

with Article 1 and following Articles, according to the special circumstances of each vessel; they are likewise subject to that which is laid down in Article 54 concerning the drawing up or legalising of the manifest, and to that which is specified in Article 58 concerning the bills of health and their countersignature.

4. When the vessel comes in ballast, without performing any commercial operation, she is exempt from all consular fees directly affecting the vessel and navigation.

By Royal Order I communicate this to you for your information, and that you may order it to be fulfilled by the Custom-houses of the kingdom.

God, &c.

(Signed) SALAVERRIA.

Madrid, 6th October, 1875.

To the Director-General of Customs.

Admiralty, 20th November, 1875.

Royal Marines.

The following promotion has taken place in the Royal Marine Artillery, viz. :—

Lieutenant Augustus James Hill to be Captain, vice Captain and Brevet Major Edward Gladstone, placed on half-pay. Dated 16th November, 1875.

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

Fleet Surgeon William Edward O'Brien has been placed on the Retired List from the 18th instant.

War Office, Pall Mall,
23rd November, 1875.

BREVET.

Major Edward Osborne Hewett, Royal Engineers, to have the local rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in Canada, whilst holding the appointment of Commandant of the Royal Canadian College. Dated 1st October, 1875.

The following Officers having completed the qualifying service in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel to be Colonels, viz. :—

Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Armstrong Roberts, Royal (late Madras) Engineers. Dated 13th October, 1875.

Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Hiram Sankey, Royal (late Madras) Engineers. Dated 15th October, 1875.

Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander Urquhart Hamilton Finch, Royal (late Bombay) Engineers. Dated 17th October, 1875.

MEMORANDUM.

Quartermaster George Sturrock, half-pay, Royal Engineers, has been permitted to commute his retired allowance. Dated 12th October, 1875.

In the Matter of the Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company, the Independent Gas Light and Coke Company, and The Gas Light and Coke Company.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a scheme for the amalgamation of the Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company and the Independent Gas Light and Coke Company with The Gas Light and Coke Company, in pursuance of sections 18 to 24 in-

clusive of "The City of London Gas Act, 1868," and of section 56 of "The Gas Light and Coke Company's Act, 1871," has been submitted to the Board of Trade.

And notice is hereby further given, that a copy of the proposed scheme may be obtained at the Office of the Board of Trade, and that any objections or representations may be brought before the Board of Trade in writing, on or before the 7th day of December next, addressed to the Assistant-Secretary of the Railway Department, Board of Trade, Whitehall-gardens.

A copy of such objections or representations must at the same time be sent to Messrs. Wyatt, Hoskins, and Hooker, of 28, Parliament-street, Westminster, the Agents for the said scheme. Board of Trade, November 22, 1875.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 163.)—AFRICA—WEST COAST.

Fixed Light at Benguela.

INFORMATION has been received through Commodore Sir W. N. W. Hewett, K.C.B. (West Coast of Africa Squadron), that a *fixed* white light is exhibited from the fort at Benguela, which in clear weather should be seen from seaward for a distance of 5 miles.

By command of their Lordships,

Fredk. J. Evans, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
16th November, 1875.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts :—Benguela Bay, No. 627; and Anno Bom to Hollams Islands, No. 595: Also, Admiralty List of Lights on the West Coast of Africa, &c., page 6; and African Pilot, Part II., 2nd Edition, page 133.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 164.)—UNITED STATES—MAINE—MACHIAS BAY.

(1.) *Fixed Red Light on Avery Rock.*

THE United States Government has given notice, that from the 16th October, 1875, a light would be exhibited from a lighthouse recently erected on the south end of Avery Rock, Machias Bay.

The light is a *fixed red* light, elevated 59 feet above the level of high water, and in clear weather should be seen from a distance of 13 miles.

The illuminating apparatus is catoptric or by reflectors, of the fifth order.

The tower, 36 feet high, is square, rises from the centre of the keeper's dwelling, and is painted white. From the lighthouse, Libby Island lighthouse bears S.W. by S., distant 5½ miles. Position, lat. 44° 39' N., long. 67° 21' W.

In thick or foggy weather a bell will be sounded, thus :—Alternately, at intervals of thirty seconds, one blow, and two blows.

FRENCHMAN BAY.

(2.) *Fixed Red Light on Egg Rock.*

Also, that from the 1st November, 1875, a light would be exhibited from a lighthouse recently erected on the highest part of Egg Rock, Frenchman Bay.

The light is a *fixed red* light, elevated 67 feet above the level of high water, and in clear weather should be seen from a distance of 14 miles.