

No. 451.—SCOTLAND—FIRTH OF FORTH.

Whitehouse Point—Submarine Mining Practice Ground.

INFORMATION, dated 26th June, 1899, has been received through the Board of Trade, that, in place of the existing mine field on the west side of Inch Keith, the War Office has established a submarine mining practice ground off Whitehouse Point, eastward of Queensferry, the limits of which are provisionally marked by boats, which each carry a light at night.

The western limit extends N. by W. $\frac{1}{2}$ W., 3 cables from the shore line, just to the westward of Whitehouse Point; the eastern limit extends about the same distance and bearing from the shore line, 2 cables westward of Hound Point; the outer extremities of these two limits, joined, forms the northern limit.

Practice will be carried on annually for a period not exceeding 2 months.

Mariners are cautioned against entering this area.

Approximate position, Whitehouse Point, lat. $56^{\circ} 0' N.$, long. $3^{\circ} 21\frac{1}{2}' W.$

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Firth of Forth, No. 114*b*. Also, North Sea Pilot, Part II, 1895, page 320; and Supplement to North Sea Pilot, Part II, page 26.

No. 452.—CHINA—EAST COAST.

High Lammock Light—Character Altered.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 786 of 1898:—

The Chinese Government has given further notice, dated 13th June, 1899, that the character of the high light on High Lammock Island has been altered from white fixed to white occulting every twenty seconds. In other respects the light remains unchanged.

Approximate position, lat. $23^{\circ} 15' N.$, long. $117^{\circ} 17\frac{1}{2}' E.$

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—China Sea, No. 1263; Hongkong to Lian-tung Gulf, No. 1262; China Sea, Northern Portion, No. 2661*b*; Formosa Island and Strait, No. 1968; Hongkong to the Brothers, No. 1962; Namoa Island, No. 1957. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1899, No. 711; and China Sea Directory, Vol. III, 1894, page 158.

No. 453.—AUSTRALIA, SOUTH COAST—CORNER INLET.

Franklyn and Stockyard Channels—Buoys Removed.

THE Government of Victoria has given notice, that on and after 16th October, 1899, the following buoys in the Franklyn Channel will be removed:—

a. The red can buoy marking the south edge of Sandbank, about $2\frac{3}{4}$ miles W.N.W. of Mount Singapore.

Approximate position, lat. $38^{\circ} 45\frac{3}{4}' S.$, long. $146^{\circ} 24' E.$

b. The can buoy coloured in black and white bands about 2 miles W. by S. of the above (*a*).

c. The black can buoy about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of the above (*b*).

d. The red can buoy about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles W. by N. of the above (*c*).

e. The black can buoy about $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles W.N.W. of the above (*d*).

The beacons and buoys marking the channel to the gold diggings and Stockyard Creek have also been erased from the Chart.

[Variation 8° Easterly in 1899.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Wilson Promontory, No. 1703. Also, Australia Directory, Vol. I, 1897, page 529.

No. 454.—MEDITERRANEAN—SICILY.

Marsala—Old Mole Extension.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 136 of 1899:—

Further information, dated 21st July, 1899, has been received from the Foreign Office that the extension of the old or western mole at Marsala, Sicily, has now been completed to the southward for a distance of about 260 yards.

NOTE.—Mariners are cautioned that no light marks the extension at night. It is intended, however, to exhibit a more powerful light at the extremity of the eastern breakwater.

Approximate position, lat. $37^{\circ} 47' N.$, long. $12^{\circ} 26\frac{1}{2}' E.$

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Trapani to Marsala, No. 189. Also, Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. I, 1894, page 361.

By command of their Lordships,
W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London.

29th July to 1st August, 1899.

WE, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in consideration of a benefaction consisting of two pieces or parcels of land containing respectively two thousand four hundred and twenty square yards or thereabouts and one thousand two hundred and sixty square yards or thereabouts, which have been permanently secured to the benefice of Cumberworth, in the county of York, and in the diocese of Wakefield, 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 out of our common fund to the said benefice of Cumberworth, to meet such benefaction, one capital sum of three hundred and thirty pounds, in respect of which, so long as the same capital sum or any part thereof shall remain in our hands, there shall be paid by us to the Incumbent for the time being of the said benefice one yearly sum of nine pounds and eighteen shillings, or such part thereof as shall be proportionate to any balance of the same capital sum which shall so remain in our hands; such yearly payment to commence as from the date of the publication of these presents in the London Gazette, and to be receivable in equal quarterly 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.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our common seal, this twenty-seventh day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

(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, sections five and eleven, do hereby grant and appropriate out of our common fund to the vicarage of Easingwold, in the county of York, and in the diocese of York, one capital sum of fifty pounds sterling, to be applicable towards defraying the cost of improving the drainage of the parsonage or house of residence of the said vicarage, according to plans and a specification approved or to be approved by us, such capital sum, or the balance thereof unapplied to such purpose, to remain in the meantime in our hands at interest after the