

(over the Mattes du Grand Banc); and white from N. 62° E. to N. 47° E. (over the Passe du Matelier). It is elevated 130 feet above high water, 108 feet above the ground; illuminating power of white light 81 becs Carcel (810 candles), red light 16 becs Carcel (160 candles), and in clear weather the white light is visible 14 miles, and the red light 9 miles.

Approximate position, lat. 45° 41' 40" N., long. 1° 15' 15" W.

[Variation 16° Westerly in 1895.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Pte. D'Arcachon to Pte. de la Coubre, No. 2664; Pte. de la Coubre to Les Sables d'Olonne, No. 2648. Also, List of Lights, Part IV, 1895, No. 311; Sailing Directions for the West Coasts of France, Spain, and Portugal, 1891, page 121.

No. 379.—CAPE, EAST INDIES, CHINA AND AUSTRALIA STATIONS.

CHINA SEA—TONG KING GULF.

Kua Ba Lacht Dong—Shoals at Entrance Extending Seaward.

THE French Government has given notice that, at 1 A.M. 20th March, 1895, the steam-vessel "Hindoustan" grounded upon a shoal of soft mud, stated to be situated $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles south-eastward of the entrance of Kua Ba Lacht Dong, or approximately in lat. 20° 11' N., long. 106° 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' E.

Mariners are warned to give the locality a wide berth until a further examination has been made.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Kua Lacht to Kao Tao Shan Islands, No. 1965. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. II, 1889, page 475.

No. 380.—MEDITERRANEAN, CAPE, EAST INDIES, CHINA, AND AUSTRALIA STATIONS.

RED SEA.

Jidda Approach—Conspicuous Houses on Certain Reefs.

INFORMATION has been received from Captain H. C. Bigge, Her Majesty's ship "Pique," dated 10th June, 1895, that houses, which form conspicuous marks when approaching Jidda, have been erected on the undermentioned reefs:—

1. A small square white house, the quarantine hut, stands on Bahri Reef, with the white beacon at the south end of that reef bearing S. by W. $\frac{1}{2}$ W. (S. 17° W.), distant $2\frac{3}{4}$ cables; and red beacon on reef northward of Middle Gateway W. $\frac{1}{4}$ S. (S. 87° W.).

Approximate position, lat. 21° 28' 10" N., long. 39° 9' 25" E.

2. Four, square, white houses stand on Jezirat Abu Saad, the sand bank above water at the south end of Shab Abu Saad Reef.

Approximate position, lat. 21° 25' 45" N., long. 39° 10' 15" E.

3. Houses, similar in appearance to those on J. Abu Saad, but not so conspicuous, stand on J. el Wasta, the sand bank above water at the south-east end of Shab Wasta.

Approximate position, lat. 21° 24' 0" N., long. 39° 9' 50" E.

The red beacon on the reef northward of Middle Gateway is in shape like a dog kennel, with a vane at each apex of the roof, and stands on three piles; the other beacons are white pillars.

The buoys and beacons in Jidda approach were all in position at the above date.

[Variation 3° Westerly in 1895.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Plan:—Jidda, &c., No. 2599; Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Pilot, 1892, pages 293, 296, 297.

No. 381.—NORTH SEA AND BALTIC STATIONS.

SHETLAND ISLES.

Fair Isle—Temporary Signal Station at Scaddon Lighthouse.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 247 of 1895:—

Further information has been received from Lloyd's that early in August, 1895, the temporary signal station at Scaddon Lighthouse, south-west point of Fair Isle, will be at least temporarily discontinued.

Approximate position, latitude 59° 30' 45" N., longitude 1° 39' 0" W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Scotland, north and east coasts, &c., No. 2397b; Fair Isle, No. 2622. Also, List of Lights, Part I, 1895, No. 403a; and North Sea Pilot, Part I, 1894, page 15.

No. 382.—AUSTRALIA STATION, NEW ZEALAND.

NORTH ISLAND—EAST COAST.

Napier (Ahuriri) Bluff—Extension of Breakwater.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 225 of 1892, on the exhibition of a red light at the extremity of Napier Breakwater:—

The New Zealand Government has given further notice, dated 10th May, 1895, that the completed portion of the breakwater now extends 2 cables, and the extremity of the submerged portion is about 3 cables, beyond the red light.

By day, vessels approaching Port Napier should pass well outside the buoys marking the breakwater works and Auckland Rock; and by night, should bring the white sector of Eastern Pier Light to bear S.W., before Ahuriri Bluff Light is lost sight of, or bears S. by W.

Approximate position, lat. 39° 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' S., long. 176° 57' E.

NOTE.—As the position of this breakwater is uncertain, the light is not yet shown on the Admiralty Charts.

[Variation 15° Easterly in 1895.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Poverty Bay to Castle Point, No. 2528; Ahuriri Road and Port Napier, No. 2513. Also, New Zealand Pilot, 1891, page 161.

No. 383.—MEDITERRANEAN, CAPE, EAST INDIES, CHINA, AND AUSTRALIA STATIONS.

MEDITERRANEAN—EGYPT.

Port of Alexandria—Additional Signal shown by Dredger.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 167 of 1890, on dredging operations in Boghaz or Central Pass, entrance to Alexandria.

Information has been received, dated 21st June, 1895, that the undermentioned additional signal is made by the dredger when working in Boghaz or Central Pass:—

1. A black ball is hoisted to the yard-arm on the side of the dredger on which vessels should pass.

This Notice affects the Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. II, 1895, page 360.