

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 667.

Tenders will be received at this Office until noon of Friday, the 15th December, 1899, for the maintenance and repair of Waterworks *inside* the City of Victoria during the year 1900.

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,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th November, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 668.

Tenders will be received at this Office until noon of Friday, the 15th December, 1899, for the maintenance and repair of Waterworks *outside* the City of Victoria including Tytam, Pokfulam, the Peak, Aberdeen, Shaukiwan and Kowloon during the year 1900.

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,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th November, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 669.

The following is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th November, 1899.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 75.

{ Shoal between Tintao and Tunui,
Min River: of smaller size than
previously notified etc.

Notice is hereby given that a detailed examination of the shoal patch reported as existing between Tintao (亭頭) and Tunui (卯嶼) [Admiralty chart No. 2400. The Bar and its approaches Min River] prove it to be about two and a half cables in a north-east and south-westerly direction and about one and a half cables in width, instead of as previously notified in Foochow Local Notice to Mariners No. 74. The centre and shoalest part of the patch is situated about three cables south of Rocky Point (柄塘) and carries a depth of from eight to nine feet at low water of spring tides.

Vessels entering can use either of two channels:—the new channel passing near Rocky Point, or the channel with the fort (whitewashed) on Couding Island (舊鎮) just open of the east point of Mingan Pass (閩安) S. W. by S. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. A depth of from 15 to 16 feet at low water springs will be found in the first passage, and from 12 to 13 feet at low water springs in the second.

EDWARD STEVENS,
Harbour Master.

Approved:

WALTER LAY,
Commissioner of Customs.

Custom House,

Foochow, 8th November, 1899.

"CENTURION" AT HONGKONG,
16th November, 1899.

HYDROGRAPHICAL MEMORANDUM No. 15.

The following information has been received:—

From H.M.S. "Iphigenia."

APPROACHES TO YANGTSE, NORTHERN CHANNEL.

The Tsungming Bank is reported to have extended to the southward in the neighbourhood of the Tsungming Bank Upper Buoy.

About two cables E. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. from this buoy there appears to be a steep-to bank with 6 feet of water, or less, on it at Low Water.

Until this locality has been re-examined and re-buoyed, vessels should navigate with especial caution between the Tsungming Bank Upper Buoy and the Tsungming Bank Buoy, and these buoys should not be approached within less than two cables.

Chart 1602.
China Directory Vol. III., page 446.

From H.M.S. "Endymion."

TIME BALL AT MANILA.

The time ball at Manila is now dropped at noon mean time of the Meridian of 120° E. No gun is now fired.

From Master of S.S. "Esmeralda."

CHELANG POINT.

The S.S. "Esmeralda" on passing Chelang Point struck something which was supposed to be a pinnacle rock. Chelang Point bearing at the time about N.E. by N. $\frac{1}{2}$ W. about 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

Charts 1962, 1968.

From H.I.M. Consul, Singapore.

WEST BANGUEY CHANNEL, BALABOE STRAIT.

The German S.S. "Labuan" struck a reef in approximate Lat. 7° 18' 6" N., Long. 117° 3' 7" E. from which point Banguey Peak bears S. 65° E. (magnetic).

Also the buoy marking Rifleman Reef is missing.

Chart 948.

E. H. SEYMOUR,
Vice-Admiral.

List of unclaimed Telegrams lying in the Joint Telegraph Companies
Offices at Hongkong.

Andow.
Bananfoh.
Baür Bayern.
Calder Bengibb.
Chater.
Collier.
Djoeholiang.
Goetz Steamship *Chusan*.
Haydenite.
Kaderbächa.
Khengkec.
Kongung Cheong—Wenglock Khye.
Kwanghoplong.
Kyoehirgumi *C/o* Yassfamu
Lim Tengchong.
Mate Ship Simla.
McDonnel.
Miss Mitchell on board steamer *Shanghai*.
Mitsui.
Mohamed Khan.
Morgan *Bayern*.
Morgon, Parmelec. American Consulate.
Poon.
Quannolung.
Rennie.
Robinson.
Shaw, Robert, *c/o* Wardley.

Tackseng.
Thiemonge, Hongkong Hotel.
Turner.
Ward Post Office.
Washing.
Wilbur.
Wissotzky.
Wongkum *C/o* Chanlyesang 86 Wellington Street.
Wong Yeu Chop Kuan Thai.
Yanshan.
Yonhingfung Powa Victoria Queens.
Ziervogel Germania.
3257, 3949, 3152, 5887.
渣甸洋行
3703 德興源
6364, 0788.
順和
5804, 4637.
連興
1795, 6068.
德記
3047, 0742.
港合

F. VON DER PFORDTEN,
Manager in China.