

Charts :—Mediterranean General, Nos. 2158 and 27186 ; Naples Gulf, No. 1728 ; and Naples Gulf to Vaticano Cape, No. 160.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 7.)—PACIFIC OCEAN—SOCIETY ISLANDS.

Fixed Light on Point Venus, Tahiti Island.

THE French Government has given notice, that from the 1st day of January, 1868, a light would be exhibited from a lighthouse recently erected on Point Venus, north coast of Tahiti Island.

The light is a fixed white light, and in clear weather should be seen from a distance of 15 miles.

The illuminating apparatus is dioptric or by lenses, of the third order.

The position of the lighthouse, as given, is in lat. 17° 29' 48" S., long. 149° 29' 21" West from Greenwich.

Directions.—The Artémise bank lies E. $\frac{3}{4}$ S. from Venus point light, distant 9 miles. When coming from the south or south-east, on opening the light, a vessel should not steer to the west of north until the light bears W.S.W., when she may alter course to west, passing to the northward of all the dangers and two miles from the reef off point Venus.

[All bearings are Magnetic. Variation 7° 40' Easterly in 1868.]

By command of their Lordships,
Geo. Henry Richards, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
1st February, 1868.

This notice affects the following Admiralty Charts :—Pacific Ocean, Sheet 7, No. 2465 ; and Society Islands, No. 1382.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 8.)—ENGLAND—WEST COAST—BRISTOL CHANNEL.

Alterations in Flatholm Light.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 85, issued from this office on the 3rd December, 1867, the Trinity House, London, has given notice, that the Flatholm light has been coloured *red* from between the bearings S. $\frac{1}{4}$ E. and S.W., embracing the space between the West Cardiff buoy and the Monkstone beacon, and leaving a fair berth outside them respectively.

Alteration in Usk light.

Also, with reference to the same notice, the lighthouse at the entrance to the Usk river now exhibits but one light, a *white* light from between the bearings N. by W. $\frac{1}{2}$ W. and N.N.W. $\frac{1}{2}$ W. to mark the channel into the river ; from which bearings respectively a *red* light is shown to the eastward to the bearing W. by S. $\frac{1}{4}$ S. and to the south-westward to the bearing N.N.E. on which bearing N.N.E. it will cut the S.W. Patch buoy. From N.N.E. a *white* light extends to the land, ending on a bearing of N.E. by E. $\frac{3}{4}$ E.

A *white* strip, or streak of white light is visible up the river from between the bearings S W. by W. $\frac{1}{4}$ W. and W. by S. $\frac{1}{2}$ S.

[All bearings are Magnetic. Variation 22° Westerly in 1868.]

By command of their Lordships,
Geo. Henry Richards, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
1st February, 1868.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty

Charts :—Bristol Channel, No. 1179 ; and Nash point to New Passage, No. 2682.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 9.)—CHANNEL ISLANDS—JERSEY.

Destruction of the Beacon on the Grande Anquette.

INFORMATION has been received, and notice is hereby given, that the stone Beacon on the Grande Anquette Rock, lying south-east of the Island of Jersey, has been entirely destroyed and washed away.

By command of their Lordships,
Geo. Henry Richards, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
1st February, 1868.

This notice affects the following Admiralty Charts :—Channel Islands, No. 2701 ; Jersey Island, No. 62, and France, West Coast, Sheet 10, No. 2669. Also, The Jersey Island Pilot, page 33.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 10.)—AMERICA—SOUTH-EAST COAST.

Wreck of H.M.S. Bombay, in the Rio de La Plata.

INFORMATION has been received through the French Government, that the remains of H.M.S. *Bombay*, burnt in 1865, has shifted ; the following bearings have been given for the present position :—

Montevideo Church, N.W. by W. $\frac{3}{4}$ W.

Flores Island, N. $\frac{1}{4}$ E.

Light vessel on the English Bank, S.E. $\frac{3}{4}$ E., distant 4 miles.

It is further reported, that the fishermen of the locality fasten their boats at low water to the bowsprit of the wreck, which is then awash.

[All bearings are magnetic. Variation 9° Easterly in 1868.]

By command of their Lordships,
Geo. Henry Richards, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
6th February, 1868.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts :—South America, East Coast, Sheet 7, No. 2522 ; and Rio de la Plata, No. 2544. Also, South American Pilot, part I., pages 210 and 213.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 11.)—WEST INDIES.

Revolving Light on Sombrero Island.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 64, dated the 4th October, 1867, stating that a lighthouse was then in the course of erection on Sombrero Island, the northernmost of the Lesser Antilles, from which a revolving light, attaining its greatest brilliancy *every minute*, would be exhibited in January, 1868.

Notice is hereby given, that the light has been exhibited from the 1st day of January, 1868.

UNITED STATES—LOUISIANA.

Fixed Light at Tchefuncti River.

The United States Government has given notice, that the light at the west side of the mouth of the Tchefuncti River, near Madison-