

Gulf of Yedo.—Rocks not shown in the chart extend from Rubicon point for a distance of about one to 2 cables. A red beacon with a globe has been erected on the shoal extending eastward from Marcy point, with the point bearing E. $\frac{3}{4}$ S., and the north-east end of Perry island S.E. $\frac{3}{4}$ S.

La Perouse Strait.—Information was received at Hakodadi, of a dangerous rock with only 8 feet water over it, lying about 9 or 10 miles northward of Refunsiri island, also of a reef awash situated 7 or 8 miles E.S.E. of Cape Soya.

Currents.—On the south coast of Nipon, in the month of March, when off Oösima and Rock islet, a current was found setting in to the eastward 67 miles in nineteen hours; also at the end of June, between Kagosima and Yokohama, a current of 149 miles in sixty-two hours was experienced, apparently running stronger when westward of Oösima.

On the east coast of Nipon, during October, when to the eastward of Cape King, the current was running to the eastward 2 miles an hour for fifteen hours, it then turned N.E. by N., decreasing its rate to little more than one mile an hour; this continued for 24 hours, when the current ceased to be felt. Off Inaboye-saki the current was running about north, a little over a mile an hour. In May, when close in to Omae-saki, steering for Cape Sima, a current running to the eastward fully a mile an hour was experienced. While off Vries island, the current set strong to the south-eastward; this same current was felt in July in the same locality.

ERRATUM IN CHINA PILOT.

Page 516, the last line, for "south-westerly" read "south-easterly."
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London, 8th May, 1869.

No. 106.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notice to Mariners is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th September, 1869.

The substance of this Notice, as soon as it is received on board, is to be inserted in red ink on the Charts affected by it; and introduced into the margin, or otherwise in the page, of the Sailing Directions to which it relates. See Instructions, Navigation and Pilotage, p. 172.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 40.]

China—Yang-tse River.

ALTERATION OF KINTOAN BEACON LIGHT.

Information has been received that the following alteration has been made in the Kintoan beacon light, Yang-tse river. The light is now a *flashing* light of the fifth order.

Directions.—Vessels standing in towards the south shore will lose sight of the light on a N.W. $\frac{3}{4}$ W. bearing: this is a warning to tack or keep more to the Northward.

RED AND WHITE LIGHT OF KINTOAN SMALL BEACON.

The harbour master at Shanghai has given Notice, that a light has been established in a small beacon tower on the south bank of the Yang-tse, five miles to the N.W. of Kintoan lighthouse.

The light is a fixed *red* and *white* light, red between the bearings S. by W. $\frac{1}{2}$ W. to W. by N. $\frac{1}{2}$ N., and white between the latter bearing and the south bank of the river. The red light should be seen in clear weather from a distance of about 4 miles, and the white light 6 miles.

The red light is seen towards the Block House shoal.

BEACON ON BLOCK HOUSE SHOAL.

Also, that the screw pile beacon has been replaced on the Block House shoal with the following bearings:—

Kintoan lighthouse, S. by W.
Small lighthouse, W. by N. $\frac{1}{4}$ N.

The beacon is in 6 feet water at low water springs, and the upper part of the basket is 14 feet above high water.

By Command of their Lordships,

GEO. HENRY RICHARDS,
Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London, 22nd June, 1869.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Yang-tse entrance, No. 1602; Yang-tse to Nanking, No. 1480; and Heishem islands to Yang-tse, No. 1199. Also, China Lights List, No. 168.

No. 107.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Report from the Superintendent of the Hongkong Fire Brigade, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

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