

THE Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt do hereby give notice, that the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in virtue of the powers vested in them by the Act 10 Geo. IV, cap. 24, have revoked and recalled all Tables previously sanctioned by the Lords Commissioners for the Grant of Life Annuities and of Annuities for Terms of Years under the said Act, and have approved of other Tables to be used and applied in place thereof.

C. Rivers-Wilson, Comptroller-General.
National Debt Office, July 4, 1888.

Civil Service Commission, July 6, 1888.

THE following Candidates have been certified by the Civil Service Commissioners as qualified for the appointments set against their respective names:—

July 2, 1888.

AFTER OPEN COMPETITION.

Post Office: Telegraph Learner, London, Samuel Walter Belderson.

WITHOUT COMPETITION.

British Museum (Natural History): Boy Attendant, George Lester.

Prisons Department, England: Subordinate Officer, Division I, George Brett.

Post Office: Sorting Clerks and Telegraph Learners, Ethel Eugenic Bray (Hull), William Johnson Dixon (Newcastle-on-Tyne), Horace Herbert Horscroft (Hastings), Elizabeth Anna Maria Stratton (Belfast).

Postmen, Richard Dewey (Warminster), James John Ryan (Dublin), Richard Henry Watson (Belfast).

July 3, 1888.

WITHOUT COMPETITION.

Admiralty: Pensioner Messenger, William Bartlett Dunn.

Prisons Department, England: Subordinate Officer, Division I, William Alfred Page.

Post Office: Postmistress, Listowel, Ellen McGuire. Sorting Clerk and Telegraph Learner, Shrewsbury, Thomas Bernard Freeman.

Postmen, George Barrell (Rochdale), Charles Clarke (Ware), Ernest Dormer (Reading), Ernest James Brown Ellery (Teignmouth), James Alfred Green (Hull), Henry Ernest Kempson (Twickenham), Edward Langman (Chelmsford), Thomas Henry Smith (Worcester).

July 4, 1888.

WITHOUT COMPETITION.

Prisons Service, Ireland: Assistant Matron, Agnes Josephine Kirk.

Post Office: Postman, London, William Henry John Bell.

Tracer, London, Charles Martin.

Sorting Clerk and Telegraph Learner, Huntingdon, Richard Edwards.

Postmen, George Blackmore (Romsey), William Hawley Clement (Tunbridge), Thomas Foster King (Kirkby Lonsdale).

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 175 of the year 1888.)

CHINA.—EAST COAST.

Yang-tse-Kiang—Kiu Toan Light-Vessel altered in Position, and Buoys Marking Shoal.

INFORMATION has been received from the Chinese Government, that on 29th April, 1888,

in consequence of changes that had taken place in the north part of South Channel, the following alteration was made in the position of Kiu Toan Light-Vessel, Yang-tse-Kiang Entrance:—

The light-vessel now lies on the eastern side of South Channel, in $3\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms water, with Kiu Toan Beacon bearing W. by S. $\frac{1}{2}$ S., distant $3\frac{1}{10}$ miles, and Block House Island Beacon N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ N. Vessels entering the river should leave this vessel on the starboard hand.

Position, lat. $31^{\circ} 17' 0''$ N., long. $121^{\circ} 47' 15''$ E.

Also, that on 28th April, 1888, the two under-mentioned buoys were moored near the south-east and north-west edges of the shoal extending south-eastward of Kiu Toan Light-Vessel, between Block House Shoal and the right bank of the river:—

1. South-East Buoy, painted red and black in vertical stripes, and surmounted by a diamond-shaped cage, lies on the western side of South Channel, in 3 fathoms water, with Clump of Trees bearing W.S.W., and House Island Beacon N. $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Entering the river this buoy should be left on the port hand.

2. North-West Buoy, painted red and black in vertical stripes, and surmounted by a triangular cage, lies on the western side of South Channel, in 3 fathoms water, with Kiu Toan Light-Vessel (present position) bearing E. $\frac{1}{2}$ N., distant one mile, and Block House Island Beacon N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ N. Entering the river this buoy should be left on the port hand.

CAUTION.—From a recent examination of this part of the river by the local authorities, the channels and banks have been found to have undergone considerable change since the survey of 1886. Mariners should therefore act with caution.

The depths given are at low water spring tides. [The bearings are magnetic. Variation $2\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ Westerly in 1888.]

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer,
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
27th June, 1888.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Yang-tse-Kiang, No. 1480; Kweshan Islands to the Yang-tse-Kiang, No. 1199; Approaches to the Yang-tse-Kiang, No. 1602. Also, Admiralty List of Lights in South Africa, &c., 1888, No. 435; and China Sea Directory, Vol. III, 1884, pages 422-424.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 176 of the year 1888.)

FRANCE—WEST COAST.—GIRONDE RIVER

ENTRANCE.

Grand Banc Light-Vessel—Alteration in Position.

THE French Government has given notice, that on 8th June, 1888, the following alteration was made in the position of Grand Banc Light-Vessel, Gironde River Entrance:—

The light-vessel has been moved about 4 cables N.W. by W. from her previous position, and now lies in line with Cordouan Lighthouse when bearing S.S.E.

Position, lat. $47^{\circ} 39' 50''$ N., long. $1^{\circ} 16' 5''$ W. [The bearings are magnetic. Variation $16\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ Westerly in 1888.]

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer,
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
27th June, 1888.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Pointe d'Arcachon to Pointe de la Coubre, No. 2664. Also, Admiralty List of