

time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant under their hands duly made at any time hereafter, to alter, repeal, or revoke any of the rates of postage hereby fixed, or any of the orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions hereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates, orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions in lieu thereof, and from time to time to appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the fourth day of March, 1857.

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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 11.) CHINA SEA—YANG-TSE KIANG.

Beacon Tower at Kiu T'oan.

The Chinese Authorities at Shanghae have given notice, that in order to facilitate the navigation of the channel leading up to the river Wusung a Beacon Tower has been erected on the south shore of the Yang-tse Kiang at Kiu T'oan, near a spot known as the Three Trees.

The tower is a plain structure of brick, painted red and white, and 70 feet high. It bears from the light-vessel N. 63° W., distance about 16 miles, and the trees upon Blockhouse Island bear from it N. 15° W., distant 8 miles. It stands in lat. 31° 14' N., long. 121° 43' east from Greenwich, nearly.

The light-vessel, painted red, with two masts and balls, is moored in 4½ fathoms at low water, and bears N. by W. ¾ W. from Gutzlaff Island, from which she is distant 23 miles, and one mile from the southern edge of the North Tung-sha Bank. [This position differs from that made public in a former notice.]

Ships leaving Gutzlaff Isle, bearing S. by E. 16 miles, should steer a north-westerly course. On making the light-vessel, bearing N.W., they should steer for her so as to pass her as most convenient, taking care when to the eastward of her not to bring her to the southward of west, and when to the westward, not to bring her to the southward of E.S.E. ¼ S., making due allowance for the setting of the tides over the North Bank. When about dipping the hull of the light-vessel, the beacon tower will be seen; and the usual course pointed out in the Sailing Directions can then be followed.

When a vessel is observed running into danger a gun is fired from the light-vessel to attract attention, and the signal, by Marryat's Code, of the course that should be steered is then exhibited. A ship's signal lamp is shown on board the light-vessel from sunset to sunrise.

[All courses and bearings are magnetic. Var. 0° 30' W. in 1856.]

By command of their Lordships,
John Washington, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
12th February, 1857.

This notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—China, East Coast, Sheet 8, No. 1190; Yang-tse Kiang, No. 1480; also China Pilot, pp. 114, 122, 126.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 12.) MEDITERRANEAN SEA—MINORCA.

Fixed Light on Cape Caballeria.

The Minister of Marine at Madrid has given notice, that on and after the 1st day of March next, a Light will be established on Cape Caballeria, on the north coast of Minorca, one of the Balearic islands.

The light is a fixed white light. The illuminating apparatus is a catadioptric lens of the second order. The light is placed at an elevation of 308 English feet above the level of the sea, and should be visible from the deck of a ship in clear weather at a distance of 20 miles.

The height of the light-tower, its construction, appearance from seaward, and colour, are not stated.

It stands in lat. 40° 5' 40" N., long. 4° 9' 22" East from Greenwich.

By command of their Lordships,
John Washington, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
20th February, 1857.

This notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Mediterranean, General, No. 2158; Coast of Spain, Alicante to Palamos, No. 1187; Minorca, No. 147. Also Mediterranean Light-house List, No. 25.

NOTICE OF INTENDED DISTRIBUTION OF NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.

*Department of the Accountant-General
of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset-
House, March 5, 1857.*

NOTICE is hereby given to the Officers, Seamen, and Marines and to all persons interested therein, that the distribution of proceeds arising from the Greek vessel, San Spiridione, captured on the 28th May, 1855, by Her Majesty's ship Curlew, will commence on Monday the 23rd March, 1857, in the Prize Branch of the Department of the "Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset-House."

Agents and other persons holding powers of attorney, prize orders, assignments, or other instruments, by virtue of which they may be legally entitled to claim the share of any captor, serving in the above-named ships, are requested to present the same at this office.

Any Officer, Seaman, Marine, or other person, who may desire to receive his share from the Collector of Customs or of Inland Revenue within the United Kingdom, is required to intimate the same by letter to be addressed "On Prize Business, to the Secretary of the Admiralty, London,"—in which letter his own place of residence is to be precisely stated, as well as the place of the nearest Collector of Customs, or of Inland Revenue, from whom it would be convenient to receive such share of prize money.

The following are the shares due to an individual in the several classes:—

	£	s.	d.
Flag share	16	2	10
Commander	38	6	9
Third class	13	5	6
Fourth class	8	10	9
Fifth class	4	14	9
Sixth class	4	5	4
Seventh class	2	16	11
Eighth class	1	8	6
Ninth class	0	18	11
Tenth class	0	9	5