

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 244.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to accept the resignation by A. H. STEWART of his Commission as Lieutenant in the Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th April, 1902.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 245.

The following is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th April, 1902.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S OFFICE, CHINA,
21st February, 1902.

HYDROGRAPHICAL MEMORANDUM No. 35.

CANTON RIVER.—Blenheim Passage. High Island barrier has been removed and the lights discontinued.

A green light is exhibited from a beacon on the North Point of High Island.

It is intended to place a Red light on Coums rock.

Chart 1742, C.S.D. Vol. III, page 108.

SHIMONOSEKI STRAIT.—Telegraph cables have been laid :—

I. Between Kuzuba (a place near the western harbour limit) and Deshimachi (the south-east point of Hikoshima).

II. Between the south-east portion of Mutsure-jima (Rokuren) and Takenoko-jima (an island lying on the southern side of western entrance of the strait).

Vessels are not allowed to anchor within the rectangle enclosed by the four white posts (two on each side).

Charts 1578, 532, C.S.D. Vol. IV, pages 430, 439, 441.

CYPRIAN A. G. BRIDGE,
Vice-Admiral.

Government of the Philippine Islands.

HYDROGRAPHIC NOTICE No. 43.

BRANCH HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE, OFFICE OF THE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT,
MANILA, P. I., April 1st, 1902.

HYDROGRAPHIC INFORMATION. NORTH-WEST COAST OF LUZON.

Regular soundings decreasing from thirteen to seven fathoms hard bottom, were found in the bight of the Coast between Cape Bojeador and Laoag River, a depth of seven fathoms being about a mile from the shore. These soundings deepen on approaching Laoag River.

Mount Kautit is a sand hill from three hundred to four hundred feet high, partially covered with a sparse growth of bushes. Its highest point is about central and rises like a nipple. It is a conspicuous land mark, being the only considerable elevation near the shore line.

A good anchorage off Laoag River may be found by bringing Mount Kautit to bear north-east and heading in for it, anchoring in seven fathoms, sand bottom, when Kulili Point should bear South 24 West. On this bearing Laoag River is open and in range with Mount Kautit, a bar closing the mouth of the river.

Port Salomague; The red and white buoy, reported in United States Coast Survey Notice to Mariners No. 7, of November 8th, 1901, as moored off the extremity of the reef extending from the north point of Salomague harbor, is no longer there.

The above notice affects H. O. chart No. 1726; B. A. chart No. 2454 and Sailing Directions of the Eastern Archipelago Part I, page 39.

The above notice compiled from information furnished by Lt. S. C. Stanworth, Navigator U. S. S. *Forktown*, in his report under date of March 28th, 1902.

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