

No. 7.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Notice is hereby given, that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognize FRANCIS BULKLEY JOHNSON, Esquire, as administering the affairs of the Hawaiian Consulate General, during the absence of the Honourable WILLIAM KESWICK from the Colony.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th January, 1878.

No. 8.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Return, received from Mr. HENRY DICKIE, of the quantity of Spirits distilled at the China Sugar Refinery, is published for general information.

Spirits manufactured during the quarter ending 10th January, 1878,..... *Gallons.* 1,873

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th January, 1878.

No. 9.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Notice is hereby given, that after the 16th instant and pending the repairs to the Public Tank on Bonham Road, the houses and hydrants in the undernamed Streets will be supplied with water only between the hours of 4 and 6 P.M.: Hollywood Road, Lyndhurst Terrace, Wellington Street, D'Aguilar Street, Gage Street, Stanley Street, Gough Street, Upper and Lower Lascar Row and Square Street.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th January, 1878.

No. 10.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Hydrographic Notice, received from the Admiralty, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th January, 1878.

The information contained in this Notice is to be carefully considered, to be noted in the Sailing Directions, and compared with the chart when the ship is navigating the parts to which it refers.

HYDROGRAPHIC NOTICE.

[No. 18.]

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NOTICE No. 13.

SINGAPORE STRAIT.

The following information relating to a shoal in the western part of Singapore strait is by Navigating Lieutenant J. W. McFarlane, H.M.S. *Growler*, 1877.*

[All Bearings are Magnetic. Variation 1° 30' Easterly in 1877.]

Ajax Shoal, on which the steam vessel of that name touched in 1877, lies on the north side of Salat Sinki, one mile S.E. by E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. from the Sultan shoal beacon; this shoal, composed of coral with sharp pinnacles, is about half a cable in extent N.E. by N. and S.W. by S., and has on its south-west extremity a depth of 19 feet, at low water, spring tides.

The following bearings were taken from the *Growler* whilst at anchor in 5 fathoms, on the shoal: viz:—Sultan shoal beacon, N.W. by W. $\frac{1}{2}$ W.; Raffles lighthouse, S.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E.; and Tan jong Bolus, W. by N.

A nun buoy, painted red, has been placed by the Master Attendant at Singapore, on the centre of *Ajax shoal*; this buoy should be given a berth of 2 cables when passing it, on either side.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London, 19th July 1877.

* See Admiralty Charts:—Indian ocean, No. 748 b; Indian ocean, general, No. 2483; China sea, southern portion, No. 2660 a; Malacca strait, sheet 2, No. 1355; Singapore Main strait, No. 2404; and Singapore strait, No. 2403: Also China Sea Directory, vol. 1, 1867, pages 290 and 292.