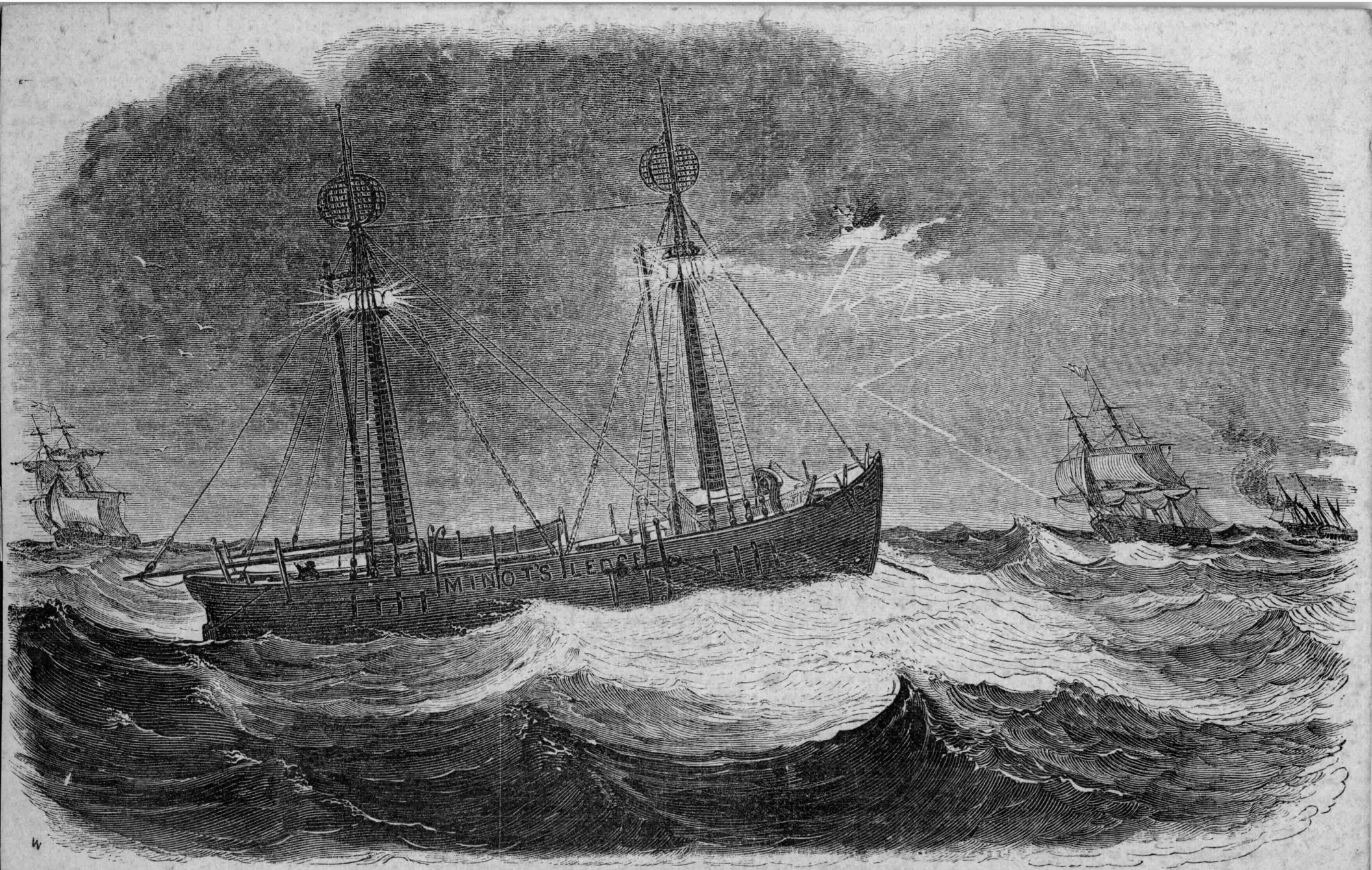


THE NEW LIGHT-SHIP FOR MINOT'S LEDGE.

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The light-boat represented on the next page, is a first class vessel of two hundred and thirty-two tons burthen, being ninety-eight feet in length, twenty-three and one-half in breadth and eleven feet in depth, and built by James M. Hood, Esq., of Somerset, Mass., under the superintendence of Capt. E. Jones. The appropriation for its construction was made by Congress, March 3d, 1853, the amount being $22,000. The total cost, however, will reach about $27,000. It is painted cream color, with the words "Minot's Ledge," in large black letters on each side. It now takes the place of the old light-vessel that has been moored there since the destruction of the ill-fated light-house which formerly occupied the ledge. There are two lamp masts; the mast-heads rising sixty-one feet above the level of the sea. She is fitted with two lanterns, each having eight lamps and twelve inch reflectors, and displays two lights forty-one feet and six inches above the level of the sea. The lighting apparatus was manufactured by H. N. Hooper & Co., of this city. The vessel is built in the most substantial manner of white and live oak and locust—well found with chains, anchors, water tanks and every necessary and convenience. She is copper bolted and copper fastened. She was fitted at the Charlestown navy yard, under the direction of John Southwick, Esq., agent of the light-house board. Capt. Joseph Battles, of Cohasset, keeper of the old vessel, is to take charge of the new. This fine vessel reflects great credit on the parties concerned in its construction and fitting, and the promptitude with which the provisions of Congress and the light-house board have been executed, are worthy of commendation. The board is very fortunate is its secretary, Lieut. Thornton A. Jenkins, U. S. N., a gentleman every way fitted, by his energy, capacity and instruction, for the important post he occupies. The duties devolved upon this officer are exceedingly onerous, and he discharges them with more than rigid fidelity—with zeal and spirit.