

—No. 3.—

STATEMENT of what Measures have been adopted respecting the Erection, Management and Superintendence of LIGHTHOUSES in the BRITISH COLONIES and POSSESSIONS.

A LIST of QUERIES has been prepared and printed, and copies have been sent to the Colonial Office, with a request that they may be transmitted to the Governors of the respective Colonies, with instructions that they will cause them to be filled up and returned, with a view of obtaining accurate information as to the present state and management of the existing lights, in order to arrange a system, whereby greater simplicity and economy may be combined with increased efficiency.

[Copy of Queries enclosed.]

Sir,

Admiralty, 10 February 1849.

THE Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having had under consideration the subject of the Lights and Lighthouses in the Colonial Dependencies of Great Britain, and the great want that there is of additional lights at some very important points, are of opinion, that it would be highly desirable, as a first step, to endeavour to obtain accurate information as to the present state and management of the existing lights, in order to arrange a system whereby greater simplicity and economy may be combined with increased efficiency.

With this object in view, I am commanded by my Lords to inclose copies of some printed Queries which have been prepared, and to request that you will move Lord Grey to give directions that copies for each Lighthouse be transmitted to the Governors of the respective Colonies, with instructions that they will place them in the hands of those persons who may be most competent to answer them fully, and, when complete, transmit them to his Lordship, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

I have, &c.

Herman Merivale, Esq., &c. &c. &c.
Colonial Office

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COLONIAL AND EAST INDIAN LIGHTS.

QUERIES.

[N. B.—Let all bearings be magnetic, and state the variation of the Compass.]

[It is of importance that each of the accompanying Queries be answered, unless it has been already answered in the Return to an Address of the House of Commons respecting Colonial Lighthouses, dated 3d August 1846; and it is very desirable to add any other information on the subject which can be procured.]

N. B.—It is requested that in future all information respecting Lights, or the want of them, or any notice of change in them, may be sent to the Secretary of the Admiralty, endorsed “Harbour Department.”

QUERIES.

ANSWERS.

Locality, Construction, Characteristics, Range, &c.

1.—State the name and situation of the lighthouse or light-ship; its supposed latitude and longitude.

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2.—Is it a coast light, leading light, harbour light, pier-head light, tide light, floating light, or temporary light for mail vessels? and is it public or private property?

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3.—If more than one light is exhibited, state their relative position, as vertical, horizontal, triangular, &c.? whether there are two or more towers or lanterns; and if so, their distance apart and bearing from each other?

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4.—Over what portion of the circle is the light visible? or between what bearings of the compass?

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