

LIGHTHOUSES (COLONIES).

RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 21 February 1849 ;—for,

- “ COPY of the REPORT of Captain *Bayfield*, R. N., on the necessity of Erecting a LIGHTHOUSE on *Cape Pine, Newfoundland*; and STATEMENT of the Measures that have been adopted by the Government in consequence:”
- “ 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:”
- “ Also, STATEMENT of what Measures have been adopted respecting the Erection, Management and Superintendence of LIGHTHOUSES in the BRITISH COLONIES and POSSESSIONS.”

Admiralty, }
17 April 1849. }

Chas. R. D. Bethune,
Harbour Department,
18 April 1849.

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Sir,

Surveying Vessel, *Gulnare*, at Sea,
26 August 1847.

IN pursuance of the directions of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, conveyed to me in your letter of 31st March last, that I should take a convenient opportunity of visiting *Cape Pine*, for the purpose of determining on the best situation and proper height of a Lighthouse, which it is intended to construct on that headland,

I have now the honour to report as follows:—

1. On the 15th July I sailed from Chetican, leaving Commander Orlebar, with Mr. Des Brisay, in the pinnace and launch, to continue the survey of the west coast of *Cape Breton*, during my absence. On the 18th we made the land at St. Shott's, the scene of so many fatal shipwrecks; and taking a near view of that most dangerous shore as we ran close along it, arrived in *Trepassey Harbour* the same evening.

Having previously read over the voluminous correspondence respecting the proposed Lighthouse, I now availed myself of the local experience of Mr. Simms, the resident magistrate, and of Mr. Sutton, an intelligent inhabitant of *Trepassey*, and after a careful consideration of the whole subject, perceived, that before I could carry out the spirit of their Lordships' instructions, it would be necessary to ascertain, correctly, the position of *Cape Pine*, its distance from *Trepassey*, from which alone it is at all times accessible, and the exact configuration of the coast and hills; in short, to make a correct survey of the harbour and intervening coast, to *Capes Pine* and *Freels*, inclusive, there being no chart of this part of *Newfoundland* in existence, as far as I can learn, of sufficient scale or accuracy to show distinctly the position or nature of the site which I might select for the Lighthouse.

Accordingly, the survey was commenced on the following day, and with the zealous aid of Lieutenant *Hancock* and Mr. *Forbes*, completed on the 31st of July,