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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's Office, Colonial Secretary.
Colombo, March 27, 1898.

BENGAL.—No. 56.

Bay of Bengal—Burma Coast—The "Medusa" first struck on a Rock.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 44, dated February 21, issued by this Office, the Port Officer, Rangoon, has given further notice that the master of the steamer Medusa reports that that vessel first struck a rock two miles north-west of Table island before becoming a wreck in the position previously notified.

B. P. CREAGH, Comdr., R.I.M.,
Port Officer of Calcutta.
Calcutta, March 1, 1898.

BENGAL.—No. 57.

Australia, Inner Route—Howick Group—Sunken Rock westward of Houghton Island.

The British Admiralty has given notice (No. 53 of 1898) of the existence of a rock with a depth of 18 ft. on it at low water springs, situated in a position with

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Howick island, summit (206) bearing about N. 65° E., distant 2½ miles; and western extreme of Howick island N. 7° W.

Approximate position: lat. 14° 31' 20" S., long. 144° 57' 10" E.

Variation, 6° easterly in 1898.

B. P. CREAGH, Comdr., R.I.M.,
Port Officer of Calcutta.
Calcutta, March 3, 1898.

BENGAL.—No. 58.

Celebes, East Coast—Gulf of Tomini—Coral Patch eastward of Silabian Point.

The British Admiralty has given notice (No. 54 of 1898) of the existence of a very small patch of sand and coral, with a depth of 3 ft. on it, and no bottom at 70 fathoms close to all round, situated in a position about 3 miles eastward of Silabian point, or approximately in lat. 0° 21' 0" N., long. 120° 25' 45" E.

B. P. CREAGH, Comdr., R.I.M.,
Port Officer of Calcutta.
Calcutta, March 3, 1898.

BENGAL.—No. 59.

Ceylon, South-west Coast—Point de Galle Approach—Non-existence of Luna Horowa Rock.

The British Admiralty has given notice (No. 55 of 1898) that information has been received from the Master

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Attendant at Point de Galle, dated December 22, 1897, that he recently examined the locality in which Luna Horowa rock has hitherto been shown on the Admiralty Charts, viz.; bearing S. E. $\frac{3}{4}$ S., distant $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile, from Unawatti point, and found not less than 10 fathoms in that position.

The fishermen state that the name Horowa rock is applied to a 3-fathom patch which lies about a cable south-westward of Bellows rock, and on which the sea breaks heavily in the south-west monsoon, and that no other shoal is known in the vicinity.

Luna Horowa rock (P. D.) has consequently been expunged from the Admiralty Charts, and the danger line has been extended one cable south-westward of Bellows rock.

Approximate position, Bellows rock : lat. $5^{\circ} 59' 45''$ N., long. $80^{\circ} 14' 30''$ E.

Variation, 1° easterly in 1898.

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

Calcutta, March 3, 1898.

CHINA.—No. 14.

Buoyage of Hainan Strait.

Notice is hereby given that the Hainan head bank buoy has been shifted about two cables to the south-westward of its former position on account of the extension of the bank in that direction, and that it is now moored in 35 ft. at low water of spring tides with the summit of Hainan bluff, bearing about S. 65° W. and distant about $17\frac{1}{2}$ cables.

Directions.

With the Hainan head bank buoy in the position above described and the Riversdale rock and the Hainan reef buoys in their advertised positions, vessels entering the south channel from the eastward should pass say 2 cables N. E. of the Riversdale rock buoy and then steer to pass say 1 cable S. W. of the Hainan head bank buoy, taking care to guard against being set towards the shore, and remembering that it is safe to borrow towards the banks on the starboard hand, of which the lead, which should be kept going, will give warning; while on the other side the bottom is rocky and uneven and the lead gives no warning. The Hainan reef buoy may be rounded at a distance of 1 cable or more at discretion.

Custom House, C. J. PRICE,
Kiungchow, December 28, 1897. Harbour Master.

CHINA.—No. 316.

China Sea—Foochow District—Haitan Strait—Range Beacons established.

Notice is hereby given that two range beacons have been established on the north-eastern slope of Pass island, indicating a bearing of N. $20\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W., to guide vessels through the narrows of Wilson channel, each beacon having a diamond-shaped top mark, the northern one with a white field and the central portion black, and the southern one with a black field and the central portion white.

Also that two range beacons have been established on the south-eastern slope of Slut island with the summit of the island (a boulder painted white with a vertical black stripe in the middle) and the middle of Cow's Horn Peak directly in line, bearing N. $8\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W., to guide vessels in the fairway between the reefs which extend from Mitre rock and the Chiuniang rocks, lying about 6 cables E.S.E. from Mitre rock, the highest of which dries 8 ft. at low water springs. Each of these beacons has a triangular top mark painted white with a vertical black stripe in the middle, the triangle on the northern one being inverted.

Directions.

According to soundings obtained during the present month, a vessel bound to the northward should keep the beacons on Pass island in line from the time when Quoin hill is on with Tyne-yung-shan peak, bearing about W. $\frac{3}{4}$ S., till the southern end of the middle one of the Rocky islands is on with the Fort bearing from it W. by N. $\frac{1}{4}$ N., and then haul out so as to pass about 3 cables to the eastward of Black rocks. The least depth found with the beacons in line was 15 ft. at low water of the lowest spring tides, about half-way between the north side of Middle island on with Town point and the last bearing given above.

The beacons on Slut island, if brought in line when inner rock bears east and kept so till Mitre rock bears west, will lead well clear of all known dangers.

All bearings given are magnetic.

By order of the Inspector-General of Customs,

A. M. BISBEE,
Coast Inspector.

Imperial Maritime Customs,
Shanghai, December 27, 1897.

The following information has been received:—

From H.M.S. Grafton.

Labuan, North Channel.

A shoal with two fathoms on it lies in approximate position: lat. $5^{\circ} 18' 30''$ N., long. $115^{\circ} 17' 0''$ E.
China, vol. II., page 163, charts 2,109, 1,844.

Pezang Harbour.

The mooring buoy marked on chart 1,366 has been removed. A yellow hulk now occupies the position.

ALEX. BULLER,
Admiral.

CHINA.—No. 317.

China Sea—Yangtze River—Kiukiang District—Two-fathom Creek Beacon Light.

Notice is hereby given that the two-fathom Creek beacon light has been shifted 700 yards N. 52° W. from its last position in consequence of the washing away of the river bank.

By order of the Inspector-General of Customs,

Imperial Maritime Customs, A. M. BISBEE,
Shanghai, January 15, 1898. Coast Inspector.

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

Customs, Colombo, March 31, 1898.

LIONEL F. LEE,
Principal Collector.

THE following telegram received from the Government of Bombay is hereby published for general information:—

“The British Consul at Alexandria telegraphs: 25th March last plague rules enforced in Egypt against arrivals from Jeddah on account of plague there.”

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, March 30, 1898.

By His Excellency's the Governor's command,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

THE following telegram received from the Government of Bombay is hereby published for general information:—

“The British Consul at Alexandria telegraphs: Quarantine removed on arrivals from Assyr. Plague rules applied to arrivals from Hongkong, and provisionally to Raselisvad in Hedjaz, pending receipt of information as to the isolation.”

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 1, 1898.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

Ceylon Government Railways.—Comparative Statement of Traffic for the Month ended January 31, 1898.

Receipts from	Month ended January 31, 1898.			Month ended January 31, 1897.			Month ended January 31, 1898.			Increase— 1898 over 1897.			Decrease— 1898 below 1897.			
	No.	Rs.	c.	No.	Rs.	c.	No.	Rs.	c.	No.	Rs.	c.	No.	Rs.	c.	
Passengers, Ordinary & Specials	438,527	178,796	68	401,553	196,589	14	399,459	198,322	50	—	—	—	2,094	—	—	
Coolies	3,445	3,827	29	5,226	4,062	44	7,121	5,024	9	1,895	2,233	36	—	—	—	
Season Tickets	742	9,729	48	785	12,638	67	733	12,184	7	—	—	—	2	449	60	
Total Passengers	442,714	192,353	45	407,514	213,285	25	407,313	216,030	66	—	2,745	41	201	—	—	
Parcels	34,042	9,578	85	34,100	9,892	5	38,736	12,026	11	4,636	2,134	6	—	—	—	
Horses	331	2,514	71	311	2,271	9	274	1,786	28	—	—	—	37	484	81	
Carriages	76	848	64	69	899	29	63	958	65	—	—	—	6	—	—	
Bicycles, &c.	149	125	74	636	451	93	770	518	32	134	66	34	—	—	—	
Dogs	583	430	25	461	326	25	395	288	50	—	—	—	66	37	75	
Other small Animals	46	44	81	31	30	59	23	33	24	—	—	—	8	—	—	
Neat Cattle	—	—	—	6	35	79	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	35	79	
Mails	—	4,452	80	—	4,373	89	—	4,373	89	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Miscellaneous Coaching & Goods	—	949	81	—	1,201	33	—	1,270	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Goods Tons	37,771	368,495	56	33,514	344,364	78	42,103	396,677	80	8,589	52,313	2	—	—	—	
Miscellaneous Goods	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Live Stock	2,807	1,205	0	1,059	809	25	2,638	1,414	32	1,579	605	7	—	—	—	
General Miscellaneous	—	3,601	47	—	3,076	81	—	2,971	38	—	—	—	—	—	105	43
Total for the Month	—	584,601	9	—	581,018	35	—	688,349	65	—	57,331	30	—	—	—	
Corresponding period of previous Year	—	541,414	73	—	584,601	9	—	581,018	35	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Increase	—	43,186	36	—	—	—	—	57,331	30	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Decrease	—	—	—	—	3,582	74	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Traffic Train Mileage this Month	98,348	—	—	97,785	—	—	100,948	—	—	3,163	—	—	—	—	—	
Corresponding period of previous Year	96,975	—	—	98,348	—	—	97,785	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Increase	1,373	—	—	—	—	—	3,163	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Decrease	—	—	—	563	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

Particulars of Goods Conveyed.	Month ended January 31, 1898.				January 1 to January 31, 1898.				January 1 to January 31, 1897.				Increase in 1898.				Decrease in 1898.						
	Tons	cwt.	qr.	lb.	Tons	cwt.	qr.	lb.	Tons	cwt.	qr.	lb.	Tons	cwt.	qr.	lb.	Tons	cwt.	qr.	lb.			
First class Goods	50	1	0	0	50	1	0	0	27	8	0	0	22	13	0	0	—	—	—	—			
Kerosine Oil	116	16	0	0	116	16	0	0	99	3	0	0	17	13	0	0	—	—	—	—			
Other 2nd class Goods	565	2	0	0	565	2	0	0	557	19	0	0	7	3	0	0	—	—	—	—			
Rice	9,592	15	0	0	9,592	15	0	0	7,611	19	0	0	1,980	16	0	0	—	—	—	—			
Arrack	258	3	0	0	258	3	0	0	273	16	0	0	—	—	—	—	20	13	0	0			
Tea Leaf	53	3	0	0	53	3	0	0	33	14	0	0	—	—	—	—	30	11	0	0			
Cinnamon	9	2	0	0	9	2	0	0	17	11	0	0	—	—	—	—	8	9	0	0			
Cacao	468	12	0	0	468	12	0	0	325	19	0	0	142	13	0	0	—	—	—	—			
Cardamoms	30	6	0	0	30	6	0	0	29	17	0	0	0	9	0	0	—	—	—	—			
Salt	361	0	0	0	361	0	0	0	369	17	0	0	—	—	—	—	8	17	0	0			
Tobacco	42	12	0	0	42	12	0	0	51	11	0	0	—	—	—	—	8	19	0	0			
Beer, 3rd class	22	13	0	0	22	13	0	0	13	3	0	0	9	10	0	0	—	—	—	—			
Tea Packing, 3rd class	24	19	0	0	24	19	0	0	28	8	0	0	—	—	—	—	3	9	0	0			
Manure, 3rd class	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	—	—	—	—	0	3	0	0	—	—	—	—			
Plumbago, 3rd class	99	1	0	0	99	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	96	0	0	0	—	—	—	—			
Other 3rd class Goods	4,258	2	0	0	4,258	2	0	0	3,241	8	0	0	1,016	14	0	0	—	—	—	—			
Cinchona	19	1	0	0	19	1	0	0	13	10	0	0	5	11	0	0	—	—	—	—			
Coffee	73	15	0	0	73	15	0	0	115	17	0	0	—	—	—	—	42	2	0	0			
Cocoanuts	404	10	0	0	404	10	0	0	479	5	0	0	—	—	—	—	74	15	0	0			
Cocoanut Oil	114	2	0	0	114	2	0	0	161	1	0	0	—	—	—	—	46	19	0	0			
Copperah	400	0	0	0	400	0	0	0	176	11	0	0	223	9	0	0	—	—	—	—			
Cotton	3	17	0	0	3	17	0	0	0	12	0	0	3	5	0	0	—	—	—	—			
Poonac	381	10	0	0	381	10	0	0	428	9	0	0	—	—	—	—	46	19	0	0			
Staves	52	10	0	0	52	10	0	0	17	1	0	0	35	9	0	0	—	—	—	—			
Tea	4,682	5	0	0	4,682	5	0	0	4,553	12	0	0	128	13	0	0	—	—	—	—			
Timber, Wrought	74	11	0	0	74	11	0	0	112	16	0	0	—	—	—	—	38	5	0	0			
Other 4th class Goods	1,510	7	0	0	1,510	7	0	0	1,606	12	0	0	—	—	—	—	96	5	0	0			
Timber at 5th class rate	211	15	0	0	211	15	0	0	155	1	0	0	56	14	0	0	—	—	—	—			
Other 5th class Goods	973	8	0	0	973	8	0	0	905	10	0	0	67	13	0	0	—	—	—	—			
Timber at 6th class rate	5	2	0	0	5	2	0	0	10	6	0	0	—	—	—	—	5	4	0	0			
Tea Packing, 6th class	1,261	19	0	0	1,261	19	0	0	1,053	14	0	0	208	5	0	0	—	—	—	—			
Manure, 6th class	876	0	0	0	876	0	0	0	604	18	0	0	271	2	0	0	—	—	—	—			
Plumbago, 6th class	1,166	11	0	0	1,166	11	0	0	555	17	0	0	610	14	0	0	—	—	—	—			
Beer, 6th class	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Staves, 6th class	6	2	0	0	6	2	0	0	—	—	—	—	6	2	0	0	—	—	—	—			
Other 6th class Goods	946	19	0	0	946	19	0	0	828	19	0	0	118	0	0	0	—	—	—	—			
Bulky Articles and Road Metal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Railway Material	2,235	6	0	0	2,235	6	0	0	753	12	0	0	1,481	14	0	0	—	—	—	—			
Public Works Material	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Prison Dept. Material	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Breakwater Material	10,538	0	0	0	10,538	0	0	0	8,076	15	0	0	2,461	5	0	0	—	—	—	—			
Petroleum	195	11	0	0	195	11	0	0	135	0	0	0	60	11	0	0	—	—	—	—			
Free Goods	17	13	0	0	17	13	0	0	29	5	0	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	12	0	0
Total	42,103	4	0	0	42,103	4	0	0	33,513	17	0	0	9,032	6	0	0	442	19	0	0			

Colombo, March 24, 1898.

W. CANTRELL, Acting General Manager.

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.	Cocanuts.	Copperah.	Cocanut Oil.	Cocanut Poonac.	Cinnamon.	Cinnamon Oil.	Oitronella Oil.	Cardamoms.	Ebony.	Plumbago.	Coir Rope.	Coir Junk.	Coir Yarn.	Coir Fibre.	Sapan-wood.	Orchilla.	Kitool Fibre.	Deer Horns.	
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ss. Nadir	23/3	Bombay										62.					478											
ss. Nairung	23/3	Bombay								250		170										13						
ss. Vasma	23/3	Tondi															6921						265					
ss. Orotava	26/3	London	149		718802	809																						
ss. Ceylon	26/3	London			376876	52					2395		2503															
ss. India	26/3	Australia			181196																							
ss. Ormuz	26/3	Australia	56		189869																							
ss. Oroya	26/3	London			136434																							
ss. Lusitania	26/3	Australia	54		100628																							

* And Chips 1,120 lb.

Importation of Rice from Indian and other Ports during the Week.

TO COLOMBO :-		TO GALLE :-	
From Bombay ...	60	From Calcutta...	9,961
Calcutta ...	6,850	... "	7,563
Rangoon ...	16,689	... "	...
Southern India	3,924	Total ...	Bags 17,624
Total ...	27,523		

LIONEL F. LEE,
Principal Collector.

Customs, Colombo, March 29, 1898.