the Governm nt of Portuguese East Africa, have agreed that, on and after 1st March, 1903, the time of the 30th Meridian of East longitude, or 2 hours fast on Greenwich mean time, would be adopted as standard time in their respective colonies, instead of the mean time of the Meridian of $22\frac{1}{3}$ ° E. formerly in use in Cape Colony.

The Government of Cape Colony has given further notice, dated 10th February, 1903, that in consequence of the adoption of the above standard time, all time signals in that colony will be made at 0h. 0m. 0s. standard time, corresponding to 10h. 0m. 0s. Greenwich mean time.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Table Bay to Cape Agulhas, No. 2082; Table Bay, Nos. 123, 1920; Simons Bay, No. 1849; Port Elizabeth, No. 641; Kowie River Entrance, No. 1223; Buffalo River, No. 1843. Also, List of Time Signals, 1901, Nos. 39 to 44; Africa Pilot, Part III, 1897, pages 57, 74, 122, 139, 153; and Africa Pilot, Part II, 1901, pages 329, 345.

No. 281.—SCOTLAND, WEST COAST—LOCH SUNART.

Glenmore Pay-Rock Reported.

Information, dated 9th March, 1903, has been received that the Master of the yacht "Claymore" reports the existence of a rock in Glenmore Bay on which the vessel nearly grounded; the position of this rock was estimated to be about 2\frac{3}{4} cables N. 58° E. from Eilean More Summit (127 feet), but no bearings were taken.

As the position and depth over this rock are doubtful, it has been placed on the Chart as a rock with less than 6 feet over it and marked P.D.

Approximate position, lat. 56° 41′ N., long. 5° 56′ W.

[Variation 20° Westerly in 1903.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Loch Sunart, No. 3185. Also, Sailing Directions for the West Coast of Scotland, 1894, page 290.

No. 232.—BAY OF BENGAL, EASTERN SHORE—AKYAB APPROACH.

St. Martin's Reef-Position and Particulars of.

The Government of India has given notice that a recent examination of St. Martin's reef by the officers of the Marine Survey of India shows that it is a long ridge of rocks, one of which is awash at low-water springs. This rock is situated $2\frac{1}{3}$ miles N. 58° E. from the position shown on the Admiralty Charts, and $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles S. 73° W. from the northern extremity of St. Martin's Island. Foul ground extends to a distance of 4 cables S. 76° W., 6 cables S. 13° E., 4 cables N. 76° E., and 2_{10} miles N. 13° W. from the rock awash.

Approximate position, lat. 20° 36¾ N., long. 92° 12¾ E.

The reef does not usually break in the northeast monsoon season, but always does so when there is any swell, or in heavy weather,

[Variation 2° Easterly in 1903.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Coconada to Bassein River, No. 829; Elephant Point to Chedúba Strait, No. 821. Also, Bay of Bengal Pilot, 1901, page 253.

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London, 18th to 19th March, 1903,

Scottish Office, April, 1903.

Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899.

SCOTTISH ONTARIO AND MANITOBA LAND COMPANY Limited.

Reduction of Capital and Repayment of Capital to Shareholders; Filing of Minute of Reduction; Notice to Creditors; Repayment or Deposit of Debts; Application of Deposits; Limitation of Repayment; Alteration of Acts and of Memorandum and Articles of Association, and other purposes.

NOTICE is hereby given, that application is intended to be made to the Secretary for Scotlaud in the ensuing month of April by Petition for a Provisional Order (hereinafter called "the Order") under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, for all or some of the following among other purposes, that is to say:—

- 1. To authorize the Scottish (Intario and Manitoba Land Company Limited, incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1900 (hereinafter called "the Company"), at any time and from time to time to repay to the shareholders of the Company out of the paid-up capital or other funds of the Company for the time being, such proportion of the amount paid up on the shares of the Company, and in such manner and at such date or dates as the directors shall think expedient, and or as may be determined by a resolution passed at a General or other meeting of the shareholders of the Company, or in such other manner as the Order may prescribe or as may be provided by the Order, and so far as necessary to provide for the passing of any such resolution.
- 2. To provide that upon any such repayment as aforesaid, the capital of the Company shall be reduced or cancelled by the amount so repaid, and the nominal value of and amount paid up on each issued share of the capital of the Company shall be reduced by the amount repaid in respect of each such share, and in the case of each unissued share by the same amount as in the case of each issued share, and to make provision so far as necessary for carrying such reduction and cancellation into effect.
- 3. To provide that the directors of the Company shall cause a minute, showing the particulars required by the Companies Act, 1867, in the case of a reduction of capital effected under that Act, to be filed with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, and to provide for the registration of such minute.