Ri Buchanan,--schooner. 5th District. 1

(Purchased in Dec. 1857, at Norfolk. Tonnage 79.)

A schooner of 79 tons, purchased by Lieut. W. H. Murdaugh, Inspector, as buoy-tender for the 5th District, in Dec. 1857, for the sum of $5,050.

She was repaired at different times, but not at very great expense. In June 1860, she was furnished with a new suit of sails at a cost of about $450.

In April 1861, she was reported in charge of the authorities of the State of Virginia at Richmond.

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(Copy) Office, 5th L. H. District,
Norfolk, Aug. 17th, 1857.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that I have chartered the schooner "James Buchanan" and dispatched her to Jane's Island to take the place of the Light-vessel at that place.

The schooner is a suitable vessel for the service, she is of seventy-nine (79) tons and with master and crew of three persons to find themselves I pay $10 per day. The Keeper of the Jane's Island light-vessel has been directed to remain in the schooner to see that the contract is fulfilled. x x x x

Very respectfully,
Your obt. sevt.
W. H. Murdaugh, L.H.Inspr.

Comd. Thornton A. Jenkins,
Secretary L. H. Board.

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(Copy) L. H. Office, 5th District.
Norfolk, Oct. 24th, 1857.

Sir:

The Jane's Island light-vessel was returned to her station on the 15th inst. and the schooner "James Buchanan" (chartered to take her place) was discharged the same day.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. sevt.
W.H.Murdaugh, L.H.Inspector.

Comdr. Thornton A. Jenkins,
Secretary L. H. Board.

Vol. 73, p. 145.

(Copy) L. H. Office, 5th District,
Norfolk, Dec'r 24th, 1857.

Sir:

The schooner which I have made arrangements for purchasing will be here in a few days. I would therefore respectfully reques that five thousand two hundred dollars ($5,200) may be sent to the Superintendent of Lights, Norfolk.

The price for the schooner will be $5,050 in specie or its equivalent.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. sevt.
W. H. Murdaugh,
L.H.Inspector.

Comdr. Thornton A. Jenkins,
Secretary L.H.Board.

Vol. 73, p. 178.

(Copy) L. H. Office, 5th District,
Norfolk, Feb'y 27th, 1858.

Sir:

I have placed Mr. William Cullen in charge of the tender James Buchanan and on the 25th, inst. dispatched her to Baltimore to repair and paint the buoys at the Lazaretto.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. sevt.
W.H.Murdaugh, L.H.Inspector.

Comdr. Thornton A. Jenkins,
Secretary L.H.Board.