

part of citizens of the United States upon the Government of Her Majesty which may have been presented to either Government for its interposition with the other, since the 24th December, 1814, and which remain unsettled, as well as any other such claims which may be presented within the time specified in the said Convention, shall be referred to two Commissioners for their final determination:

Notice is hereby given, that all British subjects who, since the said 24th day of December, 1814, have presented to the British Government for its interposition with that of the United States, claims which yet remain unsettled and which they desire to have laid before the Commissioners under the said Convention, are required to notify such desire to the Agent of Her Majesty's Government under the said Convention; and to transmit to him forthwith any further statements or particulars of their claims, together with the documentary evidence necessary to support them.

It is further provided by the said Convention, that all claims shall be presented to the Commissioners within six months from the day of their first meeting, which was held on the 14th September, 1853, unless under special circumstances, to be proved to the satisfaction of the Commissioners, in which case the time may be extended to any time not exceeding three months.

All claims not presented within the periods above-mentioned, will be considered as barred.

Communications to be addressed to James Hannen, Esq., Agent of Her Majesty's Government under the American Claims Convention, No. 2, Essex-court, Temple, London.

*Foreign-Office, January 20, 1854.*

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
Marine Department, January 27, 1854.*

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 Christiania, transmitting copy of a Notice issued by the Royal Norwegian Marine Department (a translation of which is subjoined), relative to a Beacon recently erected on the Island of Sorøe, to denote the passage on entering to Hammerfest.

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(Translation.)

#### PUBLIC NOTICE.

HEREBY is made known, that the N.E. point of the Island of Sorøe, called Riodvigfield, at the entrance of the passage or in sailing to Hammerfest, in Finmark, a Beacon has been erected, 25 feet English broad at the base, and 35 feet high, of which the last 13 feet is stepped off.

The Beacon is dark coloured, and presents its broadest face to the N.W., true compass. Longitude, E. from Greenwich,  $23^{\circ} 21\frac{1}{2}'$ . N. latitude,  $70^{\circ} 52'$ . The base of the beacon above mean water level, 977 feet English, and is visible 16 miles.

The Royal Norwegian Marine Department, Christiania, December, 29, 1853.

(Signed) O. W. ERICKSON.  
(Signed) ROEDES.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
Marine Department, January 30, 1854.*

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, from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, the following Notifications respecting Lighthouses in the United States.

#### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

*Light on West End of Ship Island (Mississippi).*

ON and after the 25th of December, 1853, a fixed white light will be exhibited from the Lighthouse Tower recently erected on the west end of Ship Island (Gulf of Mexico).

This light will be exhibited from an elevation of 52 feet above the level of the sea, and should be seen, under favourable circumstances, from the deck of a vessel of ordinary size, at the distance of about 13 nautical miles. The approximate position of the light, deduced from the table of geographical positions contained in the report of the Superintendent of the Coast Survey for 1851, is—

Lat.  $30^{\circ} 12' 55''$  North.

Long.  $88^{\circ} 57' 01''$  West of Greenwich.

By order of the Lighthouse Board,  
D. LEADBETTER,  
Capt of Engineers and Inspector  
8th L. H. District.

Mobile, Ala., November 23, 1853.

#### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

*Light on Bear Island (Maine).*

A fixed white light will be exhibited on Monday, the 6th day of February, 1854, at sunset, and on each succeeding day from sunset to sunrise, in the Lighthouse recently rebuilt to supply the place of the one destroyed by fire last December, on the south-west point of Bear Island (which is one of the northernmost of the Cranberry Islands, and south of Mount Desert Island). This light is intended to serve as a guide to vessels entering Cranberry Island, North-east, and South-west Harbours, and will illuminate  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the arc of the horizon.

The tower is constructed of red brick, and is joined to the end of the keeper's dwelling; the roof of the lantern is painted black.

The centre of the lantern is 24 feet above the ground, and the base of the tower 83 feet above ordinary high-water mark.

The light should be visible, in good weather, from a position ten feet above the water, at a distance of  $15\frac{1}{2}$  nautical or 18 statute miles.

The approximate position of this light, as derived from Blunt's Chart, is,—

Lat.  $44^{\circ} 17' 00''$  North.

Long.  $68^{\circ} 17' 30''$  West from Greenwich.

The following magnetic bearings have been taken from the lighthouse,—

To Baker's Island Lighthouse, S.E. by S., distance  $5\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

Monument on Bunker's Dry Ledge, E. by S.  $\frac{1}{4}$  S., distance  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

Granite Ledge (8 feet at low water), E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  S., distance 1 mile.

Outer end of Long Ledge, S.W.  $\frac{3}{4}$  S., distance  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

N.W. Point of Cranberry Island, S. by W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  W., distance 4 miles.

Flynn's Ledge, S.W. by S., distance 3 miles.

By order of the Lighthouse Board,  
W. B. FRANKLIN,  
Corps Topl. Engineers, and Inspector  
1st L. H. District.

Portland, Me., Dec 8, 1853.