

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 153.

The following is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th March, 1899.

Government of China.

NOTICE TO MARINERS,

No. 335.

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

SOUTH CHANNEL ENTRANCE TO THE YANGTZE.

CHANGE IN POSITION OF LIGHTSHIP "KIUTOAN" AND BUOYS.

Notice is hereby given that the Light-vessel *Kiutoan* has been shifted to mark the channel to the southward of the Middle Ground, and is now in the following position:—House Island Beacon bearing N. 32° E., distant 3.8 miles.

The Middle Ground Lower Buoy has been altered in character, and is now a *red* and *black* vertically striped Buoy bearing a black spherical cage.

The Blockhouse Shoal Buoy has been discontinued.

A *red* and *black* vertically striped Buoy bearing a black cylindrical cage has been placed in 19 feet of water, to mark the north-western end of the Middle Ground. From it House Island Beacon bears S. 81° E., distant $4\frac{5}{16}$ miles. This Buoy is named the Middle Ground Upper Buoy.

A *red* Buoy bearing a black diamond cage has been placed in 13 feet of water, to mark the bank which forms the northern edge of the newly-formed channel to the northward of the Middle Ground. From it House Island Beacon bears N. 71 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° E., distant $2\frac{1}{16}$ miles. This Buoy is named the Kiutoan Flats Buoy.

DIRECTIONS.

Inward-bound vessels crossing the Flats to the south-eastward of the Middle Ground should do so with the *Kiutoan* Light-vessel ahead bearing N. 73° W. On this course the least depth is 15 feet at low water of spring tides.

All bearings and courses given are magnetic.

Caution.—The existence of the wreck of the *Fairy* renders it unadvisable to take a more northerly course over the Flats than that recommended above.

Owing to the transitional state of this neighbourhood and the rapid changes that are now taking place, the above alterations should be looked upon as temporary only.

By Order of the Inspector General of Customs,

W. FERD. TYLER,
Acting Coast Inspector.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS,
COAST INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,
SHANGHAI, 24th February, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 154.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Monday, the 20th March, 1899, for the execution of sewerage works at Wongneichong.

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.

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