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Light-House Establishment

Office of the Light-House Inspector, First District

No. Inclosure. Portland, Me. 3 May, 1899.

Subject: Purchase of coal for Petit Manan Light Station recommended.

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6.50
875
1050
1137.50

The Lighthouse Board,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

At the inspection of Petit Manan Light Station, Maine, on April 12th, I found a pile of hard egg coal, mixed with nut, amounting approximately to 175 tons. This coal was saved from the wrecked British schooner "Perfetta"on February 1st, 1899, and is now owned by Mr. E. W. Wallace of Millbridge, Maine.

He desires to sell this coal to the Light House Establishment, and is willing to contract to screen, weigh and deliver the coal at the Whistle House or such other point as may be required, for $6.50 per ton.

This coal has been tried at the fog signal and dwelling, and Mr. William D. Upton, the Keeper, reports that it is satisfactory both in furnace and stove.

From a personal inspection, I consider the coal of good quality, and when properly screened will be a desirable purchase to the Light House Establishment.

The contract price for delivery of coal at Petit Manan this year, is 60 tons of egg, at $10.90 per ton, and 11 tons of stove, at $11.15 per ton.

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The saving to the Light House Establishment will be $315.15 a year.

There is no question but that the coal is suitable in quality, and sufficient to last two (2) years.

There are sufficient funds in hand under Supplies and Salaries to pay for this coal.

Respectfully yours,

J. K. Cogswell

Lieut. Commander, U. S. Navy,

Inspector 1st L. H. District.