

of Colombia, dated the 23rd March last, increasing the duties on merchandize imported into that Republic.

The following is a translation of the Articles of the Decree:—

ARTICLE 1. The import duties for each kilogram of foreign merchandize introduced into the country shall be:—

2½ cents for the 1st Class.	
3½	2nd "
15	3rd "
40	4th "
60	5th "
6 cents for salt.	

NOTE.—The following articles are excepted from the dispositions of the above article, and will remain free of duty:—

Articles belonging to the National Government.
The effects of Public Ministers and Diplomatic Agents, treated of in the 9th section of 1st paragraph of the 359th Article of the Fiscal Code.
Machines and implements for constructing and repairing roads.
Iron bridges.
Rough stones, bricks, and clay tiles for roofing and flooring, and
The natural productions of other countries, which enjoy freedom of entry in conformity with public treaties.

ARTICLE 2. The duties on salt forwarded into the interior for consumption will be 4 cents the kilogram.

ARTICLE 3. The provisions of this Decree will be applied to merchandize arriving at the ports of the Union after its receipt in the respective custom-houses.

Admiralty, 8th May, 1877.

Navigating Lieutenant Frederick Kibbey Taylor has been promoted to the rank of Staff Commander in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of the 26th ultimo.

The following promotion has been made:—

Navigating Sub-Lieutenant Valentine David Hughes to be Lieutenant in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of the 24th April, 1877.

Royal Marines.

The undermentioned promotions, dated 3rd May, 1877, have taken place in the Royal Marine Light Infantry consequent upon the retirement, under the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 22nd February, 1870, of Lieutenant-Colonel and Brevet Colonel George Drury, viz.:—

Captain and Brevet Major Osborne Frederick Charles Fraser to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Drury.

Lieutenant Henry Ainslie Alfred Turner to be Captain, vice Fraser.

Admiralty, 9th May, 1877.

Assistant Paymaster Francis Alfred Carter has been promoted to the rank of Paymaster in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of 2nd May, 1877.

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44, Parliament-Street, Westminster, S.W.*

THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES (ANIMALS) ACT, 1869.

THE Privy Council have appointed George Wentworth, M.R.C.V.S., to be an Inspector for the purposes of the above-mentioned Act.

Frederick Keal, M.R.C.V.S., has ceased to be an Inspector of the Privy Council for the purposes of the above-mentioned Act.

May 10, 1877.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 48.)—IRELAND—WEST COAST.

(1.) *Revolving Light, Aran Island.*

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 91, of 12th July, 1876, on the exhibition of a temporary light, during alteration of the permanent light, on Aran Island:—

The Commissioners of Irish Lights have given further notice, that the new light was exhibited on 1st April, 1877, on Rinrawros Point, Aran Island (Aranmore).

The light is a *revolving* light, showing alternately *red* and *white* flashes of equal intensity, the interval between each flash being *twenty seconds*, elevated 233 feet above the level of the sea, and should be visible in clear weather from a distance of 25 miles.

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

Also, that from the same tower, 32½ feet below the principal light, a fixed *red* light is shown as heretofore in the direction of Stag Rocks, visible between the bearings of S.W. by W. ¼ W. and W. by S.

The illuminating apparatus is catoptric or by reflectors.

EAST COAST.

(2.) *Light-vessel near South Rock, and Discontinuance of South Rock Light.*

Also, that with reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 8, of 10th January, 1877 (2) and (3), on the intended establishment of a light-vessel near South Rock, and discontinuance of South Rock Light:—

Further notice has been given, that on 1st April, 1877, a light was exhibited from a light-vessel moored about 2 miles E. ¾ S. from South Rock Lighthouse, and one mile eastward of the outer edge of Ridge Shoal. Also, that South Rock Light was then discontinued.

The light is a *revolving* white light, attaining its greatest brilliancy every *minute and a half*, elevated 58 feet above the level of the sea, and should be visible in clear weather from a distance of 10 miles.

The vessel has three masts, is painted *black* with white stripe, has the words *South Rock* on the sides in white letters, is distinguished during the day by a *black* ball at the main mast head, and is moored in 30 fathoms with:—

Burial Island, N. ¼ W., 5½ miles.

Portaferry Windmill in line with South Rock Lighthouse, W. ¾ N.

Position, lat. 54° 24' 40" N., long. 5° 22' 20" W.

NOTE.—During thick and foggy weather a gun will be fired from the light-vessel every *fifteen minutes*.

CAUTION.—Vessels should not pass between Ridge Shoal and the light-vessel; attention is also called to danger-signals used in light-vessels on the Irish Coast.