NOTICE TO MARINERS. (No. 204.)—English Channel. Approaches To.

Soundings South-west of Ushant.

INFORMATION has been received from Commander Methven, Peninsular and Oriental Company's Steamship Kaisar-i-hind, that when recently entering the English Channel from the south-west, the ship being in lat. 48° 4½' N., long. 6° 19' W. (54 miles W. ½ S. [mag.] from Ushant), soundings were struck in 60 fathoms, sand and shells.

Proceeding on a N.E. ½ E. (mag.) course, 2 and 5 miles respectively, depths of 63 and 69 fathoms were obtained; and, again, at a distance of 10½ miles on that course, 68 fathoms, sand and shells.

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The attention of mariners is directed to the circumstances, that these depths lie some miles seaward of the 70 fathoms line, as shown upon the charts to the south-westward of Ushant.

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By command of their Lordships,
Fredk. J. Evans, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
8th November, 1880.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—North Atlantic, Nos. 2059 and 2060a; British Islands to Mediterranean Sea, No. 1; British Islands, No. 2; English Channel, No. 1598 and 2675b. Also, Channel Pilot, Part I, 1878, pages 7-9.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.
(No. 205.)—Newfoundland. South Coast—Placentia.

Shoal Ground at Entrance of Placentia Road.

THE following information has been received from Captain Robert Halpin, of the telegraph cable steamship "Seine," relative to shoal ground found by him at the entrance of Placentia Road, South Coast of Newfoundland.

This shoal ground with a general depth over it of $3\frac{3}{4}$ fathoms, extended in an easterly direction nearly 2 cables from the small 5 fathoms bank, shown on the plan of Placentia Road, as lying W. by N. $\frac{1}{4}$ N., distant $5\frac{1}{2}$ cables from Privécœur Point.

[The bearing is magnetic. Variation 30° Westerly in 1880.]

By command of their Lordships, Fredh. J. Evans, Hydrographer. Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London, 9th November, 1880.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Newfoundland, No. 232a; Bay Bulls to Placentia, No. 2915; Placentia to Burin Harbour, No. 290; and Placentia and Ship Harbours, No. 2829. Also, Newfoundland Pilot, 1878, page 24.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.
(No. 206.)—Red Sea—Gulf of Suez.
Suez Bay—Lights at Port Ibrahim.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 111, of 5th July, 1880, relating to the establishment of lights and buoys at the entrance to Port Ibrahim, Suez Bay:—

Information has been received from the Egyptian Government, that the following arrangements are now in force:—

1. Two floating light buoys, paid black, are placed 897 yards seaward of the entrance of the harbour, from which lights are exhibited on application to the Port Office—red on the northern side of the channel, green on the southern side.

2. A fixed red light is shown from the extremity of the north mole head. A fixed green light from the extremity of the south mole head.

3. A fixed white light is shown from the extreme (western) end of the inner pier of the harbour.

Note.—The foregoing green and red lights mark the channel into the port.

Entering Port Ibrahim, the red lights are left on the port hand, the green lights on the starboard, the vessel being steered for the white light on the inner pier.

Buoyage.

Also, that two buoys have been placed, one on each side of the channel to Port Ibrahim, 568 yards from the mole heads—one in line with the green lights, the other in line with the red lights.

By command of their Lordships,

Fredh. J. Evans, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,

11th November, 1880.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Red Sea, Nos. 2523 and 8a; of Gulf Suez, No. 757; Suez Canal, No. 233; Suez Bay, No. 734. Also, Admiralty List of Lights in the Mediterranean, Gulf of Suez, &c., 1880, page 68; List of Lights in South Africa, &c., 1880, page 8; and Red Sea Pilot, 1873, pages 23 and 36.

NOTICE TO MARINERS. (No. 207.)—Africa—West Coast. St. Paul de Loando Harbour.

Fixed and Flashing Light on Cape Lagosta. WITH reference to Notices to Mariners, No. 177 (2), of 22nd September, 1880, on the intended exhibition of a light at Cape Lagosta, St. Paul de Loando Harbour, information has been received that it was exhibited on 22nd August, 1880:—

The light is a fixed white light of the fifth order, varied by a flash every two minutes, and should be visible in clear weather from a distance of 15 miles.

The light tower is 32 feet high.

Position approximate, lat. 8° 46′ S., long. 13° 17′ E.

By command of their Lordships, Fredk. J. Evans, Hydrographer. Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London, 11th November, 1880.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Africa, West Coast, Banda Point to St. Paul de Loando, No. 604; and plan of St. Paul de Loando Harbour, No 626. Also, Admiralty List of Lights on West, South, and South-east Coasts of Africa, 110, page 6; and Africa Pilot, Part II, 1875, page 116.

NOTICE TO MARINERS. (No. 208.)—North Sea.

Outer Eider Light-Vessel not in Position. TELEGRAPHIC information has been received from Berlin, through the Board of Trade, that the Outer Eider Light-Vessel has left her station.

By command of their Lordships,

Fredk. J. Evans, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Charts:—North Sea, Nos. 2339 and 2182a; Baltic Sea, No. 2842a; Eider River to Blaavand Point, No. 1887. Also Admiralty List of Lights in the North Sea, 1880, No. 227, and North Sea Pilot, Part IV, 1878, page 226.