

has declared that in future the import duties on liquors and wines, &c., shall be levied as follows:—

	Duty
	per Bottle.
Brandy—	
in case of 12 bottles	50 cents
in cask	40 „
Red light Wine—	
in case of 12 bottles	30 „
in cask	25 „
Strong Wine—	
in case of 12 bottles	40 „
in cask	30 „
Sparkling Wines, Vermuth, Absinthe—	
contained in any vessel or bottle	75 „
Liquors in general—	
contained in any vessel or bottle	75 „
Beer	25 „

This Decree was to come into operation after one month in regard to importations from Panama, Belize, or California; in seventy-five days for importations from Europe by steamer, and in one hundred days for importations from Europe in sailing vessels by way of Cape Horn.

Admiralty, 31st March, 1874.

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 22nd February, 1870—

Lieutenant Charles Thomas Farquhar Hodgkinson has this day been placed on the Retired List of his rank.

Admiralty, 2nd April, 1874.

The name of Mr. George Frederick Mylius Kent, Assistant-Paymaster, R.N., was inserted in error among the names of Officers promoted for service in the Ashantee Campaign, and the notification of his promotion is hereby cancelled.

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 22nd February, 1870—

Lieutenant James Alan Ward has been this day placed on the Retired List of his rank.

Paymaster William Lovely has been this day placed on the Retired List of his rank.

London, April 2, 1874.

The Secretary of State for War has appointed R. G. Davey, Esq., M.R.C.S.E., to be Assistant Visiting Surgeon for Shorncliffe, under the Contagious Diseases Acts, 1866 to 1869.

London, April 2, 1874.

The Secretary of State for War has appointed Richard S. Davey, Esq., M.D., to be Assistant Visiting Surgeon for Shorncliffe, under the Contagious Diseases Acts, 1866 to 1869.

Whitehall, March 18, 1874.

The Right Honourable Richard Assheton Cross, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has appointed Samuel Bertram Gilroy, Esq., to be an Inspector of Coal and certain other Mines under "The Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1872" (35 and 36 Vict., cap. 76).

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury having certified to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, in pur-

suance of the Act 29 and 30 Vic., c. 39, sec. 16, that the actual surplus revenue of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, beyond the actual expenditure thereof for the year ended the 31st day of December, 1873, amounted to the sum of one million four hundred and ninety-six thousand four hundred and ninety pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence.

The Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt hereby give notice, that the sum of three hundred and seventy-four thousand one hundred and twenty-two pounds thirteen shillings and five pence, being one-fourth part of the said surplus of one million four hundred and ninety-six thousand four hundred and ninety pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence, will be applied under the provisions of the said Act, in the quarter ending the 30th day of June, 1874, towards the reduction of the National Debt.

C. Rivers Wilson, Comptroller-General.
National Debt Office, April 1, 1874.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 40.)—MEDITERRANEAN—EGYPT.

°(1.) *Harbour Light at Alexandria.*

THE Captain of the Port of Alexandria has given notice, that from the 10th December, 1873, a *fixed red* light would be exhibited near the outer extremity of the north mole in course of construction, and would continue to be exhibited until the works of the mole are completed.

CORSICA, SOUTH-WEST COAST.

(2.) *Fixed Light on Cape Feno.*

The French Government has given notice, that from the 15th day of May, 1874, a light will be exhibited from a lighthouse on Cape Feno, south-west coast of Corsica.

The light will be a *fixed white* light, visible through an arc of about 30 degrees, in the direction of the Moines or Monachi rocks, the brilliancy decreasing from the centre of the arc; the light is elevated 65 feet above the level of the sea, and in clear weather should be seen from a distance of 13 miles.

The tower, 37 feet high, is square, and is situated on the extremity of the cape. Position, lat. 41° 23' 34" N., long. 9° 6' 25" E.

NOTE.—When Cape Pertusato revolving light is seen open to the southward of the light on Cape Feno, navigators will be assured of being outside, or to the southward of, the Moines or Monachi dangers.

BONIFACIO STRAIT.

(3.) *Fixed Light on Lavezzi Island.*

Also, that from the 15th May, 1874, a light will be exhibited from a lighthouse erected on des Becche, at the southern extremity of Lavezzi Island.

The light will be a *fixed white* light with coloured rays; thus:—a ray of *red* light will cover the Lavezzi Rock. A *green* sector of 105 degrees will cover all the dangers to the northward, Perdute Rock on the east to Prete Rock on the west; the light is elevated 90 feet above the level of the sea, and the white light should be seen in clear weather from a distance of 12 miles.

The illuminating apparatus is dioptric or by lenses, of the fourth order.

The tower, 41 feet high, is square and attached to the keeper's dwelling. Position, lat. 41° 20' 5" N., long. 9° 16' 10" E.

NOTE.—The Lavezzi Rock is also covered by a *red ray* of light from Razzoli Lighthouse, and