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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, January 26, 1900.

BENGAL.—No. 252.

Eastern Archipelago—Gillolo Passage—Bougainville Strait—Coral Bank discovered.

The British Admiralty has given notice (No. 764 of 1899) of the existence of a coral bank, with a depth of 7 fathoms over it, in the western entrance to Bougainville strait; it is situated with the south point of Ruib island bearing N. 47° E., distant 5 miles, and the west extreme of Balabalak island N. 24° W.

Approximate position: lat. 0° 7½' S., long. 130° 6¼' E.

It is thought probable from the discolouration of the sea that there is less water on the above bank, and that it is connected with the 5-fathom patch, 3 miles to the southward.

Variation, 2° easterly in 1899.

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This notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Eastern Archipelago, No. 942*b*; also Eastern Archipelago, Part I., 1890, page 460.

P. J. FALLE, Comdr., R.I.M.,
Port Officer of Calcutta.

Calcutta, December 30, 1899.

BENGAL.—No. 253.

Red Sea—Massawa Channel—Sheik ul Abu Light re-exhibited.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 73, dated April 11, 1899, issued by this office, the British Admiralty has given further notice (No. 766 of 1899) that Sheik ul Abu light (white fixed), Massawa channel, is re-exhibited.

Sheik ul Abu light exhibits the characteristics given in the Admiralty List of Lights, Part V., 1899, No. 1,344. Approximate position: lat. 16° 2' N., long. 39° 25' E.

This notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Massawa Channel, No. 164; also List of Lights, 1899, Parts V., No. 1,344; VI., No. 157; Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Pilot, 1892, page 218; and Hydrographic Notice No. 4 of 1894, relating to that work, page 6.

P. J. FALLE, Comdr., R.I.M.,
Port Officer of Calcutta.

Calcutta, December 30, 1899.

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BENGAL.—No. 1.

Australia, East Coast—Claremont Point—Reef to the Eastward.

The British Admiralty has given notice (No. 777 of 1899) that a group of coral heads, having depths over them of $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 fathoms, exist nearly midway between Aye (i) and Eff (f) reefs, eastward of Claremont point, inner route.

The shoalest head of $4\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms is situated nearly in the centre of the group, and from it Eff (f) reef beacon bears S. 35° E., distant 3 miles, and Claremont point S. 89° W.

Approximate position; lat. $14^{\circ} 1' 0''$ S., long. $143^{\circ} 49' 20''$ E.

From this shoal head the foul ground extends about $7\frac{1}{2}$ cables to the north-westward and south-eastward, and $4\frac{1}{2}$ cables to the north-eastward and south-westward. The depth between the heads varies from 7 to 10 fathoms, soft mud bottom.

The beacon on Aye reef is situated one cable northward of the southern extremity of the reef, and not in the position shown at present on the Chart.

Variation, 5° easterly in 1899.

This notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Claremont point to Cape Direction, No. 2,921; Turtle group to Claremont point, No. 2,922; also Australia Directory, vol. II., 1898, page 385.

P. J. FALLE, Comdr., R.I.M.,
Port Officer of Calcutta.

Calcutta, January 2, 1900.

BENGAL.—No. 2.

Australia—North-west Coast—Non-existence of Strathmore Rock.

The British Admiralty has given notice (No. 778 of 1899) that an unsuccessful search had been made for the Strathmore rock, reported to be situated about 12 or 15 miles north-westward of point Cloates.

Deep water was found on the charted position of the reef, and there being a good swell rolling at the time, any danger within 5 miles of the spot would have been

indicated by breakers. Several masters of steam vessels who have navigated in this locality for years state that there is no danger anywhere near the assigned position of this rock.

The original report of this rock was received from Port Adelaide, where the master of the ketch Strathmore reported having struck on a rock about 12 miles north-westward of point Cloates, carrying away a portion of the centre-board; it is also stated that the ketch touched at night.

As two other surveying vessels have also passed over the position of this rock without finding any indication of it, its existence anywhere near the charted position or far from the shore is considered disproved, and it has in consequence been erased from the Admiralty Charts.

Approximate position: lat. $22^{\circ} 33' S.$, long. $113^{\circ} 29' E$

This notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Australia, northern portion, No. 2,759a; Bedout island to Cape Cuvier, No. 1,055; also Australia Directory, vol. III., 1895, page 306.

P. J. FALLE, Comdr., R.I.M.,
Calcutta, January 2, 1900. Port Officer of Calcutta.

BENGAL.—No. 3.

Eastern Archipelago—Batavia Approach—Reef discovered Northward of Jajung, Thousand Islands.

The British Admiralty has given notice (No. 782 of 1899) that a reef with a depth over it of 3 fathoms, stony bottom, exists to the northward of Jajung, Thousand islands; it is steep to, having depths of from 13 to 15 fathoms around it, and is situated in approximately lat. $5^{\circ} 28' 20'' S.$, long. $106^{\circ} 31' 40'' E.$

This notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Sunda Strait, No. 2,056; also Eastern Archipelago, Part II., 1893, page 74; Supplement, 1899, relating to that work, page 8; and China Sea Directory, vol. I., 1896, page 379.

P. J. FALLE, Comdr., R.I.M.,
Port Officer of Calcutta.

Calcutta, January 2, 1900.

THE value of the £ sterling will till further notice be calculated in the assessment of Customs duty at the rate of 1s. $4\frac{3}{4}d.$ to the rupee.

H. M. Customs,
Colombo, January 31, 1900.

W. H. JACKSON,
for Principal Collector.

Total Quantities of the following Articles Exported from the Ports of Colombo and Galle during the under-mentioned periods.

Vessels.	Date of Clearing.	For what Port.	Plantation Coffee.	Native Coffee.	Tea.	Cacao.	Trunk Cinnamon.	Branch Cinnamon.	Cinnamon Chips.	Cocoanuts.	Copper.	Cocoanut Oil.	Cocoanut Ponnac.	Cinnamon.	Cinnamon Oil.	Citronella.	Cardamoms.	Ebony.	Pumbeago.	Coir Rope.	Coir Junk.	Coir Yarn.	Coir Fibre.	Sapan-wood.	Orchilla.	Kiteool Fibre.	Deer Horns.	
COLOMBO.	1900																											
ss. Sachsen	23-1	Singapore&c			581																							
ss. Umzinto	23-1	Cape Ports			3500																							
ss. Umbhote	23-1	do.																										
ss. Victoria	23-1	London			97992																							
ss. Clan Macleod	23-1	do.			239161																							
ss. Korbela	23-1	Bombay			2188																							
ss. Ortona	24-1	Australia			77339																							
ss. Orizaba	24-1	do.			162224																							
ss. Karlsruhe	24-1	Singapore&c			23880																							
ss. Duke of West-	24-1	minister			10929																							
ss. Duke of Suther-	24-1	land			9947																							
ss. Salazie	24-1	China			1000																							
ss. Japan	27-1	London			1061564					50050																		
ss. Mombassa	27-1	do.			1113																							
ss. Weimar	27-1	Bremen, &c			9528																							
ss. Austral	27-1	London			382068																							
ss. Rewa	27-1	do.			3811																							
ss. Sanuki Maru	27-1	do.			635784																							
ss. Coromandel	27-1	Bombay Ports			10278																							
ss. Umkuzi	27-1	Cape Ports			19930																							
ss. Clan Ross	27-1	London			692537																							
ss. Malacca	27-1	do.																										
GALLE.	1900																											
Nil.																												

* And Chips 942 lb. † And Chips 4,000 lb.

Importation of Rice from Indian Ports during the Week.

TO COLOMBO :-		TO GALLE :-	
From Calcutta	Southern India	From Calcutta	Southern India
... Bags	12,528	... Bags	18,601
... "	15,597	... "	2,568
Total ...	Bags 28,125	Total ...	Bags 21,169

H. M. Customs,
Colombo, February 1, 1900.

W. H. JACKSON,
for Principal Collector.