

Meseta, on the eastern side of the entrance to Port Guanica.

Approximate position, on Chart No. 2600, lat. $17^{\circ} 58' N.$, long. $66^{\circ} 54' W.$

Approximate position, on Chart No. 479, lat. $17^{\circ} 57\frac{1}{2}' N.$, long. $66^{\circ} 58' W.$

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—St. Domingo to Dominica, No. 2600; Plan of Puerto de Guanica, on Sheet No. 479. Also, List of Lights, Part VIII, 1896, No. 1C60a*; West India Pilot, Vol. II, 1887, page 210; and Revised Supplement, 1894, relating to West India Pilot, Vol. II, page 82.

No. 76.—NEW ZEALAND—COOK STRAIT.

(1.) *South Island—Farewell Spit Light exhibited from New Lighthouse.*

THE Government of New Zealand has given notice that, on 19th January, 1897, Farewell Spit (Bush-end Point) Light would be exhibited from a new lighthouse, recently erected in a position 176 feet eastward of the old lighthouse:—

Farewell Spit Light is a revolving light with a period of one minute, showing the following sectors:—white from about $S. 79^{\circ} E.$, through south and west, to $N. 76^{\circ} W.$; and red from about $N. 76^{\circ} W.$ to $N. 42^{\circ} W.$ (over Spit end), as before.

It is elevated 97 feet above the sea and visible in clear weather from a distance of 15 miles.

The lighthouse, 88 feet high, is an open framework, iron structure, painted red and white, in bands. The old lighthouse would be taken down as soon as possible.

Approximate position, lat. $40^{\circ} 33' 0'' S.$, long. $173^{\circ} 1' 55'' E.$

NOTE.—The shoal off Spit end has extended recently; depths 2 fathoms less than those shown on the chart having been found for nearly 2 miles in a S E. by E. direction from Spit end. Vessels should not enter the sector of red light until at least six miles distant from Farewell Spit Lighthouse.

Further notice will be given if necessary as to the arcs of the sectors of the new light, their exact limits not having been ascertained.

(2.) *North Island—Intended Light on Cape Palliser.*

Also, that, about June, 1897, a light will be exhibited from a lighthouse in course of erection on Rocky Point, eastern side of Cape Palliser:—

Cape Palliser (Rocky Point) Light will be a dioptric, group-flashing white light with a period of thirty seconds; showing two flashes, separated by an interval of three seconds, in each group.

It will be elevated 258 feet above high water, and visible seaward, over an arc of 214° , a distance of 23 miles in clear weather.

Approximate position, lat. $41^{\circ} 36' 45'' S.$, long. $175^{\circ} 18' 45'' E.$

Further notice will be given when the date of the exhibition of the light is known.

[Variation 15° Easterly in 1897.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—New Zealand, No. 1212 (2); Cape Foulwind to D'Urville Island, No. 2616 (1); Poverty Bay to Cape Palliser, No. 2528 (2); Cook Strait, &c., No. 2054 (2). Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1896, Nos. 845, 827b; and New Zealand Pilot, 1891, pages 234, 167.

No. 77.—UNITED STATES—MAINE.

Intended Fog Signal at Ram Island Lighthouse.

THE United States Government has given notice, that on or about 9th February, 1897, a fog signal would be established at Ram Island Lighthouse, eastern side of Booth Bay:—

Ram Island Fog Signal will consist of a bell hung on the north-western side of the lighthouse, which during thick or foggy weather, will be struck by machinery a double and a single blow alternately, every twenty seconds.

Approximate position, lat. $43^{\circ} 48' 10'' N.$, long. $69^{\circ} 25' 55'' W.$

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Pemaquid Point to Fletcher's Neck, No. 2490. Also, List of Lights, Part VIII, 1896, No. 539; and Sailing Directions for the Principal Ports on the East Coast of the United States, 1882, page 25.

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London.
5th February, 1897.

INCOME TAX.

WHEREAS it has become necessary to renew the list of persons to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners appointed to act in the division of East Powder, in the county of Cornwall, as Commissioners for the general purposes of the Acts of Parliament for granting to Her Majesty duties on profits arising from property, professions, trades, and offices: Now we, two of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, in pursuance of the powers vested in us in that behalf, do hereby convene a meeting of the Land Tax Commissioners for the county aforesaid, being respectively qualified to act as such Commissioners, to be holden at the Townhall, St. Austell, on Friday, the 19th day of February, 1897, at a quarter-past eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of choosing fit and proper persons to be Commissioners to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners for the general purposes of the Income Tax for the division of East Powder aforesaid.

F. L. Robinson.

Edmond H. Wodehouse.

Inland Revenue, Somerset House,
London, February 5, 1897.

In Parliament.—Session 1897.

National Provident Institution.

(Altering, Amending, and Enlarging Powers of Institution; Removal of Doubts as to Powers of Institution to Alter its Rules as to Re-insurances and Range of Investments; Re-insurance of Risks of Institution and Acceptance of Re-insurances from other Bodies or Persons; Additional and Enlarged Powers of Investments of Funds of Institution; Alteration of Rules and Making of New Rules; Enlargement and Alteration of Section 14 of the National Provident Institution Act, 1887; Amendment of Acts and other Purposes.)

NOTICE is hereby given, that application is intended to be made to Parliament in the present session by the National Provident Institution (hereinafter called "the Institution") for leave to bring in a Bill, and to pass an Act for all or some of the following purposes (that is to say):—

1. To remove, put an end to, and annul doubts which have arisen as to the powers of the Institution, and of the members thereof, to alter their rules and regulations, and to make new rules and regulations.

2. To provide that, notwithstanding anything contained in any Act of Parliament relating to Friendly Societies, wholly or partly in force on the first day of the Session of Parliament of the seventeenth and eighteenth years of Her Majesty,