

6,000 reals. The Governor declined, and detained the messenger as a hostage for the security of the boy, and he is still a prisoner, but to be released.

The boy was given up immediately the two persons sent by the Governor of Tetuan arrived. I believe their Lordships are informed that seven of the captors of the felucca were made prisoners by the Governor of Tetuan when attempting to sell the oil, &c., which they had carried there for sale.

The Governor of Albucaema also informed me that he believed the Spanish Government were about to station a force of armed vessels at Penon Velez, Albucaema, and Melilla, for the suppression of piracy.

On leaving Albucaema I proceeded close along the coast, in search of the brig "Cuthbert Young," and at 4 p.m. found her anchored about 200 yards from the shore, in a rocky inlet, 10 or 12 miles S.W. of Cape Tres Forcas, near the spot marked "Zera" on the chart. I steamed in towards her, and as we neared her the Moors opened fire on us with volleys of musketry from the rocks among which the brig was anchored. As the brig was in 3 fathoms water I could get close to her, and Lieutenant Visconti and a party of men were sent to make a hawser fast from our bows to hers, and to slip the cable. The cable could not be unshackled, the anchor was therefore hove up, and at 6 o'clock we backed out of the cove with the brig in tow.

Soon after the Moors had begun firing, and were assembled in considerable numbers round us, we opened fire on those a-head, and on the port bow from the pivot gun forward, and on those on the starboard side and starboard quarter, from the quarter-deck guns, with grape, canister, and short range shells. The Minie muskets were also used with success.

The firing under the direction of Lieutenant Edye, senior lieutenant, was very accurate, and the Moors must, in all probability, have suffered severely.

Lieutenant Visconti and his party did their duty of running out and securing the hawser, and weighing the anchor, &c. &c., with great steadiness.

During the hour and a half we were employed in getting the brig away, the Moors kept up a constant fire, which, from the nature of the ground—they were from some quarters further in shore—able to do so with comparative safety.

I am happy to say that we had but one casualty, John Hays, stoker, wounded in the head by a musket ball, but not dangerously.

The brig is complete, with the exception of the destruction of some of the internal fittings and spare sails.

At 7.30, I proceeded with the brig in tow for this place, where I have the honour to report my arrival at one A.M. this day.

Shortly after leaving the shore at Zera, the starboard engine broke down, and we have been obliged to proceed until within 20 miles of this place, working one engine only. I find that the defects of both engines, as detailed in the Report of Mr Thomas Murray, Chief Engineer, herewith enclosed, will detain us at this place three or four days, as soon as ready I shall return to Lisbon, in obedience to their Lordships' orders.

I have, &c.,

EDW. R. RICE, Commander and Senior Officer.



At the Court at Buckingham - Palace, the 3d day of July 1854,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas by the eleventh section of "The Merchant Shipping Law Amendment Act, 1853," it was enacted, that upon the erection of any new lighthouse, Her Majesty might, by Order in Council, fix such toll in respect thereof, to be paid by the master or owner of every ship which should pass the same, or derive benefit therefrom, as Her Majesty might deem reasonable.

And whereas a certain lighthouse is about to be placed by the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses on the Out Skerries of Whalsey, a cluster of islands lying on the eastern side of the Shetland Islands.

And whereas a second lighthouse is about to be placed by the said Commissioners on North Unst, in the Shetland Islands :

Now therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers vested in Her by the said recited Act, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to direct—

That upon the erection and lighting of the said lights, respectively, on the Out Skerries of Whalsey, and upon the Island of Unst, there shall be paid in respect of each of the said lights, for every British vessel (the same not belonging to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, or being navigated wholly in ballast,) and for every Foreign vessel privileged to enter the ports of the United Kingdom upon paying the same duties of tonnage as are payable by British vessels which may pass or derive benefit from such light, the toll of two-sixteenths of a penny per ton of the burthen of every such vessel, for every time of passing or deriving benefit therefrom, if on a coasting voyage, and one penny per ton for each time of passing or deriving benefit therefrom, if on an over-sea voyage ; and for every Foreign vessel not navigated wholly in ballast, and not privileged in manner hereinbefore mentioned, double the amount of the respective tolls hereinbefore specified, according to the voyage on which she may be employed.

And that the said tolls, in respect of each of the said lighthouses, shall be levied by the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses subject to the abatement or discount of twenty-five per cent. on vessels engaged in over-sea voyages, and of ten per cent. on vessels engaged in coasting voyages, provided for by an Order in Council dated the twenty-ninth day of December one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and subject also to the regulations contained in a Table of Tolls prepared by the said Commissioners, and sanctioned by an Order in Council dated the thirtieth day of January one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four:

WM. L. BATHURST.

WHITEHALL, July 8, 1854.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable John Russell (commonly called Lord John Russell) to be the unpaid Charity Commissioner for England and Wales, under the provisions and for the purposes of the "Charitable Trusts Act, 1853," in the room of the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Bart., G. C. B., resigned.