

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 443.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased, under the provisions of section 4 of the Public Health Ordinance, 1901, to re-appoint EDWARD OSBORNE to be a Member of the Sanitary Board, with effect from the 18th instant.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th August, 1901.

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With reference to Government Notification No. 171 of the 18th March, 1901, information has been received from the Consul General for the Netherlands that the quarantine regulations in Netherlands India against arrivals from Hongkong have been withdrawn as regards small-pox, but that they continue in force as regards plague.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th August, 1901.

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The following is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th August, 1901.

Government of China.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 367.

CHINA SEA.

DISCOVERY OF A DANGEROUS REEF TO THE EASTWARD
OF THE GREAT YANGTZE BANK.

The following Hydrographical Note by Lieutenant-Commander W. O. LYNE, commanding H.B.M.'s surveying-vessel *Waterwitch*, is hereby circulated for general information:—

“HYDROGRAPHICAL NOTE.

“H.M.S. *Waterwitch*,
“Shanghai, 1st August, 1901.

“A coral patch on top of a volcanic pinnacle rising abruptly from the bottom lies in latitude $32^{\circ} 7' 15''$ N., longitude $125^{\circ} 11' E.$; it extends about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile in N.E. and S.W. direction, and is about 60 yards wide. The least depth obtained is 18 feet, but less water probably exists.

“From the S.W. extreme of the patch for a distance of $\frac{1}{2}$ mile in a S.W. by S. direction extends a rocky ledge, the least water obtained on which was 17 fathoms.

“Very heavy overfalls and tide-rips were seen on the patch, and they extended about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile N.E. and 1 mile S.W. and it would probably break all over the patch with a moderate sea running.

“The overfalls and tide-rips should be visible from a ship for at least a mile, and, with a favourable light, the light-green colour over the coral patch should be seen from the same distance.

“There are depths of 27 to 30 fathoms, sand and mud, at a distance of about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile all round the patch, except where the rocky ledge extends, so the lead will give no warning until within the limit where the bottom becomes volcanic rock, scoræ, and broken coral.

“This patch is probably identical with ‘Costa Rica’ Breakers, reported 1868; ‘Socotra’ Rock, June 1900; ‘Chi-yuen’ Shoal, September 1900; ‘Bombay’ Discoloured Water, October 1900.

“Tidal streams run very strong over and in the vicinity of the rock, and they are of a rotatory nature; the stream was running south 2 knots an hour when the *Waterwitch* was close to the patch.

“(Signed) W. O. LYNE,
Lieut.-Commander.”

By Order of the Inspector General of Customs,

W. FERD. TYLER,
Deputy Coast Inspector.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS,
COAST INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,
SHANGHAI, 2nd August 1901.