

to N. 6° E., and green from N. 6° E., through north to N. 10° W.

Approximate position, lat. 59° 3' 15" N., long. 10° 55' 20" E.

[Variation 12° Westerly in 1896.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—The Skagerrak or Sleeve, No. 2289; Christiania Fiord, No. 2330. Also, List of Lights, Part II, 1896, pages 88, 90, No. 328; and Norway Pilot, Part I, 1888, pages 280, 272, 271.

No. 669.—ENGLAND—EAST COAST.

The Downs—Alterations in Buoyage.

THE Trinity House, London, has given notice, dated 7th November, 1896, that the undermentioned alterations have been made in the buoyage of the Downs:—

1. Broadstairs Knoll Buoy (can, chequered black and white) has been moved to the southward, and now lies in a depth of 24 feet at low water springs, in a position with North Foreland Lighthouse bearing N. by W. $\frac{5}{8}$ W., distant $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles; and Granville Hotel, Ramsgate, West.

Approximate position, lat. 51° 20' 40" N., long. 1° 28' 50" E.

2. A new buoy, conical, painted black, surmounted by a globe, and named North Goodwin, has been placed between the Goodwin Knoll and N.W. Goodwin Buoys in a depth of 10 fathoms at low water springs, and a position with North Foreland Lighthouse bearing N. by W. $\frac{1}{4}$ W., distant $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles; and Halfway House, between Deal and Sandwich, W. by S.

Approximate position, lat. 51° 17' 40" N., long. 1° 31' 10" E.

3. South Goodwin Buoy (can, chequered black and white) has been moved south-eastward, and now lies in a depth of 14 fathoms at low water springs, with South Foreland High Lighthouse bearing W. $\frac{1}{2}$ S., distant $6\frac{3}{4}$ miles; and Gull Stream Light-vessel N. $\frac{5}{8}$ W.

Approximate position, lat. 51° 10' 50" N., long. 1° 32' 0" E.

[Variation 16° Westerly in 1896.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—The Downs, No. 1828 (1, 2, 3); Dungeness to the Thames, No. 1895 (1, 2, 3); North Foreland to the Nore, No. 1607 (1). Also, Channel Pilot, Part I, 1893, pages 355, 352, 351.

No. 670.—AUSTRALIA—SOUTH COAST.

SPENCER GULF.

Shoals reported near Thistle Island.

INFORMATION has been received from Captain F. W. Fisher, Her Majesty's ship "Orlando," dated 1st October, 1896, that a fisherman at Port Lincoln has reported that he often fishes on the undermentioned dangers, which only break in southerly gales:—

1. A shoal, with a depth of about 12 feet on it, situated about S.S.E., distant $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Dangerous Reef, or approximately in lat. 34° 51 $\frac{1}{2}$ S., long. 136° 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ E.

2. A shoal, with a depth of about 4 fathoms on it, situated about S.S.E., distant 2 miles, from Hopkins Island, or approximately in lat. 35° 0' S., long. 136° 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ E.

Both these shoals have been marked P.D. on the Admiralty Charts.

[Variation 4° Easterly in 1896.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—St. Vincent and Spencer Gulfs, No. 23896 (1); No. 2389a (2). Also, Australia Directory, Vol. I, 1884, pages 99, 104.

No. 671.—UNITED STATES—TEXAS.

Galveston Entrance—Alteration in Position of Whistle Buoy.

THE United States Government has given notice, that on 20th October, 1895, the whistle buoy (black and white in vertical stripes) on the southern side of the entrance to Galveston Bay, was moved about three-quarters of a mile to the eastward, and is now moored in a depth of 30 feet in a position with North Breaker Beacon bearing W. by S. $\frac{2}{8}$ S., distant $2\frac{6}{16}$ miles; and Bolivar Point Lighthouse W. by N. $\frac{1}{2}$ N.

Approximate position, lat. 29° 19' 40" N., long. 94° 39' 45" W.

NOTE.—Vessels may now pass on either side of this buoy, but the northern side is preferable on the flood and the southern side on the ebb tide.

[Variation 8° Easterly in 1896.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Galveston Bay, &c., with Plan of Galveston Entrance, No. 2831. Also, West India Pilot, Vol. I, 1893, page 514; and Hydrographic Notice, No. 2 of 1896, relating to West India Pilot, Vol. I, page 26.

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
17th to 19th November, 1896.

Registration of Births and Deaths.

NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of the provisions of the twenty-first section of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "The Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1874," I, Sir Brydges Powell Henniker, Bart., Registrar-General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in England, have, with the sanction of the Local Government Board, ordered and declared that on and after the 1st day of December next, Eton Wick Civil Parish shall be transferred from Eton Sub-District of Eton Registration District to Burnham Sub-District of the same Registration District; and that the part of Slough Civil Parish which is now situated in Burnham Sub-District shall be transferred to Eton Sub-District.—Witness my hand this 18th day of November, 1896.

Brydges P. Henniker, Registrar-General.
General Register Office,
Somerset House, London.

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Brydges P. Henniker, Registrar-General.
General Register Office,
Somerset House, London.