

No. 92.—ENGLAND—SPITHEAD,
EASTERN APPROACH.

Nab Light-Vessel—Wreck North-Westward of.
TELEGRAPHIC information, dated 13th February, 1899, from the Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth, states that the wreck of the steamship "Arno" lies sunk N.N.W. 4 cables from the Nab Light-vessel.

Approximate position, lat. $50^{\circ} 42' 45''$ N., long. $0^{\circ} 59' 25''$ W.

NOTE.—The position is marked by a wreck buoy and wreck-marking vessel. The wreck will shortly be removed.

[Variation 16° Westerly in 1899.]

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Approaches to Spithead, No. 2050. Also, Channel Pilot, Part I, 1893, pages 254, 256.

No. 93.—GULF OF BOTHNIA—NORTH
QUARKEN.

Holmögad—Wreck Eastward of.

INFORMATION has been received from the Board of Trade, that the Master of the steamship "Glennavis" reports that, on 20th September, 1898, his vessel struck on a submerged obstruction about 5 miles eastward of Holmögad, North Quarken, in approximately lat. $63^{\circ} 36\frac{1}{2}'$ N., long. $20^{\circ} 59' E.$; it has been placed on the Charts as a "wreck?" in this position.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Stiernö Point to Fiäderäg, No. 2300. Also, Baltic Pilot, Part II, 1896, page 384.

No. 94.—UNITED STATES—SOUTH
CAROLINA.

Cape Romain—Wreck South-Eastward of.
THE United States Government has given notice, dated 28th January, 1899, that the wreck of a three-masted schooner, with the topmasts standing about 20 feet out of the water, lies sunk in 16 fathoms, with Cape Romain bearing N.W. by W. $\frac{1}{4}$ W., distant 27 miles.

Approximate position, lat. $32^{\circ} 46' 50''$ N., long. $78^{\circ} 54' 0''$ W.

[Variation $1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ Westerly in 1899.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Cape Fear to Sapelo Sound, No. 268. Also, Sailing Directions for the Principal Ports, &c., United States, 1882, page 190.

No. 95.—SOUTH ATLANTIC—
ASCENSION ISLAND.

Georgetown—Lights.

INFORMATION, dated 23rd September, 1898, has been received from the Captain in charge of the Island of Ascension, that in future a red fixed light will be shown from Georgetown pier-head at night, when a vessel is observed to be approaching the anchorage, and that when vessels are at anchor in the bay a green fixed light will be exhibited from the same position when landing is not to be attempted. The Admiralty List of Lights, Part IV, 1898, No. 820, should be amended accordingly.

Approximate position, lat. $7^{\circ} 56' S.$, long. $14^{\circ} 25' W.$

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Ascension, No. 1691. Also, List of Lights, Part IV, 1898, 1899, No. 820; Africa Pilot, Part II, 1893, page 244.

No. 96.—EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO—
CELEBES.

Manado Road—Light Exhibited.

THE Netherlands Government has given notice, dated 10th February, 1899, that a white fixed

light of the 6th order, and visible in clear weather from a distance of 10 miles, is exhibited from an iron framework support, situated on the beach to the southward of the Mole Head, Manado Road, Celebes Island.

Approximate position on Chart 930, latitude $1^{\circ} 29\frac{1}{2}' N.$, longitude $124^{\circ} 49\frac{1}{2}' E.$

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Philippine Islands, No. 943; Celebes Sea, No. 2575; Plan of Manado on Sheet, No. 930. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1898, 1899, page 90; Eastern Archipelago, Part I, 1890, page 387; and Revised Supplement, 1898, relating to that work, page 71.

No. 97.—EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.

Stephens Islands—Non-Existence of.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 139 of 1897, on the positions of certain islands northward of New Guinea, in which the Stephens Islands were referred to, thus:—

"Stephens Islands, marked on Admiralty Chart No. 942*b* as situated in lat. $0^{\circ} 2' S.$, long. $137^{\circ} 55' E.$, were originally reported by Captain Carteret, His Majesty's ship 'Swallow,' in 1767, and were sighted by him the day before he saw the Freewill Islands. There is no record of the Stephens Islands having been sighted by any one since they were originally reported.

"As Captain Carteret's position of the Freewill Islands was 3° of longitude eastward of the present accepted position, it seems clear that Stephens Islands cannot at any rate be in the position assigned.

"The position of the 'Swallow' on the day the Stephens Islands were discovered, calculated back from the present accepted position of the Freewill Islands, was $0^{\circ} 5'$ north latitude, and about $136^{\circ} 5'$ east longitude, and from this position the islands bore S. $2^{\circ} W.$ (true) and S. $4^{\circ} E.$ (true).

"It is therefore not impossible that Carteret may have mistaken the high peaks of the Schouten Islands (1,600 feet high) for two islands.

"Stephens Islands are placed, for the present, on the Admiralty Charts, in lat. $0^{\circ} 22' S.$, long. $136^{\circ} 10' E.$, with the letters 'E.D.' against them; the latitude assigned being that originally given them by Captain Carteret."

Further information has been received from the Netherlands Government, that Her Netherlandic Majesty's ship "Serdang" has searched an area around the position in which Stephens Islands are now marked on the Admiralty Chart (lat. $0^{\circ} 22' S.$, long. $136^{\circ} 10' E.$) without finding any trace of their existence. It is therefore almost certain that, as previously surmised, Carteret saw the high land of the Schouten or Misori Islands, and the weather being remarkably clear, mistook the peaks for low islands at a moderate distance off.

These islands have now, consequently, been expunged from the Admiralty Charts.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Eastern Archipelago, Eastern Portion, No. 942*b*. Also, Sailing Directions for the Pacific Islands, Vol. I, 1890, page 285.

No. 98.—EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO—
FLORES SEA.

Kayuwadi—Reef Discovered Westward of.

THE Netherlands Government has given notice, dated 9th February, 1899, of the existence of a reef with but little water on it, about 300 yards in extent, north and south, westward of Kayuwadi, and from which Kasuari bears S. $19^{\circ} E.$, distant