NOTICES TO MARINERS.

(Nos. 786 to 790 of the year 1898.) The bearings are magnetic, and those concerning the visibility of lights are given from seaward.]

No. 786.—CHINA—EAST COAST.

Lights—Intended Alteration in Character. THE Chinese Government has given notice, dated 4th November, 1898, that during 1899 it is probable that the following alterations will be made in the character of certain lights and fog signals on the east coast of China:

1. Kiutoan Light-vessel.—The light shown from this vessel will be altered from white fixed

to white flashing every half minute.

The fog signal will remain unaltered.

Approximate position, lat. 31° 17′ 10″ N., long. 121° 47′ 30″ E.

2. Tungsha Light-vessel.—The light shown by this vessel will be altered from revolving every half minute to group flashing, showing three white flashes in succession every forty-five seconds. The fog signal will be altered from a horn to a siren, giving two blasts, a high tone and a low tone, every forty-five seconds.

Approximate position, lat. 31° 8′ 20" N., long. 122° 0′ 20" E.

3. Shaweishan Light will be altered from white fixed to white occulting every fifteen seconds.

Approximate position, lat. 31° 25′ 20″ N., long. 122° 14′ 0″ E.

4. Gutzlaff Light will be altered from white fixed to white flashing every five seconds.

Approximate position, lat. 30° 48′ 35″ N., long. 122° 9′ 45″ E.

5. Turnabout Light will be altered from white fixed to white occulting every fifteen seconds.

Approximate position, lat. 25° 26′ 15″ N., long. 119° 56′ 0″ E.
6. Lamocks Light will be altered from white fixed to white occulting every twenty seconds

Approximate position, lat. 23° 15' 45" N., long. 117° 17' 0" E.

As further information is promised, when each of the above alterations are about to be made, the charts will remain uncorrected until that information is received.

This Notice affects the Admiralty List of Lights, Part VI, 1898, Nos. 737, 735, 736, 734, 723, 711. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. III, 1894, pages 423, 422, 417, 379, 209, 157.

No. 787.—UNITED STATES— MASSACHUSETTS.

Nantucket Sound-Hen and Chickens Light-Vessel Adrift.

THE United States Government has given notice, that the "Hen and Chickens" Lightvessel, entrance to Buzzards Bay, having broken adrift in the gale of 26th November, 1898, a gas buoy, painted black, and showing a white occulting light (light, 14 seconds; eclipse, 2 seconds), will be moored in the position of the above lightvessel until that vessel is replaced.

Approximate position, lat. 41° 27′ 0″ N., long. 71° 1′ 10″ W.

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Nantucket Sound, No. 2456. Also, List of Lights, Part VIII, 1898, No. 761; Sailing Directions for the Principal Ports of the East Coast of the United States, 1882, page 88.

No. 788.—BAY OF BENGAL—MOULMEIN RIVER.

Amherst Point Light-Amended Arc of Visibility. WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 643 of 1898 :---

The Government of India has given further notice, dated 27th September, 1898, that Amherst Point Light is only visible seaward between the bearings of N. 31° E., through east, and S. 41° E.

Approximate position; lat. 16° 4′ 45″ N., long.

Variation 3° Easterly in 1898.] This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts: -Koronge Island to White Point, No. 823; entrance to Moulmein River, with Plan of Amherst Road, No. 1845. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1898, No. 372; and Bay of Bengal Pilot, 1892, page 352.

No. 789.—BLACK SEA—CAUCASIAN COAST.

Guduat, Ochemchiri-Lights Exhibited.

THE Russian Government has given notice, dated 29th October, 1898, that the two following unwatched lights have been exhibited at Guduat and Ochemchiri, Caucasian coast :-

1. Guduat Light is occulting, elevated 49 feet above high water, and visible in clear weather from a distance of about 6 miles, when not obscured by the land, between the bearings of N. 59° E., through north and west, to S. 70°

It is shown from a yellow box-like structure, 10 feet high, situated on high ground at the western extremity of the village.

Approximate position, lat. 43° 5′ 5″ N., long.

40° 34′ 5″ E.

2. Ochemchiri Light is alternating, showing green and white alternately, elevated 31 feet above high water, the white light being visible in clear weather from a distance of about six miles, and the green light three miles, between the bearings of S. 17° E., through east and north, and N. 37° W.

It is shown near the middle of the village from a yellow box-like structure 18 feet high.

Approximate position, lat. 42° 42′ 0" N., long. 41° 25′ 50″ E.

Variation nil in 1898.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts: -Euxine or Black Sea, No. 2214; Anakria Fort to Kertch Strait, No. 2235. List of Lights, Part V, 1898, page 208; Sailing Directions for the Dardanelles, &c., 1893, page

No. 790.—BLACK SEA—CAUCASIAN ... SHORE.

Jobjé Point, Adler (St. Duka) Point-Lights Exhibited.

THE Russian Government has given notice, dated 31st October, 1898, that unwatched lights will shortly be exhibited from structures recently erected on Jobjé and St. Duka (now called Adler) Points, Caucasian shore, Black Sea:

1. Jobjé Point Light is alternating, showing red and white alternately, elevated 34 feet above high water, and visible in clear weather from a distance of about 6 miles, between the bearings of S. 32° E., through east and north, and N. 48° W.

It is shown from a yellow box-like structure, 14 feet high, situated on the slope of the point.

Approximate position, lat. 43° 38' 45" N., long. 39° 33′ 30″ E.

2. Adler Point Light is alternating, showing white, red, and green alternately, elevated 31 feet above high water, the white light visible in clear weather from a distance of about 6 miles, and the green light 3 miles, between the bearings of S. 20° E., through east and north, and N. 40° W.

It is shown from a yellow box-like structure, 20 feet high, situated about 700 yards westward

of the village.