

dated 16th September, 1899, that a recent hurricane has destroyed many of the aids to navigation at Pointe-à-Pitre, Gaudeloupe; and it is not unlikely that other parts of the island have been affected.

As it is possible that it may be some time before they can be replaced, Mariners are cautioned not to implicitly rely on seeing any of the lights, beacons, or buoys on this island.

Approximate position, lat. 16° 14' N., long. 61° 32' W.

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Approaches to Pointe-à-Pitre, No. 804. Also, West India Pilot, Vol. II, 1887, page 73; Revised Supplement, 1894, page 25; West India Pilot, Vol. II, 1899, pages 102 and 103 (now in the press).

#### No. 604.—AUSTRALIA—SOUTH COAST.

*Port Adelaide River—Intended Alteration in the Position of the Lighthouse.*

THE Government of South Australia has given notice, that it is intended to remove Port Adelaide River Lighthouse from its present position at the entrance to the river to a site in the vicinity of the bell buoy on the outer end of Wonga Shoal.

Approximate present position, lat. 34° 48' S., long. 138° 28' E.

Further notice will be given when the precise date of removal and exact position is known.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Port Adelaide, Nos. 1752 and 1750. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1899, No. 1070; Australia Directory, Vol. I, 1897, page 331.

#### No. 605.—SOUTH AUSTRALIA—SPENCER GULF.

*Western Shoal—Beacon Disappeared.*

THE Government of South Australia has given notice, dated 12th August, 1899, that the black beacon marking the 18-foot patch on the eastern edge of Western Shoal, in the approach to Port Augusta, Spencer Gulf, has disappeared, and will not be replaced until further notice.

Approximate position, lat. 35° 8' 35" S., long. 137° 36' 0" E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—St. Vincent and Spencer Gulfs, No. 2389b; Wood Point to Lowly Point, No. 403. Also, Australia Directory, Vol. I, 1897, page 213.

#### No. 606.—AUSTRALIA—EAST COAST.

*Ess (S) Reef and Ar (R) Reef Beacons Removed.*

INFORMATION has been received from Commander J. F. Parry, Her Majesty's surveying-vessel "Dart," that the undermentioned beacons, in the route inside the Great Barrier Reef of Australia, have been destroyed by a recent hurricane, and that they will not be replaced:—

1. Ess (S) Reef Beacon, approximate position, lat. 14° 21' 35" S., long. 144° 44' 20" E.

2. Ar (R) Reef Beacon, approximate position, lat. 14° 32' 20" S., long. 144° 55' 10" E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Turtle Group to Claremont Point, No. 2922. Also, Australia Directory, Vol. II, 1898, pages 372 and 362.

#### No. 607.—AUSTRALIA, EAST COAST—MORETON BAY.

*Yule Bank Extending Eastward—Buoy Moved.*

INFORMATION has been received from Lieutenant and Commander R. M. Harbord, Her Majesty's ship "Karrakatta," dated 14th August,

1899, that Yule Bank is extending eastward, and the red buoy has been moved accordingly, and is now about three-quarters of a cable eastward of the leading marks and lights.

Approximate position, lat. 27° 4' 55" S., long. 153° 21' 25" E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Danger Point to Cape Moreton, No. 1029; Moreton Bay, No. 1670a. Also, Australia Directory, Vol. II, 1898, pages 127–133.

#### No. 608.—UNITED STATES—MASSACHUSETTS.

*Boston Harbour Entrance—New Dangers.*

THE United States Government has given notice, dated August, 1899, that the following dangers have been discovered in the Main Ship Channel, and that, in consequence, the buoyage of the entrance to Boston Harbour has been amended as follows:—

1. The steamer "Ultonia" having touched an obstruction the locality has been examined, and two shoal spots of about 18 feet discovered, with Allerton Point Beacon bearing W. by S., Boston Light N.W.  $\frac{3}{4}$  W., distant  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles, Harding Ledge Beacon S.S.E.  $\frac{3}{8}$  E.

A buoy, painted in red and black horizontal stripes is moored in 39 feet at low water northward of these shoal spots.

Vessels of more than 18 feet draught must pass northward of this buoy.

Approximate position, lat. 42° 19' 10" N., long. 70° 51' 50" W.

2. Also, that shoal ground having been discovered north-eastward of the Allerton Point Bar can buoy No. 3, that buoy has been moved north-eastward into 4 fathoms, with Boston Light bearing N. by W.  $\frac{3}{4}$  W., distant three-quarters of a mile, and Allerton Point Beacon S.S.W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  W.

[Variation 13° Westerly in 1899.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Fletcher's Neck to Cape Cod, No. 2482; Boston Harbour, No. 1516. Also, Sailing Directions for the Principal Ports on the East Coast of the United States, 1882, page 50; Hydrographic Notice No. 7 of 1888, page 11; Sailing Directions for the East Coast of the United States, 1899, page 285 (now in the press).

#### No. 609.—BALTIC—POMERANIAN COAST.

*Scholpin Lighthouse—Wreck North-Westward of does not Exist.*

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 471 of 1899:—

The German Government has given further notice, dated 23rd September, 1899, that the wreck, with a mast standing 3 feet out of the water, reported to be lying sunk at a distance of 8 to 9 miles N.W. by W. from Scholpin Lighthouse cannot be found, and the fishermen of the district know nothing of it.

Approximate position, lat. 54° 46' 40" N., long. 17° 1' 30" E.

It has consequently been removed from the Chart.

[Variation 7° Westerly in 1899.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Baltic Sea, No. 2842a; Jersthöft Light to Rixhöft Light, No. 2863. Also, Baltic Pilot, Part II, 1896, page 199.

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,

30th September to 3rd October, 1899.