

DOCUMENTS ENCLOSED WITH THE FOREGOING DESPATCH.

TREASURY CHAMBERS, 12th OCTOBER, 1835.

SIR—

THE Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury having had under consideration four Letters of the 22nd August last, upon the subject of the erection of Light-Houses along the Coast of North America, I am commanded to transmit to you a Copy of their Lordship's Minute of the 6th inst. thereon, together with Copies of the Report of the Commanding Royal Engineer in Nova-Scotia, and of a Letter from the Secretary of the Trinity House on the subject, in order that they may be submitted to Lord Glenelg, with reference to the Communications from His Lordship's Department, of the 11th September and 29th October, 1834; and I am to request you will state to Lord Glenelg; that my Lords can entertain little doubt but that the Legislatures of the North American Colonies will readily co-operate in the promotion of an object in which the interests of their respective Provinces are so deeply concerned; and my Lords would accordingly suggest that Communications should be made to the respective Colonial Governments on the subject; and will be prepared upon the concurrence of the several Legislatures, in the proposed arrangement, to submit the requisite application to Parliament, for carrying into effect that part of it which is to depend upon this Country. At the same time you will also state to Lord Glenelg that, adverting to the position of these contemplated Lights, it appears to my Lords that their future supervision and management may be most advantageously vested in the Commission already existing in Nova-Scotia, for the management of all matters relating to the Light-Houses established by the Legislature of that Province; and my Lords would therefore propose a further preliminary to any proceedings that may be adopted, that the Reports, both of the Commanding Engineer and of the Trinity Board may be referred to that Commission for their consideration, and with a request that they will report their opinion upon the several suggestions contained in these Documents, relative to the position of the Light-Houses, and the description of Light that should be exhibited; and likewise, respecting the most eligible mode of erecting the requisite buildings, and that they will cause my Lords to be furnished with detailed Estimates of the Expenditure they may conceive it will be necessary to incur for this last mentioned purpose—with the understanding that the Lanterns and Apparatus might be forwarded from this Country, and that separate Estimates would accordingly be procured for these portions of the charge. I am, &c.

(Signed)

J. STEWART.

Sir GEORGE GREY, Bart. &c. &c. &c.

COPY OF TREASURY MINUTE, DATED 6th OCTOBER, 1835.

READ a Letter from Sir George Grey, referring to the Communications from the Secretary of State's Department, of 11th September and 29th October, 1834, on the subject of the erection of Light-Houses at the entrance of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and on the Island of Scattarie, on the North-East Coast of Cape-Breton, stating that Lord Glenelg has received information, by a Dispatch from the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova-Scotia, that three more Vessels have recently been lost on that part of the Coast of North America, and requesting this Board will have under early consideration the suggestions that have been submitted to His Majesty's Government respecting the establishment of Lights on the most dangerous parts of that Coast, and the aid that should be afforded by this Country for that purpose.

My Lords having now before them the Report called for by their Minutes of the 3d and 24th March last, from the Elder Brethren of the Trinity House, and from the Commanding Officer of the Royal Engineers in Nova-Scotia, respecting the nature of the Lights it would be advisable to exhibit, and the means that might be found in the Province for constructing Light-Houses, resume the consideration of the circumstances represented in the Address to His Majesty from the House of Assembly of Nova-Scotia, and in the Report of the Hydrographer of the Admiralty, forwarded to them by direction of the Secretary of State, in the Communication of the 11th September, 1834, already adverted to.

My Lords observe that the Report of the Hydrographer of the Admiralty, drawn up with reference to the information relating to the Light-Houses on the Coast of the British North American Colonies, which had been procured in consequence of representations from British Merchants and Ship Owners engaged in the Trade with those Colonies, represented the great importance, in addition to the Lights already established by the Local Government, for objects more immediately connected with the Trade and Navigation of the separate Provinces, of placing Lights on the Island of St. Paul and Scattarie, at the Northern and most Eastern extremity of Cape-Breton, for the guidance of all Shipping bound for the Gulf of St. Lawrence, or for other parts of British North America; and that the Board of Admiralty have expressed their concurrence in the suggestions submitted in this Report.

The Address of the House of Assembly of Nova-Scotia, dated in April, 1834, likewise urges the great importance of establishing Lights upon those points. It enumerates ten vessels, comprising a tonnage of 2766 tons, and having on board 603 persons, and being, with the exception of two small Colonial schooners, the property of British Owners, which had been wrecked in the course of the previous year, represents that, although few, if any of these vessels, were bound for the port of No-