

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 224.

Tenders will be received at this Office until noon of Monday, the 23rd May, 1898, for the construction of proposed additional quarters at the Government Civil Hospital.

No work will be permitted on Sundays.

For form of tender, specification and further particulars apply at the Public Works Office.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th May, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 225.

The following is published.

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T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th May, 1898.

Government of China.

NOTICE TO MARINERS,

No. 320.

CHINA SEA.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

SUNKEN ROCK IN COW'S HORN PASS, NEAR THE NORTHERN ENTRANCE TO HAITAN STRAIT.

Notice is hereby given of the existence, to the westward of Brown Rock, Tessara Group of Islands, of a rocky patch, about half a cable long in a north and south direction by about three-quarters of a cable wide, and having two pinnacles, about 30 yards apart, near its middle, on which there is a depth of not more than 4 feet at low water of spring tides. To this rocky patch the name "Namoa Rock" has been given.

From the two pinnacles of the patch the highest part of Brown Rock bears E. $\frac{1}{4}$ S., the highest part of Fairway Island S. $\frac{1}{2}$ E., and the Cow's Horn S.W. $\frac{1}{2}$ W.

DIRECTIONS.

Vessels coming through Haitan Straits from the southward, if wishing to use the channel to the westward of the Tessara Group, should, after passing Slat Island, steer so as to bring Brown Rock open to the eastward of Fairway Island, N. $\frac{3}{4}$ E. Keep this mark on until Cow's Horn bears W.N.W., which will lead clear of the rocks lying $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles S. by E. of Cow's Horn Point, and steer so as to pass about 2 cables to the westward of Fairway Island. Then gradually bring the west point of Shingan Island in line with the west end of Fairway Island, S. $\frac{3}{4}$ W., which will lead about 2 cables west of Brown Rock. Keep this mark on, being careful not to open Shingan Island west of Fairway Island when nearing the Namoa Rock, until the southernmost point of Great Dragon Island (the north-easternmost island of the Tessara Group) is open to the northward of Brown Rock, when a N.E. by N. course may be steered.

Brown Rock may be passed safely at a distance of 1 cable to the westward of it.

The s.s. *Namoa* struck on the patch of rocks described in the foregoing on the 3rd October 1897 and became a total wreck. The local fishermen, though they were offered a liberal reward to point out any other sunken dangers in the passage west of Brown Rock, stated that they did not know of any.

By Order of the Inspector General of Customs,

A. M. BISBEE,
Coast Inspector.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS,
COAST INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,
SHANGHAI, 28th April, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 226.

The following Returns of Deaths are published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th May, 1898.