

then that John Stokoe, Esquire, of Hexham aforesaid, shall exercise or perform such of the said powers and duties as then remain to be exercised or performed.

7. That the fourteen days' notice of qualification required by "The Public Health Act, 1848," to be given by owners of property, in order to entitle them to vote at the said first election, shall be given to the said Jasper Gibson, at the Manor-office, Hexham, situate within the aforesaid district; or in case he shall refuse, or be unable to receive the same, then to the said John Stokoe, at his residence, Priestpople-street, Hexham, likewise within the district aforesaid.

C. C. Greville.

Foreign Office, November 28, 1853.

IT his hereby notified that the Earl of Clarendon, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from Monsieur Charles Baudin, First Secretary to the French Embassy (in the absence of the Ambassador), a note, dated the 23rd inst., stating that the Minister of Marine has announced to the Minister for Foreign Affairs that, in conformity with the orders of His Imperial Majesty, Captain Baudin, the Commander-in-Chief of the French naval forces on the west coast of Africa, has declared that part of the coast which extends from the left bank of the Grand Lahou to the right bank of the river Assinée to be in a state of blockade; that the force at the disposal of Captain Baudin will render this blockade effective, and that it was to be carried into execution from the 26th of September last.

Downing-Street, November 26, 1853.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint William Lonsdale, Esq., to be Colonial Treasurer for the Colony of Victoria.

Her Majesty has also been pleased to appoint Edward Stephens, Esq., to be a Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of South Australia.

Whitehall, November 26, 1853.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal for appointing Henry Cadogan Rothery, Esq., M.A., Registrar of the High Court of Admiralty of England, to be Registrar of Her Majesty in Ecclesiastical and Maritime Causes, in the room of Henry Birchfield Swabey, Esq., resigned.

Whitehall, November 28, 1853.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint David Mure, Esquire, Advocate, to be Sheriff of the Shire or Sheriffdom of Perth, in the room of James Craufurd, Esquire, Her Majesty's Solicitor-General for Scotland.

Whitehall, November 29, 1853.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Hon. Sir John Romilly, Knt., Master of the Rolls of Her Majesty's High Court of Chancery; the Right Hon. Sir John Jervis, Knt., Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas; the Right Hon. Sir Edward Ryan, Knt.; Charles Hay Cameron, Esquire; John McPherson McLeod, Esquire; John Abraham Francis Hawkins, Esquire; Thomas Flower Ellis, Esquire; and

Robert Lowe, Esquire; to be Her Majesty's Commissioners in England to examine and consider the reform of the Judicial Establishments, Judicial Procedure, and Laws of India.

Board of Trade, Whitehall,
Marine Department, November 28, 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 note from the Netherland Minister at this Court, enclosing a copy of a Notice issued by the Netherland Government, a translation of which is subjoined, relative to an alteration in the light displayed at Kijkduin.

By order,
James Booth.

(Copy.)

(Translation.)

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

THE Minister of Marine hereby informs persons interested that the *Catadioptric Light of the first class*, applied to the Light House at *Kijkduin*, was first lighted on the evening of the 25th of September last.

This improved stationary light is situated in $52^{\circ} 57' 4''$ north latitude, and $4^{\circ} 43' 30''$ longitude east of *Greenwich*. It is raised full 49 ells (about 161 feet) above ordinary high water, and illumines an arc of 270 degrees of the horizon, namely, from the south 30° west, by west, north and east, to east 30° south.

From experiments made at the height of the deck of a pilot cutter, the eye being 3 ells (9 feet 10 inches) above water, it was ascertained that the light of *Kijkduin*, bearing N.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ N., and, at the same time, the *Egmond* coast lights bearing south, in the depth of $8\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms water, is lost sight of, or sinks, this being a distance of $4\frac{1}{2}$ German sea miles (about 21 English miles).

From further experiments on board the pilot cutter at a height of 15 ells (49 feet $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches) from the water, in the rigging, the *Kijkduin* light bearing N.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. with the *Egmond* coast lights in sight from the deck, S.E. by E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E., in the depth of $8\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms, the former light was lost sight of, or sunk.

Therefore the *Kijkduin* light was visible at the said height in the rigging at a distance of 5 to $5\frac{1}{2}$ German sea miles (about $23\frac{1}{3}$ to $25\frac{2}{3}$ English miles). According to the state of the atmosphere it will be visible at a greater or less distance.

Two or three days later, upon a favourable occasion for observation, the experiments were continued in the same pilot cutter off the island of *Texel*.

With the eye 3 ells (9 feet 10 inches) above water, the *Kijkduin* light bearing S. $\frac{3}{4}$ W. was lost sight of, whilst the *Vlieland* light, at E. $\frac{1}{2}$ S., was quite visible, which cross bearing indicates a distance of full 4 German sea miles ($18\frac{2}{3}$ English miles) from the *Kijkduin* light. Then keeping E. S.E. by the coast, the latter light, with the eye 15 ells (49 feet $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches) above water, was seen over the sand downs of the Island of *Texel*, in the direction S. by W., when it disappeared behind the sand downs of the island, with the lead at the depth of 13 fathoms water, at a short distance from the *Eijerland flats*.

The *Kijkduin* light, therefore, in its improved state has become, even upon ordinary occasions, for observation, very serviceable for the approaching of the *Texel* channels, and it appears from all the experiments herein mentioned that it retains a very clear light until it sinks altogether, and that it