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- January - 26 -- Hydrographer remarks on the above, that a light is greatly wanted on the south coast of Newfoundland; that Cape Pine is the best spot for its position; that it should consist of two vertical and catoptric lights; that the funds should be provided, and that the lights should be shown before the winter.
- February 5 -- Hydrographer further reports, that as a modification of his Report of 26 January (the disposable funds not allowing of two lights, vertical, being adopted) he recommends that a single light be made use of, revolving once in 20 seconds, thus distinguishing it from the one on Cape Spear, which revolves once in a minute.
- „ - 9 -- Copy of Report by Harbour Department, and of Hydrographer's two Reports sent to Board of Ordnance, stating that the Admiralty concur in the opinion of the Hydrographer, and drawing particular attention to the preference due to two vertical lights, yet as the cost of erecting a sufficient Lighthouse for the two lights, would, as shown by the Harbour Department, be considerably increased, as would be also the expense to the colony of maintaining them, and, as it is proposed that the work shall be carried out under the direction of the Ordnance, it would be advisable for that department, previous to applying to the Treasury for the additional sum required (over the 2,000 £. voted) to ascertain, from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, whether the colony would be prepared to maintain and keep up the necessary light.
- March - 5 Board of Ordnance requests more definite information on certain points.
- „ - 14 -- Acquainted, in reply, that one Lighthouse on Cape Pine is all that will be required there, at an elevation of 50 or 60 feet from the ground, the light to be on the simplest catoptric or reflecting principle, to revolve three times in a minute, and that a beacon (which would cost about 300 £.) should be erected on Cape Race.

Admiralty, Harbour Department,  
20 March 1849.

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— No. 2. —

STATEMENT of the Progress made in the Erection of the LIGHTHOUSE on the Island of *Barbadoes*, for which the Assembly of *Barbadoes* has Voted Money, and for which, in the Miscellaneous Estimates of last Year, The House Voted the Sum of £.2,000.

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THE accompanying letter, received from the Colonial Office, under date of the 29th March last, shows how the case stands with reference to the proposed construction of a Lighthouse on the Island of Barbadoes.

Sir,

Downing-street, 29 March 1849.

IN answer to the inquiry contained in your letter of the 21st instant, I am directed by Earl Grey to refer you to my letter of the 3d December 1847, containing an account of the further proceedings taken by the Legislature of Barbadoes in the construction of the proposed Lighthouses, since the date of the last Papers laid before Parliament on the subject, namely, the 19th July 1847.

The Commissioners of the Treasury approved of those proceedings, and were prepared to apply to Parliament for the means of defraying a moiety of the expenses of constructing the Lighthouse.

The objection, however, taken by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, in Mr. Ward's letter of the 13th December 1847, to the tax imposed on the vessels of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company by the Barbadoes Act, No. 908, induced Lord Grey to inform the Governor-in-Chief of the Windward Islands, that the Act would not be confirmed unless the tax was repealed.

This step not having been taken by the Colonial Legislature, nothing further has been done in the matter by the Home Government.

I am, &c.

Captain W. A. B. Hamilton. R.N.  
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(signed) *Herman Merivale.*