(Built in New Orleans, in 1871. Tonnage 12.)

1871. A periauger rigged launch, half-decked, about 12 tons burthen, built by Mr. John Mahoney at New Orleans, La., in July 1871, for the sum of $1,500, and used for transporting men and materials for building and repairing light-houses in the shallow waters of the bays and rivers in the 8th District.

1871. "New launch, which was authorized, is nearly ready for coppering. She is a well built and very handsome vessel, and will be rigged with a large gaff-foresail with bonnet and a small mainsail with boom. This change in the rig was induced by the consideration of the danger to which a lugger is exposed by the breaking of the yard, which would so affect her sailing as to render it impossible to beat off a lee shore.

x x The new rig will not interfere with the deck-room any more than lug-sails, and is presumed, will be more safe and efficient at sea." (Report of M.F.Bonzano, Actg. L.H.Eng.)

Vol. 280, p. 692.

Vol. 280, p. 31

Minnie,--launch.

(Copy)

Office of Light-house Engineer,
8th District, (West of Pearl River)
New Orleans, April 19, 1871.

Sir:

1871. I have the honor to report that Mr. John Mahoney's proposal to build a new launch of the best materials and workmanship, with white-oak frames and cypress planking, yellow pine decks and in every respect the same as the launches "Sunrise" and "Sunset", for the sum of $1,500, and $85 for the dingy, has been accepted by me. The vessel to be paid for after July 1st.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. sevt.
M. F. Bonzano,
Actg. L. H. Eng'r.

Admiral W.B.Shubrick, U.S.N.,
Chairman of L.H.Board,
Washington, D.C.

Vol. 307, p. 726.

(Copy)

Office of Light-house Engineer,
8th District,
Mobile, Ala., March 21, 1872

Professor Joseph Henry,
Chairman Lt-house Board,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

1872 Sir:

In compliance with letter from Board of 21st ult., desiring me to furnish a list of vessels of all sorts, now owned by the Lt-house Establishment, in this district, x x x Launch Minnie (new). Periauger rigged launch; half-decked, about twelve tons burthen; stationed at Bolivar Point.

x x x x x x

(Signed) J. H. Simpson,
Col. of Eng'rs, U.S.A.

1875. Launch Sunset and launch Minnie were advertised to be sold at Southwest Pass light-house, La., and were sold, Nov. 5, '75, but for what amount does not appear.