

Further notice will be given of the date of exhibition of these lights.

**NORTH COAST—GULF OF CARPENTARIA.**

(3.) *Reef Reported South of Keer-Weer.*

The Government of Queensland has given notice, that the master of the schooner "Lucy and Adelaide" has report the existence of a reef, awash at low water, lying about 24 miles south of Cape Keer-Weer, and 4 miles distant, from the nearest land.

Position approximate, lat. 14° 22' S., long. 141° 31' E.

[The bearing is magnetic. Variation 4½° Easterly in 1883.]

By command of their Lordships,

*Fredk. J. Evans, Hydrographer.*

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,

1st September, 1883.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—

(1.) and (2.) Australia, No. 2759*b*; Glenelg River to Cape Otway, No. 1062 (1); Bass Strait, western approach, No. 1063 (1); Bass Strait, No. 1695*a* (2); Wilson Promontory, No. 1703 (2). Also, Admiralty List of Lights in South Africa, &c., 1883, No. 396, page 40; and Australia Directory, Vol. I, 1876, pages 240, 343.

(3.) Australia, No. 2759*a*; Coral Sea, Great Barrier Reef, No. 2764; Gulf of Carpentaria, No. 1043. Also, Australia Directory, Vol. III, 1881, page 45.

**NOTICE TO MARINERS.**

(Preliminary).

(No. 254.)—EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.

*Sunda Strait—Charts Unreliable, Lights Destroyed.*

TELEGRAPHIC information has been received from the Government of the Straits Settlements, through the Colonial Office, that consequent on the volcanic eruptions that have taken place near Sunda Strait, the charts of the locality are quite unreliable, and the lights are destroyed.

By command of their Lordships,

*Fredk. J. Evans, Hydrographer.*

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,

1st September, 1883.

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Indian Ocean, No. 748*b*; Tyingkokh Bay to Sunda Strait, No. 2761; Eastern Archipelago with plan of Sunda Strait, No. 941*a*; Sunda Strait, No. 2056. Also, Admiralty List of Lights in South Africa, &c., 1883, 169-172; and China Sea Directory, Vol. I, 1878, pages 157-189.

WE, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Act of the twenty-ninth and thirtieth years of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred and eleven, section five, do hereby, subject as hereinafter mentioned, grant to the Incumbent of the vicarage of Easterton, in the county of Wilts, and in the diocese of Salisbury, and to his successors, Incumbents of the same vicarage, one yearly sum or stipend of eighty-one pounds, such yearly sum or stipend to be payable out of the common fund under our control, and to be calculated as from the twenty-fifth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, and to be receivable in equal half-yearly portions, on the first day of May and on the first day of November in each and every year: Provided always, that if at any time lands, tithes, or other hereditaments sufficient, in our opinion, to produce the said yearly sum or stipend, or any part thereof, shall be annexed by us to the said vicarage in substitution

for such yearly sum or stipend, or for such part thereof, our liability for the payment of such yearly sum or stipend, or of such part thereof, as the case may be, shall thereupon and thereafter cease and determine.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our common seal, this second day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

(L.S.)

In the Matter of the Milford Docks Act, 1883, intituled "An Act to enable the Milford Docks Company to create an additional amount of Debenture Stock in place of other Capital to effect a Settlement of the Affairs of the Company, and for other Purposes;" and in the Matter of the Arbitration under the provisions of the said Act,

IN pursuance of the provisions of the above-mentioned Act, I, the Right Honourable Acton Smee Ayrton, the Arbitrator thereby appointed for the purpose of determining the questions and disputes by that Act referred to arbitration, do hereby direct and require as follows:—

1st. That all persons claiming to hold Certificates of Debenture Stock, issued or purporting to be issued by the Milford Docks Company, in pursuance of the Milford Docks Act, 1874, and the Milford Docks Act, 1875, under the authority contained in such Acts, shall deliver or send by post addressed to me as such Arbitrator as aforesaid, at St. Michael's Hall, George-yard, Lombard-street, London, E.C., on or before the 8th day of October next, a statement in writing signed by them setting forth therein the amounts, dates, and numbers of the certificates of such Debenture Stock held by them, and the name or names appearing on the face of such certificates as the person or persons to whom the same were issued, also the amounts paid by the parties claiming to hold such certificates in respect of the same, and when and to whom such payments were made, together with a general statement of the grounds upon which such parties claim to be entitled to be holders of any and what portion of the £183,000 authorized Debenture Stock referred to in the said Acts.

2nd. That all parties who have claims against the said Company (including claims in respect of Lloyd's Bonds or other securities for the repayment of money by the Company), or have or claim any lien, charge, or incumbrance upon any lands, hereditaments, or other properties in which the Company is interested, shall deliver or send by post, addressed to me, at Saint Michael's Hall, George-yard, Lombard-street aforesaid, on or before the said 8th day of October next, a statement, in writing, signed by them, setting forth therein the amount and full particulars of such claims, and of the evidence in support thereof, together with dates and particulars of all letters or other documents upon which such claims are based.

3rd. Every statement so delivered or sent to me as aforesaid shall contain the addresses of the parties making the same, and to which addresses all further communications in the matter of this arbitration are to be sent.

And I give notice, that immediately after the said 8th day of October, I shall proceed to the consideration of the matters referred to me by the said Act.

Dated this 6th day of September, 1883.

*Acton S. Ayrton.*