Trinity House, Quebec,
30 August 1868

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th inst. acquainting this Board that in consequence of H.M.S. "Hero" having grounded on a shoal at the entrance of the River Saguenay, and enquiry was made by your direction into the circumstances, and that the members of the Court of Inquiry report as their opinion that H.M.S. "Hero" grounded in consequence of theChequers Buoy which marked the shoal being out of its position &c., and suggesting the necessity of an Inquiry by this Board into the fact stated, by which the safety of one of H.M. Ships has been endangered; and I am to inform you, in answer, that Mr. Brown, the Pilot in charge of the "Hero", having reached his arrival reported that the Buoy was not in its proper place when the "Hero" grounded.

Rear Admiral
Sir Alexander Milne
H.M.S.
grounded, the Board immediately ordered the position of the Buoy to be examined by their officers, by whose report, (a copy of which is herewith enclosed for your information,) it appears that the Buoy was eighty fathoms to the west north west of its proper station;

I am desired, at the same time, to state that the Chequered buoys were visited by one of the superintendents of Pilots some days previous to the 15th instant, and that all, including the Chequered Buoy in question, were found to be in their proper positions, and that the Board, therefore concludes that the Buoy must have been accidentally driven away in the interval by drifted timber or trees, as frequently occurs with the Buoys on the St. Lawrence.

I am, therefore,

Signed, J.R. Lindsey

Ch. Jr. No. 2

Not at Halifax 29 Sept. 1840

Forwarded for the information of Commodore Seymour.

MacBride
Rear Admiral and Commodore in Chief
Supt. of Pilot Office
Quebec. 25 Aug. 1860

Sr.

I beg to report, for the information of the Board, that having, in response to their order, proceeded down the River on the Steamer Queen Victoria on the 25th Instant, for the purpose of examining the positions of the Chequered Buoy on the outer patch at the entrance of the Saguenay, on which Mr. Ship "Toro" grounded on the 15th of the present month, I found the Buoy still on the patch but eighty fathoms to the west north west of its proper place, whereupon I removed it to its original station.

I remain yr.

Signed, I. Smith

Sampson B. Lindley, Esq.
Clerk Trinity House
Quebec
Lie at Vichbe.
20 August 1860

Gentlemen,

The captains of the Valoreno, Ariadne and Vile will repair on board the Heres tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock, and with reference to the enclosed reports from Commodore Baymon and Commander Arlebow they are to inquire into the circumstances attending that ship's grounding at the entrance of the Sagatay River, reporting to me the result.

SIGNED

Alex. Milne

Dear Adven and
Commander in Chief