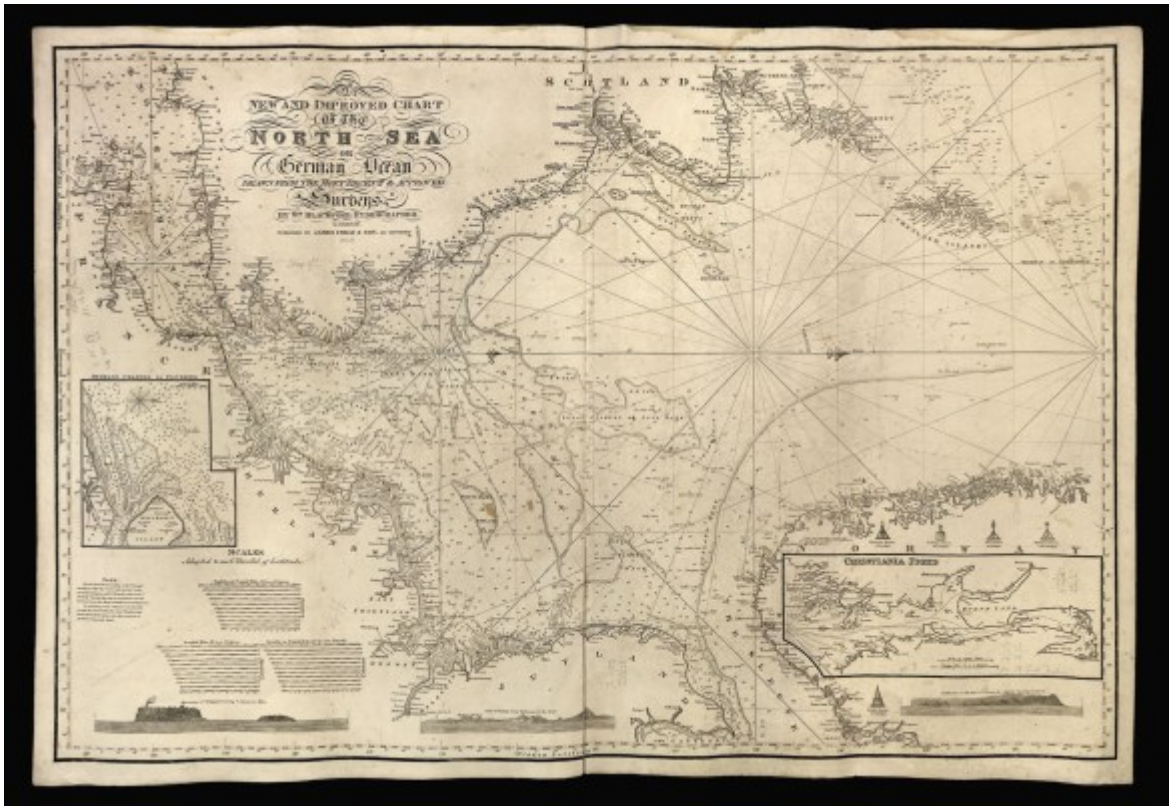


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By the mid nineteenth century the sea trade between London and ports such as Hull and Newcastle had grown dramatically with tonnage of shipping entering and exiting the port of Hull quadrupling between 1766 and 1832. The bulk of Hull's foreign trade was with the Baltic states with the number of vessels involved in the trade tripling between 1790 and 1830. Such huge growth led to demand for accurate and reliable charts.

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