

commended from Raine island towards the Middle banks, struck on an unknown coral patch, with only 7 feet on its shoalest part at low water.

The patch lies about a mile E.S.E. of the eastern part of the Middle banks, or in lat. $11^{\circ} 47' 10''$ S., long. $143^{\circ} 41' 35''$ E. It is about 230 yards long, east and west, 110 yards wide, has 10 to 17 fathoms all round it, and 15 to 17 fathoms in the channel, a mile wide, between it and the reef in connection with the eastern sand bank on the Middle banks. From its shoalest spot of 7 feet, the centre of the eastern sand bank on the Middle banks bears W. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. distant $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and the south extreme of Sir Charles Hardy islands, S.W., $14\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

Vessels entering the Great Barrier Reef, by the Raine Island entrance, should as soon as possible after passing north or south of Raine Island, bring its beacon to bear N.E. $\frac{3}{4}$ E., steering S.W. $\frac{3}{4}$ W. (allowing for tide and a northerly set) for Sir Charles Hardy islands. As soon as the beacon is lost sight of, the vessel will be clear of the shoal patches westward of the 100 fathoms line of soundings, and on the bank. Look out now for Sir Charles Hardy islands, and when they are plainly seen, steer for their south extreme on a S.W. $\frac{3}{4}$ W. bearing, and when the easternmost sand bank on the Middle banks bears N.W. by W., and the west Ashmore bank (if seen) S.S.W. $\frac{1}{2}$ W., the vessel will be well to the south-west of the Salamander patch, and a course may then be shaped for either the north or Pollard channels.

[All bearings are magnetic. Variation 5° E. in 1865.]

By command of their Lordships,

Geo. Henry Richards, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
7th July, 1865.

This notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Australia, North and East Coasts, Sheet 21, No. 2354; Coral Sea, No. 2764; and Australia, Northern portion, No. 2759 a. Also, Australia Directory, Vol. 2, page 228.

NOTICE OF INTENDED DISTRIBUTION OF NAVAL SALVAGE MONEY.

Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset-House, July 13, 1865.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Officers, Seamen, and Marines, and to all persons interested therein, that the distribution of the amount awarded for the salvage services rendered to the "Statelie," by Her Majesty's ship "Hornet," between the 17th and 21st of January, 1864, will commence on Friday, the 21st instant, 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 ship, 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," (enclosing his certificate of service, or an attested copy thereof, excepting in the case of Commis-

sioned Officers),—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.
Commander	135	10	2
Third class	30	10	8
Fourth class	19	12	6
Fifth class	10	18	1
Sixth class	9	16	4
Seventh class	6	10	10
Eighth class	3	5	5
Ninth class	2	3	7

India Office, July 14, 1865.

THE Secretary of State for India in Council hereby gives notice, that he has received from the Governments of Bengal and Bombay respectively, the undermentioned Schedules; viz.:—

BENGAL.

- A. Schedule of all Administrations whereof the final balances have been paid to the persons entitled to the same, specifying the amount of such balances, and the persons to whom paid, during the six months ending on 31st of December, 1864.
- B. Schedule of all sums of money, bonds, and other securities received by the Administrator-General on account of estates, not being Hindoo or Mahomedan, remaining under his charge, together with the payments made thereout and the balances. Prepared up to the 31st of December, 1864, under Section XXXIV. of Act VIII. of 1855.
- C. Schedule of all sums of money, bonds, and other securities received by the Administrator-General, on account of Hindoo and Mahomedan estates remaining under his charge, together with the payments made thereout, and the balances in hand.
- D. Schedule of balances in the hands of the Administrator-General set apart to meet the admitted claims of creditors against the estates therein mentioned.
- E. Schedule of unclaimed balances of estates under 500 rupees, deposited with the Sub-Treasurer, Fort William, under the Financial Secretary's letter of the 8th of October, 1852, interest being allowed thereon by Government.

BOMBAY.

- Schedule of all sums of money, bonds, and other securities, received by the Administrator-General, on account of each estate remaining under his charge, together with the payments made thereout, and the balances. Prepared up to 31st of December, under Section XXXI. of Act VIII. of 1855.
- Schedule of all administrations, whereof the balances have been paid to the persons entitled to the same, specifying the amount of such balances, and the persons to whom paid. Prepared for the half-year ending 31st of December, 1864, under Section XXXIV. of Act VIII. of 1855.

And that the said Schedules are open to the inspection of the public, in the Department of the Official Agent to the Administrators-General of India, at this Office.