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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Royal Highness the DUKE OF EDINBURGH is expected to arrive in this Colony some time in the first two weeks of October, and as the Governor is well aware of the desire of this Community to testify their gratification at receiving a visit from a son of the QUEEN, it is His Excellency's intention to invite all Residents to illuminate their houses between 9 P.M. and midnight, on some day to be hereafter named by proclamation. In the meantime this notice is issued to enable the needful preparations to be made.

It is also the intention of His Excellency to permit on that occasion the erection of such scaffolding or other supports for Gas fixtures, Lanterns, or Lamps, as may be sanctioned by the Surveyor General.

The Police will also be directed not to require Night Passes from Chinese conducting themselves quietly, till 12.15.

Further particulars—as may be expedient—will be hereafter published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th September, 1869.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

At the request of Commodore OLIVER J. JONES, the following Hydrographic Notice is published for the information of Mariners, and others whom it may concern.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th September, 1869.

The following information is published for general guidance.

OLIVER J. JONES,
Commodore and Senior Officer.

Hongkong, 6th September, 1869.

H.M.S. *Princess Charlotte*, Hongkong, 6th September, 1869.

HYDROGRAPHIC NOTICE.

(China—S. E. Coast.)

ALL BEARINGS ARE MAGNETIC. NO VARIATION.

“SUWO NADA ROCK.”

The Channel between Tungki Rock and Tongmi Point, 14 miles N.E. by E. from Chelang Point, has lately been sounded up, and a shoal about 2 cables length in diameter, with 13 fathoms immediately around, discovered in the fairway.

Two or three pinnacle rocks having only 11 feet on them at Low Water Springs exist on this patch, with 8 to 9 fathoms directly alongside of them. These no doubt were the dangers upon which the steamers *Azef* and *Suvo Nada* struck, and it is strongly recommended that this passage be no longer used for purposes of navigation, as other similar dangers may exist.