

No. 24.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following letter from THOMAS G. KNOX, Esquire, Her Majesty's Political Agent and Consul General at the Court of Siam, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th February, 1878.

BANGKOK, *January 19th*, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that the prohibition laid by the Siamese Government on the Export of Rice from Siam has been removed from this day.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's

Most obedient Servant,

THOMAS GEORGE KNOX.

To His Excellency

JOHN POPE HENNESSY,

&c., &c., &c.

Governor and Commander-in-Chief,

HONGKONG.

No. 25.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The scarcity of water in the Pok-foo-lum Reservoir rendering necessary the greatest economy of the present diminished supply, persons having water laid on to their premises are enjoined to see that leaky and defective pipe joints, taps and other fittings are made watertight.

They are also earnestly requested to adopt all precautions against too lavish a use of water obtained from the mains and to prohibit their servants from drawing water from that source for the irrigation of gardens.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th February, 1878.

No. 26.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Notice is hereby given, that by request of the Marine Survey Department, Calcutta, as per Memorandum subjoined, the date of Notice to Mariners No. 23 of 1877, regarding the lights at the entrance to the Chittagong River is altered from the 6th to the 22nd December, 1877.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th February, 1877.

MEMORANDUM.

It is hereby requested that the date of Notice to Mariners No. 23 of 1877, regarding the lights at the entrance to the Chittagong River, may be altered from the 6th to the 22nd December, 1877.

A. DUNDAS TAYLOR, (*Comdr, late I. N.*),
Superintendent, Marine Survey of India.

MARINE SURVEY DEPARTMENT, CALCUTTA, the 4th *January* 1878.

No. 27.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notices to Mariners are published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th February, 1878.

Government of India.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 1.)

HINDOSTAN—WEST COAST—BOMBAY HARBOUR.

Position of Middle Ground.

Notice is hereby given that the Middle Ground battery, Bombay harbour, as at present delineated on the Admiralty Chart No. 2621, is upwards of 12 degrees out in its relative bearing from the Dolphin beacon light, being nearly two cables to the northward of its correct position.

The centre of the Middle Ground should bear from the Dolphin light N. 66° E. 1450 yards, instead of, as now shewn on the chart, N. 54° E.

The soundings along the foreshore, extending from abreast Colaba point to Mody bay and to a distance of half a mile from that shore, appear to have been incorrectly reduced on the above Chart, as a further reduction of from 3 to 5 feet is necessary to represent the actual depth in that portion of the harbour.

[Bearings are Magnetic. Variation 0° 55' Easterly in 1878.]

By Direction of the Government of India,

A. DUNDAS TAYLOR, (*Comdr., late I. N.*),
Superintendent, Marine Survey of India.

MARINE SURVEY DEPARTMENT, CALCUTTA, 5th January 1878.

If this Notice is received on boardship, the substance of it should be inserted on the Charts affected by it; but it does not affect the Directions in the Admiralty West coast of Hindostan Pilot, page 136, where the marks given for clearing the Middle Ground are correct.

Government of South Australia.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

RIVER MURRAY,

Lake Alexandrina.

Referring to the Notice issued from this Office dated 1st September, 1877, Mariners are now hereby informed that on the 1st of February, 1878, a *Revolving White Light*, having total eclipses every 30 seconds, will be *exhibited* at the *Lighthouse* on *Point Malcolm*, and will be visible in clear weather from a distance of ten (10) miles. When much refraction exists it will be seen further.

The Tower and Keeper's Cottage are painted white.

The focal plane of the light is about 70 feet above the ordinary level of the lake.

R. H. FERGUSON,
President Marine Board.

Marine Board Office, Port Adelaide, December 11, 1877.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

MILANG—RIVER MURRAY—LAKE ALEXANDRINA.

Referring to a Notice issued from this Office on 5th October, 1877, Mariners are now hereby informed, that on the 1st of February, 1878, a *Fixed Bright White Light* will be *exhibited* during the Night at the end of the *Milang Jetty*, and will be visible in clear weather from a distance of about (5) five miles.

R. H. FERGUSON,
President Marine Board.

December 11, 1877.

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.