No. 596.—THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS— SAMAR AND LEITE.

Juanico Strait—Shoal Marked by Beacon, Buoy Established.

The United States Government has given notice, dated 10th June, 1905, of the existence of a shoal in Juanico Strait, situated at a distance of 3 miles S. 5° E. from the beacon on the rock 3 cables eastward of Nababui Island, in Santa Rita Pass. This shoal or reef has been marked by a post beacon having a diamond shape, painted white with a black centre, as a topmark.

Approximate position, lat. 11° 22' 20" N., long 124° 58' 35" E.

Vessels should not pass to the eastward of this beacon.

Also, that a black can buoy. marked No. 3, has been moored in a depth of 5 fathoms on the northeastern edge of the shoals in the southern approach to Takloban, at a distance of $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles S. 28° W. from Basey or Vasey Church.

Approximate position, lat. 11° $15\frac{1}{2}$ ' N., long. 125° 3' E.

The number of the black can buoy, situated $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to the westward of this buoy, has been altered from 3 to 5.

[Variation 1° Easterly in 1905.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:-San Pedro Bay to Libukan Islands, No. 2987. Also, Eastern Archipelago, Part II, 1904, pages 361, 362.

No. 597.-CHINA-HONG KONG APPROACH.

Lantau or Tui Ho-Rocks Eastward of.

Information, dated 7th May, 1905, has been received from Commander C. E. Munro, His Majesty's Surveying Vessel "Rambler," of the existence of a rock, off the east coast of Lantau, which dries $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet. From it the western extremity of Tai Pak Islet bears S. 57° E., distant $2\frac{1}{2}$ cables, and the eastern extremity of Lantau N. 41° E.

Approximate positior, lat. 22° 17′ 30″ N., long. 114° 1′ 45″ E.

An iron framework beacon, painted black, has been placed on this rock.

There is another rock, with a depth of 5 feet over it at low water springs, situated at a distance of 7 cables S. 7° W. from the above rock.

[Variation 1° Easterly in 1905.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:---Macao to Pedro Blanco, No. 3026; Approaches to Hong Kong, No. 1180. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. III, 1904, page 63.

No. 598.—EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO, CELEBES—GULF OF TOMINI.

Haarlemmermeer Reef-Position of.

The Netherlands Government has given notice, dated 15th June, 1905, of the existence of a reef which dries over an area of about $2\frac{1}{2}$ cables in the Gulf of Tomini, in approximately lat. 0° 43' S., long. 120° 56' E. This reef, which is assumed to be that marked on the Admiralty Charts as "Haarlemmermeer P.D.," is steep-to, there being a depth of 587 fathoms at a distance of 8 cables south-westward, and 315 fathoms 1 mile northeastward from it.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Eastern Archipelago, No. 942a. Also, Eastern Archipelago, Part II, 1904, page 376.

No. 599,-MEDITERRANEAN-ALGERIA.

Cape Tenez Light—Character Altered.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 1107 of 1904 :---

The French Government has given further notice that, on 10th June, 1905, the character of Cape Tenez light would be altered from white fixed and flashing every minute to a white group flashing light showing groups of two flashes every ten seconds, thus:—Flash, four-tenths of a second; eclipse, two and three-tenths of a second; flash, four-tenths of a second; eclipse, six and nine-tenths of a second; the light power being 2,500 candles. In other respects the light remains as before.

Approximate position, lat. 36° 33' N., long. 1° $20\frac{1}{2}$ ' E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:--Mediterranean, Nos. 449 and 2158*a*; Cape Ferrat to Cape Bougaroni, No. 1766; Cape Ivi to Algiers, No. 1909; Tenez Road, No. 3301. Also, List of Lights, Part V. 1905, No. 1566; and Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. I, 1904, page 296.

By command of their Lordships,

A. Mostyn Field, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London, 23rd to 26th June, 1905,