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## PREFACE

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The distances were obtained from people on the spot, but their correctness is not guaranteed.

“NAUTICUS.”





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