

On the 2nd at 11.30 a.—“The barometer has fallen in the South, and is little changed on the China coast. The depression, off the coast to the north of Hainan, seems to be moving slowly towards NNW. Another depression appears to exist to the E of N. Luzon.” Forecast:—“SE winds, decreasing; squally, showery.” At 2.40 p.—Black Ball lowered.

On the 3rd at 12.5 p.—“The barometer has risen slightly on the S. coast of China, fallen elsewhere. The depression appears to be still situated to the E of Luzon, and another depression lies in the N. part of the Sea of Japan. Gradients slight on the China coast.” Forecast.—“moderate SE winds; showery to fair.” At 4.0 p.—“The recent depression in the China Sea is felt in Haiphong. The depression in the Pacific to the East of North Luzon seems to be moving towards N.W.”

W. DOBERCK,  
*Director.*

Hongkong Observatory, 8th July, 1899.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 391.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Monday, the 24th July, 1899, for repairs, &c. to the Health Officer's Steam Launch *Sybil*.

A list of defects and necessary repairs may be seen at the Office of the Government Marine Surveyor, to whose satisfaction the work will have to be carried out.

The successful tenderer must provide a suitable launch for the use of the Health Officer while repairs are being effected.

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

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th July, 1899.

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The following is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th July, 1899.

*Government of China.*

NOTICE TO MARINERS,

No. 342.

CHINA SEA.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

ALTERATION IN CHARACTER OF TURNABOUT LIGHT.

Notice is hereby given that the character of the Light at Turnabout has been changed.

The new Light is Dioptric, Occulting, of the First Order, showing a fixed *white* light varied by an eclipse every 15 seconds. It is elevated 257 feet above the level of the sea, and in clear weather should be visible for a distance of 23 nautical miles.

By Order of the Inspector General of Customs,

W. FERD. TYLER,  
*Acting Coast Inspector.*

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS,  
COAST INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,  
SHANGHAI, 1st July 1899.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 352.

The following Lots of Crown Land at Kennedy Street, Wanchai, will be sold by Public Auction at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on Monday, the 10th day of July, 1899, at 3 p.m.

Inland Lots Nos. 1,554, and 1,555.

For Particulars and Conditions of Sale see page 1014 of the *Government Gazette* for 1899.

By Command,

J. G. T. BUCKLE,  
*for the Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th June, 1899.