

the minutes of the Council already transmitted to your Lordship's office; and the moment a competent civil engineer arrives, it is the intention of the local Government to call his attention to the erection of a Lighthouse at the Cape, with as little delay as possible, and on as economical a scale as possible, for there is not a port within Her Majesty's dominions where a Lighthouse is so much required and would be of such vital benefit, as this port.

Fortunately, owing to there being material (granite) on the spot, in quantities more than sufficient for its erection, the only items in its construction will be the labour, lime and lantern, and it was my intention to have transmitted for your Lordship's approval an estimate for this service, but I have not been able to get one prepared. I would, however, most respectfully solicit your Lordship's permission for the work in question, and the moment the colonial surveyor and engineer arrives, an estimate shall be prepared and transmitted for your Lordship's approval.

A Lighthouse of sufficient height to show a light visible ten or twelve miles from shore would be ample to enable vessels to steer direct for the Cape, and avoid the Carpenter on one side, and the tail of the Middle Ground on the other.

I have, &c.

(signed) *N. W. Macdonald.*
Governor.

Enclosure in No. 21.

A RETURN of all LIGHTHOUSES in the Colony of *Sierra Leone*, showing the Date at which each Lighthouse was erected, the original Cost thereof, and from what Funds defrayed; the Annual Expense since its first erection, and from what source the same was paid; also, an Account of the Annual Receipts, and application of all Monies received as Tolls for such Lighthouses.

Encl. in No. 21.

— NIL. —

Secretary's Office, Sierra Leone,
24 November 1846.

(signed) *Geo. Nicol,*
As. Col. Sec. and Accountt.

G A M B I A.

— No. 22. —

(No. 2.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor *FitzGerald* to Earl Grey.

My Lord,

Bathurst, Gambia, 21 January 1847.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Circular of the 22d of August last, with its enclosed copy of an Address to Her Majesty from the House of Commons.

In reply, I beg to acquaint your Lordship, that there are no Lighthouses within the limits of my government.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Charles Fitzgerald,*
Governor.

GAMBIA.

No. 22.

Governor *FitzGerald*
to Earl Grey,
21 January 1847.

G O L D C O A S T.

— No. 23. —

(No. 9.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lieutenant-Governor *Winniett* to Earl Grey.

My Lord,

Cape Coast Castle, 18 January 1847.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Circular of the 22d August 1846, transmitting the copy of an Address presented to Her Majesty

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GOLD COAST.

No. 23.

Lieut.-Governor
Winniett to
Earl Grey,
18 January 1847.

SIERRA LEONE.