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*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
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THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Santo Domingo, inclosing a Notice to Mariners, a copy of which is subjoined, relative to a Lighthouse recently erected in that city.

By order,
T. H. Farrer.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Santo Domingo Light.

FROM the 14th August, 1853, the Dominican Government have ordered a white fixed light to be exhibited between sunset and sunrise, from the bastion of San José, at the city of Santo Domingo. The cupola of the iron frame work, the columns of which are painted white, the cornices red and blue, rises 113 feet above low water mark; the lantern with the reflectors commences at 100 feet.

The lighthouse is situated in latitude 18° 28' 5" north, longitude 69° 52' 30" west of Greenwich. It bears north 58° west (true) distant 1423 yards from Punta Torrecilla; and south 44° west, distant 617 yards from the Homenaje, or signal tower of the fort.

The fixed white light consists of nine reflectors of the first class, patent of Messrs. Alcot and Brothers, at Rochester, in the state of New York; and may be seen, with a clear atmosphere, in from 18 to 20 miles. Its range extends nearly in a half circle from south to east and westward.

Vessels coming from the east running for Santo Domingo roads, ought to keep in mind that having doubled Punta Causedo, the light will show over the land, somewhat to the north of Punta Torrecilla, and that from this point, from whence as already observed, the light bears N. 58° W., distant 1423 yards, a short reef extends south-westward, upon which the water breaks when the sea is agitated. Bearing up for the anchorage, as indicated in the Colombian Pilote, and other sailing directions, this danger ought to be guarded against.

A duty of 6½ cents (equal to 3¼d.) per ton, is levied from every vessel, national and foreign, that comes from abroad, for the support of the light.

*British Consulate, Santo Domingo,
August, 22, 1853.*

(Signed) ROBERT H. SCHOMBURGK.
Consul.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
September 30, 1853.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council for Trade and Plantations having, with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, determined to exercise the powers given to them by the Mercantile Marine Act, 13 and 14 Vict., chap. 93, section 32, of dispensing with the observance of so much of the General Merchant Seamen's Act, 7 and 8 Vict., chap. 112, as relates to the Register Tickets of Seamen.

Notice is hereby given, that from and after the first day of October next the system of registering seamen by means of tickets will be discontinued, and that after that date neither masters of British ships nor British seamen will be required to observe any of the provisions of the said Act, 7 and 8 Vict., chap. 112, requiring such tickets to be procured, kept, or produced, or otherwise relating thereto.

The special tickets issued for the purpose of recording voluntary contributions to the Merchant Seamen's Fund, under the Act for winding up that fund, 14 and 15 Vict., chap. 102, will still continue to be issued by shipping masters, and to be used as heretofore, and those masters and seamen who wish to keep up these contributions with a view to earning pensions for themselves or their families, are hereby warned that they must keep their fund tickets, and produce them for the purpose of having their contributions recorded, upon pain of forfeiting their claims upon the fund.

With a view to the correctness of the records henceforth to be kept, mariners are hereby warned, that by the 75th sect. of the Act 13 and 14 Vict., cap. 93, it is provided, that, if any seaman, on or before being engaged, makes a false statement of the name of his last ship, or last alleged ship, or of his own name, he shall forfeit out of his wages a sum not exceeding five pounds.

By order,
T. H. Farrer.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
September 29, 1853.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council for Trade and Plantations, have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at the Hague, transmitting the subjoined translation of a Decree