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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 22, 1898.

BENGAL.—No. 64.

China Sea—Philippines—Luzon—Manilla Bay—Light at St. Nicholas' Bank.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 226, dated November 25, 1895, issued by this office, the British Admiralty has given further Notice (No. 83 of 1898) that information has been received that in the latter part of 1897 a light would be exhibited from this beacon.

St. Nicholas bank light is an electric flashing white light every minute, thus: flash, twenty seconds; eclipse, forty seconds; it is elevated 34 ft. above high water, and visible from all directions (except in eight small arcs of about 3° each, the bearings of which are not given) a distance of 4 miles in clear weather.

The lighthouse is an iron tower, standing upon a pyramidal base of masonry, situated in a depth of 2 fathoms, the whole showing 36 ft. above high water.

Approximate position: lat. 14° 26' 50" N, long. 120° 45' 20" E.

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

Calcutta, March 9, 1898.

BENGAL.—No. 65.

Pacific Ocean—Caroline Islands—Yap Island—Light and Buoys in Port Tomil.

The British Admiralty has given notice (No. 85 of 1898) that the light (fixed red), previously exhibited on the west side of the entrance to port Tomil, has been discontinued, and is not likely to be re-exhibited for some years.

Approximate position: lat. 9° 29' 15" N., long. 138° 4' 20" E.

Also that buoys have been placed in the under-mentioned positions; but as they frequently drift and are not at once replaced, they should not be relied on:—

1. A red buoy and a white buoy at the edge of the reef on the eastern side of the entrance.
2. Two red buoys at the entrance of the channel leading to Rull.
3. A white buoy at the southern extremity of the reef extending southward from Engnoth island.
4. A mooring buoy south-westward of Tarrang island for the use of vessels coaling there.

NOTE.—Only small vessels, of less than 6 ft. draught, can lie alongside the mole at Tarrang island; other vessels moor with an anchor from the bows and the stern secured to the mooring buoy.

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

Calcutta, March 9, 1898.

BENGAL.—No. 66.

Bay of Bengal—Nicobar and Kamorta Islands—Existence of certain dangers in these Islands.

The officer in charge of the Indian Marine Survey has given notice of the existence of the following dangers in the Nicobar Islands:—

Great Nicobar.—A depth of 4½ fathoms was obtained in lat. 6° 58' 15" N., long. 93° 40' 0" E., from which the left extreme of the land bore N. 27° W. Mount Thuillier N. 38 E. and Kopenheat point S. 80 E. This patch appeared to be small in extent with less water on it about 2 cables north of the depth of 4½ fathoms.

St. George's Channel Kondul Harbour.—A depth of 2½ fathoms was obtained in lat. 7° 11' 45" N., long. 93° 42' 50" E., S. 33° E., 9 cables from the S. E. point of Kondul Island and S. 72½ W. 2.2 miles from the village. R. I. M. S. Elphinstone when steaming into Kondul harbour from the westward could get no bottom at 17 fathoms close to depths of 11, 16, 6, and 10 fathoms shown in Admiralty Chart No. 840.

Kamorta Island.—A depth of 1 fathom was obtained in lat. 8° 7' N., long. 93° 26' E. with the left extreme of the land (Kamorta Id.), bearing N. 9° E. Hill 435 ft. N. 77½ E. and Mount Edgecombe 360 ft. S. 37° E. A report was made to the Lieutenant in Command R.I.M.S. Elphinstone that breakers have been seen W. N. W. of Dring harbour.

All bearings are true.

This notice affects Chart No. 810, Nicobar Islands, and Sailing Directions, Bay of Bengal Pilot, 1892, pages 268, 269, and 272.

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

Calcutta, March 9, 1898.

BENGAL.—No. 67.

Bay of Bengal—Burma Coast—Date of Exhibition of the 12-mile Light.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 243, dated December 27, 1897, issued by this office, a further telegraphic communication has been received from the Port Officer, Rangoon, stating that the 12-mile light on Spitlightvessel was exhibited from January 28 last.

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

Calcutta, March 12, 1898.

BENGAL.—No. 68.

Bay of Bengal—Burma Coast—Baragua Flats Light vessel resumed Station.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 238, dated December 14, 1897, issued by this office, the Port Officer, Rangoon, has given further notice that Baragua flats lightvessel has resumed her station exhibiting original light. Temporary lightvessel withdrawn.

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

Calcutta, March 12, 1898

BENGAL.—No. 69.

Bay of Bengal—Burma Coast—Gulf of Martaban—Exhibition of Amherst Point Light postponed.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 6, dated January 14 last the Port Officer, Rangoon, has given further notice that the exhibition of Amherst point light has been postponed to the end of April next.

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

Calcutta, March 12, 1898.

BENGAL.—No. 70.

South Pacific Ocean—New Zealand—Ice to the South-eastward.

The British Admiralty has given notice (No. 90 of 1898) that information has been received from the Manager of the Shaw Savill and Albion Company and others that large numbers of icebergs have been seen during the months of November and December, 1897, between the parallels of 46° 30' and 51° 0' south latitude, and the meridians of 175° E. and 165° W. longitude.

Icebergs in this area are rare, and Mariners are warned to avoid it for the present, if practicable; or to exercise great caution if obliged to pass through it.

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

Calcutta, March 14, 1898.

BENGAL.—No. 71.

Bay of Bengal—Orissa Coast.

Erratum.—In Notice to Mariners No. 34, dated February 9, 1898, paragraph 1, lines 2 and 3, for "N. 70° W." read "N. 79° W.," and in paragraph 2, lines 3 and 4, for "transit marks" read "transit marks on."

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

Calcutta, March 14, 1898

BENGAL.—No. 72.

India, South—Indian Ocean—A large red painted Conical Buoy with Staff adrift.

The Master of the ss. Okara reports having passed at 0.20 A.M., on the morning of the 4th instant, a large red painted conical buoy with staff, and with white letters on side B.L. or C.L. Position of ship, lat. 3.59 S., long. 72.06 E.; current setting N., 49 E. 1½ knot, per hour.

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

Calcutta, March 16, 1898.

LIST of Persons licensed under Ordinance No. 15 of 1889, during March, 1898, to practise as Auctioneers and Brokers:—

Auctioneers.

27. Henry Stephen Schubert.
28. Alfred Francis Gay.
29. William Somerville.
30. Walter Seale.
31. Walter Edward Keell.
32. Edmund James Koelman.
33. Reginald Marshall John.
34. Lionel Otley Leefe.
35. Mana Kawanna Muna Navoor Meera.

Brokers.

34. William Somerville.
35. Walter Seale.
36. Walter Edward Keell.
37. Terumalavasel Vythilingan Kathervalu Pulle.
38. James Hesse.
39. Vyramuttu Welluppillai.
40. A. Don Marthelis de Silva.
41. Reginald Marshall John.
42. Charles Edward Haslop.
43. Stephen William Wallace.

The Municipal Office,
Colombo, April 18, 1898.

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Acting Chairman and
Mayor of Colombo.

Ceylon Government Railways.—Comparative Statement of Traffic for the Month ended February 28, 1898.

Receipts from	Month ended February 28, 1898.			Month ended February 28, 1897.			Month ended February 28, 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 & Special	412,474	165,542	95	358,649	177,117	11	362,788	178,608	62	4,089	1,491	51	—	—	—	
Coolies	4,754	5,937	51	7,978	6,254	44	7,475	5,487	56	—	—	—	503	766	88	
Season Tickets	411	1,655	95	400	2,002	84	377	1,605	22	—	—	—	23	397	62	
Total Passengers	417,639	173,136	41	367,027	185,374	39	370,590	185,701	40	3,563	327	1	—	—	—	
Parcels	31,813	8,972	39	34,076	9,729	7	39,089	11,929	90	5,013	2,200	83	—	—	—	
Horses	807	2,080	37	310	1,897	49	287	1,956	9	—	58	60	23	—	—	
Carriages	91	1,046	16	68	865	2	55	671	42	—	6	40	13	—	—	
Bicycles, &c.	158	137	97	522	398	98	692	411	5	170	12	7	—	—	—	
Dogs	430	314	55	415	285	40	382	259	45	—	—	—	38	25	95	
Other small Animals	41	48	41	37	34	44	15	18	27	—	—	—	22	16	17	
Neat Cattle	2	28	88	2	25	96	7	70	51	5	44	55	—	—	—	
Mails	—	4,156	72	—	4,069	60	—	3,967	72	—	—	—	—	—	101	88
Miscellaneous Coaching & Goods	—	845	72	—	1,057	67	—	1,104	73	—	47	6	—	—	—	
Goods Tons	33,744	311,742	17	33,999	338,050	91	36,808	341,348	39	2,809	3,297	48	—	—	—	
Miscellaneous Goods	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Live Stock	3,155	1,278	50	1,439	675	75	1,676	1,071	50	237	395	75	—	—	—	
General Miscellaneous	—	3,251	2	—	3,935	12	—	6,527	53	—	2,592	41	—	—	—	
Total for the Month	—	507,034	27	—	546,199	80	—	555,037	96	—	8,338	16	—	—	—	
Corresponding period of previous Year	—	1028454	35	—	1091635	36	—	1127218	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Increase	—	68,181	1	—	35,582	79	—	66,169	46	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Decrease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Traffic Train Mileage this Month	90,729	—	—	92,492	—	—	90,787	—	—	—	—	—	1,705	—	—	
Corresponding period of previous Year	184,597	—	—	189,077	—	—	190,277	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Increase	4,480	—	—	1,200	—	—	1,458	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Decrease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

Particulars of Goods Conveyed.	Month ended February 28, 1898.				January 1 to February 28, 1898.				January 1 to February 28, 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	28	11	0	0	78	12	0	0	53	15	0	0	24	17	0	0	—	—	—	—
Kerosine Oil	94	1	0	0	210	17	0	0	187	0	0	0	23	17	0	0	—	—	—	—
Other 2nd class Goods	704	19	0	0	1,270	1	0	0	1,227	13	0	0	42	8	0	0	—	—	—	—
Rice	7,049	15	0	0	17,242	10	0	0	15,301	8	0	0	1,941	2	0	0	—	—	—	—
Arrack	142	16	0	0	400	19	0	0	432	12	0	0	—	—	—	—	31	13	0	0
Tea Leaf	58	8	0	0	111	11	0	0	144	16	0	0	—	—	—	—	33	5	0	0
Cinnamon	31	15	0	0	40	17	0	0	26	4	0	0	14	13	0	0	—	—	—	—
Cacao	302	15	0	0	771	7	0	0	579	4	0	0	192	3	0	0	—	—	—	—
Cardamoms	37	13	0	0	67	19	0	0	50	18	0	0	17	1	0	0	—	—	—	—
Salt	275	8	0	0	636	8	0	0	644	14	0	0	—	—	—	—	8	6	0	0
Tobacco	76	1	0	0	118	13	0	0	117	10	0	0	1	3	0	0	—	—	—	—
Beer, 3rd class	15	13	0	0	38	6	0	0	30	19	0	0	7	7	0	0	—	—	—	—
Tea Packing, 3rd class	8	14	0	0	33	13	0	0	47	19	0	0	—	—	—	—	14	6	0	0
Manure, 3rd class	1	14	0	0	1	17	0	0	—	—	—	—	1	17	0	0	—	—	—	—
Plumbago, 3rd class	21	1	0	0	120	2	0	0	3	1	0	0	117	1	0	0	—	—	—	—
Other 3rd class Goods	3,458	7	0	0	7,716	9	0	0	6,317	7	0	0	1,399	2	0	0	—	—	—	—
Cinchona	50	3	0	0	69	4	0	0	13	10	0	0	55	14	0	0	—	—	—	—
Coffee	51	18	0	0	125	13	0	0	200	2	0	0	—	—	—	—	74	9	0	0
Cocoanuts	395	2	0	0	799	12	0	0	808	10	0	0	—	—	—	—	8	18	0	0
Cocoanut Oil	128	12	0	0	242	14	0	0	333	11	0	0	—	—	—	—	90	17	0	0
Copperah	165	5	0	0	565	5	0	0	313	1	0	0	252	4	0	0	—	—	—	—
Cotton	2	11	0	0	6	8	0	0	0	19	0	0	5	9	0	0	—	—	—	—
Poonac	436	10	0	0	818	0	0	0	898	10	0	0	—	—	—	—	80	10	0	0
Staves	27	17	0	0	80	7	0	0	36	0	0	0	44	7	0	0	—	—	—	—
Tea	3,812	12	0	0	8,494	17	0	0	8,744	18	0	0	—	—	—	—	250	1	0	0
Timber, Wrought	68	4	0	0	142	15	0	0	236	8	0	0	—	—	—	—	93	13	0	0
Other 4th class Goods	1,466	6	0	0	2,976	13	0	0	2,696	5	0	0	280	8	0	0	—	—	—	—
Timber at 5th class rate	271	8	0	0	433	3	0	0	296	9	0	0	186	14	0	0	—	—	—	—
Other 5th class Goods	784	13	0	0	1,758	1	0	0	1,719	12	0	0	38	9	0	0	—	—	—	—
Timber at 6th class rate	10	13	0	0	15	15	0	0	10	6	0	0	5	9	0	0	—	—	—	—
Tea Packing, 6th class	855	13	0	0	2,117	12	0	0	2,011	4	0	0	106	8	0	0	—	—	—	—
Manure, 6th class	732	15	0	0	1,608	15	0	0	1,499	7	0	0	109	8	0	0	—	—	—	—
Plumbago, 6th class	1,278	0	0	0	2,444	11	0	0	1,345	13	0	0	1,098	18	0	0	—	—	—	—
Beer, 6th class	—	—	—	—	6	2	0	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Staves, 6th class	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	2	0	0	—	—	—	—
Other 6th class Goods	838	13	0	0	1,735	12	0	0	1,567	11	0	0	218	1	0	0	—	—	—	—
Bulky Articles and Road Metal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Railway Material	2,028	10	0	0	4,263	16	0	0	2,632	9	0	0	1,631	7	0	0	—	—	—	—
Public Works Material	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prison Dept. Material	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Breakwater Material	10,320	19	0	0	20,858	19	0	0	16,643	9	0	0	4,215	10	0	0	—	—	—	—
Petroleum	153	9	0	0	349	0	0	0	259	11	0	0	89	9	0	0	—	—	—	—
Free Goods	21	2	0	0	38	15	0	0	81	1	0	0	—	—	—	—	42	6	0	0
Total	36,808	6	0	0	78,911	10	0	0	67,513	6	0	0	12,126	8	0	0	728	4	0	0

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.	Cocconut Oil.	Cocconut Ponnac.	Cinnamon.	Cinnamon Oil.	Oitronella Oil.	Cardamoms.	Ebony.	Pumabago.	Coir Rope.	Coir Junk.	Coir Yarn.	Coir Fibre.	Sapan-wood.	Orehilla.	Kitcool Fibre.	Deer Horns.								
COLOMBO.																																			
ss. Saanuki Maru...	13/4	London	47		225049	596				52300	1287		3636	27308	2391		3236		4255																
ss. Java	13/4	London	125		363494	77							3928																						
ss. Sumatra	13/4	London			211300	351																													
ss. City of Dublin	15/4	London			477880	464				91120			3004																						
ss. Dictator	15/4	London	82		641598				1550																										
ss. Mombassa	15/4	Calcutta			500																														
ss. Aglaja	16/4	Bombay			2400																														
ss. Hockhemien	16/4	Calcutta																																	
ss. Junna	16/4	London			13160																														
ss. Port Melbourne	16/4	London			120429																														
GALLE.																																			
ss. Chanda	9/4	Calcutta																																	
ss. Nurani	9/4	Bombay																																	
ss. Clan Macleann...	13/4	London			12810																														
ss. Nawab	15/4	Calcutta																																	

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

TO COLOMBO :-	TO GALLE :-
From Bombay ...	Bags 911
Calcutta ...	" 19,073
Pooree ...	" 2,300
False Point ...	" 10,683
Rangoon ...	" 7,150
Southern India ...	" 16,965
Total ...	Bags 57,082

Customs, Colombo, April 19, 1898.

W. H. JACKSON,
for Principal Collector.