

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 4.

The following Notice is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th January, 1898.

NOTICE.

A Special Sessions of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace will be held in the Justices' Room, at the Magistracy, on Tuesday, the Fifth day of April, A.D. 1898, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of considering applications for granting and transferring Publicans' licences to sell and retail intoxicating liquors under Ordinance No. 21 of 1886.

All applications should be made on or before the 19th day of March, 1898.

H. E. WODEHOUSE,
Police Magistrate.

Magistracy, Hongkong, 7th January, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 5.

It is hereby notified that Artillery Practice will be carried out on Friday and Saturday, the 14th and 15th instant, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. from a knoll 100 yards west of Pokefulum Road and about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile on the Victoria side of that village.

Particulars as follows:—

Direction.....Sandy Bay.

Range.....800 to 1,500 yards.

Nature of gun.....7 pr. R.M.L.

No. of rounds.....66.

Targets2 Standing Barrel Targets and 2 Hongkong Targets towed by a launch.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th January, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 6.

The following are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th January, 1898.

Government of China.

KIUNGCHOW DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS,

No. 14.

BUOYAGE OF HAINAN STRAIT.

Notice is hereby given that the HAINAN HEAD BANK BUOY has been shifted about two cables to the SOUTH-WESTWARD of its former position on account of the extension of the bank in that direction and that it is now moored in 35 feet at low water of spring tides with the summit of HAINAN BLUFF bearing about S. 65° W. and distant about 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ cables.

DIRECTIONS.

With the HAINAN HEAD BANK BUOY in the position above described and the RIVERSDALE ROCK, and the HAINAN REEF BUOYS in their advertised positions, vessels entering the South Channel from the Eastward should pass say 2 cables N. E. of the RIVERSDALE ROCK BUOY and then steer to pass say 1 cable S. W. of the HAINAN HEAD BANK BUOY, taking care to guard against being set towards the shore, and remembering that it is safe to borrow towards the banks on the starboard hand—of which the lead, which should be kept going, will give warning—while on the other side the bottom is rocky and uneven and the lead gives no warning. The HAINAN REEF BUOY may be rounded at a distance of 1 cable or more at discretion.

C. J. PRICE,
Harbour Master.

Approved:

J. F. SCHOENICKE,
Commissioner of Customs.

Custom House,

Kiungchow, 28th December, 1897.

NOTICE TO MARINERS,

No. 316.

CHINA SEA.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

HAI TAN STRAIT.

RANGE BEACONS ESTABLISHED.

Notice is hereby given that two Range Beacons have been established on the north-eastern slope of Pass Island, indicating a bearing of N. $20\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W., to guide vessels through the narrows of Wilson Channel; each Beacon having a diamond-shaped top-mark—the northern one with a white field and the central portion black, and the southern one with a black field and the central portion white.

Also that two Range Beacons have been established on the south-eastern slope of Slut Island, with the summit of the island (a boulder painted white with a vertical black stripe in the middle) and the middle of Cow's Horn Peak directly in line, bearing N. $8\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ W., to guide vessels in the fairway between the reefs which extend from Mitre Rock, and the Chiu-niang Rocks, lying about 6 cables E.S.E. from Mitre Rock, the highest of which dries 8 feet at low water springs. Each of these Beacons has a triangular top-mark painted white with a vertical black stripe in the middle—the triangle on the northern one being inverted.

DIRECTIONS.

According to soundings obtained during the present month, a vessel bound to the northward should keep the beacons on Pass Island in line from the time when Quoin Hill is on with Tyne-yung-shan Peak, bearing about W. $\frac{3}{4}$ S., till the southern end of the middle one of the Rocky Islands is on with the Fort bearing from it W. by N. $\frac{1}{4}$ N., and then haul out so as to pass about 3 cables to the eastward of Black Rocks. The least depth found with the Beacons in line was 15 feet at low water of the lowest spring tides—about half-way between the north side of Middle Island on with Town Point and the last bearing given above.

The Beacons on Slut Island, if brought in line when Inner Rock bears East and kept so till Mitre Rock bears West, will lead well clear of all known dangers.

All bearings given are magnetic.

By Order of the Inspector General of Customs,

A. M. BISBEE,
Coast Inspector.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS,

COAST INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,

SHANGHAI, 27th December, 1897.