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The following Hydrographic Notices are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th May, 1889.

Government of Queensland.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 8 of 1889.

MORETON BAY.

SHOALING OF WATER ON HIXON'S BANK.

Notice is hereby given, that there is now less water on the western edge of Hixon's Bank than is shown on the Admiralty Chart.

Northward of the line of the Yellow Patch and the Lighthouse at Cape Moreton, the depth at low water does not exceed 10 feet.

Northward of the line of the first white sand patch to the southward of the Yellow Patch, and the Lighthouse, the depth does not exceed 2 fathoms.

G. P. HEATH, Commander, R.N.,

Portmaster.

Department of Ports and Harbours, Brisbane, 11th April, 1889.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

. No. 9 of 1889.

ALTERATION IN WIDE BAY BAR.

Notice is hereby given, that the Main Channel over Wide Bay Bar has again shifted further to the northward.

On entering, the square leading beacons are now to be kept open two widths to the northward, until the Inskip Point beacons are open two widths to the westward. A vessel should then haul up, and keep the latter beacons in this position, until the spit on the eastern side of the Channel is passed, when they should at once be brought into line again, to avoid a small spit running out from the West side of the Channel. The usual course may then be followed.

In bad weather, great caution must be taken in using this Channel, and at present it should not be used at night.

There is a depth of 11 feet at low-water springs in the South Channel.

G. P. HEATH, Commander, R.N., Portmaster.

Department of Ports and Harbours, Brisbane, 12th April, 1889.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 10 of 1889.

WIDE BAY BAR.

ALTERATION IN LEADING BEACONS AND LIGHTS.

Notice is hereby given, that the position of the Square Leading Beacons for crossing Wide Bay Bar, having been shifted, they are now to be used in line.

The Leading Lights for crossing the Bar will no longer be exhibited, but will shortly be used in the South Channel.

G. P. HEATH, Commander, R.N., Portmaster,

Department of Ports and Harbours, Brisbane, 16th April, 1889.

Government of New Zealand.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 9 of 1889.

LIGHT ON CUVIER ISLAND, EASTERN ENTRANCE TO HAURAKI GULF, NEW ZEALAND.

Marine Department, Wellington, N.Z., 3rd April, 1889.

Notice is hereby given that a Lighthouse is in course of crection on Cuvier Island, and it is anticipated that the light will be ready for exhibition about the month of August next.

The following is a description of the light that will be exhibited:—
The Lighthouse is situated on the eastern end of Cuvier Island, at the eastern entrance to Hauraki Gulf. The light

will be a first-order revolving white light, attaining its greatest brilliancy once every thirty seconds.

Due notice will be given of the exact date when this light will be exhibited.

GEO. FISHER, For Minister having charge of the Marine Department.