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NOTICES TO MARINERS.

IS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to direct that the following Notices to Mariners be published for general information.

By His Excellency's command,

W. T. TAYLOR, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Colombo, July 4, 1900.

Bengal.—No. 133.

New Zealand—Auckland Harbour Approach—Takapuna Head Buoy-Position altered.

The British Admiralty has given notice (No. 242 of 1900) that the buoy (red can) marking the 8-ft. patch, situated about 23 cables eastward of Takapuna head, has been moved to a position from which Takapuna point bears S. 38° W., distant 4 cables, to mark the edge of the

3-fathom bank extending from that point.

Approximate position: lat. 30° 49′ S., long. 174° 49′ E.

Variation, 14° easterly in 1900.

This notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—

Auckland Harbour Entrances, No. 1,896; Auckland Harbour, No. 1,970; also New Zealand Pilot, 1891, page 47; and Hydrographic Notice, No. 2, 1895, relating to that work, page 3.

E. J. BEAUMONT, Comdr., R.I.M. Officiating Port Officer of Calcutta.

Calcutta, May 26, 1900.

Bengal.—No. 134.

Japan, Inland Sea-Iyo Nada-Yashiro Sima-New Shoals to the Southward.

The British Admiralty has given notice (No. 245 of 1900) of the existence of the under-mentioned shoals off the south coast of Yashiro sima :-

(a) Iyefusa, with a depth of $4\frac{1}{4}$ fathoms over it at low-water springs, situated with the south-west point of Yashiro sima bearing S. 66° W., distant $13\frac{1}{2}$ cables, and north-east extreme of Kakesu sima S. 19° E.

Approximate position: lat. 33° 52′ 10″ N., long. 132° 13′ 45″ E.

There are depths of from 12 to 15 fathoms around this shoal.

b) Daihanomozu, with a depth of 21 fathoms over it at low-water springs, situated with the south-west point of Yashiro sima bearing N. 50° W., distant 7½ cables, and the rock off Age saki N. 70° E.

There are depths of 12 to 20 fathoms around this shoal Variation, 5° westerly in 1900.

This notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:— Seto uchi or Inland Sea, No. 2,875; also China Sea Directory, vol. IV., 1894, page 422.

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Calcutta, May 26, 1900.

BENGAL.-No. 135.

Japan-Inland Sea-Simonoscki Strait, Eastern Entrance $oldsymbol{Decreased}$ $oldsymbol{Depths.}$

The British Admiralty has given notice (No. 246 of 1900) that the depth has decreased generally in the eastern approach to Simonoseki strait, and that shoal soundings were obtained in the following positions:-

1. A depth of 3\frac{3}{4} fathoms, situated with Isaki (Hesaki) lighthouse bearing S. 76° W., distant 13\frac{1}{10} cables, and Manju sima summit N. 27° W.

2. A depth of 33 fathoms, situated with Isaki lighthouse bearing S. 72° W., distant 12 0 cables, and Manju sima summit N. 27° W.

3. A depth of $3\frac{3}{4}$ fathoms, situated with Isaki lighthouse bearing S. 64° W., distant $12\frac{7}{10}$ cables, and Manju sima summit N. 27° W.

4. A depth of 33 fathoms, situated with Isaki lighthouse bearing S. 66° W., distant 12 cables, and Manju sima summit N. 25° W.

5. A depth of 4 fathoms, situated with Isaki lighthouse bearing S. 58° W., distant 1170 cables, and Manju sima summit N. 23° W.

6. A depth of 4 fathoms, situated with Kanju sima bearing N. 71° W., distant 8 to cables, and Isaki lighthouse S. 7° W.

Approximate position: Isaki lighthouse, lat. 33° 57′ 35″ N., long. 131° 1′ 0″ E.

Variation, 4° westerly in 1900.

This notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:-Inland Sea, No. 2,875; Simonoseki Strait, No. 532; also China Sea Directory, vol. IV., 1894, page 427.

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Calcutta, May 26, 1900.

Bengal.—No. 136.

Australia, West--Rottnest Island-Bathurst Point-Intended Light.

The British Admiralty has given notice (No. 247 of 1900, that it is intended shortly to exhibit a white fixed dioptric light of the second order from a gray stone tower constructing on Bathurst Point, Rottnest Island. The light will be elevated 98 ft. above high water, and visible in clear weather, from a distance of 15 miles, from the bearing of S. 82° E., through south and west, to N. 59°

Approximate position: lat. 31° 59′ 15″ S., long. 115° 33′ 15″ E.

Further notice will be given when information has been received that the light is exhibited.

Variation, 3° westerly in 1900.

This notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:

Rottnest Island to Warnboro' Sound, No. 1,058; also
List of Lights, part VI., 1900, page 170; Australia
Directory, vol. III., 1895, page 356; and Supplement, 1898, relating to that work, page 8.

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Calcutta, May 26, 1900.

Bengal.—No. 137.

Australia, South-Neptune Islands-Entrance to Spencer Gulf and Investigator Strait—Date of Exhibition of proposed Light.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 202, dated the 10th October, 1899, issued by this office, the President, Marine Board, Port Adelaide, has given further notice (No. 1 of 1900) that the proposed light on the South Neptune Island, at the entrance to Investigator Strait, will, in all probability, be exhibited about March, 1901.

A further notice giving full particulars as to the character of the light, actual date of illumination, &c.,

will be issued as early as possible.

This affects Admiralty Chart No. 2,389.

E. J. BEAUMONT, Comdr., R.I.M., Officiating Port Officer of Calcutta.

Calcutta, May 26, 1900.

BENGAL.-No. 138.

India, West-Malabar Coast-Quilon-Two Buoys removed.

The Master Attendant, Alleppey, has given notice that the two buoys marking the entrance to the port of Quilon have been removed for the monsoon on the 16th instant.

> E. J. BEAUMONT, Comdr., R.I.M. Officiating Port Officer of Calcutta.

Calcutta, May 26, 1900.

BENGAL.-No. 139.

India, West-Malabar Coast-Alleppey-Red Buoy taken up.

The Master Attendant, Alleppey, has given notice that the red buoy marking the anchorage off Alleppey has been taken up for the monsoon.

E. J. BEAUMONT, Comdr., R.I.M., Officiating Port Officer of Calcutta. Calcutta, May 26, 1900.

BENGAL.-No. 140.

Pacific Ocean—Philippine Islands—Rocks in Maqueda Channel.

The British Admiralty has given notice (No. 261 of 1900) of the existence of a rock, 10 ft. high, in the northern entrance to Maqueda channel, situated with Balangona point bearing S. 87° E., distance 7½ miles, and the Western Palumbanes island N. 35° E.

Approximate position: lat. 14° 3½′ N., long. 124° 0¾′ E.

Also that breakers were seen with Balangona point bearing N. 82° E., distant 6 miles, and the western Palumbanes N. 3° E.

Approximate position: lat. 14° 2′ N., long. 124° 2′ E. Variation, 0° 30′ easterly in 1900.

This notice affects the following admiralty Charts:—Philippine Islands, No. 943 and 2,577; also Eastern Archipelago, part I, 1890, page 342.

E. J. BEAUMONT, Comdr., R.I.M., Officiating Port Officer of Calcutta.

Calcutta, June 2, 1900.

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H. M. Customs, Colombo, June 30, 1900.

W. H. JACKSON, Acting Principal Collector.

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