

Admiralty-Office, December 30, 1815.

THE following official notification has been received at this Office. J. W. CROKER.

Edinburgh, December 22, 1815.

THE Light-House on the Island of May being now assumed as one of the Northern Light-Houses, and the Commissioners of the Northern Light-Houses having directed a new Light-House, upon improved principles, to be erected on that Island, notice is hereby given, that a change in the appearance of the Lights of May and Inchkeith will take place on the night of the 1st of February 1816.

ISLAND OF MAY LIGHT-HOUSE.

The Island of May is situate on the eastern coast of Scotland, at the entrance of the Frith of Forth, in north latitude 56 deg. 12 min. and west longitude 2 deg. 36 min. The present light, being a coal fire, exposed to the vicissitudes of the weather, in an open grate or choffer, will be discontinued on the 1st day of February 1816, and, on that night, a light from oil, with reflectors, known to mariners as a stationary light, will be exhibited, and continue to be lighted every night, from the going away of day light in the evening, till the return of day light in the morning.

The Light-House newly erected upon the Island of May is contiguous to the Old Light-House Tower, and similar to it in point of height; and the light being defended from the weather, in a glazed light room, will have an uniform steady appearance, resembling a star of the first magnitude, and be seen from all points of the compass, at the distance of about seven leagues, and at all intermediate distances, according to the state of the atmosphere.

INCHKEITH LIGHT-HOUSE.

The Light upon Inchkeith, which Island lies within the Frith of Forth, in north latitude 56 deg. 2 min. and west longitude 3 deg. 8 min. being at present a stationary light, from oil, with reflectors, is to be altered on the night of the 1st day of February 1816, and converted into that description of light known to mariners as a revolving light, without colour, which, from and after that period, will be seen from all points of the compass, exhibiting a bright light, once in every minute, and gradually becoming less luminous, till, to a distant observer, it totally disappears. In this manner, each periodic revolution of the reflector frame will alternately show a bright light, and a light becoming fainter and more obscure until it is totally eclipsed.

By this alteration upon the Light of Inchkeith, the present character and description of the other lights upon the coast, near the entrance of the Frith of Forth, is preserved, and the possibility of mistaking Inchkeith Light for any of the other lights of the Frith of Forth will be effectually prevented.

By order of the Commissioners of Northern Light-Houses,

C. Cuningham, Secretary.

THAMES NAVIGATION.

Guildhall, London, January 15, 1816.

THE Committee appointed to carry into execution the several Acts of Parliament lately passed for the improvement of the navigation of the River Thames, westward of London-Bridge, within the jurisdiction of the City of London, do hereby give notice, that they will meet in the Council-Chamber of the Guildhall of the City aforesaid, on Monday the 5th day of February next, at twelve of the clock at noon, to receive proposals in writing, sealed up, for the absolute purchase of one or more annuity or annuities for the natural life or lives of such person or persons, being of the age of forty-five years, or upwards, as shall be nominated by or on behalf of the purchaser or purchasers respectively; and the said annuities so to be purchased, to be payable and paid, half-yearly, by the Chamberlain of the City of London for the time being, out of the monies to arise by or from the tolls and duties granted and made payable by the aforesaid Acts.

Woodthorpe.

East India-House, January 12, 1816.

THE Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, do hereby give notice,

That the Court will be ready to receive proposals in writing, on or before Wednesday the 31st instant, from such person or persons as may be willing to let on freight, for one voyage, ships of the burthen of from 500 to 700 tons, builder's measurement, for the Company's extra service.

The tenders, with the words "Ship Tender" on the cover, to be severally sealed up and left with the Secretary at or before twelve o'clock at noon on the said 31st instant, beyond which hour the Court will not receive any tender.

Joseph Dart, Assistant Secretary.

The particulars of the terms and conditions upon which the ships will be engaged in the Company's service, may be had on application to Mr. John Morrice, Clerk to the Committee of Shipping, on or after Monday next the 15th instant.

East India Dock-House,
January 19, 1816.

THE Court of Directors of the East India Dock Company hereby give notice, that a General Meeting of the Proprietors will be held at their House, in St. Helen's-Place, Bishopsgate-Street, on Friday next the 26th instant, at twelve o'clock, being one of the Half-yearly Meetings appointed by the Act of Parliament.

By order of the Court,

John Farran, Secretary.

N. B. The chair will be taken at one o'clock precisely.

London, January 19, 1816.

Notice is hereby given, that an account of a grant of part of the proceeds of the Donna Luzia, captured on the 10th August 1813, made by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the name