

MEMORANDUM.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Captain Ernest Augustus Prideaux Bruns in the Cornwall Rangers Militia.

WHITEHALL, July 6, 1866.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed William Taylor, of Hexham, in the county of Northumberland, Gentleman, to be a Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery in England.

WHITEHALL, August 1, 1866.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed William Tullet Howard, of Bishop's Road, Bethnal Green, Gentleman, to be a London Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 38.)—JAPAN—TSUGAR STRAIT.

Floating Light Hakodadi Bay.

INFORMATION has been received at the Admiralty, that after the month of October 1865, a light vessel would be moored in the port of Hakodadi, Ssugar or Sangar Strait.

The vessel exhibits a *fixed* white light, at an elevation of 21 feet above the sea, and in clear weather should be visible from a distance of 5 miles.

The vessel has one mast, carries a red ball during the day, and is moored in 6 fathoms water at the extremity of the bank, extending in a northerly direction from the peninsula of Hakodadi.

The approximate position is given in lat. $41^{\circ} 47' 30''$ N., long. $140^{\circ} 44' 39''$ East of Greenwich.

SULU SEA—BASILAN CHANNEL.

Fixed Red Light at Samboanga.—Island of Mindanao.

Notice has been given by the Captain of the Port of Samboanga, at the south point of Mindanao, that on and after the 15th day of March 1866, a *fixed red* light would be exhibited, as a harbour light at Samboanga.

The light is placed at an elevation of 32 feet above the level of the sea, at the extremity of the mole.

The approximate position is given in lat. $6^{\circ} 54'$ N., long. $122^{\circ} 4'$ East of Greenwich.

By Command of their Lordships,

GEO. HENRY RICHARDS, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
11th July 1866.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Kuril Island, No. 2405; Tsugar Strait, No. 2441; Hakodadi Harbour, No. 2672.—Basilan Channel, No. 961; and Sulu Archipelago, No. 2576.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 39.)—NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN—BAY OF BISCAY.

Light Vessel on Plateau de Roch-bonne.

The Minister of Public Works in France has given notice that, on and after the 15th day of

September 1866, the light vessel, which has been moored east of the Plateau de Roche-bonne—off the west coast of France, will exhibit two *fixed* white lights, the one being 46, and the other 33 feet above the level of the sea; in clear weather they should be seen from a distance of 10 miles.

The vessel is painted red, with two masts surmounted by skeleton balls; she is moored in 26 fathoms, in about lat. $46^{\circ} 12'$ N., long. $2^{\circ} 20' 51''$ West of Greenwich.

During foggy weather, a bell will be sounded quickly for the space of a minute, with an interval of three minutes; but in the event of a vessel passing near the floating light, the ringing will be continued without interruption. It is contemplated to substitute for this bell, a trumpet to be sounded by compressed air, which would be heard at a much greater distance.

Note.—From experience obtained during the past winter, it is probable the light vessel will be able to keep at her present moorings during all weather notwithstanding the violence of the sea in this locality; but mariners are warned against placing too much dependence on the vessel retaining her position.

By Command of their Lordships,

GEO. HENRY RICHARDS, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
16th July 1866.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Thames to Mediterranean, No. 1; France, West Coast, sheet 3, No. 2648. Also, French Lights List, No. 195.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 40.)—MEDITERRANEAN.—COAST OF SYRIA.

Lights at Port de Sur, or Tyre.

The Turkish Government has given notice that, on and after the 15th day of July 1866, two lights would be exhibited from an ancient battery, overlooking the sea, on the west side of the town of Sur, ancient Tyre.

The lights are *fixed* white *vertical* lights, the higher of the two being 56 feet above the level of the sea, and in clear weather should be seen from a distance of five miles.

The position of the lights is given in lat. $33^{\circ} 17'$ N., long. $35^{\circ} 14' 50''$ East of Greenwich.

Port de Saida or Sidon.

Also, that on and after the 15th day of July 1866, two lights would be exhibited, at the distance of 219 yards from the south extremity of the Island of Saida or Jezireh, at the entrance of the port of the same name.

The lights will be *fixed red vertical* lights; the elevation of the higher of the two being 62 feet above the level of the sea, and in clear weather should be seen from a distance of five miles.

The position of the light is in lat. $33^{\circ} 34' 15''$ N., long. $35^{\circ} 21' 28''$ East of Greenwich.

BLACK SEA.

Fixed and Flashing Light on Cape Kouri.

Also, that on and after the 15th day of July 1866, a light would be exhibited 43 yards from the extremity of Cape Kouri, on the western coast of the Black Sea.