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### NOTICES TO MARINERS.

(Nos. 91 to 101 of the year 1891.)

[The bearings are magnetic, and those concerning the visibility of lights are given from seaward.]

#### No. 91.—CHINA AND PACIFIC STATIONS.—CHINA SEA.—FORMOSA—WEST COAST.

*Discontinuance of Fort Zelandia Light, and Exhibition of Amping Light.*

THE Chinese Government has given notice, that on 3rd November, 1890, Fort Zelandia Light was discontinued; and that on the same date, a new light, to be known as Amping Light, was exhibited from an iron frame mast, painted white, erected about 340 yards in a N.W. by W. direction from the large tree in Fort Zelandia:—

Amping Light is a fixed white light, visible from the bearing of S. 38° W., through East, to N. 51° W., elevated 32 feet above the sea, and should be seen in clear weather from a distance of ten miles.

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

Approximate position on Admiralty Charts, lat. 23° 0' 25" N., long. 120° 9' 50" E.

NOTE.—During the north-east monsoon, vessels may anchor in 5½ to 6 fathoms, with Amping Light bearing between N.E. ½ E. and N.E. by E. ¼ E. During the south-west monsoon, the best anchorage will be found in six to seven fathoms, with the light bearing about N.E. ½ E.

[Variation nil in 1891.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—China Sea, No. 1263, 2661*b*; Hong Kong to Gulf of Liau Tung, No. 1262; Formosa Island and Strait, No. 1968; West Coast of Formosa, No. 2409. Also, Admiralty List of Lights in South Africa, &c., 1891, No. 416; and China Sea Directory, Vol. III, 1884, page 281.

#### No. 92.—CHINA, AUSTRALIA, AND PACIFIC STATIONS.

NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN.—SANDWICH ISLANDS. OAHU.

*Non-existence of Shoal Reported to extend off Lualoa or Barber Point.*

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 565 of 1890, that a shoal had been reported to extend a considerable distance southward of Laeloa or Barber Point, the south-west extreme of Oahu:—

The following information has been received from Commander C. T. Turner, Her Majesty's ship "Nympe," the result of recent examinations made of the locality:—

On 29th November, 1890, from a position about four miles southward of Laeloa or Barber Point, the "Nympe" steered towards the lighthouse on that point, with look-outs on deck and aloft; the day was bright with a moderate southerly swell, and any danger would have been seen to

break; the lead gave no bottom at 80 and 70 fathoms, until the lighthouse bore N. ¾ W, distant about two miles, when a depth of 85 fathoms (sand and coral) was obtained; with the lighthouse on nearly the same bearing and distant about 1½ miles the water shoaled quickly to about 14 fathoms and to five, and three fathoms at the distances of one mile, and seven cables respectively; other soundings extending about 1¼ miles both northward and eastward of the point gave similar depths at a somewhat less distance from the land.

On 2nd December, further examination was made in the "Nympe" and her steam cutter, when, although there was no wind and only a slight swell, the surf broke in about three fathoms; from the sudden shoaling, the sea probably breaks in much deeper water with southerly gales. The edge of the shoal ground, about 1¾ miles southward of Barber Point, and in about the depth of 20 fathoms, is well marked by change in the colour of the water; the point itself is very low.

Consequent on this examination, the Cautionary Note:—"A shoal is reported to extend off Barber Point," has been removed from the Admiralty Chart.

[Variation 9° Easterly in 1891.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Sandwich Islands, No. 1510. Also, Sailing Directions for the Pacific Islands, Vol. III (Eastern Groups), 1885, page 151; and Hydrographic Notice, No. 12 of 1888, relating to Sailing Directions for the Pacific Islands, Vol. III, page 11.

#### No. 93.—MEDITERRANEAN, EAST INDIES, CHINA, AND AUSTRALIA STATIONS.

MEDITERRANEAN—EGYPT.—ALEXANDRIA—BOGHAZ OR CENTRAL PASS.

*Horn Mark Washed Away—Provisional Beacon.*

INFORMATION has been received from Captain E. G. Hulton, H.M.S. "Amphion," dated 26th January, 1891, that the Horn Mark at the south-west angle of Tabia el Mex, one of the marks that led into the port of Alexandria by the Boghaz or Central Pass, was washed away during the gales that occurred 21st-25th January; and that it was being replaced by a pole beacon, until a new mark can be erected.

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Plan:—Port of Alexandria, No. 243. Also, Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. II, 1885, page 266.

#### No. 94.—MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

MEDITERRANEAN—IONIAN ISLANDS.—SANTA MAURA ISLAND.

*Santa Maura Road—Harbour Light Destroyed.*

THE Hellenic Government has given notice, dated 26th January, 1891, that the harbour light on the Mole, Santa Maura Road, is not exhibited, the lighthouse and extremity of the mole having been destroyed during the gale that occurred on 23rd January.

Approximate position, lat. 38° 50½' N., long. 20° 43' E.

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Mediterranean Sea, No. 2158*b*; Santa Maura, &c., No. 203; Santa Maura Road, No. 1609; Santa Maura Mole, No. 1701. Also, Admiralty List of Lights in the Mediterranean, 1891, No. 739; and Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. III, 1890, page 376.