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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 377 of the year 1888.)

NEW ZEALAND.—MIDDLE ISLAND, WEST COAST.

Awarua or Haast River—Rock awash off Entrance.

INFORMATION has been received from Mr. Bignell, Harbour Master at Hokitika, of the existence of a rock lying about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the beach, at the entrance to Awarua or Haast River.

This rock (Alhambra Rock) is awash at high tide, with deep water close around.

Approximate position (P.D. on the Admiralty Charts), lat. $43^{\circ} 49\frac{1}{2}'$ S., long. $169^{\circ} 1\frac{1}{2}'$ E.

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
5th December, 1888.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—New Zealand, No. 1212; Awarua River to Waiau River, No. 2590. Also, New Zealand Pilot, 1883, page 334.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 378 of the year 1888.)

BLACK SEA.—RUSSIAN COAST.—ODESSA.

Vorontzovski and Quarantine Moles—Alterations in Lights.

THE Russian Government has given notice, that on 20th November, 1888, a light would be exhibited from a lighthouse recently erected on the outer extremity of Quarantine or Reidovi Mole, Odessa:—

The light (Vorontzovski) is a fixed white light of the third order, with red and white flashes alternately every minute; it is elevated 63 feet above the sea, and should be visible in clear weather from a distance of 9 miles.

The lighthouse, 56 feet high, is constructed of iron, and painted white.

Vorontzovski Lighthouse in line with Holy Cross Church at Peresip, bearing N. $27\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W., leads about 4 cables eastward of the shoal ground with a depth of 9 feet, extending south-eastward of Langeron Point; and the light shown from the lighthouse is obscured westward of that bearing.

Also, that on the exhibition of the above Vorontzovski Light, the fixed and flashing light previously shown from Vorontzovski Mole, and the three fixed red lights previously shown from Quarantine or Reidovi Mole Head, would be discontinued.

[The bearing is magnetic, and is given from seaward. Variation $5\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ Westerly in 1888.]

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
6th December, 1888.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Black Sea, No. 2214; Cape Kaliakra to Odessa, No. 2231; Odessa to Sevastopol, No. 2232; Cape Fontana to Tendra Peninsula, No. 603; Odessa Bay, No. 2206. Also, Admiralty List of Lights in the Mediterranean, &c., 1888, Nos. 929, 930; Black Sea Pilot, 1884, page 36; and Hydrographic Notice, No. 11 of 1886, page 2, relating to Black Sea Pilot, 1884.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 379 of the year 1888.)

ENGLAND.—EAST COAST.—RIVER MEDWAY
ENTRANCE.

Additional Buoys placed.

NOTICE is given, that three additional buoys, named respectively Middle Cant, West Cant, and Sharpness Shelf, have been placed on the south side of River Medway Entrance, in conformity with the Uniform System of Buoyage, 1883:—

1. Middle Cant Buoy, can, coloured red and white in vertical stripes, with Middle Cant painted on the top, is moored on the northern edge of the Cant in 22 feet, with the following mark, bearings, and distance:—

Cant Edge Buoy (new position) in line with Martello tower on Isle of Grain, W. $\frac{1}{4}$ N.

Minster Church, S. by W. $\frac{3}{4}$ W.

Sheerness Middle Buoy, N.W. by W. $\frac{1}{4}$ W., distant $5\frac{3}{4}$ cables.

2. West Cant Buoy, can, coloured red and white in vertical stripes, with West Cant painted on the top, is moored on the northern edge of the Cant in 25 feet, with the following mark, bearings, and distance:—

High water mark at Garrison Point in line with Cockle Shell Hard Beacon on Isle of Grain, W. by S. $\frac{1}{4}$ S.

Range post on Jacob's Bank, S. by W. $\frac{1}{4}$ W., distant $3\frac{1}{4}$ cables.

3. Sharpness Shelf Buoy, can, chequered red and white, with Sharpness Shelf painted on the top, is moored on the northern edge of Sharpness Shelf in 22 feet, with the following bearings and distance:—

Extreme of Colemouth Spit, N.N.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E., distant $2\frac{3}{4}$ cables.

Cockle Shell Hard Beacon on Isle of Grain, East.

NOTE.—Cant Edge Buoy has been moved one cable N.E. by N. from its previous position, and now lies on the northern edge of the Cant in 23 feet, with the following mark and bearings:—

Inner Black and Pilot Beacons on Isle of Grain, in line, W. $\frac{1}{4}$ S.

Minster Church, S. $\frac{1}{2}$ E.

The depths given are at low water spring tides. [The bearings are magnetic. Variation 17° Westerly in 1888.]

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
7th December, 1888.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Sea Reach, River Thames, No. 1185; North Foreland to Orfordness, No. 1610 (1, 2); North Foreland to Nore, No. 1607 (1, 2, and note); River Medway, Sheet I, No. 1833 (3). Also, North Sea Pilot, Part III, 1882, page 256;