GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 203.

The following is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th April, 1902.

Government of the Philippine Islands.

HYDROGRAPHIC NOTICE No. 41.

Branch Hydrographic Office, Office of the Captain of the Port Manila, P. I., March 25th, 1902.

ESTABLISHMENT OF BUOY, WEST COAST OF SAMAR, DARAM CHANNEL.

A buoy has been placed in 22 feet of water off the shoal from Aokon Island, on which the Transport "Wright" grounded, from which buoy the following bearings were taken;

E. Pt. Aokon Island N. 24 W.; S. E. Pt. Aokon Island S. 62 W.; Laginit Pt. S. 29 E. (Mag.)

To the Westward of the buoy is a knoll covered by 5 feet of water and to the Eastward is a good channel of from 5 to 7 fms. of water.

This affects H. O. Chart 1851 and 1746 and Sailing Directions of the Eastern Archipelago, Part I, Page 330.

The above information compiled from a report of Lt. Walker, navigator of the U. S. S. Villalabos, forwarded through the Senior Squadron Commander.

A. MARIX, Commander, U.S.N., Captain of the Port of Manila.

HYDROGRAPHIC NOTICE No. 42.

BRANCH HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE, OFFICE OF THE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT.

DISCOVERY OF SHOAL, JANABATAS CHANNEL.

A shoal having a least depth of 3ft. has been discovered E. S. E. (Mag.) 3/8 of a mile from the S. end of Dabun Island. This shoal has been marked temporarily by a bamboo buoy.

This affects H. O. Chart 1746 and Sailing Directions of the Eastern Archipelago, Part I, Page 331.

The above notice was compiled from information given by Lt. N. Mansfield, U. S. N., Commanding U. S. S. "Mariveles" forwarded through the Senior Squadron Commander U. S. Naval forces on the Asiatic station.

A. MARIX,
Commander, U.S.N.,
Captain of the Port of Manila.

Government of South Australia.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 1 of 1902.

AUSTRALIA-NORTH COAST-HOWARD CHANNEL, CLARENCE STRAIT.

Referring to Notice to Mariners No. 7 of 1900, Masters of vessels and others are hereby informed that the iron tripod Beacon erected in September, 1900, to mark the "Henry Ellis" Reef has collapsed, and at low water about seven (7) feet only of the framework is visible. This will be removed and the beacon re-erected as early as possible.

JOHN DARBY, Secretary Marine Board.

Marine Board Offices, Port Adelaide, February 10th, 1902.