

and such it continues. The Charter was dissolved in 1647, but was renewed by Charles II. on the Restoration, and the disposal of the funds was settled partly for charitable purposes. The Charter was surrendered to Charles II., and renewed by his successor in 1685; and the charitable uses of the funds of the Corporation were again settled. These funds were derived from various charges, such as pilotage, linstage, loadmanage, ballastage, &c.

The interest which the Trinity Corporation represented having, by the extension of commerce, grown into great magnitude, the Government interfered and altered some of their privileges at different periods, especially in 1854, when the Board of Trade partook of the supervision.

In *Scotland*, the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses are the acting body, and were incorporated by the Act 38th Geo. III., c. 58. They have had the benefit of the special services of the family of Stevensons, often noticed previously.

In *Ireland*, the Ballast Board of Dublin acts in all Lighthouse matters. (See the 23rd Geo. III., c. 19.)

Besides these three public bodies there are very numerous local authorities, which deal with local lights. The principal among these are the Liverpool Board, the Trinity Houses of Newcastle, Hull, &c. The number of these separate bodies is very great; as, for the 402 Lighthouses in Great Britain, there are, at least, 174 different authorities to direct them.

The Colonial lights are chiefly under the control of the Board of Trade.

Like many other important interests, this has suffered from over legislation, as the Chairman of the Commission of 1861 says,—“It is difficult to discover the necessity for that cumbersome system which now exists, viz., a *single government* (the Board of Trade) for Lighthouses in the British possessions abroad; a *double government* for the Lighthouses under the Trinity House; a *triangular government* for the Scotch Lighthouses and for local lights in England; and a *quadrilateral government* for the Irish Lighthouses and for local lights in Scotland and Ireland;—a system which can scarcely be expected to find favour in the present day.”

In *France*, the Lighthouse service is under the ministry of Public Works, and a special Commission, called “*Commission des Phares*,” which body consists of naval officers, marine engineers, hydrographers, members of scientific bodies, and other gentlemen, distinguished for their scientific attainments in various professions, all of which have to do with branches of science connected with coast illumination. The general conduct of the service is under an officer called *Directeur General des Phares*, who is an engineer, and has other engineers under him.

In the *United States* of America, the lights are under one Central Board, constituted in 1852, and composed of a member of the Government, engineer officers, and officers of the army and navy, and civilians of high scientific attainments.

In *Sweden*, the lights are under the Admiralty, and managed by a director and officers who have military rank, and engineers.

In *Norway*, the service is under the Royal Marine Department.

In *Turkey*, it is under the Admiralty; and the system is now in course of development.

In *Hanover*, the service is under the Director-General of Waterworks.

In *Hamburg*, they are under the Committee for Harbours and Navigation.

In *Spain*, the system of administration is the same as in France; and the full development of the system is now in progress. The lights, &c., are under the department of Public Works, and under a permanent Commission composed of

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