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LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

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OFFICE OF ENGINEER IN CHARGE 1ST AND 2D DISTRICTS
23 PARTRIDGE AVE.
BOSTON, MASS.

23 Jany., 1905.

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs,

Referring to my letter of 30 Aug. '04 requesting authority to repair the plastering where needed and to sheath and paper part of the rooms in the double dwelling at the Portland Head, Maine, Light-Station, at an estimated cost of $450, and to the Board's letter of 31 Aug. '04 granting the necessary authority I have the honor to say that the plastering has been restored in the dwelling and that the sheathing of the walls and ceilings of one of the sets of quarters is well advanced. It is estimated that to complete the sheathing of both sets of quarters will require the expenditure of the further sum of $493, a total of $943. An item of $1,200 for this work was embraced in my annual estimate for the current fiscal year.

I therefore respectfully request authority to complete the sheathing of the walls and ceilings at the Portland Head Light-Station at an estimated cost of $493 (materials $243, labor $250) with funds allotted from Repairs etc., 1905, by hired labor and the purchase of materials in open market in accordance with regulations, which is the cheapest and most advantageous method

because the job is too small for a contract.

Respectfully yours,

Colonel, Corps of Engineers, U.S.Army,
Engineer First L. H. District.