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Sir:

After reading over the description of the condition of Sybee Lt. Hse. sent with my instructions of the 16th inst. I am of the opinion that a fourth order lantern and lens may be adjusted upon it, answering a good purpose, temporarily, until the Structure be rebuilt; and respectfully suggest that if a lantern, of that order, glass, lens, and necessary supplies and outfit, have not been sent, that they may be sent at once.

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