

Government of India.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 12.]

INDIA—BAY OF BENGAL.

*Entrance to River Hooghly.**Fog Signals.*

The Government of Bengal have notified that, on and after 1st October 1878, signal guns will be fired during fogs, at intervals of half an hour, from the following light-vessels:—

Lower Gaspar light-vessel, at the hour and half hour.

Upper " " " first and third quarters of the hour.

Distinguishing Marks for Light-vessels.

Also, that on the same date the Mutlah light-vessel will carry at her masthead a ball painted *red*, with a *white horizontal band round the centre*.

And the Pilots' Ridge light-vessel will carry at her masthead a ball painted *white*, with *black horizontal band round its centre*.

By Direction of the Government of India,

JOHN HENRY ELLIS, *Staff Comdr., R. N.,*
Depy. Superintendent, Marine Survey of India.

MARINE SURVEY DEPARTMENT, CALCUTTA, *9th April, 1878.*

This Notice will affect the following Admiralty Charts:—Hooghly river, No. 136a; sea-face of Sunderbuns, No. 138a; Palmyras Point to Chittagong, No. 1681; Bay of Bengal, No. 70a; Indian Marine Survey Charts, Nos. 115 and 1172; also, Admiralty list of lights in South Africa, East Indies, &c., 1878; Indian Marine Survey light list, 1878; and Taylor's Sailing Directory, Vol. I, pages 476 and 477.

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.

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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 13.]

CEYLON—SOUTH—EAST COAST.

Exhibition of Light on Little Bassas Rocks.

With reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 10 of 1878, issued by this Department, information by telegram has been received from the Master Attendant, Galle, that the light is now exhibited from the light-house recently erected on the Little Bassas rocks.

By Direction of the Government of India,

JOHN HENRY ELLIS, *Staff Comdr., R. N.,*
Depy. Superintendent, Marine Survey of India.

MARINE SURVEY DEPARTMENT, CALCUTTA, *6th April, 1878.*

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Bengal Bay, No. 70a; Ceylon island, Southern part, No. 813; cape Comorin to Coconad No. 828; and Ceylon, S. E. coast, &c., No. 2815; also, Admiralty List of Lights in South Africa, East Indies, &c., 1878, No. 67; Indian Marine Survey light list, 1878, No. 52; and Taylor's Sailing Directory, Vol. I, page 438.

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Government of China.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 85.]

CHINA SEA.

YANGTZE RIVER—SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

Kiutoan Light-vessel.

Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd instant the *Kiutoan Light-vessel*, showing a *fixed white light*, was moored mid-channel, and in five fathoms at low water spring tides, with the *Kiutoan Lighthouse* bearing S. 67° W. magnetic, a distant about 1.6 nautical miles.

The Light is a catoptric one, elevated 35 feet above the sea, and in clear weather it should be visible from a distance 11 nautical miles.

A small *white light* is exhibited from the fore-stay, at a height of 6 feet above the rail, for the purpose of showing what direction the vessel is riding.

The light-vessel is painted *red*, with the word "KIUTOAN" in white letters on each side, and she has one mast supported by an 8-foot black ball.

In foggy weather a 10-cwt. fog-bell will be struck *three double blows in each minute*, the interval between the blows each pair being 5 seconds, and between two successive pairs of blows, 15 seconds.

If the light-vessel be driven from her proper position to one where she is of no use as a guide to shipping, the usual light will not be exhibited, but a *fixed red light* will be shown at each end of the vessel; the ball will be struck as soon as possible and will be surmounted by a red flag.

Kiutoan Lighthouse.

No. 2 Blockhouse Shoal Buoy.

The old red No. 2 Blockhouse Shoal Buoy, (No. 27 in the 1878 List of Chinese Lights,) 6 feet in diameter at the water line, and surmounted by a black spherical cage, has been moored in five fathoms at low water spring tides, with the Kiutoan Lighthouse bearing S. 30° W. magnetic, and distant about 2.9 nautical miles. It marks the S. W. edge of a bank, dry at low water and only one cable to the eastward of it, and has no number painted on it.

By order of the Inspector General of Customs,

DAVID M. HENDERSON,
Engineer-in-Chief.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS, ENGINEERS' OFFICE, SHANGHAI, 27th April, 1878.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 86.]

CHINA SEA.

YANGTZE RIVER—SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

BUOYS AT THE LANGSHAN.

1.—*Middle Bank Buoy.*

This buoy has been painted *red*, surmounted by a black conical frustum cage, and shifted about 200 feet to the north of its former position. It is moored in 5 fathoms at low water spring tides, and marks the starboard side of the channel between the bank to the westward of Plover Point and the North Bank.

2.—*Waterman Bank Lower Buoy.*

This *black* buoy, now a conical one 6 feet in diameter and surmounted by a black spherical cage, has been shifted about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to the northward of its former position. It is moored in $4\frac{1}{4}$ fathoms at low water spring tides, and marks the N.E. edge of the Waterman Bank.

3.—*Langshan Buoy.*

This buoy has been painted *red*, as it now marks the S.W. edge of the bank to the eastward of it, and it is moored in 6 fathoms at low water spring tides.

As the banks near the Langshan Crossing are liable to sudden changes, this part of the river should be navigated with caution, and the lead kept going.

By order of the Inspector General of Customs,

DAVID M. HENDERSON,
Engineer-in-Chief.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS, ENGINEERS' OFFICE, SHANGHAI, 30th April, 1878.

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that Ships conveying Chinese Passengers under the provisions of Ordinance No. 5 of 1874, will be all inclusive. them on the Upper Weather Deck between the 1st of June, and the 15th of October

J. P. McEuen,
Acting Emigration Officer, &c.

Harbour Department, Hongkong, 2nd May, 1878.

STAMP OFFICE NOTICE.

Persons or Firms surrendering spoiled Stamps for allowance are requested to send with the spoiled documents an ordinary Requisition for the new Stamps required. Forms of Requisition can be had at the Stamp Office.

It is not necessary to enumerate the spoiled Stamps handed in. A glance at the Specimen Requisition given below will show what is required. should be applied for on a separate Requisition.

ALFRED LISTER,
Collector.

Stamp Office, Hongkong, 2nd May, 1878.

SPECIMEN.

B. C. & Co. request to be supplied with the undermentioned Impressed Stamps.
24th April, 1878.

DESCRIPTION.	NUMBER OF FORMS.	DUTY.	TOTAL.
		\$ c.	\$ c.
Bills of Lading,.....	50	0.10	5.00
Bills of Exchange,.....	20	0.50	10.00
Policies of Insurance,.....	100	0.10	10.00
			\$25

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