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NOTICES TO MARINERS.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to direct that the following Notices to Mariners be published for general information.

By His Excellency's command,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 23, 1897.

BENGAL.—No. 68.

Pacific Ocean—Fiji Island—Viti Velu—Coral patches in Suva Harbour.

The British Admiralty has given notice (No. 125 of 1897) that the following information, the result of an examination by Commander J. W. Combe, H.M. surveying vessel Waterwitch, relating to dangers in Suva harbour, has been received from the Commander-in-Chief on the Australian Station:—

1. A depth of 5 ft. has been found in a position N. 84° E., distant 3½ cables from the lightvessel. This is on the north-west side of the patch previously marked 2 fathoms on the chart.

Approximate position, lat. 18° 8' 10" S., long. 178° 24' 50" E.

2. A coral patch, with a depth of 4½ fathoms on it is situated with the Steamer pier lighthouse bearing E. ½ N., distant 5⅞ cables; and Low Clifty point N. ¾ W.

3. A coral patch, with a depth of 6 fathoms on it, is situated with the Steamer pier lighthouse bearing E. ½ S., distant 7 cables, and Low Clifty point N. ½ E. Variation, 10° easterly in 1897.

B. P. CREAGH, Comdr., R.I.M.,
Port Officer of Calcutta.

Calcutta, March 27, 1897.

BENGAL.—No. 69.

Australia—Moreton Bay—Directions for Vessels entering or leaving.

The Portmaster, Brisbane, has given notice (No. 3 of 1897) that owing to changes in the vicinity of the East Bank, North Channel, Moreton Bay, vessels drawing 18 ft. or more should not attempt to enter or leave by that channel at or near the period of low water.

Charts affected: Nos. 1,029, 1,068, and 1,670A, Australia Directory, Vol. II.

B. P. CREAGH, Comdr., R.I.M.,
Port Officer of Calcutta.

Calcutta, March 30, 1897.

BENGAL.—No. 70.

New Zealand—Stewart Island—Amended position of Weka Reef and Theresa Rock.

The British Admiralty has given notice (No. 127 of 1897) that Weka reef, eastward of Stewart island, is about a quarter of a mile in length N. by W. and S. by E., a cable broad, and situated half a mile southward of its previously charted position.

From its northern end Weka island centre bears W. by S. $\frac{1}{4}$ S., distant $1\frac{1}{4}$ mile; and Shelter point S. by W.

Approximate position on plan No. 2,542, north end Weka reef, lat. $47^{\circ} 3' 55''$ S., long. $168^{\circ} 16' 20''$ E.

Also, with reference to Notice to Mariners No. 264 (2) of 1896, that Theresa rock, marked as a rock with less than 6 ft. water on it, is situated about half a mile E. by N. $\frac{1}{4}$ N. from the centre of Weka reef, or with Weka island centre bearing W. $\frac{1}{2}$ S., distant $1\frac{1}{4}$ mile and Shelter point S. S. W.

Variation, 17° easterly in 1897.

B. P. CREAGH, Comdr., R.I.M.,
Port Officer of Calcutta.

Calcutta, April 2, 1897.

BENGAL.—No. 71.

Japan—Taiwan, West Coast—Anping Harbour—Disappearance of a Beacon.

The Hydrographer, Tokyo, Japan, has given notice (No. 838 of 1897) that a beacon (marked B) erected along the coast opposite Anping anchorage does not now exist.

B. P. CREAGH, Comdr., R.I.M.,
Port Officer of Calcutta.

Calcutta, April 2, 1897.

BENGAL.—No. 72.

Japan—Honshu, South Coast—Gulf of Tokyo—Extension of Haneda Bank.

The Hydrographer, Tokyo, Japan, has given notice (No. 839 of 1897) that an extensive bank off Kawasaki in the Gulf of Tokyo has been considerably extended out, and a red buoy (Kawasaki buoy) moored at the south-east extreme of this bank is now not at its correct position.

From the outer extreme (one fathom) of the bank—
Haneda lighthouse bears N. 28° E., distant $2\frac{2}{3}$ miles.
Centre of Kawasaki temple bears N. 40° W.

From the present position of Kawasaki buoy—
Haneda buoy bears N. $32^{\circ} 30'$ E., distant $\frac{3}{4}$ miles.
Centre of Kawasaki temple bears N. 28° W.

Kiushu, East Coast—Bungo Channel, West Shore—Existence of a Reef in Motonoma Channel, Saiki Bay.

Also, of the existence of a sunken reef, with its shoalest part awash just at low water, extending one cable S. by W. $\frac{1}{2}$ W. from the west extreme of the south point (Tachibana bana) of Oshima.

B. P. CREAGH, Comdr., R.I.M.,
Port Officer of Calcutta.

Calcutta, April 2, 1897.

BENGAL.—No. 73.

Japan—Naikai (Seto Uuci)—Bungo Channel, East Shore—Existence of two Reefs between Oki Shima and Piburi Shima.

The Hydrographer, Tokyo, Japan, has given notice (No. 840 of 1897) that the under-mentioned dangerous

reefs exist in a passage between Oki shima and Hiburi shima:—

(1) An isolated reef with $1\frac{1}{4}$ fathom of water on it lies N. 39° W. $1\frac{1}{2}$ cable from the west extreme of Hirugahama shima (an island connected with the north end of Hiburi shima) with Saizo bana in line with the south extreme of Kuro shima.

(2) A shoal with $1\frac{1}{4}$ fathom of water on it lies N. 65° E. $\frac{2}{3}$ cable from the north-east extreme of Hirugahama-shima. A shallow water extends for a half cable northward from this shoal, and has 4 fathoms of water on its outer edge.

Variation, $4^{\circ} 45'$ westerly.

B. P. CREAGH, Comdr., R.I.M.,
Port Officer of Calcutta.

Calcutta, April 2, 1897.

BENGAL.—No. 74.

Japan—Yesaki Lighthouse—Alteration in the character of Light.

The Minister of State for Communications, Tokyo, has given notice (No. 36 of 1897) that from the 10th instant the first order catoptric fixed white light of Yesaki lighthouse, Inland Sea, will be altered into a third order dioptric fixed white light.

The new light should be visible, in clear weather, 17 nautical miles.

The height of light, the arc of illumination, and the description of building will remain the same as before.

B. P. CREAGH, Comdr., R.I.M.,
Port Officer of Calcutta.

Calcutta, April 2, 1897.

BENGAL.—No. 75.

Bay of Bengal—Chittagong Coast—Chittagong River—Depth of Water found in certain Channels.

The Port Officer, Chittagong, has given notice that the following depth of water was found in the river channell by soundings taken on March 30 and reduced to zero:—

	Ft. in.
Track No. 1, Outer bar—	
Line close to the Black buoys	... 11 6
Disc on tripod, cask and ball	... 10 0
Track No. 2, Inner bar—	
Disc on diamond	... 11 0
Disc on tripod, cask and ball	... 10 0
Track No. 3—	
Tripod on cross and ball	... 18 0
Track No. 4—	
Triangle on tripod, cask and ball	... 22 0
Track No. 5—Guptakhally crossing.	
Old marks	... 16 6
Centre	... 17 0
Tripod on diamond	... 16 0

B. P. CREAGH, Comdr. R.I.M.,
Port Officer of Calcutta.

Calcutta, April 5, 1897.

Ceylon Government Railways.—Comparative Statement of Traffic for the Week ended March 28, 1897.

Earnings from	Seven days ended March 31, 1895.		Seven days ended March 29, 1896.		Seven days ended March 28, 1897.		Increase— 1897 over 1896.		Decrease— 1897 below 1896.	
	No.	Rs. c.	No.	Rs. c.	No.	Rs. c.	No.	Rs. c.	No.	Rs. c.
Passengers, Ordinary	82,516	32,920 22	98,977	42,357 23	86,310	44,299 41	—	2,718 41	12,667	—
Coolies	1,721	1,329 30	1,949	1,941 71	3,782	2,777 0	2,833	835 29	—	—
Season Tickets	—	—	16	59 6	—	—	—	—	16	59 6
Total Passengers	84,237	34,249 52	100,942	44,358 0	90,092	47,076 41	—	2,718 41	9,850	—
Parcels	6,536	1,726 64	8,345	2,138 88	8,370	2,386 10	25	247 22	—	—
Horses	88	527 21	40	307 30	91	618 22	51	310 92	—	—
Carriages	29	298 54	9	107 66	32	349 20	23	241 54	—	—
Bicycles, &c.	27	29 51	40	73 99	136	88 85	96	14 86	—	—
Dogs	107	84 41	109	91 0	126	86 50	17	—	—	4 50
Other small Animals	6	3 89	8	5 88	9	14 4	1	8 16	—	—
Neat Cattle	—	—	—	—	1	18 92	1	18 92	—	—
Mails	—	933 3	—	997 77	—	995 14	—	—	—	2 63
Miscellaneous Coaching	—	44 19	—	65 56	—	132 73	—	67 17	—	—
Goods (Tons)...	7,389	70,805 83	8,159	81,159 83	8,556	79,280 22	397	—	—	1,879 30
Miscellaneous Goods	—	108 6	—	92 36	—	139 66	—	47 30	—	—
Live Stock	335	245 65	819	434 26	848	281 2	29	—	—	153 24
General Miscellaneous	—	1253 65	—	1,271 75	—	1,607 86	—	336 11	—	—
Total for the Week	—	110,310 13	—	131,103 93	—	133,074 87	—	1,970 94	—	—
Forward from previous Return	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total from Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total same period last Year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Increase compared with pre- vious Year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Decrease do. do.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Traffic Train Mileage this Week	21,502	—	21,339	—	22,864	—	1,525	—	—	—
Forward from last Return	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total from Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total same period last Year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Increase compared with pre- vious Year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Decrease do. do.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Particulars of Goods Conveyed.	Seven days ended March 28, 1897.				Seven days ended March 29, 1896.				Increase in 1897.				Decrease in 1897.			
	Tons	cwt.	qr.	lb.	Tons	cwt.	qr.	lb.	Tons	cwt.	qr.	lb.	Tons	cwt.	qr.	lb.
First class Goods	10	10	2	14	13	14	3	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kerosine Oil	25	14	0	18	23	19	3	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other 2nd class Goods	288	16	0	7	224	14	0	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rice	1,457	5	3	4	1,542	8	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Arrack	47	10	2	21	49	11	1	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tea leaf	21	9	0	20	26	4	1	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cinnamon	1	2	1	4	3	10	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cacao	18	14	1	2	17	0	0	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cardamoms	9	15	1	14	5	0	3	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salt	119	7	3	0	73	15	0	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tobacco	22	9	1	3	21	19	0	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Beer, 3rd class	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tea Packing, 3rd class	4	9	1	23	8	16	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manure, 3rd class	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Plumbago, 3rd class	—	—	—	—	0	17	3	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other 3rd class Goods	941	8	0	24	865	14	0	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cinchona	—	—	—	—	6	11	3	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Coffee	16	7	3	2	9	17	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cocoanuts	107	8	2	0	127	1	1	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cocoanut Oil	55	0	2	12	41	13	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jopperah	56	4	1	19	18	13	0	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cotton	0	0	1	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poonac	106	13	2	1	115	13	2	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Staves	3	3	1	0	1	14	0	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tea	1,055	18	0	23	1,043	10	3	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Timber, wrought	20	8	0	14	86	4	0	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other 4th class Goods	278	14	1	10	299	0	3	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Timber at 5th class rate	19	8	1	0	31	2	2	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other 5th class Goods	210	14	0	4	195	7	1	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Timber at 6th class rate	—	—	—	—	3	12	1	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tea Packing, 6th class	225	5	1	4	193	10	2	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manure, 6th class	143	0	1	11	192	11	0	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Plumbago, 6th class	216	7	0	0	294	2	2	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Beer, 6th class	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Staves, 6th class	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other 6th class Goods	175	2	3	10	235	0	1	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bulky Articles and Road Metal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Railway Material	421	15	0	20	83	17	0	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Public Works Material	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prison Department Material	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Breakwater Material	2,454	1	0	0	2,261	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Petroleum	20	19	2	0	41	14	0	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Free Goods	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	8,555	11	2	25	8,159	6	2	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
									343	13	0	21	447	8	0	22

Total Quantities of the following Articles Exported from the Port of Colombo during the under-mentioned periods.

Vessels.	Date of Clearing.	For what Port.	Plantation Coffee.	Native Coffee.	Tea.	Cacao.	Trunk Cinchona.	Branch Cinchona.	Cinchona Chips.	Cocoanuts.	Copperah.	Cocoeant Oil.	Cocoeant Poonac.	Cinnamon.	Cinnamon Oil.	Citronella Oil.	Cardamoms.	Ebony.	Plumbago.	Coir Rope.	Coir Junk.	Coir Yarn.	Coir Fibre.	Sapan-wood.	Orchilla.	Kitool Fibre.	Deer Horns.
			cwt.	cwt.	lb.	cwt.	lb.	lb.	lb.	No.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	lb.	oz.	oz.	lb.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	lb.	lb.	cwt.	cwt.
COLOMBO.	1897.																										
ss. Ormusz ...	26/4	London ...	—	—	171584	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Clan Cameron ...	do.	do.	—	—	110987	97	80337	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Chanda ...	do.	Bombay ...	—	—	5460	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Ganges ...	do.	do.	—	—	6410	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Eridan ...	28/4	Calcutta ...	—	—	16799	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Gaekwar ...	29/4	London ...	—	—	1185158	51	2768	—	—	31585	1800	—	3410	39432*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Oceanien ...	do.	Marseilles...	—	—	580	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. City of Cam'dge ...	do.	do.	14	—	162372	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Arcadia ...	do.	do.	—	—	96564	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Tambow ...	do.	Odessa ...	—	—	71585	—	—	—	—	15000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Orotava ...	do.	Australia ...	90	—	385666	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Clan Matheson ...	do.	London ...	—	—	249036	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Clan Gordon ...	30/4	do.	—	—	—	312	—	—	—	—	156	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Eridan ...	do.	Calcutta ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	600	1971	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Golconda ...	do.	London ...	—	—	6400	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Chancellor ...	do.	do.	—	—	389938	148	58547	—	—	165150	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Massilia ...	do.	do.	—	—	197650	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Oriental ...	do.	do.	—	—	178877	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Maria Velerie...	do.	Tricote ...	—	—	3708	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Rewa ...	do.	London ...	—	—	306502	121	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Port Chalmers ...	do.	do.	404	—	295778	112	—	—	—	189155	—	5102	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Lancashire ...	do.	do.	172	—	895195	39	—	—	—	35080	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
GALLE.																											
ss. Khandalla ...	27/4	Bombay ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	406	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Vasna ...	do.	Negapatam ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Nowshera ...	do.	Calcutta ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Nawab ...	do.	Bombay ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* And Chips 44,800 lb. † And Chips 11,200 lb. ‡ And Chips 2,883 lb.

Importation of Rice from Indian Ports during the Week.

TO COLOMBO:—		TO GALLE:—	
From Calcutta ...	Bags 18,468	From Southern India ...	Bags 13,401
Southern India ...	" 21,975		
Total ...	Bags 40,443		

LIONEL F. LEE,
Principal Collector.

Customs, Colombo, May 4, 1897.

GEORGE J. A. SKENE, GOVERNMENT PRINTER, COLOMBO, CEYLON.