

RETURNS of BIRTHS and DEATHS for the 2nd Quarter of 1878, ending 30th June.

DISTRICTS.	BRITISH AND FOREIGN COMMUNITY.				CHINESE.				DEATHS. BRITISH & FOREIGN COMMUNITY.
	BIRTHS.		DEATHS.		BIRTHS.		DEATHS.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.	Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.	
Victoria,	19	17	30	7	142	104	448	436	British, &c., .....15 Portuguese, 7 Indian, &c., 5 Non-Residents, .....10 <hr/> 37
Kow-loon, .....	...	...	...	...	9	6	31	27	
Sháu-kí Wán,....	...	...	...	...	15	9	21	7	
Aberdeen, .....	...	...	...	...	...	3	14	9	
Stanley, .....	...	...	...	...	3	...	8	1	
TOTAL,...	19	17	30	7	169	122	522	480	
GRAND TOTAL,	ANNUAL DEATH-RATE, PER 1,000 FOR 2ND QUARTER OF			1878.					
Births, 327	Whole Population,.....			29.86	...	...	...	...
Deaths, ...1,039	British & Foreign Community,			16.48	...	...	...	...
	Do. deducting non-Residents,			13.78	...	...	...	...
	Chinese,			30.79	...	...	...	...

CECIL C. SMITH,
Registrar General.

Registrar General's Office, Hongkong, 24th July, 1878.

No. 150.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notices to Mariners are published for general information.

By Command,

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th July, 1878.

J. PRICE,
Acting Secretary.

Government of India.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 14.]

HINDOSTAN—WEST COAST—BOMBAY HARBOUR.

Beacon on Choul Kádu Rock.

Notice is hereby given that a large, circular, gray stone beacon, 20 feet in diameter, and 60 feet above mean sea-level, has been erected on the Choul Kádu rock, off Alibagh.

The beacon is in latitude 18° 36' 0" N., and longitude 72° 50' 8" E., and from it the following bearings have been taken:—

Kenery or Kundari light-house	N. by W. $\frac{1}{2}$ W.
Temple on Kolaba Fort	N. N. E.
Saugur Gurh Hill Fort	N. E. by E. $\frac{1}{3}$ E.
Kurla Fort (central summit).....	S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ S.

The rock, on which this beacon has been placed, uncovers 9 feet at low-water spring tides, and the visible part is then about 100 feet across.

This rock appears to have been altogether omitted on the coast charts, although the foul ground, known as Choul Kádu reef, which lies $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to the south-west, or outside of it, is shewn.

[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, 22nd May 1878.

This Notice will affect the following Admiralty Charts:—West Coast of India, Sheet IV, Kundari to Boria Pagoda, No. 738; Sheet I, Kutch Gulf to Vizadroog, No. 2736; India, West Coast (General Chart), Kurrachee to Vingorla, No. 826; also, Admiralty West Coast or Hindostan Pilot, page 125; and Taylor's Sailing Directory, Vol. I, page 385.

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.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 15.]

PERSIAN GULF.

Shoal Near Tumb Island (Jazirat Tanb).

The following information has been received from Lieutenant A. W. Stiffe, late I. N., relating to a shoal in the Persian Gulf lately surveyed by that officer:—

This shoal, which has hitherto been shewn on the charts as a patch with 7 fathoms on it, lies about 5 miles due east of the north extreme of Tumb island (Jazirat Tanb) in latitude 26° 17' 0" N., and longitude 55° 25' 0" E.

It is about one mile in extent, with 30 to 40 fathoms of water all round.

The depth on the shoal generally is from 7 to 10 fathoms, but near its centre is a patch of 4½ fathoms, about 2 cables long, and lying in a north and south direction.

The tide makes a strong ripple over it, running at the rate of 2 to 3 knots at springs.

By Direction of the Government of India,

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

MARINE SURVEY DEPARTMENT, CALCUTTA, 24th May 1878.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Entrance to the Persian Gulf, No. 753; Persian Gulf, No. 2837a; Indian Ocean, Sheet 2, northern portion, No. 748b; also, Admiralty Persian Gulf Pilot, page 169; and Taylor's Sailing Directory, Vol. I, page 264.
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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 17.]

INDIA—BAY OF BENGAL.

Upper Gasper Light Vessel, Entrance to River Hooghly.

Notice is hereby given that from the 1st July 1878, and during the time the *Foam* Pilot brig does the duty of the Upper Gasper Light-vessel, a supplementary maroon will be exhibited from her every quarter of an hour, it will be kept burning for five minutes at a time, leaving an interval of ten minutes between the exhibition of these maroons.

The first maroon will be shewn at 7 P. M. and the last at 5 A. M.

By Direction of the Government of India,

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

MARINE SURVEY DEPARTMENT, CALCUTTA, 23th June 1878.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Hooghly River, No. 136a; Sea face of Sunderbuns, No. 138a; Palmyras Point to Chittagong, No. 1681; Coast of Bay of Bengal, No. 829; Bay of Bengal, No. 70a; Indian Marine Survey Chart, No. 115; also, Admiralty Light list (India), 1878; Indian Marine Survey Light list, 1878; and Taylor's Sailing Directory, Vol. I, page 476.

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Government of South Australia.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

RIVOLI BAY.

Penguin Island.

Mariners are hereby informed, that pursuant to a Notice issued by this Department, dated 29th August, 1877, a *Revolving Light* of the 3rd Order, showing bright flashes every ten (10) seconds, will be exhibited on the 1st day of October, 1878, from a Light-tower erected on *Penguin Island*, at the North-end of *Rivoli Bay*.

The focal plane being at an elevation of eighty (80) feet above ordinary sea level, the Light will be visible in clear weather at a distance of about twelve (12) miles.

The Tower and Keepers' Cottages are painted White.

Marine Board Offices, Port Adelaide, 6th June, 1878.

R. H. FERGUSON,
President, Marine Board, South Australia.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

INVESTIGATOR STRAIT,

Althorpe Island.

Referring to the Notices issued by this Department on the 27th July, 1877, and the 25th January, 1878, Mariners are hereby informed that, owing to unforeseen difficulties, the exhibition of the *Althorpe Island Light* will be postponed until a date which will be given in a further Notice.

Marine Board Offices, Port Adelaide, 6th June, 1878.

R. H. FERGUSON,
President, Marine Board, South Australia.