

WE, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Act of the twenty-ninth and thirtieth years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter one hundred and eleven, section five, do hereby, subject as hereinafter mentioned, grant to the Incumbent for the time being of the vicarage of Esh, in the county of Durham, and in the diocese of Durham, one yearly sum or stipend of sixty pounds, such yearly sum or stipend to be payable out of the common fund under our control, and to be calculated as from the twenty-first day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and six, and to be receivable in four equal portions, on the first day of February, the first day of May, the first day of August, and the first day of November in each and every year: Provided always, that the annual sum or stipend so granted by us to the Incumbent of the said vicarage of Esh shall be paid only upon the production to us on or after each of the said lastly-mentioned days in each and every year of a certificate under the hand of the Bishop of the said diocese of Durham, that an assistant curate, duly licensed by such Bishop, has been employed within the conventional district called or known as Ushaw Moor, comprising portions of the parishes of Esh and Saint Edmund, Bear Park, both in the county and diocese aforesaid, during the quarter then ended. Provided also, that such yearly sum or stipend shall continue payable as aforesaid so long only as may to us appear to be expedient under the circumstances from time to time affecting the said parishes.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our common seal, this seventeenth day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and seven.

L. S.

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

(Nos. 104 to 118 of the year 1907.)

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

No. 104.—GULF OF MEXICO—MEXICO.

Tampico River Entrance—Light Unreliable, Depths on Bar.

Information, dated 21st December, 1906, has been received through the Board of Trade, that the action of the white group flashing light at La Barra, Tampico River entrance, is unreliable; sometimes it shows as a white fixed light for upwards of an hour, at other times as group flashing showing three flashes every ten seconds.

Approximate position, lat. $22^{\circ} 15\frac{3}{4}'$ N., long. $97^{\circ} 49'$ W.

The depths on the bar at present are reported to be from 25 to 26 feet at high water, and from 23 to 24 feet at low water, but owing to the washing away of the northern breakwater, by strong currents and freshets, dangerous obstructions may exist in the entrance.

The attention of Mariners is directed to the information respecting this bar, and the caution with regard to "Northers" and the employment of pilots given in the West India Pilot, Vol. I, 1903, page 496, and the Supplement, 1906, relating to that volume, page 30. Strangers should not attempt to enter without a pilot.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—The West Indies, No. 3273; Gulf of Mexico, No. 392; Plan of Tampico Harbour on No. 2854. Also, List of Lights, Part VIII, 1906, No. 1435; West India Pilot, Vol. I, 1903, page 496; and Supplement, 1906, page 30.

No. 105.—UNITED STATES—FLORIDA.

Cape Canaveral—Shoals off, Reported Extension of.

The United States Government has given notice, dated 29th December, 1906, that two vessels, drawing about 23 feet, are reported to have touched the ground when passing outside the shoals off Cape Canaveral at distances of three-quarters of a mile and $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles respectively south-eastward from Ohio Shoal Buoy; it is probable, therefore, that Hetzel and Ohio Shoals have extended seaward. Mariners are in consequence recommended to give these shoals a good berth in passing.

Approximate position, Hetzel Shoal, lat. $28^{\circ} 36\frac{3}{4}'$ N., long. $80^{\circ} 25'$ W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—West Indies, No. 761; Gulf of Mexico, No. 392; Sapelo Sound to Little Bahama Bank, No. 269. Also, Sailing Directions for the East Coast of the United States, 1899, page 817; and West India Pilot, Vol. II, 1899, page 634.

No. 106.—THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS—MINDANAO, SOUTH COAST.

Little Santa Cruz Island Light—Character Altered.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 242 of 1906:—

The United States Government has given further notice, dated 29th December, 1906, that the character of Little Santa Cruz Island Light has been altered from white fixed to white occulting every ten seconds, thus:—light, seven seconds; eclipse, three seconds; in other respects it remains as before.

Approximate position, lat. $6^{\circ} 53' 0''$ N., long. $122^{\circ} 2' 15''$ E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Sulu Archipelago, Nos. 2576 and 928; Molucca Passage to Manila, No. 943; Basilan Strait, No. 961. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1906, page 99; and Eastern Archipelago, Part I, 1902, page 99.

No. 107.—ADRIATIC—ISTRIA.

Port Parenzo, Southern Approach—Breakwater Completed.

The Austro-Hungarian Government has given notice, dated 5th January, 1907, that the breakwater running in a S. 52° E. direction from the south-eastern point of S. Nicolo Island to Sarafel Island, in the southern entrance to Port Parenzo, has been completed; but, for the convenience of small vessels a passage through the breakwater about 30 yards wide, having a least depth of $2\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms in it, has been opened at a distance of 120 yards from S. Nicolo Island.

Approximate position, south-east point of San Nicolo Island, lat. $45^{\circ} 13\frac{1}{2}'$ N., long. $13^{\circ} 35\frac{1}{4}'$ E. [Variation 9° Westerly in 1907.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Plan of Port Parenzo on Chart No. 1559. Also, Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. III, 1899, page 137.

No. 108.—CANADA, NOVA SCOTIA—BAY OF FUNDY.

Port Maitland—Fog Signal Established.

The Government of the Dominion of Canada has given notice, dated 5th December, 1906, that a fog bell, which will, during thick or foggy