

HOME OFFICE.

Notice under the Public Offices Fees' Act, 1866.

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in pursuance of the provisions of the said Act, hereby declare and direct that from and after the 1st day of January, 1876, the fees for the time being payable in the Home Office or to the Officers thereof under the Chimney Sweepers' Act, 1875 (38 and 39 Vic., cap. 70), shall, in the Metropolitan Police District, be collected by means of Stamps, and they further direct that the stamps to be used for denoting the said fees shall be impressed on forms to be provided for that purpose.

EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875 (38 Vic., c. 17).

WHEREAS by Section 68 of the above-named Act, it is provided as follows:—

"The Council of any Borough which is assessed to the county rate of any county by the Justices of such county, and the Commissioners of any Improvement District, may, by order of a Secretary of State made upon the application of such Council or Commissioners, and published in the London Gazette, be declared to be a Local Authority for the purposes of this Act, and thereupon shall become a Local Authority accordingly for such part of their borough or district as is not included in any harbour, to the exclusion of the Justices in Petty Sessions:—"

And whereas an application has been made to me by the Council of the Borough of Newport, Isle of Wight, to be declared a Local Authority for the purposes of the said Act, in accordance with the provision aforesaid.

Now I, the Right Honourable Richard Assheton Cross, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do hereby, in virtue of the powers contained in the said section, declare the Council of the Borough of Newport, Isle of Wight, to be a Local Authority for the purpose of the said Act.

Richard Assheton Cross.

Whitehall, December 18, 1875.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 179.)—AUSTRALIA, EAST COAST—NEW QUEENSLAND.

(1.) *Revolving Light on Cape Capricorn.*

THE Colonial Government of Queensland has given notice, that a light is now exhibited from a lighthouse on Cape Capricorn.

The light is a *revolving* light, attaining its greatest brilliancy *every minute*, and elevated 310 feet above the level of the sea.

The illuminating apparatus is dioptric or by lenses, of the third order.

(2.) *Probable Alteration in Cape Bowling-Green Light.*

Also, that in consequence of changes having taken place in the outlying banks off Cape Bowling-green, causing the sea to make serious inroads on the shore, it may be found necessary to remove the lighthouse, in which case a temporary *fixed* light will be exhibited instead of the revolving light at present shown, until permanent arrangements can be made.

The temporary light would be seen in clear weather from a distance of 9 miles.

By command of their Lordships,
Fredk. J. Evans, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
14th December, 1875.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—

(1.) Australia, General, No. 2759 *a*; Keppel Bay and Islands, No. 363; Coral Sea, No. 2763; and Sandy Cape to Keppel Islands, No. 345: Also, Admiralty List of Lights in South Africa, East Indies, Australia, &c., 1875, page 40; and Australia Directory, Vol. II, 2nd Edition, page 90.

(2.) Australia, General, No. 2759 *a*; Coral Sea, No. 2763; and Whitsunday Isles to Magnetic Island, No. 348: Also Admiralty List of Lights in South Africa, East Indies, Australia, &c., 1875, No. 301 *b*; and Australia Directory, Vol. II, 2nd Edition, page 144.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 180.)—SPAIN—NORTH COAST.

Alteration in Guetaria Light.

THE Spanish Government has given notice, that from the latter part of October, 1875, the following alterations would be made in the limit of visibility of Guetaria Light, North Coast of Spain; viz:—

The light will be visible seaward between the bearings of S.E. $\frac{2}{3}$ E. and N.W. $\frac{2}{3}$ W., and obscured towards the land.

[All bearings are magnetic. Variation $19\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ Westerly in 1875.]

By command of their Lordships,
Fredk. J. Evans, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
14th December, 1875.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Bayonne to Oporto, No. 2728; and Guetaria Bay, No. 725: Also, Admiralty List of Lights on the North and West Coasts of France, Spain, and Portugal, 1875, No. 264; and Sailing Directions for the West Coasts of France, Spain, and Portugal, 2nd Edition, page 100.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 181.)—SOUTH AMERICA—BRITISH GUIANA.

(1.) *Alteration in Position of Demerara Light-Vessel.*

THE Government of British Guiana has given notice, that in consequence of the ship "Antigua" having, in collision with another vessel, sunk near the light-vessel stationed off the entrance of Demerara River, the light-vessel has been moved in a north-westerly direction about three-quarters of a mile, and now lies in 19 feet at low-water spring tides, with Demerara Light House bearing S.S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ W., distant 10 miles, and two cables north of the said wreck.

NOTE—Vessels should avoid passing to the southward of the light-vessel.

WEST INDIES—COAST OF VENEZUELA.

(2.) *Colour of Light, Little Curacao Island.*

Information has been received from the Netherlands Government, that the light exhibited on Little Curacao Island is a *fixed red* light.