

1st Volunteer Battalion, the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), Lieutenant Herbert Damarell Price resigns his Commission. Dated 7th November, 1885.

20th Middlesex (Artists'), Lieutenant William Henry Thomas to be Captain. Dated 7th November, 1885.

4th Volunteer Battalion, the South Wales Borderers, Major Walter Henry Williams is granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 7th November, 1885.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, the Prince Albert's (Somersetshire Light Infantry), Lieutenant Francis Escott Hancock resigns his Commission. Dated 7th November, 1885.

1st Surrey (South London), Captain Albert Samuel Fletcher resigns his Commission; also is granted the honorary rank of Major, and is permitted to continue to wear the uniform of the Corps on his retirement. Dated 7th November, 1885.

Lieutenant George Henry Newington Bridges to be Captain. Dated 7th November, 1885.

1st Wiltshire, Francis Barton, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 7th November, 1885.

Civil Service Commission, November 6, 1885.

THE Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that an Open Competitive Examination for Clerkships (Class I) in the Civil Service, will be held in London, on Tuesday, the 5th January, 1886, and following days, under the Regulations dated 13th January, 1885, and published in the London Gazette of the same date.

A Preliminary Examination will be held in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin, on Tuesday, the 15th December, 1885.

No person will be admitted to Examination from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the 5th December, an "application" in the Candidate's own handwriting on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 192.)—CHINA SEA.—PESCADORES ISLANDS.
Shoal Ground Southward of Litsitah Point.

INFORMATION has been received of the existence of shoal ground extending southward of Litsitah Point, Fisher Island:—

In April, 1885, the French ironclad "Triomphante" struck on a rock southward of Litsitah Point, and from soundings subsequently taken in the vicinity, it was ascertained that shoal rocky ground extends half-a-mile southward of that Point.

In May, 1885, the British steam vessel "Welcome" also struck on a rock southward of Litsitah Point, and sustained considerable damage, it is considered that this rock is identical with that on which the "Triomphante" struck.

NOTE.—Vessels should not pass southward of Litsitah Point within the distance of about one mile.

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,

30th October, 1885.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Formosa Island and Strait, No. 1968; Chauan Bay to Port Matheson, No. 1760; Pescadores Islands, No. 1961. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. III, 1884, page 241.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 193.)—SHETLAND ISLES.

Continuance of Experimental Fog Signal on Fair Isle.

WITH reference to Notices to Mariners, No. 29, of 21st February, 1885, and No. 94, of 16th May, 1885, on the establishment, on trial, for a period of about six months, of a rocket fog signal on Fair Isle.

The Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses have given further notice, dated 21st October, 1885, that the signal will be continued in operation for a further period of at least six months from 8th November, 1885.

A rocket will be fired every ten minutes, during fog or thick snow showers. These rockets will explode with a loud report at the height of about 800 feet above the sea.

Two sizes of rockets are intended to be used,—the smaller, with 4 oz. charges, will be used during fogs when the weather is calm; the larger, with 12 oz. charges, when the weather is thick and stormy, or during heavy snow showers.

NOTE.—The continuance of this fog signal for the above-mentioned period is experimental merely, and mariners are cautioned that they must not depend upon the certainty of hearing the warning signal when used, as the rockets are to be fired from the centre of the isle, which is about 3 miles long in a north and south direction, with a greatest breadth of 1½ miles.

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,

30th October, 1885.

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Charts:—North Sea, No. 2339; Scotland, north coast, No. 2397b; Fair Isle, No. 2622. Also, North Sea Pilot, Part I, 1876, pages 4, 94, 96.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 194.)—SOUTH AMERICA—EAST COAST.

BRAZIL.

Fixed Light at River Real Entrance.

THE Brazilian Government has given notice, that on 15th October, 1885, a light would be exhibited from a lighthouse at River Real Entrance:—

The light is a fixed white light, elevated 70 feet above the sea, and should be visible in clear weather from a distance of 10 miles.

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

The lighthouse, 69 feet high and quadrangular in shape (painted white), contains the keeper's dwelling, and is provided with a mast and yards for signalling purposes.

Approximate position on Admiralty Charts, lat. 11° 27' S., long. 37° 22' W.

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,

30th October, 1885.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Pernambuco to Victoria, No. 529. Also, Admiralty List of Lights in South America, 1885, page 6; and South America Pilot, Part I, 1885, page 63.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 195.)—RED SEA—SUEZ BAY.

Harbour Light in Suez Creek.

THE Egyptian Government has given notice, that on 19th September, 1885, a harbour light would be exhibited in Suez Creek, from a small