

No. 106.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Account, duly certified, of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation in Hongkong, during the Month ending 30th April, 1878, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Oriental Bank Corporation,	279,421	150,000
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,.....	544,401	200,000
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	620,921	250,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	1,749,534	700,000
TOTAL,.....\$	3,194,277	1,300,000

No. 107.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Hydrographic Notice, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

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

HYDROGRAPHIC NOTICE.

(No. 5.)

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NOTICE No. 15.

The following information relating to the non-existence of Raglan shoal, is derived from a Hydrographic Notice issued by the United States Government, 1877.

Raglan shoal,* reported by the British ship *Lady Raglan*, in the year 1858, to be in lat. 9° 28' N., long. 109° 25' E., was unsuccessfully searched for by H. M. surveying vessel *Rifleman*, 1863. In 1874 the French vessel *Jacmel* passed close to a supposed shoal in lat. 9° 24' N., long. 109° 26' E., and considered it identical with Raglan shoal.*

Recently (1877) a search has been made by the U. S. Ship *Ranger*; and Commander Manley reports having made a thorough examination, under most favourable circumstances, of the locality (lat. 9° 24' N., long. 109° 26' E.), but obtained no bottom anywhere at 100 fathoms.

During this examination, occupying nearly one day, a good look out was kept by officers both from the deck and from aloft; no indication however of shoal water was seen. The wind was blowing fresh from W. S. W., with a moderate sea, and a spot in the ocean sufficiently shallow to be dangerous to navigation, has it existed, must inevitably have disclosed itself.†

Raglan shoal has, on these grounds, been expunged from the Admiralty chart.

Hydrographic Admiralty, London, 25th February, 1878.

Admiralty chart

na sea, No. 2660a: Also China Sea Directory, Vol. II., 1868, page 80; and Notice to Mariners, No. 25, dated 19th

Hydrographic

Notice, No. 55 of 1877.