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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notice to Mariners is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 1st February, 1878.

Government of India.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 23.)

BAY OF BENGAL—CHITTAGONG COAST.

Alteration in Position of the Beacon Lights at the Entrance to Chittagong or Kornafuli River.

The following information (with slight alteration) is extracted from a Notice to Mariners published in the *Calcutta Gazette*. The two beacon lights situated on the southern shore at the entrance to Kornafuly river, have been removed 2,417 yards due south of their former position. The lights, 40 yards apart on a S. E. by E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. bearing, were exhibited from the new site on the 20th October 1877, the inner or eastern light from a tripod, the outer or western one from a mast, both beacons being painted white.

The inner light is elevated about 5 feet higher than the outer one, and both are visible in clear weather from a distance of 7 miles through an arc of 160° or when bearing from S. E. by S., through east and north, to N. by W.

During southerly winds, sailing vessels from the southward and westward (especially those at some distance in the offing) should avoid getting to the northward of the lights; but at night with the outer or western light bearing E. $\frac{1}{4}$ N., should run in and anchor in 5 fathoms at low water springs, about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the light, to await day-light.

The Beacons in line, and the Hill flagstaff bearing N. E., will place a vessel about half a mile southwestward of the bar buoys; from this position the bar and river buoys will be distinctly seen, and the services of a local pilot are always obtainable. Vessels should not attempt to cross the bar without a pilot, as the channel to Chittagong is long, narrow, and somewhat intricate.

Position of beacons, latitude $22^{\circ} 10' 50''$ N., longitude $91^{\circ} 48' 29''$ E.

[Bearings are Magnetic and from Seaward. Variation 3° Easterly in 1877.]

By Direction of the Government of India,

A. DUNDAS TAYLOR, *Comdr. (late I. N.,)*

Superintendent, Marine Survey of India.

MARINE SURVEY DEPARTMENT, CALCUTTA, 6th December 1877.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Chittagong or Kornafuly river, No. 84; Sea-face of Sunderbuns, No. 138c; Sheet 5: Palmyra point to Chittagong, No. 1681; Bay of Bengal, No. 70b; Indian Ocean, Sheet 2: Northern portion, No. 748b; also, Admiralty List of Lights, South Africa, East Indies, &c., 1877; Marine Survey of India Light list, No. 87; and Taylor's Sailing Directory, Vol. I., page 484.

If this Notice is received on boardship, the substance of it should be inserted on the Charts affected by it, and introduced into the Sailing Directions to which it relates.

No. 21.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Tenders will be received at this Office, up to the 15th February next, for the construction of a High Pressure Boiler, to be built of the best Lowmoor Plate Iron for No. 1 Government Steam Fire Engine, similar in plan to that now fitted to No. 2 Engine, which can be seen at No. 1 Fire Brigade Station, Cross Roads, and for the thorough overhaul and needful repairs, if any, of the said Engine.

Tubes for the said Boiler to be obtained from England by the Contractor, being telegraphed for.

Plan and Specification to accompany each Tender.

The entire work to be completed on or before the 31st May, 1878.

Further information can be obtained upon application to the Superintendent of Fire Brigade.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th January, 1878.