HERALD
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In answering this Letter, please refer to the initials in upper

Treasury Department

Washington, D. C., June 2

E.W.C.

Professor
Joseph Henry, LL.D.,
Chairman Light House Board.

Sir:

Referring to the letter of the 28th of April last, from the Naval Secretary of the Light House Board, transmitting a deed from the Governor of Maryland conveying to the United States a submarine site for the Thomas Point Shoal Light House, Chesapeake Bay, you are informed that the deed was submitted by the Department to the Honorable the Attorney General, and a reply has been received from him, dated the 31st ultimo, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, stating that in his opinion the instrument vests in the

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United States a valid title to the
The deed is herewith returned.

I am,

Very respectfully

Assistant Secretary

HERALD
NAME

COPY

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

WASHINGTON, MAY 31, 1876.

SIR:

I HAVE THE HONOR TO RETURN HEREWITH THE DEED OF CONVEYANCE EXECUTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND ON THE 28TH OF OCTOBER, 1874, GRANTING TO THE UNITED STATES THE SITE SELECTED FOR A LIGHT HOUSE AT THOMAS' POINT SHOAL, IN CHESAPEAKE BAY, WHICH DEED ACCOMPANIED YOUR LETTER TO ME OF THE 2D INSTANT. I AM OF THE OPINION THAT THE INSTRUMENT VESTS IN THE UNITED STATES A VALID TITLE TO THE PREMISES.

I AM, SIR, VERY RESPECTFULLY,

YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT,

SIGNED: S. F. PHILLIPS,

ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL.

HON. B. H. BRISTOW

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

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Custom House, Baltimore, Md.,

Collector's Office, July 5th, 1881.

Commander
George Dewey. U. S. N.
Naval Secretary.
Light House Board.
Washington. D. C.

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 24th ultimo, relating to the nomination of Levi Atwood to be Asst Keeper Lazaretto Point Shoal, I would respectfully state, that I had not as yet been advised of his appointment, whereas in case of Jno F. Sisk, whose name was submitted one day later (June 25th) was 2d Asst. his appointment is at hand to day.

Respectfully
John L Thomas
Collector