

Chart :—Rottneft Island to Warnbro' Sound, No. 1058. Also, Australia Directory, Vol. III, 1895, pages 359, 365.

No. 689.—AUSTRALIA—PORT DARWIN.
Emery Point—Non-Exhibition of Light.

INFORMATION, dated 3rd October, 1898, having been received from the Government of South Australia that the proposed lighthouse on Emery Point, Port Darwin, is not likely to be erected for a considerable time, the words "light building" have been erased from the Charts.

Approximate position, lat. $12^{\circ} 27' 25''$ S., long. $130^{\circ} 48' 55''$ E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts :—Port Darwin and Adjacent Inlets, No. 18 ; Port Darwin, No. 925. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1898, No. 1345 ; and Australia Directory, Vol. III, 1895, pages 143, 146, and Supplement, 1898, relating to that work, page 3.

No. 690.—IRELAND—QUEENSTOWN.

Roche Point—Fog Signal Altered.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 443 of 1898 :—

The Commissioners of Irish Lights have given further notice that, on 1st November, 1898, the fog-bell at Roche Point Lighthouse was replaced by a siren.

Roche Point Siren gives, every half-minute during thick or foggy weather, one blast of two seconds duration followed by a silent interval of twenty-eight seconds.

Approximate position, lat. $51^{\circ} 47' 30''$ N., long. $8^{\circ} 15' 15''$ W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts :—Kinsale to Wexford, No. 2049 ; Cork Harbour, No. 1765 ; Queenstown and Port of Cork, No. 1777. Also, List of Lights, Part I, 1898, No. 1000 ; and Coast of Ireland Pilot, 1893, page 63.

No. 691.—JAPAN—KIUSIU.

Genhai Nada—Non-Existence of Rock.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 595 of 1898 :—

The Japanese Government has given further notice, dated 27th September, 1898, that the rock reported to lie about 5 miles north-eastward of Yebosi has been unsuccessfully searched for: the position and surrounding area for about a mile were closely sounded and a look-out kept at the masthead without any indication of shoal water being observed: the local fishermen also state that no rock exists hereabouts, though a tide race having the appearance of broken water is sometimes seen northward of Yebosi. This was considered to have disproved the existence of the rock, and it has been therefore erased from the Charts.

Approximate position, lat. $33^{\circ} 45' 20''$ N., long. $130^{\circ} 2' 40''$ E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts :—Western Coasts, Kiusiu and Nipon, No. 358 ; Hirado No Seto to Simonoseki Straits, No. 127. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. IV, 1894, page 531.

No. 692.—BALTIC ENTRANCE—THE SOUND.

Nakke Head Lights Altered.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 353 of 1898 :—

The Danish Government has given further notice that, on 1st November, 1898, the new light would be exhibited from Nakke Head western lighthouse :—

Nakke Head is a dioptric group-flashing white light of the first order, showing three flashes in

succession in a period of twenty seconds, thus :—flash, about a third of a second ; eclipse, about three and two-third seconds ; flash, about a third of a second ; eclipse, about three and two-third seconds ; flash, about a third of a second ; eclipse, about eleven and two-third seconds ; it is elevated 172 feet above the sea, and visible in clear weather from a distance of 19 miles between the bearing of N. 85° E., through east, south, and west, and N. 61° W. ; but between N. 85° E. and S. 65° E. it is partially obscured by land.

The lighthouse is now 66 feet high, and painted white with narrow red stripes above and below the windows, and gray roof.

The light shown from Nakke Head eastern lighthouse (fixed white) is discontinued.

Approximate position, western lighthouse, lat. $56^{\circ} 7' 15''$ N., long. $12^{\circ} 20' 40''$ E.

[Variation 10° Westerly in 1898.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts :—Baltic, No. 2842a ; the Kattegat, No. 2114 ; the Sound, No. 2115. Also, List of Lights, Part III, 1898, Nos. 313, 314 ; and Baltic Pilot, Part I, 1895, page 214.

No. 693.—MEXICO—VERACRUZ.

Santa Guilla—Light Exhibited.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 202 of 1897 :—

The Mexican Government has given notice that, on 4th October, 1898, two lights, the upper a group flashing white light of the fourth order (21,000 candle power), the lower a fixed red light, would be exhibited from a lighthouse erected on Sta. Guilla, Port of Veracruz.

Sta. Guilla upper light shows groups of two flashes every ten seconds (thus :—flash, short eclipse of about two and a half seconds ; flash, long eclipse of about seven and a half seconds) ; it is elevated 69 feet above high water, and visible in clear weather from a distance of 14 miles.

The lower light, 10 feet below the above, is a red fixed light of the first order ; it is visible between the bearings of S. 61° E., through east, and N. 78° E., over Anegada Reef, and also between N. 47° E., through north, and N. 4° W., over Cabeza Reef. In other directions it is obscured.

The lighthouse, with dwelling at its base, is 70 feet high, constructed of iron, painted red, and is situated on the centre of the island.

Approximate position, lat. $19^{\circ} 8' 10''$ N., long. $95^{\circ} 48' 50''$ W.

Vessels in distress can communicate by the international code with this lighthouse.

Two rockets in succession, exploded every five minutes, indicates that assistance is required at the lighthouse.

[Variation 7° Easterly in 1898.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts :—Gulf of Mexico, No. 392 ; Tampico Harbour, &c., No. 2854 ; the Port of Veracruz, No. 523. Also, List of Lights, Part VIII, 1898, No. 1321 ; and West India Pilot, Vol. I, 1893, page 478.

No. 694.—SPAIN—VIGO BAY.

La Guia Castle—Light Discontinued.

INFORMATION, dated 29th October, 1898, has been received from Captain John Ferris, Her Majesty's ship "Arrogant," that as a fort is being built on the site of the lighthouse, the light (fixed and flashing) previously shown from La Guia Castle, Vigo Bay, has been discontinued.

Approximate position, lat. $42^{\circ} 15' 15''$ N., long. $8^{\circ} 41' 0''$ W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts :—Cape Finisterre to Cape St. Vincent