

12° 20' S., long. 178° 15' E., with P. D. placed against it.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Pacific Ocean, No. 2683; Atlantic and Indian Oceans, No. 2483; Pacific, South-west Sheet, No. 780; Ellice Islands to Phoenix Island, No. 1830; Fiji Islands to Samoa Islands, No. 1829. Also, Sailing Directions for the Pacific Islands, Vol. II, 1891, page 220.

No. 64.—NEW ZEALAND—NORTH ISLAND.

Unsuccessful Search for Vision Rock.

INFORMATION has been received from Captain A. M. Field, Her Majesty's surveying vessel "Penguin," dated 4th December, 1896, of an unsuccessful search for Vision Rock, reported in 1885 as situated about 15 miles E. by S. from the northern of the Tawhiti Rahi (Poor Knights), or approximately in lat. 35° 35½' S., long. 175° 1½' E..

The rock has already been searched for unsuccessfully on several occasions by the New Zealand Government steam-vessel "Stella."

Captain Field reports that the "Penguin" sounded over an area of 120 square miles in the reported locality of Vision Rock, and found no indication of a danger, the least depth obtained being 160 fathoms, amongst general depths of 180 fathoms.

The weather was very favourable for the search and the light so good that it is most probable any danger would have been seen, had it existed.

During the search with the wind against the current, a strong tide ripple was observed from a distance that would have led anyone to believe that a shoal existed, but on sounding over the spot no irregularity whatever was found in the depth.

Vision Rock has consequently been expunged from the Admiralty Charts.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—New Zealand, No. 1212; Hokianga to Tutukaka, No. 2525; Tutukaka Harbour to Mayor Island, No. 2543. Also New Zealand Pilot, 1891, page 42.

No. 65.—INDIA—WEST COAST.

Bombay Harbour—Alteration in North Channel Beacon Light.

THE Government of India has given notice that, on 1st January, 1897, the two lights shown from North Channel Beacon, fixed red over fixed green would be altered to a single fixed white light, visible from N. 40° W., through west and south, to N. 69° E.

Approximate position, lat. 18° 57' 5" N., long. 72° 51' 20" E.

[Variation 1° Easterly in 1897.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Bombay Harbour, No. 2621; Port of Bombay, No. 655. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1896, No. 118a; West Coast of Hindustan Pilot, 1891, page 223; and Hydrographic Notice, No. 6 of 1895, relating to that work, page 13.

No. 66.—UNITED STATES—NEW JERSEY.

Sunken Wreck South-Eastward of Barnegat Lighthouse.

THE United States Government has given notice, dated 9th January, 1897, that the Master of the schooner "Henry W. Cramp" reports that a vessel lies sunk, with the masts showing about 20 feet above water, in a dangerous position,

about S.E. by S., distant 10 miles, from Barnegat Inlet Lighthouse.

Approximate position, lat. 39° 38½' N., long. 73° 58' W.

[Variation 8° Westerly in 1897.]

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Halifax to the Delaware, No. 2670; Nantucket I. to Great Egg Harbour, No. 2480. Also, Sailing Directions for the Principal Ports on the East Coast of the United States, 1882, page 141.

No. 67.—GULF OF MARTABAN.

(1.) *Amended Position of Krishna Shoal Light-vessel.*

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 51 of 1896:—

The Government of India has given notice, dated 21st December, 1896, that Krishna Shoal Light-vessel (group-flashing white light) is now moored N. 50° E., distant 2½ miles, from the position given in the above Notice, or approximately in lat. 15° 37' 30" N., long. 95° 36' 30" E.

(2.) *Baragua Flats Light-vessel and Position Buoy.*

Also that, the watch buoy (black) of Baragua Flats Light-vessel is moored in a depth of five fathoms, in approximately lat. 15° 29' 45" N., long. 95° 11' 30" E.

And Baragua Flats Light-vessel Light is visible in clear weather from a distance of 12 miles.

[Variation 3° Easterly in 1897.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Koronge Island to White Point, No. 823. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1896, Nos. 211, 210a; Bay of Bengal Pilot, 1892, page 321; and Hydrographic Notice, No. 4 of 1895, relating to that work, page 25.

By command of their Lordships,
W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer,
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
28th January to 1st February, 1897.

County Borough of St. Helens.

St. Helens and District Tramways.

Notice as to Lease of the said Tramways.

NOTICE is hereby given that application is intended to be made to the Board of Trade for their approval, under the provisions of the Tramways Act, 1870, to the demise by lease of the Undertaking authorized by the St. Helens and District Tramways Acts, 1879 and 1883, from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of St. Helens to the New St. Helens and District Tramways Company, Limited, upon terms and conditions as follows, viz. :—

1. Term, 21 years.
2. Rent, £2,300 in first year, rising by successive stages to £3,250 during last seven years of term.
3. Rates, taxes and ground rents to be paid by the lessees.
4. Lessors to have the right to use the tramways for their own purposes, but without prejudice to, or interference with, tram service of lessees.
5. Lessees to maintain at fares, and at intervals of time not greater than at present, a punctual and regular service.
6. Lessees not to assign or underlet.
7. Extensions to be made by lessors and to be leased to the lessees subject to arbitration by the Board of Trade.
8. Lessors to relay and repave tramways as aforesaid.