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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
P. O. BOX 1
BUFFALO, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 10TH DISTRICT
ROOM 302, FEDERAL BUILDING
BUFFALO, N.Y.

July 20, 1923.

SUBJECT: Manhattan Range Light Station, O. - Electric Fixtures.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

There are enclosed herewith two bills showing the aggregate cost of $120 for installing electric wiring and fixtures in the Keeper's dwelling at Manhattan Range Light Station, Ohio. These bills were paid personally by the Keeper as shown by the receipt thereon.

Mr. Edward Ahart, the Keeper, died on June 21st, and it is expected that his family will soon vacate the property. Installation of electricity in this dwelling affected a permanent and desirable improvement which would probably have been made in a short time by the Lighthouse Service, and in view of the circumstances it is considered that it would be an act of justice, if Mrs. Ahart, the widow, could be reimbursed for this expense. It is recommended that such reimbursement be authorized, if practicable. The return of both invoices is requested.

CJL:APP Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., August 11, 1923.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Buffalo, N. Y.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Office of Superintendent, 10th District,
Buffalo, N. Y., August 27, 1923.

Returned to the Bureau with statement that there was no agreement providing for removal of fixtures, etc.

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