GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 494.

The following is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th September, 1901.

"GLORY" AT WEI-HAI-WEI, 20th August, 1901.

HYDROGRAPHICAL MEMORANDUM No. 28.

From Hydrographic Office, Tokyo, 18th June, 1901.

HOKO TO DOUBTFUL ROCK.

I. The master of the s. ship Setsuyomaru found breakers, with a depth of apparently 3 fathoms at about one quarter of a mile, S. by E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. of Round Island off Lichin point, Ponghau Island, but circumstance did not permit its close examination.

Chart 1961, C.S. Directory, Vol. III, page 217.

CHATSUNAI SUNKEN ROCK.

II. A recent survey shows that a sunken rock, with a depth of one fathom over it, lies with Chatsunai bearing N.E. by E. $\frac{3}{8}$ E., distant $2\frac{1}{6}$ cables, and 30 feet (rock) N. by W. $\frac{1}{4}$ W.

Approximate position, lat. 43 deg. 2 min. 42 sec. N. long. 140 deg. 30 min. 7 sec. E. There is $3\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms (rocky bottom) at a quarter of a cable, S. $\frac{1}{8}$ W. from this rock.

(Variation 6 deg. 5 min. Westerly).

Chart 452, C.S. Directory, Vol. IV, page 578.

INLAND SEA SUNKEN ROCK.

III. S.S. Natorigawa maru struck an uncharted rock situated with the N. extreme of Nasake shima bearing S.E. $\frac{3}{4}$ E., distant one mile in the vicinity of Ondono seto.

The rock is about 20 yards long S.S.W. and N.N.E., with the least depth over it of $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet and surrounded by the depths of 5 to 6 fathoms.

Approximate position, lat. 34 deg. 10 min. 45 sec. N., long. 132 deg. 33 min. 45 sec. E.

(Variation 4 deg. 25 min. Westerly).

Chart 2875, C.S. Directory, Vol. IV, page 423.

BUNGO CHANNEL SUNKEN ROCK.

IV. Commander Sakamoto, I.J.N., reports that a rock, named Ushigase, with the least depth of 3 feet over it, has been found in the south channel to Uwajima bay. From the least depth the south extreme of Ku shima bears W. by N. and the east extreme N.E. 3 N. The rock is about 30 yards in extent S.W. and N.E.

(Variation 30 deg. 50 min. Westerly).

Charts 2875, 651, C.S. Directory, Vol. IV, page 248.

SHOALS OFF SEOUL RIVER.

V. Information has been received from Commander Takahashi, I.J.N., that $2\frac{1}{2}$, 2 fathoms, and 3 fathoms shoals have been found W. by S. $\frac{3}{4}$ S., distant $14\frac{3}{4}$ miles, S.W. by S., distant $14\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and S.S.W. $\frac{1}{2}$ W., distant $15\frac{1}{4}$ miles respectively from Shoyonphyon Do off Seoul river entrance.

Mariners should exercise great caution, for it is probable other dangers may exist hereabouts.

(Variation 4 deg. 25 min. Westerly in 1886).

Charts 1258, 1262, 1256. C.S. Directory. Vol. IV. page 49.

From Department of Communication, Tokyo, 18th July, 1901.

SEKIZAKI LIGHTHOUSE.

VI. A third order grouped flashing white Light will be exhibited from the Lighthouse recently erected at Ji-zo-saki. the northern end of Kita-umibe District, Province of Bungo.

The position of the Lighthouse is-

Latitude ...

... 33 deg. 15 min. 59 sec. Norm.
... 131 deg. 53 min. 48 sec. East of Greenwich. Longitude

The Lighthouse is built of iron, circular in shape, painted white and is 25 feet high from the base to the centre of the lantern.

The light having 22,700 candle power will illuminate 266 degrees from S. 82 deg. 30 min. E., and will show triple flashes at an interval of 8 seconds, followed by an eclipse of 12 seconds.

The bearings are magnetic and as observed from seaward.

The height of the Light above the sea is 225 feet and in clear weather it will be seen from a distance of 21 nautical

Charts 651, 2875, C.S. Directory, Vol. IV, page 247, Admiralty Light List, Part VI.

Corrections in Hyd. Mem. 27:-

VII. For Doat substitute Daat and for Left extreme Doat Id. S. 83 W. substitute N.W. extreme Daat Id. N. 77 E. VIII. Margin substitute 5 deg. 33 min. N. and 115 deg. 27 min. E.

> CYPRIAN A. G. BRIDGE, Vice-Admiral.

Government of China.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Ño. 368.

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

ALTERATION IN BUOYAGE OF NORTH CHANNEL.

Notice is hereby given that, owing to the present unsuitableness of the North Channel for deep-draught vessels, the following Buoys have been discontinued :--

> Shaweishan Bank Buoy, Midway Flat Buoy, Ch'i-yao Bank Outer Buoy,

and that the Drinkwater Point Buoy has been replaced by a 10-foot, conical, red Buoy, surmounted by a spherical cage. By Order of the Inspector General of Customs,

> W. FERD. TYLER, Deputy Coast Inspector.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS COAST INSPECTOR'S OFFICE, Shanghai, 28th August, 1901.

CANTON DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 59.

Discontinuance of High Island Barrier Lights.

Notice is hereby given that, High Island Barrier having been removed, the Red and Green lights now indicating the sage through the Barrier will be discontinued on the 15th instant, and in their stead a green light will be exhibited from a Beacon on the northern Point of High Island.

The Beacon is a quadrangular open work structure of wood, 10 feet high, painted white. The distance from the Beacon to low water mark is 30 feet, and its base is 4 feet above high water mark.

L. A. BYWORTH, Harbour Master.

Approved,

F. A. MORGAN, Commissioner of Customs.

CESTOM HOUSE, Canton, 1st September, 1901.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 495.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Friday, the 13th of September, 1901, for making Tree Pits and planting Trees.

For form of tender apply at this Office.

For specification and further particulars apply at the Office of the Botanical and Afforestation Department.

No tender will be received unless the person tendering produces a receipt to the effect that he has deposited in the Colonial Treasury the sum of \$25 as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown if such person shall refuse to carry out his tender should the tender be accepted.

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, 6th September, 1901.