1878. "Steam-launch, bought by Comd'r R.R. Wallace, U.S.N., Insp'r 15th L.H. Dist. from Wm. Jones of Andalusia, Ill., on 12 Nov., 1878, for $1,800. Authorized by Sect'y of Treasury, Oct. 23, 1878.

Length 73.5 feet, breadth 16.6 feet, depth 2.8 feet, tonnage 23.06. Built at Quincy, Ill. in 1875.

1881. Capsized and sunk at U.S. Arsenal wall, St. Louis, Mo., June 2, 1881. (See letter of 15th Insp'r 3 June '81.)

1879 The steam-launch Pink was purchased for use in this district in October, 1878, and is very suitable for this service. She is now in excellent condition. 15th Dist.

1880 The steam-launch Pink was of even more service than was at first anticipated. It was found necessary to strengthen and repair her somewhat, but she is still able to do good service. Do. do.

1881 The steam-launch Pink was invaluable as an auxiliary, up to the time of her sinking, which occurred on the 3d of June, 1881. She was sold, in accordance with authority granted, on June 27, to Mr. James A. Smith, of Saint Louis, Mo., for $390. Do. do.

An. Rep. 1878. p. 71. "The purchase of a steam-launch to be used for certain purposes in this (15th) district, when low water prevents the use of the tender, is also suggested.

A launch 60 feet in length can be obtained for about $2,000 and as she would be manned by the master, engineer, and pilot permanently employed on the larger vessel, she could be run at a cost not exceeding $15 per day. The inspector could use her when the water was too low to use the tender in sounding channels and locating lights, which cannot now be economically done on account of the expense of running the Alice; hence he is dependent upon hasty soundings, gratuitously made and voluntarily reported by river-pilots. The inspector could also make more frequent visits to light-stations, and thus procure a larger efficiency on the part of the keepers, and give greater satisfaction to those navigating the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers."