Office of Light-House Engineer, 2

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

Detroit, Mich., 3d Oct., 1872.

Prof. Joseph Henry

Chairman L.H. Board

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge receipt of the Board's letter of the 28th ult. directing me to report whether, in my opinion, the discontinued light stations at Taylors-port and Port Clinton, Ill. should be sold and if so, in what manner, and have respectfully to submit the following.

These light stations are situated between that now being established at Grosse Point, and the present one at Manitou. I cannot conceive of any condition of the Light House service which would require the re-establishment of the lights. The

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lands in the vicinity are rapidly increas-

[illegible] and the applicant
desires to purchase for the purpose
of speculation. — If the property is
sold, it should be at Public Auction,
but I know of no way of paying the
expenses of such sale, — and if sale
is ordered in that manner provision
should be made for paying the cost
of Advertising, Auctioneer's fees, Expenses
of the U.S. Agent in attending the sale,
and other necessary Expenses. —

If sold at all, I cannot hold out
any hope that the property will bring
anything like its real value. —

Very respectfully
O. M. Poe
Engr 11th L.H. Dist.

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