinance No. 24 of 1887.

1. The general surface scavenging of the City of Victoria the Hill Districts and the larger Villages in the Colony and the removal of night-soil and cognate matters from the Hill Districts, Public Buildings and free and licensed Latrines shall be carried out by Contractors in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contracts for the time being in force.

2. The servants of the various public Sanitary Contractors shall, while at work, wear such distinguishing badge as shall from time to time be directed by the Sanitary Board.

3. Except between the hours of 2.30 A.M. and 7 A.M. in summer, and 2.30 A.M. and 7.30 A.M. in winter, the conveyance of excretal matters along any public road or street is prohibited.

4. Except between the hours of midnight and 9 A.M. the conveyance of pig-wash or other noxious or offensive waters along any public road or street is prohibited.

5. Except in strong substantial buckets with closely fitting covers the conveyance of excretal matters, pig-wash, or offensive waters along any public road or street is prohibited.

6. The occupiers of any premises, or if there be no occupier the immediate Landlord shall make due provision for the daily removal of all excretal matters and house refuse from their premises to the conservancy-boats, and dust-carts, dust-bins or dust-boats.

7. Occupiers shall provide themselves with strong substantial moveable dust-bins for the reception of the day's house refuse.

Made by the Sanitary Board, this 31st day of July, 1889.

HUGH McCALLUM,
Secretary.

Approved by the Legislative Council, this 20th day of November, 1889.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.