

No. 177.—UNITED STATES—SOUTH CAROLINA.

Intended Alteration in Colour of Hilton Head Island Rear Leading Light.

THE United States Government has given notice that, on or about 10th April, 1898, the light shown from the rear leading lighthouse on Hilton Head Island will be altered from fixed red to fixed white.

Approximate position, lat. 32° 9' 55" N., long. 80° 44' 15" W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Cape Fear to Sapelo Sound, No. 268; Savannah River to St. Helena Sound, No. 2860. Also, List of Lights, Part VIII, 1898, No. 1121; and Sailing Directions for the Principal Ports on the East Coast of the United States, 1892, page 195.

No. 178.—BAY OF BENGAL.

SANDHEADS AND RIVER HUGLI.

(1.) *Pilot's Ridge Light-vessel to be Permanently kept in position.*

INFORMATION has been received from the Government of India, dated 18th February, 1898, that Pilot's Ridge Light-vessel (flashing white light, &c.), hitherto moored in position only from 15th March to 31st October, annually, will, after 1st November, 1898, be kept in position all the year round.

Approximate position, lat. 20° 51' 30" N., long. 87° 52' 0" E.

NOTE.—A blue light will not be burnt at this light-vessel from 1st November to 14th March, annually.

(2.) *Intended Alteration in Lower Gaspar Channel Light-vessel Light.*

Also, that, on 31st October, 1898, the light shown from Lower Gaspar Channel Light-vessel will be altered from fixed white to a group-flashing white light, with a period of one minute, thus:—flash, ten seconds; eclipse, ten seconds; flash, ten seconds; eclipse, thirty seconds.

The blue lights will be shown from this light-vessel as at present.

Approximate position, lat. 21° 26' 0" N., long. 88° 7' 0" E.

(3.) *Anchorage Lights in River Hugli.*

Also, that, on 1st April, 1898, the under-mentioned anchorage lights would be shown in the River Hugli:—

a. Kalpi anchorage (Jigerkolli) light is a fixed white light, elevated about 12 feet above the water, and visible from about north, through west, to S.S.W., a distance of 5 miles in clear weather.

It is situated near the surveying beacon about half a mile eastward of Jigerkolli Obelisk.

Approximate position, lat. 22° 6' 0" N., long. 88° 11' 15" E.

b. Kautabarua Point Light is a fixed red light, elevated 16 feet above the water, visible 5 miles in clear weather, and shown either from Kautabarua Obelisk, or from a mast close to it.

Approximate position, lat. 22° 8' 0" N., long. 88° 12' 40" E.

c. Diamond Harbour Lights are two fixed red lights, visible 2 to 3 miles in clear weather, one shown from the yard-arm of the Telegraph Office, the other from abreast the Custom-house trees, at an elevation of about 14 feet above the water.

Approximate position, Telegraph Office, lat. 22° 11' 30" N., long. 88° 11' 5" E.

d. Fisherman's Point Light is a fixed red light, elevated 14 feet above the water, visible 2 to 3 miles in clear weather, and shown from the western bank of the river abreast Fisherman's Anchorage.

Approximate position, lat. 22° 19' 40" N., long. 88° 5' 30" E.

[Variation 3° Easterly in 1898.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Bay of Bengal, No. 70 (1, 2); Cocanada to Bassein River, No. 829 (1, 2); The Sandheads, &c., No. 814 (1, 2); River Hugli, No. 136 (3). Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1898, Nos. 346, 349, page 56; and Bay of Bengal Pilot, 1892, pages 187, 194, 198.

No. 179.—CHINA SEA—PESCADORES ISLANDS.

(1.) *Sunken Rock North-Eastward of Ragged Island.*

THE Japanese Government has given notice, dated 10th February, 1898, that a sunken rock, on which the sea breaks, is reported to exist in a position with Ragged Island bearing S.W. $\frac{1}{2}$ S., distant $4\frac{1}{2}$ cables; and south extreme of Organ Island W. $\frac{1}{4}$ N.

Approximate position, lat. 23° 36' 30" N., long. 119° 41' 45" E.

The symbol for a rock with less than six feet water on it, with the word "breaks" written against it, has been placed on the Admiralty Chart in the above position.

Also, that the sunken rock, shown on the chart nearly a mile, north-eastward, from Organ Island, extends about a quarter of a mile north and south.

(2.) *Rocks Northward of North Rocks.*

Also, that the undermentioned rocks exist northward of North Rocks:—

a. Niyake Sho, a sunken rock, on which the steam-vessel "Nara Maru" was wrecked in 1897, is situated about a mile northward of North Rocks, in approximately lat. 23° 48' 0" N., long. 119° 34' 50" E.

b. Higashiyake Sho, a rock above water, in approximately lat. 23° 48' 20" N., long. 119° 34' 55" E.

c. Oyake Sho, a rock above water, in approximately lat. 23° 48' 10" N., long. 119° 34' 20" E.

NOTE.—The two masts of the "Nara Maru" are reported to be still standing, and the upper part of the wreck shows at low water.

[Variation nil in 1898.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—China Sea, No. 2661b; Hong Kong to the Brothers, No. 1962; the Brothers to Ockseu Islands, No. 1760; Pescadores Islands, No. 1961; west coast of Formosa, &c., No. 2409 (1). Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. III, 1894, pages 217, 216.

No. 180.—UNITED STATES—MISSISSIPPI.

Mississippi Sound—Alterations in Ship Island Buoyage.

THE United States Government has given notice that, on or about 7th April, 1898, the undermentioned changes will be made in the buoyage of Ship Island Bar and Channel:—

1. Main channel buoy, No. 1 (black, can) will be withdrawn.

Approximate position, lat. 30° 12' 0" N., long. 88° 59' 15" W.

2. Knoll, No. 1, a new, black, second-class can buoy, will be moored on the eastern side of the Knoll, to mark the western edge of South Channel.

3. Knoll bell buoy, red, will be withdrawn.

4. Middle Ground, a new, red, bell buoy, will be moored on the south-western end of Middle Ground, to mark that shoal and the eastern side of South Channel.