No. 595.—MADAGASCAR—WEST COAST. Reported Shoals.

THE French Government has given notice, dated 18th September, 1897, of the reported existence of the undermentioned shoals off the West Coast of Madagascar :-

1. A shoal about 23 cables in extent, and upon

which the sea was observed to break.

Approximate position on Chart No. 759a, lat.

19° 59′ S., long. 44° 6½′ E.

2. A shoal of about 3 miles in extent in an E.S.E. and W.N.W. direction, with 7 fathoms over it, coral and sand bottom.

Approximate position on Chart No. 759a, lat.

20° 1'S., long. 44° 3½' E.

3. A shoal of about one mile in extent in an E.S.E. and W.N.W. direction, with 5 fathoms

Approximate position on Chart No. 759a, lat.

19° 59′ S., long. 44° 0′ E. [Variation 15° Westerly in 1897.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts :- Delagoa Bay to Cape Guardafui, No. 597; Cape St. Andrew to Bevato Island, No. 759a. Also, Islands in the South Indian Ocean, 1891, page 231.

No. 596.—FRANCE—WEST COAST. Rochebonne Plateau-Lights on Gas Buoys Altered in Colour.

THE French Government has given notice, dated 21st September, 1897, that the undermentioned alterations have been made in the colour of the lights on the gas buoys marking Rochebonne Plateau:

1. La Congrée or North-west Buoy, formerly showing a white light, now shows a green light, visible about 3½ miles.

Approximate position, lat. 46° 12′ 30″ N., long. 2° 25′ 30″ W.

2. Sud-Est or South-East Buoy, formerly showing a white light, now shows a red light, visible about 41 miles.

Approximate position, lat. 46° 10′ 30″ N., long. 2° 21′ 30″ W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts: -Bay of Biscay, No. 1104; De la Coubre Point to Les Sables d'Olonne, No. 2618. Sailing Directions for the West Coast of France, Spain, and Portugal, 1891, page 117; Hydrographic Notice No. 2 of 1894, page 12.

No. 597.—BALTIC—THE SOUND. Helsingör (Elsinore)—Lloyd's Signal Station Established.

INFORMATION has been received from Lloyd's, London, dated 23rd September, 1897,

A Lloyd's signal station has been established at Helsingör (Elsinore), connected with the telegraph sytem, through which vessels hoisting their code signal letters can be reported.

Approximate position, lat. 56° 2′ 10" N., long.

12° 37′ 30″ E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Baltic Sea, No. 2842a; the Kattegat, No. 2114; the Sound, No. 2115. Also, Baltic Pilot, Part I, 1895, pages 34 and 226.

No. 598.—ENGLAND—WEST COAST— IRISH CHANNEL.

ISLE OF MAN.

Calf of Man-Lloyd's Signal Station Permanently Established.

INFORMATION has been received from Lloyd's, London, dated 23rd September, 1897, that :-

A Lloyd's signal station is now permanently established on the Calf of Man, connected with the telegraph system, through which vessels hoisting their code signal letters can be reported.

Approximate position, lat. 54° 3′ 15" N., long.

4° 49' 35" W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Ireland, East Coast, No. 1824a; Irish Channel, No. 1825a and b; Lough Carlingford to Lough Larne, No. 45; Irish Sea, No. 2094. Also, West Coast of England Pilot, 1891, pages 21 and 434; Hydrographic Notice No. 3 of 1895, page 34.

No. 599,—UNITED STATES—NEW JERSEY.

Sunken Wreck off Brigantine Beach.
THE United States Government has given notice, dated 18th September, 1897, that :-

The sunken wreck of the schooner "Gertrude T. Browning" lies in 8 fathoms water, about 9 miles east from the South Brigantine life saving station. Both masts show above water.

Great caution is necessary when navigating

near this vicinity.

Approximate position (doubtful), latitude 39° 24′ 15″ N., long. 74° 12′ 10″ W.

[Variation 8° Westerly in 1897.]

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Charts: - Halifax to Delaware, No. 2670; Nantucket Island to Great Egg Harbour, No. 2480.

By command of their Lordships, W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer. Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London, 6th to 9th October, 1897.

INCOME TAX.

WHEREAS it has become necessary to renew the list of persons to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners appointed to act in the divi-sion of Repton and Gresley, in the county of Derby, as Commissioners for the general purposes of the Acts of Parliament for granting to Her Majesty duties on profits arising from property, professions, trades, and offices: Now we, two of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, in pursuance of the powers vested in us in that behalf, do hereby convene a meeting of the Land Tax Commissioners for the county aforesaid, being respectively qualified to act as such Commissioners, to be holden at the Crewe and Harpur Arms, Swarkeston, on Tuesday, the 9th day of November, 1897, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of choosing fit and proper persons to be Commissioners to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners for the general purposes of the Income Tax for the division of Repton and Gresley aforesaid.

> G. H. Murray. Edmond H. Wodehouse.

Inland Revenue, Somerset House, London, October 8, 1897.

Registration of Births and Deaths.

NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of the provisions of the twenty-first section of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of the reign of Her present Majesty intituled "The Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1874," I, Sir Brydges Powell Henniker, Bart., Registrar - General of Births, Doodley of Mr. Births, Deaths, and Marriages in England, have, with the sanction of the Local Government Board. ordered and declared that on and after the first day of November next, St. Andrew Eastern Sub-District of Holborn Registration District shall be united with St. George the Martyr Sub-District