

been received from Captain W. U. Moore, Her Majesty's ship "Research," that the shoal water northward of Aukerry has been found to extend further north than was formerly supposed. A reef of rocks covered with kelp, with 6 to 15 feet over it, extends from the north point of the island in a north-easterly direction for a distance of nearly half a mile.

From the shallowest spot, which is near the north-east end of the reef, the north point of Aukerry bears S. 62° W. distant $4\frac{1}{2}$ cables, and the east point of that island S. 5° W., or approximately in lat. 59° 2' 40" N., long. 2° 38' 50" W.

This reef often breaks, and the kelp shows on the surface at low water ordinary springs.

[Variation 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° Westerly in 1898.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Scotland, North and East Coasts, No. 2397b; Orkney Islands, Nos. 2180a, b. Also, North Sea Pilot, Part I, 1894, page 168.

No. 390.—AUSTRALIA—GASCOYNE RIVER.

Babbage Island—Temporary Alteration in Character of Light.

THE Government of Western Australia has given notice, that on and after 11th March, 1898, the light on Babbage Island would be temporarily altered until further notice, from an occulting to a fixed light.

Approximate position, lat. 24° 52' 20" S., long. 113° 38' 45" E.

This Notice affects the Admiralty List of Lights, Part VI, No. 1028; and Australia Directory, Vol. III, 1895, page 312.

No. 391.—GULF OF BOTHNIA.

Alteration in Position of Sydostbrotten Light-Vessel.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 33 of 1898:—

The Swedish Government has given notice, dated 29th June, 1898, that Sydostbrotten Light-vessel is now moored one and a half miles S. $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W. from the 19 feet shoal, or in approximately lat. 63° 19' 15" N., long. 20° 13' 35" E.

[Variation 6° Westerly in 1898.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Stiernöpont to Fiaderag, No. 2300; and Gulf of Bothnia, No. 2252. Also, List of Lights, Part III, 1898, No. 830; and Baltic Pilot, Part II, 1896, page 378.

No. 392.—DENMARK—WEST COAST.

Graa Deep—Wreck Removed.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 364 of 1898:—

The Danish Government has given notice, dated 29th June, 1898, that the wreck of the lighter in approximately lat. 55° 27' 25" N., long. 8° 25' 40" E., has been removed and the mark and light withdrawn.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Graa Deep, No. 417. Also, North Sea Pilot, Part IV, 1892, page 2-5.

No. 393.—ENGLAND—EAST COAST.

Alteration in Name and Position of South Sand Head Light-Vessel.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 312 of 1898:—

The Trinity House, London, has given notice, dated 1st July, 1898, that the South Sand Head Light-vessel has been moved S. 85° E. half a mile from her former position, and her name changed to South Goodwin.

She now lies in 89 feet at low water springs, with the South Foreland Lights in line N. 85° W., distant 4 miles from High Light and Deal Castle N. 20° W., or approximately in lat. 51° 9' 5" N., long. 1° 28' 45" E.

[Variation 15° Westerly in 1898.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Dover and Calais, &c., No. 1406; Dungeness to the Thames, No. 1895; The Downs, No. 1828. Also, List of Lights, Part I, 1898, No. 187; and Channel Pilot, Part I, 1893, page 348.

By command of their Lordships,
W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
13th July, 1898.

WE, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in consideration of a benefaction of one thousand six hundred and sixty-six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence sterling which has been paid to us in favour of the vicarage or benefice of Saint John the Evangelist, Ashton Hayes, in the county of Chester, and in the diocese of Chester, and in respect of which we have agreed to pay to the Incumbent of the same vicarage or benefice, and to his successors, a yearly sum of fifty pounds, do hereby, in pursuance of the Act of the twenty-ninth and thirtieth years of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred and eleven, section five, grant to the Incumbent of the said vicarage or benefice of Saint John the Evangelist, Ashton Hayes, and to his successors, to meet such benefaction, one other yearly sum or stipend of fifty 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-eighth day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, 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 yearly sum or stipend so payable out of our common fund, as lastly herein-mentioned, or any part thereof, shall be annexed by us to the said vicarage or benefice, 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 seventh day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

(L.S.)

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 for the time being of the vicarage of Beamish, in the county of Durham, and in the diocese of Durham, one yearly sum or stipend of sixty pounds, such yearly sum or stipend to be payable out of the common fund under our control, and to be calculated as from the first day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and to be receivable in four equal portions, on the first day of February, the first day of May, the first day of August, and the first day of November in each and every year: Provided always, that the annual sum or stipend so granted by us to the Incumbent of the said vicarage of Beamish shall be paid only