

Near the south-west edge of the Middle Ground, a large chequered floating beacon (with flag in  $3\frac{1}{2}$  fathoms,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles S.W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  West from Penai Light.

Near the northern edge of the Middle Ground a large chequered floating beacon with flag in 4 fathoms, one mile S.W. by W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  W. from Penai Light.

A wooden beacon, painted white, 31 feet high and 180 feet above the sea, consisting of a mast supported by eight uprights covered with boards and surmounted by two horizontal bars, has been erected 2 cables N.  $58^{\circ}$  E. of Penai Light, which, kept in line with the light, leads 3 cables to the eastward of the red bell buoy at the end of the reef off Soujak Point.

NOTE.—During the winter, the two bell buoys will be replaced by floating beacons of the same colour, each surmounted by a flag.

(8.) *Pilotage of Kertch Strait.*

With reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 120 (2), of 23rd June, 1885, on vessels being obliged to take pilots on board when proceeding towards Kertch Road or Sea of Azov:—

Information has been received that the vessel of war with pilots on board, recently stationed by the Russian Government in the vicinity of the light-vessel Tuslinski, at the Black Sea Entrance of the Kertch-Yenikale Channel, has been withdrawn.

[All bearings are magnetic. Variation (1)  $8\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ , (2)  $0\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  Westerly in 1885.]

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,  
6th August, 1885.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—

(1.) Adriatic Sea, No. 1440; Curzola to Cattaro, No. 2713. Also, Admiralty List of Lights in the Mediterranean, 1885, page 46; and Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. III, 1880, page 221.

(2.) Plans of Russian ports on the north shore of the Black Sea, No. 2221. Also, Black Sea Pilot, 1884, page 99.

(3.) Kertch Strait, No. 2205. Also, Black Sea Pilot, 1884, page 76.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 139).—GULF OF ADEN—NORTH COAST.

(1.) *Aden Harbour Light-Vessel—Burning of Blue Lights to be Discontinued.*

THE Government of India has given notice, that on and after the 1st August, 1885, the Aden Light-vessel would discontinue burning blue lights.

HINDOSTAN—WEST COAST.—VINGORLA ROCKS.

(2.) *Light temporarily Discontinued.*

The Government of India has given notice, dated 22nd June, 1885, that the exhibition of the light on Vingorla Rocks has been temporarily suspended in consequence of damage done to the lantern by recent stormy weather.

This light will probably be re-exhibited about October next.

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,  
7th August, 1885.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—

(1.) Aden and adjacent bays, with plan of anchorage, No. 7. Also, Admiralty List of Lights in South Africa, &c., 1885, No. 45; Red Sea Pilot, 1883, page 247; and Gulf of Aden Pilot, 1882, page 85.

(2 temporarily.) Vingorla to Comorin, No. 827; Gulf of Kutch to Viziadurg, No. 2736; Viziadurg to Cochin, No. 2737; West Coast of India, sheet VI, No. 740. Also, Admiralty List of Lights in South Africa, &c., No. 90; and West Coast of Hindostan Pilot, 1880, page 124.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 140).—MEDITERRANEAN.—GREECE.  
EAST COAST.

*Peiræus.—Dredging in Harbour.*

THE Hellenic Government has given notice, dated 29th June, 1885, that the bank which existed in the middle of the Peiræus has been dredged to a uniform depth of 22 feet.

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,  
7th August, 1885.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Athens to Corinth, No. 1513; the Peiræus, No. 1520. Also Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. IV, 1882, page 45.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 141).—NEWFOUNDLAND—SOUTH COAST.  
MIQUELON ISLANDS.

(1.) *Alteration in Position of Whistle Buoy.*

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 155 (1) of 4th August, 1882, of the placing of a buoy with an automatic whistle  $6\frac{1}{2}$  cables westward of the south rocks of Seal Group, western side of Great Miquelon Island:—

The French Government has given further notice, dated 20th July, 1885, that this buoy has been removed from its position near the Seal Group, and is now moored in 15 fathoms,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cables E. by S. of the Marne Shoal, south of St. Pierre Island.

Position, approximate, latitude  $46^{\circ} 43' 40''$  N., longitude  $56^{\circ} 13' W.$

GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE.—PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

(2.) *Cascumpeque Harbour—Alteration in Leading Lights.*

The Government of the Dominion of Canada has given notice, dated 14th July, 1885, that the following alterations have been made in the leading lights at Cascumpeque Harbour, Prince Edward Island:—

The front light (red) for leading over the bar has been discontinued. The back light (white) will be maintained as a coast light, and guide to the entrance of the harbour.

Two lights were established at the head of the same harbour on 22nd May, 1885, which, when kept in line on a west bearing, lead clear of all dangers from the outer buoy to the eastern side of the most easterly wharf in the port.

The front light is a fixed red light, elevated 22 feet above the sea, and should be visible in clear weather from a distance of 9 miles when on the leading line. It consists of a small dioptric lantern, hoisted on a mast erected near the outer edge of the railway wharf, and rendered more conspicuous in the day time by a diamond shaped beacon of open work, painted white, attached to it.

The back light is a fixed red light, elevated 49 feet above the sea, and should be visible in clear weather from a distance of 11 miles when on the leading line. It is situated about half a mile west of the front light, and is exhibited from a mast rising from the middle of a small open framed tower 22 feet in height.

Position of front leading light, approximate, lat.  $46^{\circ} 48' N.$ , long.  $64^{\circ} 3' W.$