

inspected without charge on application at the Proof House of the said Guardians, situate as aforesaid, between the hours of 10 and 4 o'clock on such days as the Proof House is open for the ordinary business of the said Proof House.

Dated the 17th day of May, 1906.

THOS. TURNER, Proof Master.

Witness to the signature of the said Thomas Turner—

JOSEPH ROWLANDS, Solicitor, Law Clerk to the Guardians of the Birmingham Proof House, 41, Temple - row, Birmingham.

THE GUN BARREL PROOF ACT, 1868.

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF BELGIAN PROOF MARKS FOR FIREARMS.

Whereas application has been made to the Guardians of the Birmingham Proof House on behalf of the Belgian Government, under section 129 of the Gun Barrel Proof Act, 1868, for the entry in the "Register of Foreign Proof Marks" of the said Guardians of certain Marks used in Belgium for denoting the proof of Small Arms, in addition to the Marks already entered therein; and notice is hereby given, that pursuant to such application, and in pursuance of the said section, I, the undersigned Thomas Turner, the Proof Master of the said Guardians, on the 23rd day of March, 1906, did cause the said Belgian Proof Marks to be duly registered in the Register of Foreign Proof Marks belonging to the said Guardians and kept at the Proof House in Banbury-street, in the city of Birmingham; and notice is also hereby given, that in pursuance of the said section, the said Register of Foreign Proof Marks containing the said Marks, as registered, is open for public inspection, and may be inspected without charge on application at the Proof House of the said Guardians, situate as aforesaid, between the hours of 10 and 4 o'clock on such days as the Proof House is open for the ordinary business of the said Proof House.

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NOTICES TO MARINERS.

(Nos. 475 to 480 of the year 1906.)

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

No. 475.—NORWAY—WEST COAST.

Stavanger Harbour and Approaches—Dangers in.

The Norwegian Government has given notice, dated April, 1906, of the existence of the under-mentioned dangers in Stavanger Harbour and its approaches:—

a. A rock, with a depth of 22 feet over it, situated in approximately lat. 58° 59' 5" N., long. 5° 43' 20" E.

b. A rock, with a depth of 19 feet over it, situated in approximately lat. 58° 59' 0" N., long. 5° 43' 30" E.

c. A rock, with a depth of 18 feet over it is

situated at a distance of half a cable West from Pløentingrunden Perch. (*See Plan of Stavanger on Chart No. 2281.*)

d. A rock, with a depth of 20 feet over it, situated in approximately lat. 58° 58' 25" N., long. 5° 45' 20" E.

[Variation 14° Westerly in 1906.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—The Naze to Karmo, with plan of Port Stavanger, No. 2281; Skudenes Fiord, No. 1662. Also, Norway Pilot, Part II, 1905, page 93.

No. 476.—UNITED STATES—PACIFIC COAST, WASHINGTON.

Juan de Fuca Strait—Whistle Buoy in Western Entrance.

The United States Government has given notice that, on or about 25th May, 1906, a whistle buoy, painted in vertical stripes, and marked S.B. in white letters, will be established in a depth of 23 fathoms on Swiftsure Bank, in a position situated about 13 miles N. 73° W. from Cape Flattery Lighthouse, as a guide to vessels entering Juan de Fuca Strait.

Approximate position, lat. 48° 31 $\frac{3}{4}$ ' N., long. 124° 59' W.

[Variation 23° Easterly in 1906.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Cape Mendocino to Vancouver Island, No. 2531; Vancouver Island, No. 1917; Juan de Fuca Strait, No. 1911. Also, British Columbia Pilot, 1905, page 25.

No. 477.—CHINA, EAST COAST—SHANTUNG, KYAU CHAU BAY.

Yu Nui San Lighthouse—Fog Bell Established.

The German Government has given notice, dated 5th May, 1906, that a fog bell, which will be struck in thick or foggy weather, when the fog signals of a passing vessel are heard, has been established at Yu Nui San Lighthouse, entrance to Kyau Chau Bay.

Approximate position on Chart No. 857, lat. 36° 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' N., long. 120° 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ ' E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Kyau Chau to Miau Tau Strait, No. 1255; Kyau Chau Bay, No. 857. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1906, No. 883; and China Sea Directory, Vol. III, 1904, page 529.

No. 478.—BALTIC—DENMARK, FALSTER.

Giedser Harbour Approach—Position of Whistle Buoy Altered.

The Danish Government has given notice, that dated 2nd May, 1906, that the position of the whistle buoy in the southern approach to Giedser Harbour has been altered; it is now moored in a depth of 5 fathoms at a distance of 1 $\frac{2}{3}$ miles S. 25° E. from Giedser Light-vessel.

Approximate position, lat. 54° 31' N., long. 11° 58' E.

[Variation 10° Westerly in 1906.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Fehmarn to Bornholm, No. 2150; Lubeck and Fehmarn Belt, No. 2364; Rostock to Arkona, No. 2365. Also, Baltic Pilot, Part I, 1904, page 541.

No. 479.—NORTH SEA—NETHERLANDS.

West Schelde, East Gat—Buoy Replaced by Whistle and Light-Buoy.

The Netherlands Government has given notice, dated 8th May, 1906, that the red conical buoy No. 1 in the East Gat Flushing Approach, West