

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Barran Point to Nosong Point, No. 2109; Labuan Island, No. 1844; Victoria Harbour, No. 947. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1903, No. 564; China Sea Directory, Vol. II, 1899, page 161; and Supplement, 1901, page 6.

#### No. 251.—MEDITERRANEAN ALGERIA.

##### *Port of Bona—Light-Buoy Replaced by Light.*

The French Government has given notice that, on the 10th March, 1903, a green fixed light, elevated 10 feet above the sea, would be established in a stone turret erected on the southern extremity of Lion Jetty, Port of Bona. On the same date the light-buoy, exhibiting a green fixed light, moored off the jetty head, would be withdrawn.

Approximate position, lat.  $36^{\circ} 54\frac{1}{2}'$  N., long.  $7^{\circ} 47'$  E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Cape Bougaroni to Fratelli Rocks, No. 252; Approaches to Bona, No. 1567. Also, List of Lights, Part V, 1903, page 280; Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. I, 1894, page 280; and Supplement, 1898, page 9.

#### No. 252.—JAPAN—KIUSIU, WEST COAST.

##### *Koshiki Islands—Rock Eastward of.*

The Japanese Government has given notice, dated 31st January, 1903, of the existence of a rock, with a depth of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  fathoms over it, eastward of Koshiki Islands, situated with Naka Nose bearing N.  $39^{\circ}$  E., distant 6 cables, and Kuro Kami N.  $42^{\circ}$  W.

Approximate position, lat.  $31^{\circ} 50\frac{1}{2}'$  N., long.  $130^{\circ} 2'$  E.

[Variation  $4^{\circ}$  Westerly in 1903.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Kiusiu and Nipon, No. 358; Amakusa Islands, No. 836. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. IV, 1894, page 477.

#### No. 253.—CANADA—NOVA SCOTIA.

##### *Sable Island—Directions in case of Wreck.*

The Government of the Dominion of Canada has given notice, dated 12th February, 1903, that should vessels run ashore on Sable Island and be in danger of being wrecked, Mariners are urged to remain by the ship until assistance can be rendered by the life-saving staff on shore.

Former experience shows that all attempts to leave in the ships' own boats has resulted in loss of life, but that in every case where assistance from the shore, either by line-throwing apparatus or life-boats, has been awaited, the crew has been saved.

Approximate position, lat.  $43^{\circ} 56'$  N., long.  $60^{\circ} 3'$  W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Sable Island, No. 2171. Also, Sailing Directions for the South-East Coast of Nova Scotia, &c., 1903, page 39.

#### No. 254.—SUMATRA—SUNDA STRAIT.

##### *Flat Cape Light—Temporarily Altered.*

The Netherlands Government has given notice, dated 17th March, 1903, that telegraphic information has been received that the white fixed and flashing light exhibited at Flat Cape (Vlakke Hock) is out of repair, and has in consequence been temporarily replaced by a white

fixed light, visible in clear weather from a distance of 20 miles.

Approximate position, lat.  $5^{\circ} 55\frac{1}{2}'$  S., long.  $104^{\circ} 33'$  E.

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Tyingkok Bay to Sunda Strait, No. 2761; Sunda Strait, No. 2056. Also List of Lights, Part VI, 1903, No. 466; China Sea Directory, Vol. I, 1896, page 357; Eastern Archipelago, Part II, 1893, page 46; and Supplement, 1899, page 6.

#### No. 255.—SOUTH AMERICA, WEST COAST—PERU.

##### *Pisco Bay—Decreased Depths in Anchorage.*

Information, dated 17th February, 1903, has been received from Captain C. R. Keppel, C.B., His Majesty's ship "Grafton," that the depths in the anchorage in Pisco Bay have decreased since the date of the last survey, soundings of 5 fathoms having been obtained at distances of  $18\frac{1}{2}$  cables N.  $82^{\circ}$  W. and 17 cables S.  $54^{\circ}$  W. respectively from the Mole Head, the 5-fathom contour line running in nearly a direct line between these two soundings; inshore of this line depths of from 4 to  $4\frac{1}{2}$  fathoms were found.

These results show that the 5-fathom line has extended to the westward about 7 cables from its position as shown on the Chart.

Approximate position, Mole Head, lat.  $13^{\circ} 43\frac{1}{2}'$  S., long.  $76^{\circ} 13\frac{1}{2}'$  W.

[Variation  $10^{\circ}$  Easterly in 1903.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Pisco Bay on Chart No. 1347. Also, South America Pilot, Part II, 1895, page 488.

#### No. 256.—BRAZIL—RIO JANEIRO COAST.

##### *Santa Anna Island and Cape St. Thomé Lights—Positions of.*

Notice is hereby given, that recent observations obtained under the direction of Commodore F. Finnis, the Senior Naval Officer on the south-east coast of America, prove that the proper position of Santa Anna Light is lat.  $22^{\circ} 25' 50''$  S. long.  $41^{\circ} 42' 25''$  W., and Cape St. Thomé Light lat.  $22^{\circ} 3' 0''$  S. long.  $41^{\circ} 3' 15''$  W.

The latter lighthouse was shown in the Chart in the wrong position on the coast.

Chart No. 3107 has been amended accordingly and a new edition is now ready for issue.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Victoria to Santa Catharina, No. 530; Cape St. Thomé to Guaratiba Point, No. 3107; Rio Doce to Cape St. Thomé, No. 3108. Also, List of Lights, Part VII, 1903, Nos. 84a, 84; and South America Pilot, Part I, 1902, pages 182, 178.

#### No. 257.—BALTIC—GERMAN COAST.

##### *Femern Belt Light-Vessel—Position Altered.*

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 878 of 1902:—

The German Government has given further notice that on 1st April, 1903, "Fehmarnbelt" light-vessel, in the western entrance to Femern Belt, exhibiting two white fixed lights, will be shifted to a position 2 miles N.  $59^{\circ}$  E. from that she formerly occupied, and will in future be moored in a depth of 14 fathoms 5 miles N.  $46^{\circ}$  E. from Markelsdorf Lighthouse.

The lights and fog signal are such as described in the Admiralty List of Lights, Part III, 1903, No. 238a.

Approximate position, lat.  $54^{\circ} 35\frac{1}{2}'$  N., long.  $11^{\circ} 9'$  E.

Vessels can pass on either side of this light-vessel.