

## OTAGO HARBOUR.

(4.) *Fixed Green Light on North Mole, and Alteration in Colour of Inner Loading Light.*

Also, has given notice, that on 1st February, 1888, a light would be exhibited from a lighthouse erected on the outer end of North (Cargill) Mole, western side of entrance to Otago Harbour:—

The light is a fixed green light, elevated 29 feet above high water, and should be visible in clear weather from a distance of 6 miles.

The lighthouse is white.

Position, lat.  $45^{\circ} 46' 40''$  S., long.  $170^{\circ} 44' 30''$  E.

Also, that on the same date, the following alteration would be made in the colour of the inner leading light, entrance to Otago Harbour:—

The light is a fixed red light.

Position, lat.  $45^{\circ} 47' 20''$  S., long.  $170^{\circ} 44'$  E.

[The bearings are magnetic. Variation  $15^{\circ}$  Easterly in 1888.]

By command of their Lordships,

*W. J. L. Wharton*, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,

14th February, 1888.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Corner Inlet to Gabo Island, No. 1016 (1); Tamar River (Tasmania), No. 1080 (2); Cook Strait to Cape Egmont, No. 2054 (3); Cook Strait Anchorages, Sheet 1, No. 2684 (3); Sheet 2, No. 2685 (3); Otago Harbour, No. 2411 (4). Also, Admiralty List of Lights in South Africa, &c., 1887, pages 74, 90, 98, No. 547; Australia Directory, Vol. I, 1884, pages 396, 438, 443; Supplement, 1886, to Australia Directory, Vol. I, page 12; New Zealand Pilot, 1883, pages 183, 260, 263; and Revised Supplement, 1887, to New Zealand Pilot, page 13.

## NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 48 of the year 1888.)

AUSTRALIA—NORTH WEST COAST.

*Woodbine Shoal.*

INFORMATION has been received from the Master Attendant at Singapore, that the Master of the pearling schooner "Sree Pas Sair," reports the existence of a shoal north-westward of Cartier Islet, north-west coast of Australia:—

At 9 a.m., 4th October, 1887, the "Sree Pas Sair" passed over a narrow ridge of shoal ground about 30 to 40 yards in width, on which soundings of 8 and 11 fathoms were obtained, boulders being plainly visible beneath the schooner. The shoal appeared to trend E.N.E. and W.S.W., as far as could be seen from the masthead. Good observations obtained at noon, and verified at 1h 30m p.m., by sighting the east end of Hibernia Shoal, gave the position of the vessel when passing over the shoal as in lat.  $12^{\circ} 25'$  S., long.  $123^{\circ} 27'$  E.

The above position is 5 miles westward of the position of the Woodbine Shoal, reported by the Master of the barque of that name in 1873, as situated north-westward, distant 7 or 8 miles from Cartier Islet, and where a sounding of 10 fathoms was obtained; the shoal appearing to extend northward and north-westward as far as could be seen from the masthead.

This shoal reported by the "Sree Pas Sair" is considered to be part of that reported by the "Woodbine," and the shoal now on the chart will be therefore extended to include the position now reported.

By command of their Lordships,

*W. J. L. Wharton*, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,

15th February, 1888.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Australia, northern portion, No. 2759a;

north-west coast of Australia, No. 475; Cape Ford to Buccaneer Archipelago, No. 1047. Also, Australia Directory, Vol. III, 1881, page 174.

## NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 49 of the year 1888.)

AUSTRALIA—EAST COAST.

*Non-existence of certain Shoals North-Eastward of Palm Islands.*

INFORMATION has been received from Lieutenant and Commander G. E. Richards, Her Majesty's surveying vessel "Paluma," of unsuccessful search having been made for the following reported shoals:—

(1.) Zebra Shoal, reported in 1836 to be situated in lat.  $18^{\circ} 31' 40''$  S., long.  $146^{\circ} 38' 30''$  E.

(2.) The shoal marked E.D., bearing S.  $88^{\circ}$  E., distant  $5\frac{1}{2}$  miles, from the summit of North Palm Island, reported to be situated in lat.  $18^{\circ} 33' 40''$  S., long.  $146^{\circ} 37' 10''$  E.

(3.) The shoal marked P.D., bearing N.  $80^{\circ}$  E., distant  $12\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the summit of North Palm Island, reported in 1821 to be situated in lat.  $18^{\circ} 32' 0''$  S., long.  $146^{\circ} 44' 40''$  E.:—

The soundings in the vicinity of the above positions gave no indication of shoal ground, nor could any be seen under favourable circumstances from the summit of Orpheus Island, although, at the time Bramble Reef was visible.

The steam vessels of the British India Company constantly pass near the reported positions of these shoals, but neither the Commanders of those vessels, nor the bêche de mer fishermen who frequent the localities, know anything of them.

The above shoals were searched for, and not found, by Lieutenant C. B. Yule in 1848, and by Commander G. S. Nares, Her Majesty's Ship "Salamander," in 1867.

Consequent on the above examination and evidence, the three shoals have been expunged from the Admiralty charts.

[The bearings are magnetic. Variation  $6\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  Easterly in 1888.]

By command of their Lordships,

*W. J. L. Wharton*, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,

16th February, 1888.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Coral Sea and Great Barrier Reef, sheet I, No. 2763; Magnetic Islands to Double Point, and the Barrier Reefs, No. 2349. Also, Australia Directory, Vol. II, 1879, page 222.

WE, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Act of the twenty-ninth and thirtieth years of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred and eleven, sections five and eleven, do hereby grant to the Incumbent of the vicarage of Saint Francis, Ashton Gate, Bedminster, in the diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, and to his successors, Incumbents of the same vicarage, one yearly sum or stipend of fifty pounds, such yearly sum or stipend to be payable out of the common fund under our control, and to be calculated as from the first day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and to be receivable in equal half-yearly portions, on the first day of May and on the first day of November in each and every year: And we do also hereby grant and appropriate out of our said common fund to the said vicarage of Saint Francis, Ashton Gate, Bedminster, one capital sum of one thousand and five hundred pounds sterling, to be applicable towards defraying the cost of providing a parsonage or house of residence for the said vicarage,