

The Committee of the House of Assembly, in Session of 1854, to whom were referred the several petitions relating to Breakwaters, Beacons, Packets, Boats, Ferries, Rivers, Light Houses, and other matters, recommended that the sum of Two Thousand Pounds be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, for the purpose of having erected during the ensuing year, (1854,) or so soon as the necessary arrangements can be made for so doing, Light Houses, at the following places :—

A Light House at Margaree Island, on the coast of the Island of Capé Breton.

A Light House on Iron Bound Island, at the entrance of LaHave River, County of Lunenburg.

A Light House on Boar's Head, north east extremity of Long Island, County of Digby.

A Light House on the Isle of Haut, Bay of Fundy.

A Light House on the western end of Scattarie, coast of Cape Breton.

The Committee recommend the adoption of Vice Admiral Seymour's recommendation, of Buoys being placed at the harbor of Port Hood, as suggested by W. Jeffery, Master of H. M. S. *Basilisk*, in his report, as follows :—

Mr. Jeffery's, master of H. M. S. "*Basilisk*," in a letter to the commander of that vessel, dated 16th November, 1853, suggested that Buoys of a larger size should be placed in the following positions, in the harbor of Port Hood, C. B. :—

"On the Spithead, in five fathoms—one black.

"On the edge of the Dean Shoals, in  $4\frac{1}{2}$  or 5 fathoms—one red.

"On the end of the Shoal, off Smith's Point, in three fathoms—one chequered."

These suggestions were offered with this explanation : "As it may often be of consequence that a vessel should be placed in safety when the weather is so thick as to prevent the leading marks being seen, these buoys, in addition to the new light house now building, would enable any one, by common attention, to take this harbor with perfect safety."

This communication was enclosed to His Excellency Sir J. Gaspard LeMarchant, by Vice Admiral Sir George Seymour, &c. &c., and His Excellency, in reply, "assured" Sir George "that the suggestions which have received your recommendation will obtain from me, and from the Colonial government, the most favorable consideration."

"All the Light Houses have been kept in operation, as heretofore, and five more, as directed by the Legislature, have been built ; one of which (Pubnico) is lighted, but the other four were not completed in time to receive the necessary supplies, and White Head light required a revolving apparatus, which is being prepared. It has been suggested that there should be a Light House on Egg Island, near Jedore, the place recommended by Captain Shortland. A dwelling house for the keeper of the light house at Maugher's Beach, as directed by a committee of the House last session, has been erected. In consequence of violent storms last autumn, much damage was done to the beach, which caused considerable

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