

LIGHT RAILWAYS ACT, 1896.

The Board of Trade have recently confirmed the following Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners:—North Staffordshire Railway (Light Railway) Order, 1906, authorizing the working of Branch Lines of the North Staffordshire Railway as Light Railways under the Light Railways Act, 1896.

Board of Trade, 7, Whitehall Gardens, S.W.,
March, 1906.

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Bath and Lansdown Light Railways Order.

The Light Railway Commissioners have submitted to the Board of Trade, for confirmation under the above-mentioned Act, an Order made by them for the construction of Light Railways in the rural district of Bath, in the county of Somerset, from Weston to Lansdown.

Any objections to the confirmation of the Order should be addressed to the Assistant-Secretary (Railway Department), Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W., and must be lodged with the Board on or before the 28th March, 1906. These should be accompanied by copies of any clauses or amendments that may be desired to remove the objections, and copies of such objections and clauses or amendments should at the same time be sent to the Promoters' Agent named below.

Copies of the Order as submitted for confirmation may be obtained on payment of not exceeding one shilling per copy from Mr. W. F. M. Provis, Solicitor, Bank Chambers, Baldwin-street, Bristol.

Board of Trade, 7, Whitehall Gardens,
London, S.W., 6th March, 1906.

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

(Nos. 204 to 213 of the year 1906.)

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

No. 204.—COCHIN CHINA—SAIGON RIVER.

Saigon—Wreck in Approach.

The French Government has given notice, dated 15th February, 1906, that the wreck of the steamship "Carlisle," with a mast, funnel, and part of the fore-castle above water, lies sunk across the Saigon or Don Nai River, near the entrance to the tributary On Gnai (Ong Mai), the bow, which is nearest the centre of the channel, being situated at a distance of $15\frac{1}{2}$ cables S. 48° E. from the green fixed light near the mouth of the tributary Gioi or Doi.

Approximate position, lat. $10^\circ 41\frac{1}{2}'$ N., long. $106^\circ 46\frac{1}{4}'$ E.

The semaphore of Nha Bé (Nga Be) and the mouth of the tributary On Gnai are reported to be incorrectly shown on the Chart.

[Variation 2° Easterly in 1906.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Saigon or Don Nai River, Nos. 1269 and 1016. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. II, 1899, page 384.

No. 205.—INDIA—WEST COAST.

Bombay Harbour, Petroleum Pier—Shipment of Oil, Caution.

With reference to Notices to Mariners Nos. 29 of 1905 and No. 57 of 1906:—

The Government of India has given further notice, dated 30th January, 1906, that the channel

to the Petroleum Pier, Bombay Harbour, is now closed by the dam at present under construction extending from Ballard Pier.

For the convenience of vessels shipping oil, a pipe will be carried out on 14 pontoons to a barge, moored south-eastward of the dam, alongside of which oil vessels can be temporarily accommodated. The barge will be painted white, and at night will exhibit two red fixed lantern lights, vertically placed, elevated about 15 feet above the sea, in addition to an anchor light. A red fixed light will also be exhibited from each of the pontoons, which will be painted red.

Four mooring buoys for enabling the oil steamships to moor head and stern will be established in the position at present occupied by the B.I.S.N. Company's northern moorings, which will be taken up.

CAUTION.—Vessels are warned not to pass between the barge and the dam.

Approximate position, Petroleum Pier, lat. $18^\circ 56\frac{1}{4}'$ N., long. $72^\circ 50\frac{3}{4}'$ E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Bombay Harbour, No. 2621; Port of Bombay, No. 655. Also, West Coast of Hindustan Pilot, 1898, page 201; and Supplement, 1903, page 15.

No. 206.—MADAGASCAR—DIEGO SUAREZ BAY.

Miné (Andranomodi) Light—Intended Alteration in.

The French Government has given notice, dated 13th February, 1906, that it is intended to alter the character of Cape Miné or Andranomodi Light, Diego Suarez Bay, from flashing to a white group flashing light, showing groups of three flashes every fifteen seconds. The new light may be exhibited for experiment, but further notice will be given when it is permanently established.

Approximate position, lat. $12^\circ 13\frac{3}{4}'$ S., long. $49^\circ 22\frac{1}{4}'$ E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Delagoa Bay to Cape Guardafui, No. 597; Chagos Archipelago to Madagascar, No. 2899; Comoro Islands, No. 2762; Cape St. Andrew to Antongil Bay, No. 758; Diego Suarez to Andranomodi Bay, No. 1002; Diego Suarez Bay, No. 1116; Plan of Oronjia Pass on chart No. 1064. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1906, No. 100; and Islands in the Southern Indian Ocean, 1904, page 61.

No. 207.—SOUTH PACIFIC, TUAMOTO ARCHIPELAGO—FAKARAVA ISLAND.

Rotoava—Light Established.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 665 of 1901:—

The French Government has given notice, dated 14th February, 1906, that a white fixed light, elevated 29 feet above high water, and visible in clear weather from a distance of 10 miles from the bearing of S. 53° E., through east, to N. 8° W., has been established on an iron support erected near the root of the pier at Rotoava.

Approximate position, lat. $16^\circ 2\frac{1}{2}'$ S., long. $145^\circ 38\frac{1}{2}'$ W.

It is presumed that this light replaces the former red fixed light given in the above-mentioned notice.

[Variation 8° Easterly in 1906.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Plan of Rotoava on Chart No. 1175. Also, List of Lights, Part VII, 1906, No. 616; Pacific Islands, Vol. III, 1900, page 134; and Supplement, 1903, page 9.