

North Entrance.—To enter Kopah river from the north, give Hayes island a good wide berth by keeping at least $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles off, on account of off-lying reefs. Then steer straight in for the north-east point of Kopah head on about a S. E. course. The extreme north-east low point of the head is composed of casuarina trees on a sandy point. Pass round this point about one cable off, and then haul up S. by W. for the next, or the east prominent Bluff point of the head. Without a chart or pilot a steamer could not go up Kopah river, but even a stranger, with the aid of the sketch* of this river, may feel his way up at half tide. This has been done by the enterprising commanders of the British India Steam Navigation Company.

South Entrance.—The southern entrance of Kopah river has not less than 13 feet at lowest spring tides, and is safe for small steamers during the north-east monsoon. It would not be prudent to attempt to enter during the southwest monsoon. The passage is between two sandbanks, which are nearly covered at high-water springs. The course in is about E. by N. $\frac{1}{2}$ N., or with the low casuarina tree point (which extends westward from the Quoin) on with the first south notch of River hill. Inside the bar the water deepens to 5 and 6 fathoms.

Kopah or Takuapah town.—This place lies about 20 miles up the river which winds away to the southward nearly parallel to the coast line, and has another small mouth about 10 miles below Bang-ye. The town is famous for its tin mines, which the Raja profitably works. The land about Kopah and to the north is very mountainous and undulating, and is seen a long way from seaward. Pia Sima, the highest mountain, about 10 miles to eastward of Kopah head, culminating in 3 peaks of nearly equal elevation, is upwards of 3,500 feet above the sea.

The steamer anchorage inside the river is in about 5 fathoms, nearly 5 miles E. S. E. from the south or Bang-ye entrance.

The Coast to the southward of Kopah runs nearly due south for 25 miles to the entrance of Bagatae river. Besides the circular reef, with a white sand patch on it, situated 5 miles S. S. W. from Bang-ye entrance and noted on the old charts, there is a reef stretching about 2 miles off a point called Lem Krang-jai, which is 16 miles southward of Bang-ye.

Cape Dolphin, or Lem Thom-job, a prominent and moderately elevated point of the coast, in about latitude $8^{\circ} 32' N.$, forms the west or left bank of the river Bagatae, the entrance of which is about 3 miles northward of the cape; inside this and behind the cape there is apparently sheltered anchorage in 5 fathoms. Near the town of Bagatae, which is up a creek, and about 10 miles from the anchorage, there are tin mines.

Below cape Dolphin, the coast of the Siamese province of Takuatung trends about S. by E. for 23 miles to Pak-prah, the little strait that separates Junkseylon from the mainland. It seems safe not to approach this coast within 3 miles, as it has been only cursorily examined.

The many outlying islands below Pakchan river—extending to the Seyers group, which are in about the same latitude as cape Dolphin—render it easy to fix a ship's position both by night and day.

Marine Survey Department, Calcutta, January 1878.

* See Sketch of Kopah Inlet, published by the Marine Survey Department, Calcutta.

NOTICE.

Owners of Tenements who have not paid their Rates in respect of the First Quarter of 1878, are requested to do so before the 7th instant, as after that date application will be made to the Supreme Court for the recovery of arrears.

CECIL C. SMITH,
Colonial Treasurer.

Colonial Treasury, Hongkong, 1st March, 1878.

No. 40.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Applications will be received here for the Office of Shroff and Chinese Clerk at the Magistracy up till Monday the 11th March.

The selected candidate will be required to enter into a bond with a surety or sureties to the amount of \$1,000.

The Salary of the Office is \$30 per month.

For further particulars apply to the Magistrates.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th February, 1878.

No. 32.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Applications will be received at this Office for the appointment of Fourth Master at the Central School during the absence on leave of the Head Master, Mr. STEWART.

Salary \$120 per month and an Allowance of \$30 per month for House Rent.

Applications to be addressed to the Office of the undersigned.

For further particulars, apply to F. STEWART, Esquire, Head Master Central School.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th February, 1878.