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Lighthouse Service

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Engineer Office 5th Lthse District
Baltimore Oct 24th 1864.

Admiral

To complete and render as efficient
formerly the Light Houses on the James River
r Fog bells are required. The pilots are
ious on the Subject as the Fog season approches
the Traffic very great. I am not aware
thu there is any particular Firm from
om you desire to make the purchase of
above should it be your wish to replace
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Very respectfully
W. J. Newman Lt E. 5th Dist

ar Admiral W. B. Shubrick
hairman Lt Hse. Board
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Engineer Office 5th Lt House District
Baltimore Nov 16th 1864.

Admiral

The Lens at Point of Shoals Lt House (by Order) illuminates about 1/3rd of the horizon, and as the bend of the River at that point is very sharp it follows that to Vessels approaching the Lt House up or down, the Light is not visible till close upon it and on dark nights when the Coast is not visible they frequently get ashore. I would respectfully suggest that a Lens be furnished that would illuminate 3/4 ths of the Horizon.

Very respectfully
J. H. Newman Lt E. 5th Dist

Rear Admiral W B Shubrick
Chairman Lt Hse Board
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Engineer Office 5th L.H. District
Baltimore Dec 31st 1864.

Admiral

I have the honor to report that the Repairs to Light Houses on the James River are so far completed to render them efficient during the present winter. I have discharged the Chartered Schooner North Olina for the season, also the Mechanics & Laborers, the exception of three who will be engaged for a days in storing away, and properly caring for Light House property at the Lazaretto.

Very respectfully
H. Newman Lt & E. 5th Dist

Rear Admiral W. B. Shubrick
Chairman Lt Hse Board.

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