

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 555.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Monday, the 12th December, 1898, for the construction of a Puddle Trench at back and raising of No. 1 Dam, Water Supply, Kowloon.

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, 3rd December, 1898.

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"CENTURION" AT WEI-HAI-WEI,
3rd November, 1898.

HYDROGRAPHICAL MEMORANDUM No. 7.

The following information has been received:—
From U.S. Flagship "Olympia."

LUZON, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Corregidor Island Light re-established.

1. The 2nd order light on the highest part of Corregidor Island, Manila Bay, which was extinguished about April 23rd, 1898, has been re-established.

The light is flashing white and red; alternate flashes every ten seconds, separated by total eclipses.

Manila Light re-established.

2. The 6th order fixed red light at the mouth of the Pasig River, North side of quay, which was extinguished about April 23rd, 1898, has been re-established.

Pasig River open to Navigation.

3. The obstructions in the Pasig River have been so far removed as to give a practicable channel of 15 feet depth at high water. Pilots must be employed. Work will be continued in removing the remaining wrecks at such times as not to interfere with navigation.

From the Captain of the Port, Manila.

The light has been re-established on Manila Breakwater. It is fixed red, 22 feet above H.W., and has been moved 98 yards S. 30° W. to the angle formed by the breakwater, and should be visible from North to South through East. From the light the breakwater extends 165 yards South above water, and 335 yards submerged to a large rock awash.

Charts 976, 2577, 2661 B.

From H.M.S. "Pigmy."

ILOILO.

The buoys at the Southern entrance of Iloilo have been shifted on account of the War, but their present positions could not be obtained.

Charts 2391, 2578.

PORT LUK.

The beacon marked on Chart No. 972, Port Luk, on shoal in entrance of the harbour, does not exist.

In the Index of Eastern Archipelago, Part I., 1890, Port Luk is spelt "Port Loog," and said to be in Romblon Island, but on referring to page 208, it is correctly placed on the West Coast of Tablas Island.

From H.M.S. "Peacock."

CAYA HARBOUR, NORTH WEST COAST OF BORNEO.

In a position, Lutot Point 28° S.E. Point of Caya, 54½° end of Caya Pier, (Approximate position, Lat. 5° 59' 48" N., Long. 116° 3' 30" E.) is a rock, with 6 feet of water on it at L.W.O.S., with 8 fathoms all round. It has a white beacon on it.

The beacon shewn S. ½, E. 7½ cables from Plompong Island, black, is not in existence.

The beacons shewn in the South Channel into Caya Harbour have fallen into decay, and will not be repaired.

A pier is in course of construction, and beacons are being placed to mark the reefs in the small bight on the South side of the mouth of the Kabutuan River; it is called New Caya. There is a depth of 20 feet at the end of the pier. It is not a good harbour, being exposed to both Monsoons.

Charts 955, 2111.

From H.M.S. "Rattler."

PORT SEBU.

Lipata Bank Light House has been re-erected, and the light is now exhibited. Some of the buoys marking the Channel are down, but their position is uncertain and not as shewn on Chart 2391.

Bajukui Point appears to be 2 or 3 miles further East than it is Charted.

The Charting of the Northern Channel is unreliable, the Land being out of Bearing.

Charts 2391, 2578.

From H.M.S. "Linnet."

CURRENTS BETWEEN HORSBURGH AND VICTORY ISLANDS.

A strong current runs between Horsburgh Island and Victory Island, varying in strength and direction according to the Monsoon. During the N.E. Monsoon vessels have been set from 12 to 20 miles to the Southward when steering to make Victory Island from the Horsburgh. This current seems to vary in strength with the strength of the Monsoon. During the S.W. Monsoon vessels have been set to the Northward, but the current during the S.W. Monsoon does not appear to be so regular, or to run with the same strength as during the N.E. Monsoon. The current is reported to be strongest in the vicinity of the Horsburgh, gradually getting weaker as Victory Island is approached.

Charts 1263, 2660 A, 941 A, 2757.

PORT SEBU.

All the buoys marking the Northern entrance as far as Mandarin Tower have been removed.

The bank marked "Grass, seldom covered by the sea," running to the N.E. from Mandarin Tower was covered at H.W., and the Channel seems to have widened here, due to the washing away of the edge of the bank. On a smooth day the Channel is well indicated by the tide ripples.

Chart 2391.

From Japanese Government.

OTARU HARBOUR.

A breakwater is in course of construction in Otaru Harbour, (Oterranai Anchorage), running in a S.E. by S. direction from Pondamari Point, East side of Temiya Bay, for a distance of 2386 feet, to be eventually 4225 feet.

A triangular gimlet shaped buoy has been placed to mark the end of works in progress.

From H.M.S. "Archer."

NIKOLSKI HARBOUR.

A pinnacle rock, with 11 feet L.W.S., in Nikolski Harbour; Chapel $37\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, Ukhodue Point $62\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, S. Point Toporkof Island, S. Point Toporkof Island, 19° N. Point Toporkof Island.

Lat. $55^{\circ} 12' W.$, Long. $164^{\circ} 52\frac{1}{2}' E.$

Charts 1644, 2388, and 2459.

PETROPAULOVSKI.

A new Light House has been erected on Dalui Point, Petropaulovski, and the old Light House destroyed.

Charts 2388, 1040.

E. H. SEYMOUR,
Vice-Admiral.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 557.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 3rd December, 1898.

No. 23.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 17th day of November, 1898.

PRESENT:

The Principal Civil Medical Officer, (Dr. JOHN MITFORD ATKINSON), President.

The Director of Public Works, (The Honourable ROBERT DALY ORMSBY).

The Acting Registrar General, (JAMES DYER BALL, Esquire).

The Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK).

EDWARD OSBORNE, Esquire.

Minutes.—The minutes of a meeting held on the 3rd day of November, 1898, having been circulated, were confirmed.

Report on Bubonic Plague.—A report on the epidemic of Bubonic Plague during the current year was laid on the table.