

NOTICE.

SUBMARINE TELEGRAPH ACT, 1885.

(48 and 49 Vict., cap. 49.)

WHEREAS by the Submarine Telegraph Act, 1885, it is (amongst other things) enacted as follows:—

"This Act shall come into force on such day as may be fixed by a Notice in that behalf published in the London Gazette."

Notice is hereby given, that the day fixed for the said Act to come into force is the 1st day of May, 1888.

Henry G. Calcraft,
Secretary to the Board of Trade.

Board of Trade, April 20, 1888.

Civil Service Commission, April 24, 1888.

THE following Candidates have been certified by the Civil Service Commissioners as qualified for the appointments set against their respective names:—

April 19, 1888.

WITHOUT COMPETITION.

Metropolitan Police Courts: Messenger, George Norris.

Post Office: Skilled Telegraphist, London, Edward Croxford.

Sorters, London, Walter Batchlor, John Carr, Thomas Caughlin, James Cooke, George Charles Fletcher, Daniel William Grainge, John Douglas Hendry, James Luton Kimpton, George Menby, Samuel Swain, Herbert James Tollett, Morpeth Bertram Webb, Frederick James Wood.

Sorting Clerks and Telegraph Learners, George Henry Buesnel (Jersey), Archibald Gerrard (Chester).

Postmen, Thomas Pattinson-Billany (Gateshead), William Harding (Chislehurst), John McDonald (Crieff), Walter Spring (Bedford).

Junior Town Postman, Manchester, Arthur Crossley.

April 20, 1888.

WITHOUT COMPETITION.

Metropolitan Police Courts: Messenger, George Dawson.

National Gallery: Head Housemaid, Jessie Ann Gardiner.

Prisons Department, England: Subordinate Officer, Division I, Henry Firth.

Post Office: Postman, London, Robert Kibble Porter.

Sorting Clerks and Telegraph Learners, Hetty Louisa Jane Walker (Exmouth), George O'Hanlon (Portadown).

Junior Town Postman, Oxford, Frederick William Robinson.

April 21, 1888.

AFTER OPEN COMPETITION.

Metropolitan Police Courts: Clerks, Ernest Adolphus Carr, William Douglass Reid.

Post Office: Telegraph Learners, London, Walter Frank Ahrendt, John Skene Tough.

WITHOUT COMPETITION.

Post Office: Sorting Clerk and Telegraph Learner, Penarth, Ernest Clan Bromley.

Postman, Glasgow, Alexander Cameron Livingstone.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 102 of the year 1888.)

AFRICA—WEST COAST.—GULF OF GUINEA.

Amended Particulars of Rock Northward of Cape St. John.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 34, of 2nd February, 1888, on the existence of a rock, on which the German steam-vessel "Tam" struck, situated two miles offshore, and with Cape St. John bearing S.S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ W., distant about seven miles.

The following information is derived from an examination of the locality, made in February, 1888, by the French vessel of war "Dumont d'Urville."

The "Dumont d'Urville" anchored rather more than one cable northward of the reported position of the above rock, and obtained soundings around the vessel for a distance of one mile, the depths varying regularly from $7\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms to seaward to 5 fathoms towards the shore; $6\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms sand being found on the reported position of the rock on which the "Tam" struck.

The "Dumont d'Urville" afterwards anchored about one mile from the shore, and examined a dangerous bank, locally known by fishermen as Mammecin, and on which the "Tam" was reported by them to have struck.

This rocky bank lies upwards of $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles offshore, between the villages of Itemboué and Bilogoué, and is about one mile long, in a north and south direction, with depths of 4 to 16 feet over it. From the shoalest spot, the western extreme of the rocks off Cape St. John bears S. 35° W., distant five miles. There is a passage, with depths of not less than two fathoms, between this bank and the shore.

Position; lat. $1^{\circ} 15' 30''$ N., long. $9^{\circ} 23'$ E.

NOTE.—The wreck of the "Tam" now lies about half a cable offshore, three quarters of a mile northward of Bocoenja Islets, the masts and funnel with part of the hull showing above water, and may be seen from a distance of four to five miles.

[The bearings are magnetic. Variation 16° Westerly in 1888.]

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer,
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
13th April, 1888.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Fernando Po to Cape Lopez, No. 1361. Also, Africa Pilot, Part II, 1884, page 11.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 103 of the year 1888.)

ENGLAND—WEST COAST.—BRISTOL CHANNEL.
Extension of Middle Ground South-Westward.

THE Trinity House, London, has given notice, dated 6th April, 1888, that information has been received that the Middle Ground has extended to the south-westward, in the vicinity of the West Middle Buoy, and that on the bridge, for about half the distance between that buoy and English and Welsh Grounds Light-vessel, the depth at present is not more than from 15 to 18 feet at low water spring tides.

Mariners are cautioned accordingly.

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer,
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
13th April, 1888.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Bristol Channel, No. 1179; Bristol Channel, Nash Point to New Passage, No. 2682. Also, Sailing Directions for the Bristol Channel, 1884, page 146.