

6. Lat. 34° 12' 55" N., long. 132° 55' 10" E. approximate.

7. Lat. 34° 11' 5" N., long. 132° 55' 15" E. approximate.

Further information will be given respecting these lighthouses, and the character of the lights to be exhibited, as soon as possible. No statement respecting them has yet been received from the Japanese Government.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Seto Uchi or Inland Sea, No. 2875; Channels between Misima Nada and Bingo Nada, No. 132. Also, List of Lights, Part V, pages 116 and 118.

No. 290.—NORTH AMERICA AND WEST INDIES STATION.

WEST INDIES—PUERTO RICO ISLAND.

Mayaguez Bay—Alteration in Colour of the Buoys.

THE Spanish Government has given notice, dated 17th May, 1894, that the following alteration has been made in the colour of the buoys in Mayaguez Bay, Puerto Rico Island:—

All the buoys formerly coloured red are now coloured white.

Approximate position on Plan, No. 479, lat. 18° 14' 20" N., long. 67° 12' 0" W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Anchorages in Puerto Rico Island, No. 479. Also, West India Pilot, Vol. II, 1887, pages 205 and 206; Revised Supplement, 1894, to West India Pilot, Vol. II, 1887, page 36.

No. 291.—MEDITERRANEAN, CAPE, EAST INDIES, CHINA, AND EAST INDIES STATIONS.

RED SEA.—NORTH MASSAWA CHANNEL.

Alteration in character of Sheikh ul Abu Light.

INFORMATION has been received from Commander A. W. Paget, Her Majesty's ship "Dolphin," dated 24th April, 1894, that the alteration in the character of Sheikh ul Abu Light, North Massawa Channel, has now been carried out:—

Sheikh ul Abu Light is now a fixed white light, visible in clear weather from a distance of ten miles. The red sector has been abolished.

Approximate position, lat. 16° 2' 10" N., long. 39° 25' 0" E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Red Sea, Nos. 2523 and 8*d*; Massawa Channel, No. 164. Also, List of Lights, Part IV, No. 1080*, and Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Pilot, 1892, page 218.

No. 292.—NORTH AMERICA AND WEST INDIES STATION.

UNITED STATES—LONG ISLAND SOUND.

Oyster Bay—Buoy removed.

THE United States Government has given notice, dated 25th April, 1894, that:—

The red buoy hitherto charted three-quarters of a mile N.W. $\frac{3}{4}$ N. (N. 36° W.) from Cold Spring Harbour Light has been removed.

Approximate position, lat. 40° 55' 15" N., long. 73° 30' 20" W.

[Variation 9° Westerly in 1894.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Long Island Sound, No. 2755; Oyster and Huntington Bays, No. 2457. Also, Sailing Directions for the Principal Ports on the East Coast of the United States, page 123.

No. 293.—CAPE, AND EAST INDIES STATIONS.

AFRICA—EAST COAST.

Lighthouses Erected.

THE German Government has given notice, dated 26th May, 1894, that the undermentioned lighthouses have been erected:—

1. On Fanjove Island.

Approximate position, lat. 8° 34' 0" S., long. 39° 34' 45" E.

2. On Ras Mkumbi (Moresby Point) the northern extremity of Mafia Island.

Approximate position, lat. 7° 38' 15" S., long. 39° 54' 40" E.

3. On Ras Kanzi, about one mile southward of Ras Kimbiji.

Approximate position, lat. 7° 0' 50" S., long. 39° 33' 30" E.

4. On the eastern extremity of Ulenge Island; Tanga Bay.

Approximate position, lat. 5° 0' 35" S., long. 39° 10' 20" E.

Further notice giving the date of exhibition, and character of the lights to be shown from these structures, will be issued when this information is received.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Kilwa Point to Zanzibar Channel, No. 662; Mafia Island, No. 458; Channels between Ras Tikwiri and Mafia, No. 1032; Chale Point to Pangani, No. 1390; Tanga Bay, No. 663. Also, List of Lights, Part V, page 10, and Africa Pilot, 1889, Part III, pages 304, 320, 327, and 401; Revised Supplement, 1892, to Africa Pilot, Part III, 1889, page 72.

No. 294.—CHINA, AUSTRALIA, AND PACIFIC STATIONS.

EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO—BANKA ISLAND—NORTH COAST.

Shoal near Malan Doyang.

THE Government of Netherlands India has given notice, dated 26th April, 1894, of the existence of a coral reef southward of Malan Doyang, north coast of Banka Island:—

This reef, reported by the Master of the steam-vessel "Gier," has a depth of 3 feet over it, and lies about one mile S. $\frac{3}{4}$ W. (S. 9° W.) from Malan Doyang.

Approximate position on chart No. 2757, lat. 1° 31' 15" S., long. 105° 30' 40" E.

[Variation 2° Easterly in 1894.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Gaspar and Banka Straits, No. 2149; Banka Strait to Singapore, No. 2757. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. I, 1886, page 328.

No. 295.—NORTH AMERICA AND WEST INDIES STATION.

UNITED STATES.—CHESAPEAKE BAY.

1. *Experimental Bell-buoys in Hampton Roads.*

THE United States Government has given notice, dated 19th May, 1894, that the undermentioned experimental bell-buoys have been moored near Newport News Middle Ground, Hampton Roads:—

1. A black can buoy with bell is moored off the south-east side of Newport News Middle Ground in 21 feet water; with Newport News Middle Ground Lighthouse bearing west, distant three-quarters of a mile, and Craney Island Lighthouse S.S.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. (S. 28° E.)

2. A black bell-buoy is moored on the northern side of the same shoal as the above, in 21 feet water, with Sewall's Point bearing east, and Newport News Middle Ground Lighthouse, south.