

Postmen, James William Atkin (Gateshead), John Banfield (Brighton), Charles Hudson (Walsall); Richard Hullah (Manchester), James Murphy (Limerick), George William Rawlings (Northampton).

Civil Service Commission, August 20, 1897.

THE Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, in pursuance of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 22nd March, 1879, that with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury they have prescribed that the following fees shall be payable by all Candidates nominated on or after the 1st October next before they will be qualified to attend the Examination for the undermentioned situations in the Post Office, viz.:

Skilled Telegraphist (Male)	4s.
Ditto (Female)	3s.
Sorting Clerk and Telegraph Learner (Male)	4s.
Sorting Clerk and Telegraph Learner (Female)	3s.

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

(Nos. 471 to 478 of the year 1897.)

[The bearings are magnetic, and those concerning the visibility of lights are given from seaward.]

No. 471.—AUSTRALIA—SOUTH COAST.

Kangaroo Island, Nepean Bay—Alterations in Buoys Marking Telegraph Cable.

THE Government of South Australia has given notice, dated 22nd April, 1897, that the undermentioned alterations have been made in the buoys marking the direction of the telegraph cable in Kingscote Harbour, Nepean Bay:—

1. A new perch buoy, painted green, has been moored in Kingscote Harbour in approximately lat. 35° 40' 0" S., long. 137° 39' 50" E.

2. The red perch buoy, previously moored at the southern extremity of the Dry Spit southward of Beatrice Island, has been withdrawn.

3. The colour of the bell buoy, moored in approximately lat. 35° 41½' S., long. 137° 42½' E., has been altered from red to green.

NOTE.—Vessels should anchor well northward or southward of the line joining these buoys and the beacons at Kingscote.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Gulfs of St. Vincent and Spencer, Southern Sheet, No. 2389a. Also, Australia Directory, Vol. I, 1897, page 314.

No. 472.—KAISER WILHELM CANAL.

Lloyd's Signal Stations at Brunsbüttel and Holtenuu.

INFORMATION has been received from Lloyd's, dated 7th August, 1897, that Lloyd's Signal Stations have been established at (1) Brunsbüttel, near western entrance of Kaiser Wilhelm Canal; and (2) Holtenuu, near eastern entrance of that canal.

Approximate position (1) lat. 53° 53' N., long. 9° 9' E.; approximate position (2) lat. 54° 22' N., long. 10° 9' E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Elbe, Weser, and Jade Rivers No. 1875 (1); Kiel Bay, No. 2117 (2); Kiel Fiord, No. 33 (2); Kiel Harbour, No. 696 (2); Kaiser Wilhelm Canal, No. 2469 (1, 2). Also, North Sea Pilot, Part IV, 1892, pages 202, 207, Supplement, 1896, relating to that work, page 33; and Baltic Pilot, Part I, 1895, page 434.

No. 473.—GULF OF BOTHNIA—RUSSIAN SHORE.

Kallo Light—Alterations in Sectors.

THE Russian Government has given notice, dated 22nd July, 1897, that Kallo Light has been altered to show the following sectors:—double-flashing white from N. 44° E. to N. 54° E.; fixed white from N. 54° E. to N. 70° E.; single-flashing red from N. 70° E., through east, to S. 80° E.; and is obscured from other directions.

Approximate position, lat. 61° 35' 40" N., long. 21° 27' 15" E.

[Variation 5° Westerly in 1897.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Nystad Light to Stor Fiård No. 2298. Also, List of Lights, Part III, 1897, No. 549; and Baltic Pilot, Part II, 1896, page 416.

No. 474.—GULF OF FINLAND.

Buoy placed to Mark Shoal near Pitkopas Anchorage.

THE Russian Government has given notice, dated 31st July, 1897, that a red and white spar buoy, surmounted by two red brooms turned away from each other, has been placed in a depth of 24 feet on the south-eastern side of the 2 fathom shoal in the approach to Pitkopas anchorage.

Approximate position on Chart No. 2826, lat. 60° 28' 45" N., long. 27° 51' 20" E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Hogland to Seskär, No. 2247; Approaches to Viborg, No. 2826. Also, Baltic Pilot, Part II, 1896, page 324.

No. 475.—GULF OF FINLAND.

Gulf of Viborg—Shoal, North-Westward of Alvati Point, marked by Buoys.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 431 of 1897:—

The Russian Government has given further notice, dated 22nd July, 1897, that the particulars of the shoal, on which the Russian battle-ship "Gangut" struck, are as follows:—

This shoal, now named Gangut, of small extent, with a depth of 21 feet on it, is situated with Alvati Point Lighthouse bearing S. 50° E., distant 1½ miles; or approximately on Chart No. 2826 in lat. 60° 29' 0" N., long. 28° 23' 30" E.

A black and white spar buoy, surmounted by two black brooms turned towards each other, has been moored in a depth of 6 fathoms on the south-western side of the shoal.

A red and white spar buoy, surmounted by two red brooms turned away from each other, has been moored in a depth of 6½ fathoms on the north-eastern side of the shoal.

[Variation 1° Westerly in 1897.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Gulf of Finland, No. 2191; Hogland to Seskär, No. 2247; Approaches to Viborg, No. 2826. Also, Baltic Pilot, Part II, 1896, page 326.

No. 476.—CHINA SEA.

Hongkong—Alterations in Storm Signals.

INFORMATION has been received through the Commodore at Hongkong, dated 29th June, 1897, that the storm signals shown from the mast in front of the Police Barracks at Kau Lung, have been altered to be in accordance with those shown in the United Kingdom (except three), as follows:—

1. Northerly Gales.—A cone, point upwards, indicates that strong winds are probable from the northward or eastward.