

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by First Lieutenant James Ramsay in the 4th Forfarshire Artillery Volunteer Corps.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Captain John Barclay in the 5th Elginshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Whitehall, July 31, 1863.

The Right Honourable Sir William Erle, Knt., Lord Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, at Westminster, has appointed Thomas Frederic Inman, of the city of Bath, Gentleman, to be one of the Perpetual Commissioners for taking the acknowledgments of deeds to be executed by married women, under the Act passed for the abolition of fines and recoveries, and for the substitution of more simple modes of assurance, in and for the city of Bath, also in and for the county of Somerset.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 37.)—BALTIC—GULF OF FINLAND.

Fixed Light at Kronstat.

THE Imperial Ministry of Marine at St. Petersburg has given notice, that on and after the 13th day of July, 1863, a light would be exhibited from the lighthouse recently built on the south bastion of the military port of Kronstat, Gulf of Finland; and that the old light hitherto shown from the south bastion would be discontinued.

The light is a *fixed* white, elevated 38 feet above the level of high water, and visible over the horizon of the Great and Little Roads, or between the bearings from N.N.W. $\frac{3}{4}$ W., round by west and south, to N.E. by E. $\frac{1}{4}$ E. from the lighthouse.

The illuminating apparatus is dioptric, or by lenses of the sixth order. The position of the lighthouse is given as lat. $59^{\circ} 58' 14''$ N., long. $29^{\circ} 48' 30''$ East of Greenwich. Near the lighthouse is a bell, which in foggy weather is rung at short intervals four times in the hour.

NORTH SEA—COAST OF HOLLAND.

The Minister of Marine at the Hague has given notice, that, with a view of avoiding the shoals called the Eijerlandsche Gronden, a new *revolving* light will be shown in the winter of 1864-65 on the downs north of the island of Texel.

Also, that the following lights will be changed:—The revolving light in Ter Schelling lighthouse to be a *fixed red* light. That in the lighthouse on Vlieland island will remain as a light of the entrance, *red* towards the west horizon, from the first buoy of the entrance of the Storte-melk; it will be obscured from this point and will reappear of a *white* colour, facing and to the east of the channel called Noord-Ostgat.

[All bearings are magnetic. Variation at Kronstat $4^{\circ} 30'$ West in 1863.]

By command of their Lordships:

John Washington, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
19th August, 1863.

This Notice will affect the following Admiralty Charts:—Baltic, No. 2262; Kronstat, No. 2215; St. Petersburg, No. 2270; and North Sea, Sheet 3, No. 2248. Also, Baltic Lights List, No. 263; North Sea Lights List, 38, 39; and North Sea Pilot, Part 4, page 153.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 38.)—MEDITERRANEAN.

Fixed Lights on South Coast of France.

THE Minister of Public Works in France has given notice, that on and after the 1st day of July, 1863, the following lights would be exhibited from the light-towers recently erected on the South Coast of France, Mediterranean.

A *fixed* white light from a light-tower on the east extreme of Ile Château d'If, at the south entrance of Marseille roadstead. The illuminating apparatus is dioptric or by lenses, of the fourth order. The light is elevated 69 feet above the level of high water springs, and is visible in clear weather at 9 miles. The light-tower, 31 feet high, is in lat. $43^{\circ} 16' 48''$ N., long. $5^{\circ} 19' 50''$ East of Greenwich.

A *fixed* white light from a light-tower on the summit of Ile Grand Rouveau, on the south side of entrance of the Baie de St. Nazaire. The illuminating apparatus is dioptric or by lenses, of the third order. The light is elevated 151 feet, and is visible at 14 miles. The light-tower, 49 feet high, is in lat. $43^{\circ} 4' 45''$ N., long. $5^{\circ} 46' 13''$ E.

A *fixed red* light from an iron column, 20 feet high, on the battery on Pointe Blanche, on the north side of entrance to the Rade d'Hyères. The illuminating apparatus is dioptric or by lenses, of the fourth order. The light is elevated 171 feet, and visible at 5 miles. The lighthouse is in lat. $43^{\circ} 5' 16''$ N., long. $6^{\circ} 21' 57''$ E.

By command of their Lordships,

John Washington, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
19th August, 1863.

This Notice will affect the following Admiralty Charts:—Mediterranean Sea, Nos. 2158, 2718 a; Port of Marseille, No. 150; France, South Coast, Sheets 4, 5, and 6, Nos. 2606, 2607, 2608.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 39.)—AMERICA.—ENTRANCE TO CHESAPEAKE BAY.

Lighthouse on Smith Island.

THE United States Lighthouse Board has given notice, that the lighthouse on Smith island, near Cape Charles, the north point of the entrance of Chesapeake bay, has been so much injured by lawless and malicious persons as to prevent the exhibition of the light. It is also feared that other lights in that vicinity may not for the present be relied on.

Due notice will be given of the restoration of these lights.

ENTRANCE TO PORTSMOUTH HARBOUR.

Fog Signal at Whales Back Lighthouse.

Also, that a fog bell, acted on by machinery, has been established at Whales Back lighthouse station, at the entrance of Portsmouth harbour, New Hampshire; and would be kept in operation from and after the 1st day of August, 1863. The bell tower is a frame structure, 25 feet high, whitewashed, standing upon the lighthouse pier, and attached to the southern side of the light tower.

The signal is a steel bell, which is struck *four* times in a minute, at regular intervals, during fogs, snow storms, and thick weather, and should be heard a distance of one-quarter to 4 miles, according to circumstances of surf, weather, wind, &c.