Three enclosures.

Washington, January 30, 1901.

No. 58.

Lieut. Col. D. P. Heap, U. S. A.,
Engineer 3d Light-House District,
Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Sir:

Herewith are returned the bids forwarded to the Board with your letter of 26 January, 1901, for furnishing a 4th-order lens apparatus required at the South Buffalo, N. Y., Light-Station.

In accordance with your recommendations, the Board authorizes you to accept the bid of Messrs. Barbier & Benard, of Paris, France, in the sum of $350, and to procure this apparatus without formal contract.

In submitting your accounts for this expenditure you will quote Department authority of 5 June, 1899, authorizing the Board to purchase optical apparatus in Europe from time to time as the exigencies of the service require, and to dispose with advertisement and formal contract.

Respectfully,

Captain, U. S. N.,
Naval Secretary.

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All communications should be addressed to "Light-House Engineer, Third District."

Light-House Establishment,
General Depot,
Office of Engineer, Third District,
Tompkinsville, N. Y., Jan. 26, 1901.

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8 Inclosures.

Subject: South Buffalo Lt.Sta., N.Y.
Lens apparatus.

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D.C.

Sirs:

I have the honor to enclose blue prints, three bids and abstract of same, for a lens apparatus for above station.

I recommend the acceptance of the lowest bid, - that of Barbier et Benard.

These bids were invited in order to fill requisition from 10th Engineer, approved by Board on Dec.14, 1900.

I respectfully request the return of all enclosures.

Respectfully yours,

W. H. Bixby

Lieut. Colonel, Corps of Engineers, U.S.A.
Engineer 3rd L.H. District.

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ABSTRACT OF BIDS FOR ONE 4TH ORDER LIGHTNING LIGHT FOR SOUTH BUFFALO LIGHT STATION, N.Y.

Name of Bidder.	Price f.o.b. New York.	Time of Delivery.
Chance Brothers	$ 635	(Uncertain (Some time next (summer.
Sautter, Harle et Cie	$1040	(About 3 months afte (receipt of order.
Barbier et Benard	$ 550	(About 2 months af- (ter receipt of orde