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NOTICES TO MARINERS.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to direct 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, October 21, 1897.

BENGAL.—No. 174.

Australia, South Coast—Spencer Gulf—Amended particulars of Shoal South-east of Dangerous Reef.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 254, dated December 19, 1896, issued by this office, the British Admiralty has given further notice (No. 448 of 1897) that the shoal, reported about 2½ miles S.S.E. from Dangerous reef, is about three-quarter of a mile in length east and west and a quarter of a mile wide within the 5 fathom line; the least depth on it, 7 ft. at low water springs, is situated near the centre of the shoal in a position with the highest part of Dangerous reef bearing N. W., distant 2½ miles.

The sea occasionally breaks heavily on the centre of the shoal in southerly gales.

Approximate position: lat. 34° 51' S., long. 136° 14' 30" E.

Variation 5° easterly in 1897.

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Port Officer of Calcutta.

Calcutta, September 11, 1897.

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BENGAL.—No. 175.

Pacific Ocean—Fiji Islands.—Viti Levu—Beacon and Buoy in Suva Harbour.

The British Admiralty has given notice (No. 453 of 1897) that a black beacon, consisting of a boarded framework, surmounted by a rectangular topmark, the top of which is about 15 ft. above the level of high water springs, has been erected at the southern extremity of the spit which dries at low water springs, southward of Low Clifty point.

From the beacon Low Clifty point bears N. N. E. distant 5¼ cables; and Walou beacon E. ¼ S.

Approximate position on plan No. 1,757: lat. 18° 7' 35" S., long. 178° 24' 55" E.

NOTE.—A light may occasionally be shown from this beacon when large vessels are leaving the harbour.

Also, that a white *Cush* buoy has been placed on the patch, with a depth of 4½ fathoms on it, situated with the steamer pier lighthouse bearing E. ½ N., distant 5 ⅓ cables.

Variation 10° easterly in 1897.

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Calcutta, September 11, 1897.

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BENGAL—No. 176.

*Pacific Ocean—Fiji Islands—Vanua Levu—Sunken Rock
East-North-East of Vendua Island.*

The British Admiralty has given notice (No. 454 of 1897) of the existence of a pinnacle rock, on which he sounded from a boat and obtained a least depth of about 11 ft. at low water, in the channel westward of Nai Thombo Thombo point.

The position of the rock cannot be accurately fixed by the bearings given, but it is probably situated in approximately lat. $16^{\circ} 47' S.$, long. $178^{\circ} 24\frac{1}{2}' E.$

The words "Rock with $1\frac{1}{2}$ fathom over it reported hereabouts" have been written on the Admiralty Chart near the above position.

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Port Officer of Calcutta.

Calcutta, September 11, 1897.

BENGAL.—No. 180.

*China Sea—Pescadores Islands—Fougan—Foul Ground
South South-east of Rock South Eastward of Lichiu Point.*

The British Admiralty has given notice (No. 484 of 1897) that foul ground, with depths of 11 to 20 ft. on it at low water springs, coral bottom, extends apparently for a distance of 3 cables, with a width of $1\frac{1}{2}$ cable, in a S.S.E. direction from the rock bearing S.E. $\frac{1}{4} S.$, distant $1\frac{1}{4}$ mile from Lichiu point.

From the southern extremity of the foul ground Round Island bears N. $28^{\circ} E.$, distant $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile; and Three Islands S. $86^{\circ} E.$

Approximate position: lat. $23^{\circ} 31' 25'' N.$, long. $119^{\circ} 42' 5'' E.$

The rock from which the foul ground extends dries about 4 ft. at low water.

Variation, nil in 1897.

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

Calcutta, September 18, 1897.

BENGAL.—No. 181.

*Japan—Miaco Sima—Rock reported Northwestward
of Metsund Island.*

The British Admiralty has given notice (No. 485 of 1897) that the master of the steamvessel Owari Maru reports having touched on a rock, situated approximately in lat. $24^{\circ} 47' N.$, long. $124^{\circ} 38' E.$

Breakers extended half a mile northwestward from the above position.

The symbol for a rock with less than 6 ft. water on it, with the words "reported, 1897, P.D.," written against it, has been placed on the Admiralty Chart in the above position.

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

Calcutta, September 18, 1897.

BENGAL.—No. 182.

*New Zealand—Cook Strait—North Island—Delay in
exhibition of Cape Palliser Light.*

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 43 (2), dated March 1, 1897, issued by this office, the British Admiralty

has given further notice (No. 489 of 1897) that Cape Palliser light will not be ready for exhibition until about the middle of October, 1897:—

Cape Palliser (Rocky point) light will be a dioptric group flashing white light with a period of thirty seconds, showing two flashes, separated by an interval of three seconds in each group.

It will be elevated 258 ft. above high water, and visible seaward over an arc of 214° , a distance of 23 miles in clear weather.

Approximate position: lat. $41^{\circ} 36' 45'' S.$, long. $175^{\circ} 18' 45'' E.$

Further notice will be given when the date of the exhibition of the light is known.

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

Calcutta, September 18, 1897.

BENGAL.—No. 183.

*New Zealand, North Island—Port Nicholson—Buoy
eastward of Steeple Rock.*

The British Admiralty has given notice (No. 493 of 1897) that a flock can buoy has been moored in a position with Steeple rock bearing N. $88^{\circ} W.$, distant $1\frac{1}{2}$ cable; and Pencarrow head lighthouse S. $21^{\circ} E.$

Approximate position: lat. $41^{\circ} 19' 30'' S.$, long. $174^{\circ} 50' 50'' E.$

NOTE.—Vessels should pass eastward of this buoy, and by night, when in its vicinity, keep in the sector of white light shown from Somes island lighthouse, as the junction of the red and white sectors of that light passes immediately over the buoy.

Variation, 15° easterly in 1897.

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

Calcutta, September 18, 1897.

BENGAL.—No. 184.

*Japan—Nipon—Sendai Bay—Dangers in approach to
Matsushima Bay.*

The British Admiralty has given notice (No. 495 of 1897) that in a recent survey of the Ishihama entrance to Matsushima bay, many new dangers have been found:—

- (1) One, in lat. $38^{\circ} 16' 15'' N.$, long. $141^{\circ} 9' 50'' E.$, is a rock with less than 6 ft. water on it.
- (2) Jinotaka ne, formerly known as Naka ne, in lat. $38^{\circ} 17' 50'' N.$, long. $141^{\circ} 9' 15'' E.$, has a depth of $1\frac{1}{4}$ fathom on it.
- (3) Okinotaka ne, a new rock which with Jinotaka ne forms Naka ne, has a least depth of $2\frac{1}{4}$ fathoms on it with $4\frac{1}{4}$ fathoms to the south-eastward.

Approximate position: lat. $38^{\circ} 17' 30'' N.$, long. $141^{\circ} 9' 45'' E.$

The above are the outer dangers; the rest are too numerous to mention in a Notice to Mariners, but the old chart will be cancelled and a new chart will shortly be published showing all the dangers found.

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

Calcutta, September 18, 1897.

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.	Cocunut Oil.	Cocunut Pooleac.	Cinnamon.	Cinnamon Oil.	Citronella Oil.	Cardamoms.	Ebony.	Plumbago.	Coir Rope.	Coir Junk.	Coir Yarn.	Coir Fibre.	Sapan-wood.	Oreohilla.	Kibool Fibre.	Deer Horn.	
			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.																												
ss. Kilwa	11/10	Bombay	—	—	780	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
ss. Lancashire	11/10	Rangoon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
ss. Frey	11/10	New York	—	—	28487	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
ss. Diomed	12/10	London	382	—	635482	69	4553	—	—	307800	—	8522	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
ss. Ceylon	12/10	do.	145	—	839000	32	—	—	—	—	1080	1002	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
ss. Clan Ross	12/10	do.	89	—	95799	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
ss. Umkazi	12/10	Cape Town	—	—	4224	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
ss. Patna	14/10	Bom' ay	—	—	940	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
ss. China	13/10	Australia	—	—	299967	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
ss. Petersburg	13/10	Odessa	—	—	18080	—	—	—	—	30000	4000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
ss. Eridan	13/10	Calcutta	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	327	7881	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
ss. Oruba	14/10	Australia	128	—	177593	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
ss. Chyebassa	16/10	Bombay	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
ss. Orotava	16/10	London	—	—	401471	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
ss. Australia	16/10	Australia	—	—	18098	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
ss. Saghalien	16/10	Marseilles via Bombay	—	—	19756	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
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ss. Kilwa	14/10	Coconada	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	80	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
ss. Nizam	14/10	do.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	53	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

* And Chips 350 lb.

† And Chips 7,820 lb.

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

TO COLOMBO:—

From Calcutta	...	Bags	9,127
Rangoon	...	"	500
Bombay	...	"	2,734
Southern India	...	"	33,365
Japan	...	"	1,000
Total	...	Bags	46,726

TO GALLE:—

From Calcutta	...	Bags	1,900
Southern India	...	"	500
Total	...	Bags	2,400

Customs, Colombo, October 18, 1897.

LIONEL F. LEE,
Principal Collector

Ceylon Government Railways.—Comparative Statement of Traffic for the Week ended September 26, 1897.

Earnings from	Seven days ended September 29, 1895		Seven days ended September 27, 1896.		Seven days ended September 26, 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 and Specials ...	82,831	32,891 75	103,108	41,421 24	85,095	41,735 3	—	313 79	18,013	—
Coolies ...	2,085	1,226 84	2,992	1,884 37	4,065	2,278 0	1,073	393 63	—	—
Season Tickets ...	—	—	—	—	1	1 12	1	1 12	—	—
Total Passengers ...	84,916	34,118 59	106,100	43,305 61	89,161	44,014 15	—	708 54	17,939	—
Parcels ...	7,343	1,780 53	7,135	2,055 18	8,612	2,534 45	1,477	479 27	—	—
Horses ...	49	315 92	78	642 65	74	440 99	—	—	4	201 66
Carriages ...	11	108 27	27	156 57	25	240 5	—	83 48	2	—
Bicycles, &c. ...	29	49 3	64	55 6	124	88 49	60	33 43	—	—
Dogs ...	128	81 95	113	99 0	76	58 70	—	—	37	40 30
Other small Animals ...	11	14 33	8	11 53	5	5 83	—	—	3	5 70
Neat Cattle ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mails ...	—	931 63	—	1,004 45	—	994 14	—	—	—	10 31
Miscellaneous Coaching ...	—	47 86	—	49 43	—	34 74	—	—	—	14 69
Goods (Tons) ...	8,117	72,707 4	8,022	75,784 48	8,802	81,153 90	780	5,369 42	—	—
Miscellaneous Goods ...	—	147 12	—	81 58	—	198 42	—	116 84	—	—
Live Stock ...	551	286 25	583	258 75	462	250 0	—	—	121	8 75
General Miscellaneous ...	—	2,035 79	—	4,039 86	—	557 55	—	—	—	3,482 31
Total for the Week ...	—	112,624 31	—	127,544 15	—	130,571 41	—	3,027 26	—	—
Traffic Train Mileage	22,137	—	21,767	—	22,460	—	693	—	—	—

Particulars of Goods Conveyed.	Seven days ended September 26, 1897.			Seven days ended September 27, 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 ...	2	15	2 3	7	14	3 5	—	—	—	4	19	1 2
Kerosine Oil ...	23	6	2 0	22	3	1 0	1	3	1 0	—	—	—
Other 2nd class Goods ...	161	6	1 7	197	10	3 18	—	—	—	36	4	2 11
Rice ...	2,022	12	1 22	1,584	13	3 12	437	18	2 10	—	—	—
Arrack ...	74	11	2 6	82	2	2 22	—	—	—	7	11	0 16
Tea Leaf ...	19	4	1 0	21	9	0 17	—	—	—	2	4	3 17
Cinnamon ...	13	15	1 0	5	17	3 4	7	17	1 24	—	—	—
Cacao ...	0	13	2 22	3	4	0 21	—	—	—	2	10	1 27
Cardamoms ...	21	7	3 22	7	6	1 16	14	1	2 6	—	—	—
Salt ...	106	10	2 13	70	15	2 22	35	14	3 19	—	—	—
Tobacco ...	20	0	1 6	15	18	3 15	4	1	1 19	—	—	—
Beer, 3rd class ...	3	15	1 21	2	5	2 0	1	9	3 21	—	—	—
Tea Packing, 3rd class ...	3	0	1 5	6	18	0 14	—	—	—	3	17	3 9
Manure, 3rd class ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Plumbago, 3rd class ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other 3rd class Goods ...	904	7	2 0	795	10	3 4	108	16	2 24	—	—	—
Cinchona ...	6	7	2 13	7	16	0 8	—	—	—	1	8	1 23
Coffee ...	2	13	2 0	13	13	3 9	—	—	—	11	0	1 9
Cocoanuts ...	105	19	0 24	74	14	1 8	31	4	3 16	—	—	—
Cocoanut Oil ...	29	12	2 27	31	2	3 23	—	—	—	1	10	0 24
Copperah ...	234	3	1 22	91	4	0 11	142	19	1 11	—	—	—
Cotton ...	2	5	1 19	0	18	1 0	1	7	0 19	—	—	—
Poonac ...	100	10	2 27	115	9	0 8	—	—	—	14	18	1 9
Staves ...	1	11	3 3	—	—	—	1	11	3 3	—	—	—
Tea ...	698	11	2 12	651	18	3 6	46	12	3 6	—	—	—
Timber, wrought ...	6	6	3 18	17	19	0 20	—	—	—	11	12	1 2
Other 4th class Goods ...	413	5	2 5	508	7	0 20	—	—	—	95	1	2 15
Timber at 5th class rate ...	72	6	3 0	44	13	0 15	27	13	2 13	—	—	—
Other 5th class Goods ...	173	3	3 5	208	10	3 27	—	—	—	35	7	0 22
Timber at 6th class rate ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tea Packing, 6th class ...	104	3	1 10	157	13	0 5	—	—	—	53	9	2 23
Manure, 6th class ...	294	5	0 2	323	1	0 20	—	—	—	28	16	0 18
Plumbago, 6th class ...	130	14	2 25	125	4	0 0	5	10	2 25	—	—	—
Beer, 6th class ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Staves, 6th class ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other 6th class Goods ...	141	15	3 15	195	4	1 14	—	—	—	53	8	1 27
Bulky Articles & Road Metal ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Railway Material ...	349	6	0 14	715	5	2 16	—	—	—	365	19	2 2
Public Works Material ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prison Dept Material ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Breakwater Material ...	2,525	18	0 0	1,896	7	0 0	629	11	0 0	—	—	—
Petroleum ...	31	7	2 0	19	9	0 0	11	18	2 0	—	—	—
Total	8,801	17	1 4	8,022	4	0 16	1,509	13	2 20	730	0	2 4

Colombo, October 12, 1897.

W. CANTRELL, Acting General Manager.