Bank of England not later than three o'clock, on Thursday, the 30th instant.

6. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

Treasury Chambers, 17th July, 1903.

REDUCTION IN RATE FOR TELEGRAMS TO CHINA, COREA. FORMOSA, JAPAN, AND THE PHILIPPINES.

On the 15th instant the rates for Telegrams to China, Corea, Formosa, Japan, and the Philippines were reduced as follows :-

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Downing Street, London, July 14, 1903.

GOLD COAST.

An Ordinance to regulate the Concession of Rights with respect to land in Ashanti by natives has been enacted by the Governor of the Gold Coast and came into force on the first of July last. Copies can be obtained on application to Messrs. Stevens and Sons, 119, Chancery-lane, W.C. Price 1s.

LONDON GOVERNMENT ACT, 1899.

Penge Urban District.

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners under the London Government Act, 1899, have prepared a Draft Scheme with reference to Byelaws as to alterations of buildings in the Urban District of Penge. Copies of this Draft Scheme may be inspected and obtained at the office of

the Clerk to the Urban District Council.
J. W. Thompson, Secretary. Privy Council Office, Whitehall,

July 16, 1903.

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

(Nos. 567 to 584 of the year 1903.)

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

No. 567.—CHINA—EAST COAST. AMOY INNER HARBOUR.

Impérieuse Rock—Marked by Buoy. With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 863 of 1902:-

Information, dated 27th May, 1903, has been received from Commander T. Jackson, His Majesty's ship "Rosario," that he was informed at the Harbour Master's Office that the Impérieuse Rock is now marked by a black conical buoy with staff and cage.

Approximate position, lat. 24° 26' N., long. $118^{\circ} 4\frac{3}{4}$ E.

CAUTION.—Mariners are warned that a rock, with a depth of 20 feet over it, and foul ground around it, exists between the above buoy and the line for clearing Impérieuse Rock, namely, Kang

Sim Tak and Chiotah beacons, in transit.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Amoy Harbour, Nos. 1767, 1764. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. III, 1894, page 177; and Supplement, 1898, page 15.

No. 568.—SUMATRA—EAST COAST.

Edi Rajut Light—Character Altered. With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 838 of 1902:

The Netherlands Government has given further notice dated 1st July, 1903, that the character of Edi Rajut light has been altered from white fixed to a white group flashing light, showing two flashes in quick succession every ten seconds; it is elevated 65 feet above high water, visible in clear weather from a distance of 13 miles, and shown from a white framework iron tower having a white dwelling with red roof at its base in the same position as the former light.

The light is of the 5th order.

Approximate position, lat. 4° 583' N., long. 97° 46½′ E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Malacca Strait, No. 1355; Diamond Point to Pulo Berhala, No. 1353; Plan of Edi Rajut on Chart No. 219. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1903, No. 391; and China Sea Directory, Vol. I, 1896, page 68.

No. 569.—GULF OF BOTHNIA ENTRANCE-COAST OF SWEDEN.

Järnäs Hamn—Shoal in Approach.

The Swedish Government has given notice, dated 1st July, 1903, that a shoal with a depth over it of 24 feet is reported to exist in the approach to Järnäs Hamn in approximately lat. 63° 24′ N., long. 19° 52′ E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Gulf of Bothnia, No. 2252; Stiernö Point to Fiaderag, No. 2300. Also, Baltic Pilot, Part II, 1896, page 377.

No. 570.—SOUTH AMERICA, ARGENTINA— BAHIA BLANCA.

 ${\it Port~Belgrano~Approach}$ — ${\it Additional~Buoy}.$ Notice is hereby given that from information received from His Majesty's ship "Cambrian," a black buoy was, in June, 1902, moored immediately north-eastward of a line joining, and nearly midway between, No. 6 and 7 buoys in the Gate-way Channel, Port Belgrano; it has been placed on the Charts at a distance of 34 miles S. 45° W.