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OFFICE OF ENGINEER, 1ST AND 2D DISTRICTS
25 PEMBERTON SQUARE
BOSTON, MASS.

Whitlocks Mill Lt. Stn.,
Maine. Dwelling.

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December 30, 1908.

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

Referring to the Board's letter of Dec. 28, '08 approving the preliminary plans for a keeper's dwelling at the Whitlocks Mill light-station, Me., and referring also to so much of the Board's letter (10329) of Sep. 2, '08 as authorizes its establishment, I respectfully recommend that the dwelling be built by hired labor and the purchase of materials in open market in accordance with regulations, which is the cheapest and most advantageous method for the Government for the following reasons:- This dwelling can be built better by the Board's own experienced workmen than by a contractor; experience has shown that the Government can purchase building and other materials at lower prices than are usually paid by a contractor for materials of the same quality; the cost of inspection amounting to, probably, $400, or 10% of the total estimated cost, would be saved to the United States, and the finish, or a large part of it, could be economically and advantageously prepared during the winter months in the storehouse in Portland, in part maintained for such purposes. The materials

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also could be delivered at the station with special advantage by the tender "Myrtle".

If the Board approve the foregoing recommendation, referring again to its letter of Dec. 28, '08, I have the honor to inquire if plans more in detail than those submitted, and approved, and specifications, will be required.

Respectfully yours,

Lt. Col. Corps of Engineers, U.S.A.,
Engineer First Light-House Dist.