

No. 548.—CHINA SEA—PESCADORES.

Sunken Rock Westward of North Island.

THE Japanese Government has given notice, dated 27th July, 1895, that the transport "Himeji Maru," drawing 17 feet water, struck on a sunken rock at half tide, situated $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles W. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. from North Island, Pescadores. Breakers were seen on North-west Outlier.

Approximate position of the rock struck upon, lat. $23^{\circ} 46' N.$, long. $119^{\circ} 30' 45'' E.$

[Variation $0^{\circ} 30'$ Westerly in 1895.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Formosa Island and Strait, No. 1968; Pescadores Islands, No. 1961; The Brothers to Okseu Islands, No. 1760. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. III, 1894, page 216.

No. 549.—SOUTH PACIFIC—SOLOMON ISLANDS.

(1.) Shoal in Lengo Channel.

INFORMATION has been received from the Commander of Her Majesty's ship "Ringdove," dated 28th July, 1895, that a shoal, about a cable in extent, with a depth of five fathoms, and probably less water over it, lies approximately in lat. $9^{\circ} 21' S.$, long. $160^{\circ} 12' 5'' E.$

(2.) Discoloured Water in Blanche Channel.

Also, that discoloured water was seen off Penguin Point, north shore of Blanche Channel, and a sounding of 20 fathoms was obtained in approximately, lat. $8^{\circ} 32' 5'' S.$, long. $157^{\circ} 40' 45'' E.$

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Solomon Islands, No. 214; Guadalcanar and Florida Islands, No. 1469; New Georgia, No. 2601. Also, Pacific Islands, Vol. I (western groups), 1890, pages 387 and 404; Hydrographic Notice, No. 1 of the year 1895, page 52.

No. 550.—EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO—MAKASSAR STRAIT.

BALABALAGAN OR LITTLE PATERNOSTER ISLANDS.

(1.) Amended Position of Lumo Lumo and Larian Islands.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 311 of 1895:—

The following amended positions are the results of recent examinations by the Netherlands surveying-vessel "Banda," namely:—

Lumo Lumo Island, lat. $2^{\circ} 56' S.$, long. $117^{\circ} 33\frac{1}{2}' E.$

Larian Island, lat. $3^{\circ} 4' S.$, long. $117^{\circ} 42\frac{1}{2}' E.$ This is a small sandbank about 10 feet above low water, and probably covers at high water during the north-west monsoon. It is about 50 yards in extent, and forms the highest part of a reef of sand and coral, about 2 miles long and $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles broad with depths of 15 to 3 fathoms and less.

(2.) Recently Discovered Shoals.

Also, with reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 241 of 1895:—

That the undermentioned shoals, lying south-eastward of Balabalagan or Little Paternoster Islands, have recently been found and examined.

a. A patch of sand and coral with a least depth of 7 fathoms over it, about $1\frac{1}{6}$ miles long, N.N.W. and S.S.E., and about three-quarters of a mile broad, lies 8 miles N.E. by E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. from Larian Island, or approximately in lat. $3^{\circ} 0' 55'' S.$, long. $117^{\circ} 49' 50'' E.$

b. A patch of sand and coral with a least depth of 6 fathoms over it, about half a mile long, E.S.E. and W.N.W., and $1\frac{1}{2}$ cables wide, steep-to around, lies approximately in lat. $2^{\circ} 54' 55'' S.$, long. $117^{\circ} 48' 40'' E.$

c. A coral patch of 7 fathoms, 4 cables long, S. by E. and N. by W., three-quarters of a cable wide, on a bank of 10 fathoms, $6\frac{1}{2}$ cables in length in the same direction, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ cables wide, lies approximately in latitude $2^{\circ} 51' 40'' S.$, longitude $118^{\circ} 14' 50'' E.$

d. A coral patch with a least depth of 9 fathoms, about half a cable long, S.S.E. and N.N.W., and three-quarters of a cable wide, lies approximately in lat. $2^{\circ} 53' 25'' S.$, long. $118^{\circ} 15' 30'' E.$

e. A coral patch with a least depth of 8 fathoms, about $5\frac{1}{2}$ cables long, S.E. by E. and N.W. by W., 2 cables wide, lies approximately in lat. $3^{\circ} 1' 35'' S.$, long. $118^{\circ} 20' 10'' E.$

[Variation 2° Easterly in 1895.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Eastern Archipelago, No. 941*b*; Makassar Strait, South Part, No. 2637. Also, Eastern Archipelago, Part II, 1893, page 315.

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer,
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London.

1st to 2nd October, 1895.

INCOME TAX.

WHEREAS it has become necessary to renew the list of persons to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners appointed to act in the division of Guildford, in the county of Surrey, as Commissioners for the general purposes of the Acts of Parliament for granting to Her Majesty duties on profits arising from property, professions, trades, and offices: Now we, two of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, in pursuance of the powers vested in us in that behalf, do hereby convene a meeting of the Land Tax Commissioners for the county aforesaid, being respectively qualified to act as such Commissioners, to be holden at the County and Borough Halls, North-street, Guildford, on Tuesday, the 8th day of October, 1895, at half-past eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of choosing fit and proper persons to be Commissioners to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners for the general purposes of the Income Tax for the division of Guildford aforesaid.

F. Lacy Robinson.

T. Browning.

Inland Revenue, Somerset House,
London, October 3, 1895.

Registration of Births and Deaths.

NOTICE is hereby given, that in pursuance of the provisions of the twenty-first section of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "The Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1874," I, Sir Brydges Powell Henniker, Bart., Registrar-General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in England, have, with the sanction of the Local Government Board, ordered and declared that on and after the 1st day of November next, in order to make Llanelly and Carmarthen Registration Districts conterminous with the Unions of the same names, as altered by "The County of Carmarthen (Kidwelly St. Mary, &c.) Confirmation Order, 1895," the respective portions of St. Mary Kidwelly (Without) Civil Parish, which were added by the above-mentioned Order to Llangendeirne, Llandefilog, and St. Ishmael Civil Parishes shall be transferred from Pembrey Sub-District of Llanelly Registration District, to Llangendeirne Sub-District of Carmarthen Regis-