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## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Extract from the decision of a Court of Enquiry held at the United States Consulate, as to the loss of the American Barque *Forest Belle*, Captain ALEX. NOYES, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 1878.

## EXTRACT.

That the American Barque *Forest Belle*, while running through the Bashee Channel between Little Botel Tobago and Gad Rock, was lost on a danger not marked on the Charts, Lat. 21.51 N., Long. 121. 34. 25 E. Little Botel Tobago (centre) bearing N. 9° 45" E. by compass, distant 6½ miles. Gad Rock bearing S. 15° 30" E. by compass, distant 7½ miles.

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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, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 1878.

## NOTICE TO MARINERS.

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### CHINA SEA.

#### FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

##### *Reef of Rocks to the Westward of Matsou Island.*

Notice is hereby given that the dangerous reef of rocks on which the bark *Benjamin Aymar* recently struck has been surveyed by the Revenue Cruiser *Ling Feng*, Captain J. FARROW.

The following magnetic bearings are from the centre of the reef:—

"Sharp Peak" .....	S. 76½° W.
"Sea Dog" Islet .....	S. 56° E.
Eastern "Square Rock" .....	N. 10½° W.

This reef, about three cables in length and two in width, extends in a north-easterly direction and has two pinnacle rocks, about two cables apart, with 10 feet of water on them at low water springs. These rocks have from three to eight fathoms of water between them.

By order of the Inspector General of Customs,

DAVID M. HENDERSON,  
*Engineer-in-Chief.*

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS, ENGINEERS' OFFICE, SHANGHAI, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 1878.