

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 504.—The following Finding of the Marine Court of Enquiry held on the 21st June, 1934, to enquire into the circumstances attending the stranding of the British Steamship *Changte*, is published for general information.

W. T. SOUTHORN,
Colonial Secretary.

29th June, 1934.

FINDING.

We find that the S. S. *Changte* (Official Number 153594 of Hong Kong) of which Mr. Frederick Charles Gambrill (Certificate of Competency as Master No. 618 of Sydney) was master, proceeding on a voyage from Thursday Island to Manila grounded on Saluyod Point (Lat. $6^{\circ} 35\frac{1}{2}'$ N., Long. $122^{\circ} 17\frac{1}{2}'$ E.) at about 1.30 a.m. on 7th June, 1934.

We find that the grounding was due to an error in judgment on the part of the aforesaid Mr. F. C. Gambrill, in that he carried on his course too long after failing to sight Sibago Island Light when he expected to sight it.

We further find that all the precautions taken by Mr. Gambrill were sound and seamanlike up till 1 a.m., but that he committed an error in judgment after 1 a.m. in not taking into consideration the possibility of a westerly set due to a flood tide.

Given under our hands at Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, this 21st day of June, 1934.

(Signed) G. F. HOLE, Comdr.,
Stipendiary Magistrate and President of the Court.

„ E. H. C. BRANSON,
Lieut.-Comdr., R.N., H.M. Dockyard.

„ W. SAVAGE,
Master, British S.S. *Bosworth*.

„ W. IRVINE,
Master, British S.S. *Chinese Prince*.

„ A. S. GORDON,
Master, British S.S. *Cape St. Francis*.

SUPREME COURT.

No. 505.—It is hereby notified that His Honour Mr. Alasdair Duncan Atholl MacGregor, Chief Justice, has by Commission signed by him, and dated the 26th day of June, 1934, appointed Mr. ERIC HIMSWORTH, Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong, to be a Commissioner to administer oaths and take declarations, affirmations and attestations of honour in the Supreme Court of Hong Kong, so long as he shall continue to act as such Deputy Registrar as aforesaid.

E. P. H. LANG,
Registrar.

27th June, 1934.