

this bank, and therefore its position, as given by the *Darien*, must not be implicitly relied upon.

By command of their Lordships,
Geo. Henry Richards, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
18th July, 1868.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—West Indies General, No. 392*a*; Trinidad Island to Las Roques, No. 394; and Trinidad Island, No. 506. Also, the West India Pilot, Vol. 1, page 93.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 67.)—MEDITERRANEAN—SMYRNA.

Alteration of Position of Hermes and Sanjak Light Vessels.

NOTICE has been received that, in consequence of the decreasing depth of water in which the *Hermes* and *Sanjak* light vessels, at Smyrna, were moored, it has been considered necessary to move the light vessels, and the intended alteration in their positions was to take place on the 28th May, 1868, as follows; viz:—

The *Hermes* light vessel was to be moored in 10 fathoms water, 120 yards south-west of her late position.

The *Sanjak* light vessel was to be moored in 6 fathoms water, 66 yards to the north-east of her late position.

SYRIA.

Anchorage at Beirut.

In consequence of an accident having occurred to one of Her Majesty's ships, when lying at anchor off Beirut, on the coast of Syria, caused by heavy rollers having set in from the N.W. after a fresh wind from the S.W., notice is hereby given, that caution is necessary when anchoring in that roadstead.

The roadstead is much exposed from West to North, and between the months of November and March, if the strong S.W. gales, which are frequent, be observed to veer to the northward of West in the squalls, vessels should be prepared to weigh, and either proceed to sea, or St. George's Bay, as the gale will probably shift to the N.W.

The conclusion drawn from the circumstances attending the accident is, that with fresh winds from the S.W., the rollers are liable to set in from N.W.; and that the further off ships anchor—viz., in 11 or 15 fathoms—the less do the rollers affect them.

By command of their Lordships,
Geo. Henry Richards, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
18th July, 1868.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Smyrna Gulf, No. 1523; Smyrna Harbour, No. 1522; and Beirut Bay, No. 1563.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 68.)—MEDITERRANEAN—GIBRALTAR STRAIT.

Pearl Rock.

INFORMATION has been received from Commander G. S. Nares, of Her Majesty's surveying vessel "*Newport*," that the wreck of a large iron steamer lies on the Pearl Rock, off Cabrita Point, in Gibraltar Strait.

The wreck is now awash at high water. In breaking up, the engines, &c., will probably remain

for some time, with very little water over them; caution is therefore necessary when approaching the rock.

A patch, with only eight feet water, has been discovered a little inside the shoalest part marked on the chart.

A good clearing mark for passing east of the rock is the lighthouse on Verte Island, seen clear of Carnero Point.

ITALY—WEST COAST.

Alternating Light on Pianosa Island.

The Italian Government has given notice, that from the 15th day of July, 1868, a light will be exhibited from the tower of the Penal Establishment on the east side of Pianosa Island, Tuscan Archipelago.

The light shows a *white* and *red* face alternately for a minute's duration each. It is elevated 140 feet above the level of the sea, and in clear weather should be seen from a distance of 17 miles.

The illuminating apparatus is dioptric, or by lenses, of the fourth order.

Position, as given, lat. 42° 35' 6" N., long. 10° 5' 45" East from Greenwich.

IONIAN ISLANDS.

Buoys and Light, Corfu and Paxo Islands.

Also, that the buoys which were placed on the Bianca Shoal, south end of Corfu Island, and on the Madonna Shoal, east of Paxo Island, do not exist; and that in consequence of defective illumination, the light on Corfu Island is scarcely visible.

Caution is therefore necessary when navigating in the Ionian waters.

By command of their Lordships,
Geo. Henry Richards, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
18th July, 1868.

This notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Mediterranean General, Nos. 2158 and 2718 *a, b*; Gibraltar Strait, No. 142; Pearl Rock, No. 1448; Piombino to Civita Vecchia, &c., No. 158; Pianosa Island, &c., No. 1719; Adriatic Sea, No. 1440; and Corfu Channels, &c., No. 206. Also, Sailing Directions, West Coasts of France, Spain, Portugal, page 286.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 69.)—RED SEA—WEST COAST.

Removal of temporary Lights and Buoys.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 16, dated February, 1868, respecting the establishment of temporary lights and buoys for the purpose of facilitating the navigation between Perim Island and Ansley Bay, West Coast of the Red Sea—

Notice is hereby given, that in consequence of the Abyssinian expedition having terminated, the lights and buoys described in that notice have been removed.

By command of their Lordships,
Geo. Henry Richards, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
21st July, 1868.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Red Sea, General Nos. 8*a* and 2523.