

No. 230.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notices to Mariners are published for general information.

By Command,

C. MAY,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd November, 1878.

NOTICE.

H.M.S. "Sylvia,"  
NAGASAKI, 4th November, 1878.

The positions of the Meac Sima group, and Pallas Rocks, have been found by H.M.S. *Sylvia* to differ considerably from shewn in the Charts.

The approximate positions are as under :—

*Kusa Kaki, the highest Peak of the Meac Sima Group.*

Latitude (approx.),..... 32° 0¼' N.  
Longitude (approx.), ..... 128° 21½' E.

*Pallas Rocks—South Rock.*

Latitude (approx.),..... 32° 14½' N.  
Longitude (approx.), ..... 128° 6½' E.

P. ALDRICH,  
Commander.

Commodore G. W. WATSON,  
Hongkong.

*Government of New Zealand.*

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 22, of 1878.

EXHIBITION OF FIXED WHITE LIGHT ON CENTRE ISLAND, FOVEAUX STRAIT.

Marine Department,  
Wellington, N.Z., 22nd August, 1878.

With reference to the preliminary notice issued by this department, dated the 22nd day of October, 1877, it is hereby notified that, on and after Monday, the 16th day of September next, a Light will be exhibited from the Lighthouse which has been erected on Centre Island, the position and characteristics of which are as follow:—

The Centre Island Lighthouse is situated on the southern extremity of Centre Island, in Foveaux Strait, New Zealand.

The Tower is 20 feet in height, built of timber and painted white. The Light will be FIRST ORDER FIXED, showing WHITE from the bearing of North 78° West, round by the North, over an arc of 176°, to the bearing of South 82° East. The light will SHOW RED from this latter bearing to South 54° East, and RED between the bearings of North 78° West and South 4° East, and between this latter bearing and the bearing of South 54° East the light will NOT BE SHOWN.

The Light is elevated 265 feet above the sea, and, allowing 15 feet for the height of the eye, will be seen at a distance of about 22½ nautic miles in clear weather, and at lesser distances according to the state of the atmosphere.

NOTE.—All bearings are magnetic and taken towards the Light.

G. GREY.

N.B.—This Notice will affect the following Admiralty Charts of New Zealand, viz. : General and Sheet XI.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 24, of 1878.

LIGHT ON CAPE MARIA VAN DIEMEN.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

Marine Department,  
Wellington, New Zealand, 9th September, 1878.

Notice is hereby given that a Lighthouse is now in the course of erection at Cape Maria Van Diemen. It is anticipated that the light will be ready for exhibition in January, 1879: The following is a description of the light that will be exhibited :—

Cape Maria Van Diemen Lighthouse is situated on the small island which lies off the northern end of Cape Maria Van Diemen, at the extreme north of the North Island of New Zealand. The light will be a First Order REVOLVING WHITE LIGHT, visible all round as far as the land will allow. It will attain its greatest brilliancy every minute. From the lower part of the tower a FIXED RED LIGHT will be shown over the Columbia Reef.

Due notice will be given of the exact date when this light will be first exhibited.

G. GREY.