Office of Light-House Inspector,

FIFTH DISTRICT.

Norfolk, Va., Jany. 22nd, 1877.

Sir:

In the absence of Commander W. W. Baker, U.S.N. Inspector, - who has gone to North Carolina to inspect the lights in that part of the District, - I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the information of the Board a copy of a letter this day receive from the Prin. Keeper of Thomas' Point Shoal Light House, reporting injuries sustained at that Station from ice-floes

Very Respectfully,

Edwin Cees

for W. W. Baker,

Inspector, 5th L.H. Dist

Prof. Joseph Henry,

Chairman L.H. Board,

Washington, D.C.

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Thos. Pt. S. L. House

Jan. 17th 1877

Capt. H. N. Baker

Light H. Inspector

5th District

Sir:

I regret to report that the Ice came down on the house in verry heavy fields at 9 Oclock A. M on the Morning of 17th Some of the ice over 2 feet thick presing the house back and on the rebound Snaped the cast iron Cap on the South Spur pile at the Same time the Lens was turned over and broken to peices the two hundred gal oil butt was turned over and the oil Spread all over the house we had the Lens Lashed with back Stays through the Ventilators to the railing of the Balcony it was no use Nothing could stand that Shaking up I will try to Stick to the House intell further orders will burn fixed White Light in Solar Lamp intill I get other orders. I recomend to the favor of the Light House board George A. Miller as first Asst. Keeper of this Station in place of Geo. E. Sullavan who has

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been absent one month to day. I hope the Light house board will allow him pay as a Laborer untill he is regularly appointed he has Stood by me in all this trubel Brave and true he is very competent he Knowes what to do and how to do it and is willing to do it hope that his Appointment May Meet the favorable consideration of the Light House Board

Verry Respectfully Your
Obeident Servant
(Signed) Eugene Duchenal
Keeper

N. B.

In January 18th Captain Left the Light house at four Oclock p. m. this afternoon Started the Light at the old Light house on Shore to night will Keep a Light their untill ordered to Discontinue

Respectfully Yours
(Signed) Eugene Duchenal
Keeper

Office of Light-House Inspector,
FIFTH DISTRICT.

Norfolk, Va., Feby. 3rd, 1877.

Sir:

In the absence of Commander F. H. Baker, L.H. Inspector, I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the information of the Board, an extract from the Monthly Report of the Keeper of Thomas' Point Shoal Lt. House for January, 1877, announcing the exhibition of a light at that Station, differing from that published in "Notice to Mariners No. 6, of 1877."

Very Respectfully,

Edwin Lee,

for F. H. Baker

Insp. 5th L.H. Dist

Prof. Joseph Henry,

Chairman L.H. Board,

Washington D.C.

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Thos. P. S. L. House
January 31st 1877

Capt. F. N. Baker
Light H. Inspector
5th Dist.

Captain;

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× × I started the Light in the new Lens on the 27th. the machinery is running verry good - the wick left here for the center Burner is too small, and I have to run it with only the large outside wick Lighted untill I get the proper size wick for it; the ice run so heavy to-day and the house Shook so, I Dismounted the Lens & Lashed it Securely on the floor of the Tower will burn white Fixed Light in the Fresnel Lamp untill the heavy Ice passes from out of the rivers

Very Respectfully.
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) Eugene Smithers
Keeper

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Thos. R. I. L. House
January 31st 1877

Capt. F. N. Baker
Light H. Inspector
5th Dist.

Captain;

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Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) Eugene Pinchard
Keeper