

Argyle

Royal Engineers Camp. New Westminster. B.C.  
23<sup>rd</sup> October. 1863.

Sir.

Having been employed as  
Armoner for the Detachment of Royal Engineers  
under your Command, and being about to receive my  
discharge for the purpose of settling in British  
Columbia, and hearing that the Arms, Accoutrements,  
and Ammunition (in the Powder Magazine) are likely  
to be left in the Colony. I most respectfully  
offer to take charge of them, and keep them, and also  
the Arms of the Gold Escort, and Police Force, in perfect  
order, this service would occupy the full time of  
one man, but in any time that might be over, I  
would serve as a Jobbing Smith, or attending to stores,  
and would also make myself generally useful, should  
the Government feel disposed to secure my services,  
at a reasonable salary, at the rate of say £250.  
a year.

As you are the best Judge of my abilities  
and fitness, I most respectfully solicit your kind  
interference in my behalf, assuring you that it will  
always be my study to give entire satisfaction, if  
the Government see fit to grant my request.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient  
Humble Servant

Thomas Argyle  
Sapper. Royal Engineers.

Colonel R. C. Moody. R.E.  
Commanding  
G. G. G.

Back Back lit yours  
2 of Decr 1864

Sir

The length of the gut is one  
hundred and fifty feet  
but if you can wait till the  
next boat comes I will look over  
the mummy and find out the  
the high the lowland maybe  
to let it know by six hours.  
with out wind up and

Sir

I received the B. Perry and  
the ing and stillards but  
not the tapers but I hope  
you will send them by the  
next boat to save the coal oil

I am Sir

Your most obed<sup>t</sup> servant

Thos. W. W. W.

New Westminster

19<sup>th</sup> June 1866

Sir

I have inspected the Arms  
belonging to the Honourable Artillery Company,  
and I find that there is short viz  
Several nipples required, also screws of  
locks & swivels there are several Locks wood  
bored, and two swivels & studs required,  
one main spring fit, two rear springs also  
several swords eased & fit and the whole  
of the thirty stand wants thorough clean-  
ing & the breaches taken out -

I estimate to supply the deficiencies  
mentioned & to do all necessary repairs  
to the thirty stand of Arms for  
the sum of 7700 three dollars -

I remain Sir  
Your Obedt

J. Argyle

Authorized

A.M.B.

22 June/66

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Argyle

Camp. New Westminster  
13th July 1866

Captain John R. A.

Dr. to Thomas Argyle

To repairing 30 Stand Arms at \$1<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> each \$30.00

Received Payment.

Recd. April 18<sup>th</sup> 1867

New Westminster  
April<sup>th</sup> 14 1864

Sir

In refer<sup>en</sup>ce to your Alkins application for compensation for the trees cut on his land by me for bridge purposes I beg to state that I applied for permission to cut some cedars near the bridge but Mr Alkins refused to let me have them I then went as far as Mary's Hill and cut 4 trees thinking I was clear of his land and did not find the mistake out until Mr Alkins sent his oxen to haul the timber for me I was then informed by his son that Mr Alkins claimed that land also so I got Mr Alkins shortly afterwards and he wanted me to sign a paper authorizing him to receive one dollar per stick which I refused to do —

I am Sir

Your most obedient servant  
Thomas Arzyle

The Hon  
The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works

22 - Works - 1867

In re. Mr. Atkins application  
for compensation for trees cut  
on his land

Thos. Argyll

17<sup>th</sup> April 1867

B. W. Harse Esqr. {  
Supt. Light houses }

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Race Point Light house  
January 10. 1863.

Sir,

I take the Liberty to inform you that John Harman. as been absent from the Light house with out Leave for the Last 9 days this is the second time since you gave me the last orders. I read the orders to this man but he resisted upon going and left the Rocks in defiance of me at your orders. Sir I expected to have heard from you before this with respect to this man leaving. I also wish to know how much longer I am to put up with this Humbugging man Harman. Sir I also ask you once more to discharge John Harman. from the Light house immediately as a worthless man as a Light keeper as this is the 6 time with in 5 months he as broken the orders of the Light house. I wish for this to be done immediately and let me get a Light keeper that I can depend upon.

I am Sir  
your most obedient servant

Thomas Azyke.  
Chief Keeper



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Race Point Light-house  
2<sup>nd</sup> of February 1869.

Recd 11 Feb 1869

Sir.

In obedience to your Letter dated the 25<sup>th</sup> of January - In reference to John Harman denying the truth of my report. I beg to inform you that when I make a report ~~to~~ I make one that can be relied upon. and in my second report upon this subject to you. the only way I can give you leave that my report to you dated the 10 day of January is credit. is to give you the dates of his absent without leave and when I do so I wish you to understand that even I give you the dates I date from after your last orders. as I should have reported to you that John Harman was absent 27 days in the place of 9 days. with out leave. these are the dates that J. Harman was absent. with out leave from me. on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of December and on the 3 of January until the 10 day of January. and my reason for reporting him absent on the 14 of January December. is this on the 14 the First Assistant Keeper came to me and reported to me that John Harman refused to do duty. I then went to his room and saw him and he told me that he would not do duty and did not the same night. I made a report of this at the time to send to you dated the 15 of December. but the next morning J Harman came and beg of me that

To report him as he would resign I then  
with Arrow by report to you. And as I hope  
you will look on this case not only as been about  
with out Leave but as Disobedience of Orders.  
And by his report for departing absent with out  
Leave on the 13 of December is this. He asked  
for Leave to go to Esquimaux which I refused  
to give and referred him to your last orders  
but he insisted upon going and left the  
boat and told me that he would take all  
Responsibility upon him self. So I think  
this should be look upon as Disobedience  
of Orders. And when I report him absent with  
out Leave on the 3 of January until the 10 of  
January. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January he asked for Leave  
to go to Esquimaux. and promised to return  
on the 3. which I refused to give at the time  
but after he bathed me for some time I  
asked him how he was to get back and he  
told me that he would get a boat to bring  
him back on the 3. After this I told him  
that he may go. but at the same time  
I told him if he did not return on the  
3 that he would take all Responsibility upon  
him self and he did not return un-  
til the 10 day of January. I also wish  
you to know that I had not trust to  
John Harman as a Light Keeper after the  
17 day of November last. but I do not wish  
to make any further reports as I did not  
at the time. but when he divulge the truth  
of my report it does not surprise me as I have  
known he is a bad character at one thing  
of the sort. and with respect to the I hope  
you will add it till he returns to the Light  
house at Brass. which which he is to be.

to Lang to the Government. I have wanted  
him for the last 2 months to return but  
as he can do so up to this time.

I am Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Thomas Argyll  
Chief Keeper.

To the Superintendent  
of the Light houses.

Race Point Light-house.  
2<sup>nd</sup> of Feb'y 1869.

With drawn  
amount of \$1000.  
11/18/69.  
Ours  
S. G. B. G.

I take the Liberty to inform you that I have but 24 gallons of and 3 quarts 3 gills of Lamp oil at the Race Point Light. on the 1 day of Feb'y and out of that quantity I think there will be about 4 or 5 gallons that can be used - So I think it will run out by the First day of March that is to say it will be expended by the First day of March.

I also beg to inform you that Coal oil can be used at the Race Point Light-house to burn the Lenses. but it would take about 20 dollars to start it and could be put in to use in a bout 4 days. and would burn about 2 1/2 gills 2 1/2 quarts of Coal oil Every hour - and it would be a better Light than the one now in use and quite safe -

I am Sir.

Your most obedient servant.

Thomas C. Cogh.

To the Superintendent.  
of Light houses.

Howe Rock Light House,  
10<sup>th</sup> of March 1869.

I take the liberty to inform you that I received from the Steamer. *St. James* Douglas on the first of March 100 and 3 Cans of oil. and 2 from Esquimaux on the 23 of February. and 2 of the Cans with I received from the Douglas was lacking and was short of measurement 3 Gallons and 1 quart. The total number of Cans was 100 and 5. Containing 600 and 26 Gallons and 3 quarts of Calya oil - I also received 1 Case containing the undermentioned articles.

- 2 Small Lamps.
- 2 Bureaus for the Lamps.
- 50 Reflectors or Lenses plates.
- 3 Pairs of Trimming Scissors.
- 3 Sets of Flexible Brushes.
- 36 Laths or Skins. for Lenses.
- 10 yards of No 2 Concentric Cotton Wick
- 20 yards of No 3 Concentric Cotton Wick.
- 28 lbs of Kottan Stone Powder.
- 14 lbs of Ground Kottan Stone Powder.
- 28 lbs of Tripah Powder.
- 1 Machine for Sweeping chimneys.

These articles are all in good order.

Yours S<sup>t</sup>.  
your most obedient servant.

Thomas Hogg.

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>.

The Chief Commissioner  
of Lands and Works and Surveyor  
General.

Recd  
6/4/69  
Siz

Hace Rock Light house  
3<sup>rd</sup> of April 1869.

I take the Liberty to inform  
you that I have but 6 or 7 days  
Coal at the Hace Rock Light house  
and will require more to be  
Supplied upon or before the  
8 day of April 1869. I have note  
to Mr Harris by this boat for  
Coal and Siz. I hope you will  
See that it is sent.

I am Siz  
your most obedient servant

Thomas H. Gyle  
Chief Keeper.

To The Honble  
The Chief Commissioner  
of Lands and Works  
and Surveyor General.

Recd 10. May 1869  
Sir

Race Point Light-house  
the 3 of May 1869.

I take the liberty to inform you that the boat now at the Race Point Light-house is too large for ordinary purposes as it can not be launch only at high tides and can not be taken in only at high tides. And when launch it would take five men to man it in moderate weather. A boat of smaller dimension would be more suitable so that two men could launch it at any stage of water when required. A small 16 foot boat with moderate beam would be more suitable for the Race Point Light-house. if a boat can be supplied it would not cost more than 100 dollars complete and it would be of great service at the Light-house

I am Sir  
your most obedient servant  
Thomas Argyll  
Lighthouse-keeper.  
The Hon<sup>ble</sup>

The Chief Commissioner  
of Lands and Works,  
and Surveyor General.

Forwarded for the Governor's consideration

I think it desirable that a useful  
handy boat that can be easily  
managed by two men should  
be furnished to this light.

The boat now at  
this station is as large  
states so cumbersome as  
to be useless for ordinary  
purposes. I would  
therefore request to  
be allowed to  
expend \$100  
in purchasing  
a lighter  
boat such  
that one  
man can row on occasions  
when communication is  
necessary to communicate  
with Victoria.

Read in Council  
May 17th 1869  
Mr. Hutchins suggestion  
approved of  
Forwarded to the  
Governor's Works for his information  
The Chief Justice

Let the  
Governor's Council  
P. 16  
16th Mar 69  
W. M.

Read in Council  
May 17th 1869  
Mr. Hutchins suggestion  
approved of

Forwarded to the  
Governor's Works for his information  
The Chief Justice

Recd 26<sup>th</sup> May 1869

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Race Point Light House

the 19<sup>th</sup> of May 1869.

Sir

I take the liberty to inform you that Mr. Towner is Mr. Tolson. The first Assistant Light Keeper and that Mr. Tolson is upon Leave of absence from the Light house for 4 or 5 days. I also beg to inform you that Mr. Tolson will require 5 months pay

I am Sir

your most obedient servant

Thomas Argyll  
Chief Keeper.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>

The Chief Commissioner

of Lands and Works.

and Surveyor General



Recd June 19<sup>th</sup> 1869

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Rock Rock Lighthouse  
16<sup>th</sup> of June 1869

Sir

I take the Liberty to inform you that the Ladders now in use at the Lighthouse for cleaning the Lantern windows is not safe for men to work upon as they are very old and shake. There has been three or four very narrow escapes of accident with these 2 Ladders and they have been repaired until they can not be repaired and danger to be safe. I also beg to inform you that I inquired from the boat man who is a carpenter how much he would make 2 good Ladders for and deliver them at the Light house and he tells me that he would make them for 10 dollars and deliver them at the Light house. I hope you will please have them made without delay as I have very much need of 2 Ladders and this is my second time of applying for them.

I am Sir  
your most Obedient Servant  
Thomas H. G. Co.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>

The Chief Commissioner  
of Lands and Works  
and Surveyor General

Dec 28 8-69  
Sir

Race Point Lighthouse  
The 26 of August 1869

I do hereby certify that the bearer  
George Goode has been Employed at the  
Lighthouse at brick Laying for three  
Days at five dollars per day - and  
Six Dollars for Passage for man and  
materials - for which George Goode  
is entitled to receive from the  
Lands and Works department the  
Sum of Twenty one dollars -

1869

Thomas Apple  
Chief Keeper

Pay to the order of  
J. W. [unclear]  
28 Aug 1869

Mr. Austin

Race Point Light House  
20<sup>th</sup> of October 1869

Recd 20.10.69  
Sir

I beg leave to inform you that  
I am out of Coal oil at the Light  
house and as the new lamp is  
not adapted to burn Colza oil I  
have to send my first Assistant  
Light Keeper as I have no more  
communication with you until  
the first of November and Sir  
if you will please to supply  
the Coal oil and articles which  
I have applied for to the bearer  
you will confer a great favor  
upon me.

I remain Sir  
your most Obedient Servant  
Thomas Wylie  
To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
The Chief Commissioner  
of Lands and Works  
and Surveyor General

22 Dec. 4 1869

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Race Point Light House

The 1<sup>st</sup> of December 1869

Requisition  
10 Gallons of Coal Oil.

Sir,

I beg leave to inform you that I shall be out of Coal oil by the 20<sup>th</sup> instant and Sir if this oil is ordered to be sent to Mr. Tachapelle by the 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> instant I shall get it by the next boat as there will be no more communication this year after the 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> instant and Sir I hope this will be supplied.

I am Sir,

your most obedient servant

Thomas Argyll  
Chief Clerk

The Honble.

The Chief Commissioner  
of Lands and Works  
and Surveyor General.

Recd ~~8. 11. 69~~

Blacklocks dit. House  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November

Requisition

3 lengths of Stone Pipe to be 4 1/2 inches  
round and 2 Joints to fit the Pipe  
and 20 Pounds of Soda

Sir this Stone Pipe is for the Lantern  
Stove.

Thomas Apple  
Chief Keeper

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>

The Chief Commissioner  
of Lands and Works  
and Surveyor General

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Recd  
Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1869  
Sir

Race Point Light House  
the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 1869

I take the liberty to inform you that the last number of Concentric Cotton Wick which was supplied from England is one size too small for the burners now in use at the Light House and can not be used without stretching the wick. and Sir I send to you a piece of each size of wick which is required to suit the burners now in use at the Light House and Sir if you write to England for wick you will please send for more of number 2 which is the small size than of number 3. as we have more large than small on hand

I am Sir,  
your most obedient servant

Thomas Argyll  
Chief Keeper

The Honble

The Chief Commissioner  
of Lands and Works  
and Surveyor General

Race Rocks Light House F31  
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4<sup>th</sup> of January 1870

Dear Sir

I beg leave to inform you that  
we have been out of Provisions  
at the Light House for 3 days and  
Sir I hope that you will supply  
us without delay.

Thomas Argyll

The Honble.

The Chief Commissioner  
of Lands and Works  
and Surveyor General

Recd. 21-1-71

Place Books W. House  
The 10<sup>th</sup> January 1871

Sir

In reply to your request  
reference to you regarding  
a receipt for 3 tons of coal - I beg  
to enclose herewith a receipt  
for the full quantity received  
by me from you upon the 9<sup>th</sup> inst.  
I shall therefore expect you to inform  
me why you required a receipt for  
3 tons of coal from me and at the  
same time it being 12 1/2 tons  
short of weight - I shall be glad  
for your reply upon this subject  
before I take any further steps in  
this matter - I also beg to inform  
you that I visited the W. House flag  
for you upon the 9<sup>th</sup> instant upon  
the tower top and also put out the  
W. House boat as I had to communicate  
with the Land office - this case I am  
duty bound to report as I think it  
is your duty to pay proper respects  
to all signals from the W. House -



I also think that it is your duty to  
call at the St. House at all times when  
you go to look at least at ~~the~~  
By the Government Gazette being  
date the 18 day of April 1870-

I may say that it is against my will  
to complain of any man but when I  
think how unkind you treated  
me and the signal by passing and  
not calling when signal for and not  
knowing whether it was a case of  
life and death and had it been  
a case of this kind you would have  
passed the same.

I have the honor to be Sir  
your most obedient

{ Thomas Apple }  
{ Shipkeeper }

{ To the Capt. of the St. }  
{ Sir James Douglas }

Recd 29/1/71

Steamer "Sir James Douglas"  
Victoria B.C. 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1871

Sir. Herewith I have the honour  
to enclose a letter from Mr. Apple of  
the Race Rocks lighthouse, in reference  
to weight of coal landed on the  
7<sup>th</sup> Instant from the vessel  
under my command.

In answer thereto I enclose  
a certificate from the Mate of the  
steamer who weighed and landed  
the coal on the occasion referred  
to.

With regard to not calling  
at the Lighthouse on my return  
from "Loche" was that having  
been detained for an hour and a  
half landing coal, on my down  
trip, Mr. Apple did not appear any  
with

Yr. W. Pleas Esq.  
Assistant Commissioner  
of Lands & Works  
V.C. 90.

For the steamer to call on  
the upward trip consequently  
I did not give instructions to  
keep a look out on lighthouse.

In conclusion I would  
most humbly ~~beg~~ that Mr. Lytle  
~~be~~ requested not to be impertinent  
if he cannot be civil, having  
sent a most impertinent answer  
to me when I requested a receipt  
for coal.

I have the honour  
to remain Sir your  
most obedient  
servant

W. Clarke

Master in Charge

Victoria B.C. 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1871

I hereby certify that I  
weighed and landed at the  
Race Rocks Lighthouse 6020 lbs  
of coal on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January  
1871.

E. Jewell Mate of  
Steamer  
"Sir James Douglas"

Draft

Memorandum for the Keeper of the U.S. St. Ho.

Capt. Clarke reports that he landed at U.S. Ho. boxes (abt 3 tons) of Coal, & this is verified by a written statement signed by Z. M. of Z. "Douglas" - I shall be glad to know how you measure Coal landed on that day, U. 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. - in order that further investigation may be made into this matter - You report only 290 lbs as having been landed.

Capt. Clarke reports also that you have, on more than one occasion, sent impertinent messages to him, whilst performing U.S. Ho. duty, which is at all times attended with some danger to your vessel under his command - I hope you will not repeat this behavior as it is most desirable that harmonious feeling shall exist bet<sup>n</sup> all your branches of service.

A. W. Pearson

24<sup>th</sup> Jan. 77

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Race Rocks Light House

The 1<sup>st</sup> of February 1870

Sir, I beg to enclose herewith

a complete list of Utters

in my charge at the

Race Rocks Light House

on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1870

I am Sir

your obedient servant

Thos. Hoyle Thomas Hoyle

Chief Commissioner

of Lands and Works

and Surveyor General

A list of Stores on charge at the MacKays Light House

Department upon the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1870

- 1 Lantern Complete.
- 1 Second order Lenses Complete.
- 1 Feather Brush for Lenses.
- 1 Lenses Cover Complete.
- 2 Curve Brackets for Lenses Complete.
- 1 Clock Machine Complete.
- 3 Large Colza oil Lamps for Second order Light.
- 6 Burners for for Second order Lamps.
- 2 Small Colza oil Lamps for fixed light.
- 3 Small Hand Lamps Complete.
- 5 Coal oil Lamps Complete.
- 1 Brass Cover for Lamps Complete.
- 3 Sheet Iron Cylinders Complete.
- 3 Small Iron Wrenches for Lamps.
- 1 Large Iron Wrench for Clock Machine.
- 1 Copper oil feeder for Lantern Complete.
- 1 Large Tin oil feeder for Lantern.
- 12 Window Blinds for Lantern Complete.
- 1 Instrument for testing the light with the Lenses.
- 2 Clocks Complete. and 1 Broken.
- 2 Thermometer with 2 Spar Glasses Complete.
- 1 Metallic Thermometer out of order.
- 2 Small Thermometer one Broken and 1 Complete.
- 2 Gut lines for Machine.
- 3 Large oil Cisterns Complete with 6 Brass Taps.
- 6 Copper oil Drainers and 3 Brass Taps for oil Cisterns.
- 1 Large Copper oil Drainer Complete.
- 1 Brass oil filter with Brass Receiver Complete.
- 1 Tin oil filter Complete.
- 6 Copper oil Measures Complete.
- 2 Puter oil Measures.
- 3 Small Iron Screw jacks for Lenses Complete.
- 2 Spirit Levels Complete.
- 1 Brass Plum Bob, and 2 Copper Levels Complete.
- 6 Store Cases for Stores Complete.
- 6 Spare Squares of Glass for Lantern.
- 6 Tin Mandrels for Lamp Wick Complete.

- 2 Hair Gages with one glass.
- 2 Life Bouys and 1 Flag and 1 Spy Glass.
- 1 Fog Bell with iron work
- 1 Clock Machine for fog bell complete.
- 13 Iron weights for fog bell.
- 2 Gut Lines for fog bell.
- 9 Pieces of Copper Lightning Rod.
- 10 Pounds of Blasting Powder.
- 1 Cross Cut Saw and 1 Hand Saw complete.
- 1 Surf Boat with 2 oars and 2 Rowlocks.
- 1 Small Boat complete with Sail & Sculls & oars & Rowlocks
- 1 Iron Winch for lifting boats up complete.
- 10 Blocks with 2 spare Rope all complete.
- 1 Round bar of iron and 1 flat bar of iron
- 1 Anviling Plain and iron Bed complete.
- 2 Pairs of Tilers and 1 Small Hammer.
- 3 Iron Spencers and 1 ground Stone.
- 3 Small Drills and iron Saw and 2 Rivet Sets.
- 1 Screw driver and 1 Chisel of the use.
- 4 Hold files and 1 Auger and Soldering Iron all of the use
- 1 Pair of Compasses and 1 Pair of Pinchers for use.
- 1 Iron drill Stock and 1 Pump out of order.
- 1 Large Coal Shovel and 1 Pair of Spring Cleats broken
- 1 Iron Shovel complete and 1 Shovel.
- 1 Earth hammer and 1 Hot and cold bar.
- 1 Large Bench vice and 1 Hand vice.
- 3000 feet of Birch Battens and 3 Bundles of Shingles.
- 20 Pounds of Earth nails and 15 Pounds of Shingle nails.
- 45 Pounds of lead and 35 Pounds of Lard.
- 4 Barrels of Lime and 1 Barrel of Plaster.
- 6 Paint Brushes and 2 White wash Brushes.
- 1 Large Cooking Stove with utensils complete.
- 1 Large Stove and 1 small Stove and 1 small Stove for lantern with Piping broken
- 2 Sets of fire irons complete and 3 cast Stoves.
- 2 Stenders both broken and 1 spare fire grate.
- 4 Set of bed stands complete and 4 iron bed.
- 2 Washing Stands and 2 Round tables complete
- 1 Washing Tack and 1 Jug broken.
- 1 Small cooking flask broken.

- 12 Chairs most of them in bad order.
- 1 Kitchen table and 2 Washing Tubs broken
- 6 Knives and forks and 3 Brass tea Spoons.
- 1 Iron Tea Kettle and 2 Iron Dishes.
- 3 Choppers and 1 Spring Pan.
- 1 Meat Dish and 1 Pie dish and 4 Water Pails.
- 2 Large Iron Pans and 8 Large Dinner Plates.
- 5 Cups and Saucers and 1 Tea Pot and 2 Water jugs
- 4 Decorating brushes and 15 Pounds of hair.
- 1 Long handle wire Brushes complete.
- 2 Balsam tapers for coal oil and 4 Sockets.
- 3 Cylinders for coal oil lamps.
- 4 1/2 Gallons of Colza oil and 1 Pint.
- 35 Pounds of Concentric Cotton Wicks.
- 3 Balls of Cotton with 18 Cotton Wicks for coal oil lamps
- 456 Glass cylinders for lanterns.
- 4 Pounds of Polishing Powder for Lenses.
- 56 Cleaning cloths for Lenses.
- 9 Cleaning cloths for Plate Glass.
- 45 Skins for Polishing Glass work.
- 4 Pairs of trimming Scissors.
- 38 Pounds of Powder for Copper work.
- 41 Pounds of Powder for Brass work
- 39 Woolen Rubbers for Brass and Copper work.
- 3 Sets of Flexible brushes for Burners.
- 2 Sponges for Glass work. 3 Pounds of white wax.
- 2 Bars of Soap. and 14 Pounds of Soda
- 8 Gallons of Coal oil & 1 Quart of Sweet oil
- 20 Small Boxes of Brass matches and 2 Quot Pans.
- 5 Packets of Black Lead and 1 Can of Black Paint
- 154 Colza oil cans

Thomas Apple  
 Chief Clerk  
 The Honble  
 The Chief Commissioner  
 of Lands and Works  
 and Surveyor General



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Mr. Austin to take measures  
to forward and supply  
opportunity -  
Wm. D. Apple  
Rec'd  
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Face Rock Point House  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 1840

I take the liberty to inform  
you that I am out of Coal  
oil at the Light House and that  
I applied for Coal oil upon the 17<sup>th</sup>  
of February last and as I can  
not get on with out Coal oil  
as I have no other means of  
lighting up but by Coal oil I  
hope you will please to supply  
me at the earliest convenience

I am Sir  
your most obedient servant  
Wm. D. Apple

The Honble  
The Chief Commissioner  
of Lands and Woods &  
Surveyor General

Recd 22.3.70

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Black Rocks Light House

the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 1870

Sir

I beg leave to inform you that I shall be out of coal at the Light House on or about the first of April or it may last until the 8 or 9 of April that if the weather is not fine - and Sir if you send the Steamer Sir James Douglas with the coal you will please to inform Captain Clarke that he must manage to come at low tide so as to land the coal at the time the tide is flowing as the surf is never at rest at the time the tide is ebbing round the rocks -

I am Sir  
your most obedient servant

Thomas Cople

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Place Rocks Light House  
the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 1870

Recd 22.3.70  
Sir

I beg leave to inform you that  
any man will do but as long  
as he is a steady man but if  
I could have my choice of a  
light keeper I should like  
to have either Thomas Mills  
or Burrey - Mr. A. R. House.  
will inform you how the  
man as that is if you have  
not a man up to this time

I am Sir  
your &c

Thomas Ayle

Recd. H. 270

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Race Point Light House

The 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1870

Sir

I beg leave to inform you  
that the bearer is the Ex-  
first Assistant Light Keeper  
James Johns - I also beg leave  
to enclose A Pay list for pay  
due to the bearer for this year.

I am Sir

your most obedient servant

Thomas Crepp.

The Honble

The Chief Commissioner

of Lands and Works

and Surveyor General.

Mem<sup>o</sup>  
Write to Aspy & tell him we will Enquire  
into this & if necessary send for them.

J.P.P.  
5/4/70.

✓  
Victoria

5 April 1870

Sir

In reply to your letters of  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst. I have to inform  
you that at an early date  
an inspection of the lighthouses  
will be made and the matters  
reported by you duly investigated

Wm J. Argyll

I have to  
Yours faithfully  
A. R. M.

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Race Point Light House

Recd<sup>d</sup> 470  
Sir

the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1845

I take the liberty to inform you that one of the second order lamps be laid up for use upon the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March which leaves the Light House with only one lamp complete. And the one now in use is not in the best of order. I also beg leave to inform you that 4 of the second order burners now in use at the Light House are out of order and not fit for use until they are repaired and that I have but 2 burners complete. Sir will you please to inform me what I am to do with the lamps & burners. I also beg to inform you that the storm upon the 11<sup>th</sup> of March carried away part of the guttering from the house and part of the roof of the storeroom.

I am Sir,

your most obedient servant

Thomas Arnyh.

The Honble

The Chief Commissioner  
of Lands and Works  
and Surveyor General

L. W. Veto D.C.  
20 Sept. 70.

Sir,

The Lt. Keeper at R. Rocks complains that  
the meat boat is not regular & that he  
had no meat at the Lt. Ho. from Friday  
till Sunday, when the "Douglas" supplied  
him. - I shall be glad to hear your  
explanation of this matter.

I have &c.

W. F. H.  
Fort S.



1870  
B. H. Pearce Esqr.  
Cook's Bay  
Major General

Race Point Light House  
the 18<sup>th</sup> April 1870

I beg leave to inform you that  
the meat boat was down at the  
Light House upon the 15<sup>th</sup> instant  
with meat - and that I was  
out of meat upon the 15<sup>th</sup> instant  
and was compelled to go on  
Board the Str. Sir James Douglas  
and buy meat from the Store-  
ard for dinner upon Sunday  
I also beg to inform you that  
the the meat boat has not been  
regular this year - and I have  
wrote to Mr. Bell & Co. and requested  
them to send the boats regular  
but they do not notice my  
request & Sir I wish you would  
Please send me a copy of the contract  
for this year so that I may know  
when the the meat boat is down  
at the Light House - I also wish  
Sir you would see Mr. Bell & Co.  
and make arrangements

for the Great Boat to come regular.  
If this could be arranged it would  
confer a great favor upon me and  
my light keepers.

I remain Sir  
your most obedient servant  
Thomas Arzph.

May 13. 1870  
Wm. Pearce Esq.  
Asst. Surveyor General  
Sir

Race Point Light House  
The 10<sup>th</sup> May 1870

My wife and family have been at  
the Race Point Light House for 2 years  
and 9 months and during that  
time have never been able to visit  
Victoria to purchase clothes and other  
necessaries for our family owing to  
there being no communication between  
the shore and the Light House a distance  
of 14 miles except by small boats. I  
therefore take the liberty of inquiring  
whether the Steamer Sir James  
Douglas or some other suitable boat  
for a wife and family would be allowed  
to fetch and take them back at certain  
periods during the 12 months allowing  
me and my family to remain on  
such trips on shore for a few days  
If this could be arranged it would  
confer a great favor on me and my  
wife and family. I also beg to inform  
you that during the last 15 months

I have been 4 times to Victoria for the purpose  
of receiving pay for my self and the Assistant  
Light Keepers and on each occasion I have  
paid 6 dollars to get conveyed back to the  
light house as I have no other way of conveyance  
unless I remain in Victoria for 14 or 15 days  
during the winter months and 7 or 8 days during  
the summer months I therefore beg leave to  
inquire whether the government can not  
return the 6 dollars back to me which I have  
paid out of my salary I also wish to inquire  
whether it is the wish of the government  
for me to pay out of my salary traveling  
expenses upon such occasions. If some arrangement  
can be made to save me this expense and the 6  
dollars returned to me it will confer a great favor  
upon me -

I remain Sir  
your most obedient servant  
Thomas Copley  
Superintendent  
of light houses &c.

Lt. Col. V. D. C.

13 May '70.

Sir,

In reply to your letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> inst. I have the honor to inform you that you will be at liberty to bring your wife & family to Victoria in a Q. M. S. "S. J. D." whenever the vessel may be at G. Rocks. <sup>free of charge</sup> I have also to inform you that there is no fund from which to repay you of Am. of Travel & Exp. incurred by you in visiting Victoria. I have the

honor to be

Yours faithfully,  
Inspector A. H. —

Ch. Lt. Keeper  
A. R. H. —

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Wace Rocks Light House

The 20<sup>th</sup> May 1870

Sir I beg to Enclose herewith a  
Pay list for Mr. M<sup>r</sup>. Quarric for  
4 months Pay from the first of  
January, upto the 30 of April -  
and you <sup>will</sup> observe that there is  
3 months and 1 day as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant  
and 29 days as a 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant - As Mr.  
M<sup>r</sup>. Quarric was promoted upon the  
1<sup>st</sup> day of April from a 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant  
to a 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Light Keeper

I am Sir  
your most obedient servant

Thomas Copley

To the Superintendent  
of Light Houses &c. &c.

F 31  
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Recd 3.6.70

Have No. 10. 11. House  
 the 29<sup>th</sup> May 1870  
 Sir I duly received your letter  
 dated the 15<sup>th</sup> instant and in  
 reply I beg to inform you that  
 the main object of my letter  
 to you dated the 13<sup>th</sup> instant  
 was to inform you that we  
 had been 13 days with 36 Pounds  
 of meat - and out of these 13 days  
 we were 6 days with out meat as  
 there had been no communication  
 from Fell & Co. since the 29<sup>th</sup>  
 of April - and also to inquire  
 whether any arrangement  
 could not be made to supply a  
 supply of meat to remain at

The Light House. So that we may  
fall back upon this Spar Supply  
at any time or such occasions  
as when the boat is not supplied  
at the proper time or the ~~boat~~  
weather will not permit the boat  
to come. Now this was the object  
of my letter and not to complain  
of the Contractor for not supplying  
Provisions to the Light House  
as I do not know how the  
Boats are to be supplied this year  
and in reference to the investigation  
which you state you made in  
this matter and found that  
I had received the full allowance  
contracted for. In reply I beg to  
inform you that it was impossible

for me to have received the full  
allowance for the month at the  
time when you made your  
investigation as I did not receive  
the full allowance until 7  
days after your letter was dated.  
So I think that you must have  
been wrong informed in this case  
and in reply to the 36 Pounds  
of meat which was received upon  
the 29 day of April you state that  
36 Pounds is a quarter of a months  
supply. I beg to inform you that  
we was not only a quarter of a month  
upon 36 Pounds but was 13 days  
and if I understand right the  
allowance for a quarter of a month  
is not 36 Pounds but  $3\frac{1}{2}$  Pounds.  
And Sir I hope you will not think  
that my letter was without a cause.



As I can assure you that it makes  
things very disagreeable at the Light  
House when the Light-Keepers come  
to be 6 days in succession with  
out meat and knowing at the  
same time that if the meat is  
supplied at the Proprietors that  
it is enough.

I have the Honor  
to be Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Thomas Bopp  
To the Superintendent  
of Light Houses N. H. H.

Receivables Light House

the 16<sup>th</sup> June 1870

Requisition

- 10 Gallons of Coal oil the last supply was upon the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 1870.
- 1 Large Pew Pot the last supply was upon the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 1867.
- 3 Corn Brooms the last supply was upon the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 1867.
- 6 Quires of ~~Loose~~ Cap Paper the last supply was upon the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 1869.
- 1 Packet of Large Envelopes the last supply was upon the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 1869.
- 1 Box of Pens to be still there as there has been no supply of Pens at the Light House.
- 2 Dozens of Coal oil Lamp Glasses the last supply was upon the 29 day of June 1869.
- 1 Bottle of ink the last supply was upon the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 1869.
- 2 Coal Scuttles the last supply was upon the 6 day of July 1865.

1 Grate for No. 9 Diamond Rock Stove  
and fire Bricks for the same the  
last supply was with the stove upon  
the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1869—

Of The Superintendent  
of Light Houses U. S. N. —

Thomas Argyll  
Chief Keeper.

Returned

Sir: I beg to inform  
you that I can not certify that as  
you require me to do by your letter  
dated the 27<sup>th</sup> instant as the articles  
call for in this is not supplied to me—  
But Sir I send you a receipt for all  
that is supplied at present—

Sir

your obedient servant

Thomas Argyll

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Recd 29 / 6. 70  
Sir.

Race Point Light House  
the 28<sup>th</sup> June 1870

I beg leave to inform you that  
I am sadly in want of the  
best articles which I note for  
more especially the coal oil as  
I have no other way to light  
up the light but by coal oil

I am Sir.

your most obedient servant

Thomas Argyr.  
To The Superintendent  
of Light Houses N. B.

Rec'd 4.7.70

Race Point Light House

the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1870

Received this day from Landa  
and Worth's Department -

10 Gallons of Coal oil -

3 Corn Brooms -

35 Sheets of foot cap paper -

43 Large Envelopes - and Part  
of a Box of riveted Metal Pens of House -

2 Dozens of Coal oil Lamp glasses returned  
as to charge - do not received -

1 Bottle of ink -

2 Coal Scuttles -

1 Grate for Stove with fire Bricks

Thomas W. Apple  
Chief Keeper -

Recd  
7.7.70

Have Honble Lt. House

The 30<sup>th</sup> June 1870

Sir I beg to Enclose herewith  
a Pay List for a months Pay for  
Mr. John M<sup>r</sup>. Harris - And Sir  
as I do not put Mr. A. M. Holmes  
Name upon this Voucher as this  
as he did not join the Light  
House until the 1<sup>st</sup> of April -  
but Mr. Holmes informs me that  
He was Employed from the first  
of April - And Sir as I do not  
know whether the Government  
will Pay a Light Keeper for that  
day as Mr. James Holmes. received  
Pay for the first of April - So Sir  
you will please to arrange this

And Please Pay L. W. Holmes up to  
the End of June

I am Sir.

Your most obedient servant  
Thomas Argyll

Wm. P. ...  
Dept. of ...

The 18th June 1870

Wm.  
Please pay Mr. S. M. Holmes  
2nd Class Light Keeper to  
be paid by ... to the  
underigned as per Voucher  
John Mc Laurin



Recd. H. 7/27

Wace Works Light House

The 30<sup>th</sup> June 1890

Sir I beg to Enclose herewith  
a Pay List for a month's pay for  
Mr. John M. Harris - and Mr.  
as I do not put Mr. A. M. Holmes  
name upon this Voucher so this  
as he did not join the Light  
House until the 1<sup>st</sup> of April -  
but Mr. Holmes informs me that  
he was employed from the first  
of April - and Sir as I do not  
know whether the Government  
will pay a Light Keeper for that  
day as Mr. James Holmes receives  
pay for the first of April - so Sir  
you will please to arrange this

And Please Pay S. W. Holmes up to  
the End of June

I am Sir.

Your most Obedient Servant  
Thomas Argyll

R. W. Pease Esq & Isaac Rockwell Esq  
Dept. of the Treasury

the 18<sup>th</sup> June 1870

W<sup>rs</sup> Please pay W<sup>rs</sup> S. W. Holmes

2<sup>nd</sup> Class Light Keeper to

be paid by order to the

undersigned as per Voucher

John W<sup>th</sup> Duane

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Recd  
26.9.1870

Dear Doctor Mr. Home

Thu 24<sup>th</sup> Aug 1870

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> in reference to the water cask being sent back by this trip. As the boat did not arrive at the Light House until 8.45 P.M. I was unable to empty the water cask as we had a slight rain upon Sunday last I shall not require water by the next trip—

I am Sir  
your most obedient servant

Thomas Argyll  
Chief Keeper—

Recd 5/19/70

Wm Robert M. House  
~~the 30th Aug - 1870~~

Sir

In Reference to your Letter dated  
the 18 instant with respects to  
the fog Bell & Machinery, I  
beg to inform you that I will  
do my best to erect the same  
and also to put the same into  
good working order. I also  
beg to inform you that I shall  
require a supply of Water upon  
the 7 or 8 of September as there is  
no signs of Rain at Present

I am Sir

your most obedient servant

Thomas Breyer

The Superintendent  
of Light Houses &c.

Recd 5/9/70

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Race Point St. Home

the 1<sup>st</sup> Sept-1870

Sir

I take the liberty to inform you that I have sent the casts back to day and that I have no casts at the St. Home that would do to send water in. I also beg to inform you that I shall require a supply of water upon the 7 or 8 of this month, and you will you please me by sending me a little turved paper white

Yours truly

Thomas Creple-

C. W. J. Quaker.

Recd 13 9 70

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Race Rocks Lighthouse

The 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1870

Sir,

As I observe by the number for the  
erection of the Fog bell tower it is  
your intention to make the  
same substantial - and as I do  
not like Mr. Eddy's Plan of the  
foundation - I hope it will not be  
out of place for me to make a few  
remarks. in reference to the foundation,  
in the first place I think that the  
foundation should be the principal  
thing in the building I also think  
that the ground sills should be put  
upon the solid rock and the uprights  
and the uprights mortised into the sills  
and not the sills into the uprights and

The uprights Rest upon the Rock By Putting  
the uprights upon the sills at any time  
When a sill may rot a new sill may  
be put in. but in the Event of one of  
the uprights rotting more than any other  
one then the building would be standing  
upon 3 uprights and the rotten one  
can not be replaced with out taking  
the side of the building down. I also  
think that the Place where Mr. Eddy  
intends to put the ~~new~~ building is  
so close to the tower which would  
deaden the sound as one of the uprights  
would be ~~not~~ joining the tower I  
should therefore strongly propose that  
for the sake of 60 dollars which Mr. Eddy  
informs me that he will undertake

to Blast the Rock out and put the sills  
upon the solid Rock and also in the  
Place of the Passage being 9 feet from  
the main building he would make it  
22 feet all for the 60 dollars - Sir I should  
strongly propose this to be done for the  
sake of having the foundation upon  
the rock & the uprights upon the sills.  
Sir if you approve of any Plan you must  
let me know immediately

I remain Sir  
your most obedient servant

Thomas Argyll  
Chief Keeper

The Superintendent  
of Light Houses &c.



Recd Sept 9/70

Place Rocks St. House

the 9<sup>th</sup> Sept-18/70

Received this day from

Mr James Jones

600 Gallons of Water

Six hundred Gallons

I Certify that the above mentioned

was received by me in kind

and of good quality.

Thomas Lytle  
Ship Keeper.

the 9<sup>th</sup> September 1870

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Race Rocks St. House

the 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 1870

Recd 18.10.70  
Sir

I take the liberty to inform you that I  
rang the Bell upon Saturday and the Bell  
as a Splended sound as they say it is as clear  
as a Bell. I also inform you that I was compelled  
to make 4 Iron Pieces for the top wall Plates  
as there was no thing to fasten them down  
mentioned in the Specification and also  
4 Iron Spikes for the same. And in refer<sup>ence</sup>  
to the work and the Building I take this  
opportunity to inform you that I think  
it will take w<sup>th</sup> <sup>out</sup> delay 10 or 12 days to  
complete the Building as things go on  
slow. I also beg to inform you that I will  
try to have the Machinery all in working  
order by the time you make your next  
visit to the St. House.

Yours Sir

your most obedient servant

Thos. Bingle

To The Superintendent  
of St. Houses N.S.W.

Recd. Nov. 5. 1870

Race Point L. House

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1870

Sir.

I take the liberty to inform you that it will be necessary for you to visit the L. House upon the 5 instant - as Mr. Eddy informs me that he will complete the Fog Bell tower about the 4 or 5 instant and that the same will be ready for your inspection upon the 5 instant

I am Sir

your most obedient servant

Thomas Arnyea

To The Superintendent  
of Light Houses &c &c

Recd  
3/12/70

Victoria

17/31

3rd Decr/70

Sir

Having served in the  
Royal Engineers for a  
period of 5 years & dis-  
charged in the Colony

I am I believe entitled  
to receive a military grant  
of one hundred & fifty acres

I therefore respectfully  
request permission to

take up Sections ~~10 and~~

19 Range 4 West, Block

and Section 24 Range 5 W Block 4 North  
4 North, It is allowed  
to pay for the additional  
acreage contained within  
the boundaries thereof -

As I am desirous of leaving  
for Race Point today I  
shall feel much obliged  
by an immediate reply -

Yours

Your Obedt Servant

The Hon Thomas Apple  
Chief Comr of

Lands & Works

Are you assured, my reasons  
why a free grant of these sections  
should not be made to the  
Army who is entitled to  
a free grant of 750 acres  
on acct of his military  
service. The two  
fractional sections  
contain 153 acres -  
3 acres of which the  
Army will  
pay for.

Imp'd Wm  
15 Dec 1870

Wm B. Buckley

The sections within  
mentioned are uncol'd as far  
as I am aware of there fore  
I see no reason why the  
grant of them should not be made  
to the Army on his paying for  
the 153 acres.  
The 153 acres  
The 153 acres  
Wm B. Buckley  
15 Dec 1870

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Wace Rock Pt. House  
the 17<sup>th</sup> December 1870

Sir,

In obedience to your letter  
of the 10<sup>th</sup> instant I beg to  
enclose herewith a Requisition  
for stores to complete the stores  
now in my charge for 3 years  
consumption excepting oil.

I am Sir  
your most obedient servant

Thomas Arzuff  
Shipkeeper.

The Superintendent of  
Light Houses &c. &c.

Wace Robert House

the 1<sup>st</sup> December 1870

in obedience to your order  
of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. I beg to  
enclose herewith a requisition  
for stores to complete the stores

Wace Robert House

the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1871

Requisition

1 Diary Book for 1871 the one  
supplied was upon the 28<sup>th</sup> January  
1870

Thomas Apple-  
fair Super

Wace Robert House &c. &c.



Race Rocks St. House

the 14<sup>th</sup> December 1870

### Requisition

- ✓ 50 yards of No. 3 Concentric Cotton Wick.
- ✓ 36 yards of No. 2 Concentric Cotton Wick.
- 36 a 1 Cleaning Cloths for Lenses.
- 72 a 1 Cleaning Cloths for Plate Glass Work.
- 36 a 1 Skins for Lenses & Plate Glass Work.
- 72 a 1 Woollen Rubbers for Copper & Brass Work.
- 28 lb. of Rotten Stone.
- 28 lb. of ground Rotten Stone.
- 28 lb. of Tripoli Powder.
- 3 Sets of Flexible Brushes.
- 6 Pairs of Trimming Scissors to the Curvilinear for 2<sup>nd</sup> order Sp.
- 4 Curvilinear Brushes for Lenses.
- 3 Burners for 2<sup>nd</sup> order flash Sp. to suit the Lamps used for 2<sup>nd</sup> order Sp.

Thomas Argyll  
Chief Peep.

To Superintendent  
of St. Houses &c. &c.

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The Capt. of St. House  
the 1<sup>st</sup> February 1811

Sir:

I beg to inform you that I find  
after putting the Fog Bell in to work  
my order there is some little  
alterations required to be  
made before the machinery can  
be worked to right - I also beg  
to inform you that the only  
lamp and burner that is available  
at the above mentioned St. House  
can not be depended upon and  
is liable to give out any night and  
as I do not know the name of  
the leather which is required  
I am unable to send a requisition  
for the material to repair the lamp.  
So Sir - if you will give orders to Capt.  
Clarke to call for me upon Saturday  
I will come up and get the material  
for the lamp and also bring up the  
iron work belonging to the Fog Bell  
and get it altered at the same time  
as I wish to get this work out of my  
hands - I also beg to inform you that  
I have not time to answer your letter  
of the 4<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> - but I will do so at the  
earliest convenience -

I am Sir,

your most obed<sup>t</sup> servant

The Capt. of St. House &c &c J. Thomas Argyll.

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Place Hotel St. Anne

the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1877

Sir

In reference to your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> ult. I beg to inform you that I did not measure the coal which was landed upon the 7<sup>th</sup> inst. but I weighed the coal with the steelyard now in use at the St. Anne in the presence of the Assistant St. Keepers which being as both witnesses to I also took you to know that every pound of this coal was weighed and in the most careful manner and in reference to the reporting that I only received 1290 lbs. I beg to say that I did nothing of the sort as I gave a receipt for 5476 lbs. of coal and to convince you that I am so right I send you a copy of my letter and also the duplicate of the receipt which I sent to Capt. Clarke. The

The quantity of Coal taken  
upon the 7<sup>th</sup> Jan'y. was this 5.476  
Pounds or 2 Tons 996 Pounds instead  
of 6.720 lbs. leaving 1240 Pounds  
short of 3 Tons. - And in reference  
to what the mate signing for  
60.20 this I can not be answerable  
for if he signed for 10 Tons I can  
not say any thing to it - And  
in reference to the sending  
impertinent messages to him  
I think that his report is  
ridiculous as I have had that  
2 occasions to send any message  
to him the first was that  
the St. Keepers was employed  
at St. House duties and that  
they could not assist to land  
coal this was upon the 17<sup>th</sup>  
of April 1870 - And on the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
occasion was that I could not  
give a receipt for coal until  
it was weighed this was upon  
the 7<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1871 - These are  
the only occasions which I have  
had any occasion to send

any message to Capt. Clarke  
And if there is any impertinent  
in saying so then I am at  
a loss to know what  
impertinent messages have

I am Sir.

Your most Obedt. Servant

{ Thomas Apple  
Shipkeeper

To the Superintendent {  
of St. Houses &c. &c. {

Recd 23.3.71

Race Point St. Home  
the 17<sup>th</sup> March 1871

Sir,

I beg to inform you that I am  
entirely out of coal at the Light  
House. I also beg to inform you  
that the Fog Bell and Machinery  
is in working order. I also beg  
to inform you that during the  
violent storms which we have  
witnessed of late as carried the  
oil of the guttering away from  
the S.W. side of the House.

I also beg to inform you that all  
hands at the Light House are complaining  
of Pains and for my part I have  
not been free from Pains for the  
last month. I think this must be  
caused from the dampness of the House  
as the Every thing is in a very  
damp state at the time. I also think  
that if the oil of the Place was fresh  
pointed that it would do away  
with this dampness and a new  
roof to put upon the House.

I am Sir,

your most obed<sup>t</sup>. servant  
Thomas Apple

To the Superintendent  
of the Arsenal, &c. &c. &c.

Draft.

Copied

25<sup>th</sup> March '71.

Sir,

I have y<sup>r</sup> hon. to ack. y<sup>r</sup> receipt  
of your Lett. dated 17<sup>th</sup> inst. - reporting  
amongst other things, that y<sup>r</sup> Fog Bell  
is now in working order. It is requested that  
you will therefore, during Foggy weather  
wind up y<sup>r</sup> machinery of y<sup>r</sup> Bell &  
keep it constantly striking during y<sup>r</sup>  
continuance of Fog, both by day  
& night. -

You will enter this letter in your  
"Instruction Book," & henceforth observe  
it as a part of your General  
Instructions. -

I hope, on my return to be able to  
inspect the R. R. d<sup>o</sup> House & endeavor  
to get the Plastering done, so as to  
make you more comfortable.

I thank.

A. Rouse.

The Chief S. Keeper  
R. R. d<sup>o</sup> Sta.

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Recd. 22/3/71

Place Rovers St. House  
the 14<sup>th</sup> May 1871

Sir,

In reference to a letter which I received from you dated the 20<sup>th</sup> April last in which you state that you had sent 2 sponges also coal oil lamp wicks - which I have not received up to this time - I also beg to inform you that I am compelled to cut up concentric cotton wicks to use as a substitute for coal oil lamp wicks and at the same time I am very short of concentric cotton wicks - so Sir, I hope that you will please to send them by the next boat - I also enclose the pattern of the wick once used which is required

I am Sir,  
your most ob<sup>d</sup>. servant

To Mr. John J. Austin & Thomas Archer  
Sands & Norths Office { Ship/keeper }



Recd 5/4/71

Recd W. H. H. Home  
this 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1871

Sir,

I beg to inform you that I have completed the 3 Mechanical Lamps now in use at the W. H. Home according to the agreement which you made with me upon the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 1870 I have proved them to be in good working order - I therefore hope there will be no farther delay, in the being paid the £5.00 dollars which you promised to pay me for the repairing of these Lamps.

I am Sir,  
your most obed<sup>t</sup>. servant

Thomas Apple  
Ship Repairer  
Signed T. Apple

To the Superintendent  
of W. H. Home &c. &c.

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Race Rocks St. House  
Thu. 20<sup>th</sup> July 1871

Sir,

I beg to inform you that I have  
this day sent back the meat as it  
is not fresh after being in a keve  
by Victoria and Esplanade since  
last Tuesday - I also beg to inform  
you that I have this day gave Mr. W.  
Holmes leave for the for the week -

I am Sir,  
your most obedt. Servant

Thomas Archer  
Chief Cooper

The Chief Commissioner  
of Lands & Works &c.

Gen 29/7/71

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Boat Boat House  
Thursday July 14/71

Sir,

Having received it day from  
Mr. Fell stating that the  
Boat man which carries the  
supplies to the St. Anne will  
not carry St. Nevers on such  
days as the Boat is due at the  
St. Anne or any thing but  
small parcels such as letters  
and Co. the Boat man also  
complains of carrying it  
full of Coal oil and 40  
yards of matting - and as  
I have had no copy of the  
contract I do not know  
whether I get what is due  
to this department or no  
and in reference to carrying  
Light Nevers I was under the  
impression that such was  
the arrangements this year  
but I find that I have either  
to state anything which is

is supplied in the way of  
provisions or be refused a trip  
to Victoria - I therefore beg to  
inquire whether Mr. Peper  
is to pay to go to Victoria and  
back or whether some arrangement  
could be made with some  
fell and I inquire to carry  
Mr. Peper as it was in former  
days with out having such  
a thing thrown up to a  
Supt Peper at such times so  
I have to return any provisions  
back this as all occurred through  
me sending thinking went back

I am Sir,  
your most obedt servant

Thomas Ogilby  
Shipkeeper

The Superintendent  
of Supt Hornes & Co

Recd 29/7/71

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Peace Rocks Station  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1871

Sir,

I beg to inform you that I received a letter from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. M. Cooper to day asking for leave but as duty is so heavy to be done with safety as it is necessary to have a boat row with the fog bell so I think that a man should be sent in the place of Mr. Cooper until such time that he is able to return to his duty - as this man as been Lieut. de Long - and this is the 19<sup>th</sup> day that he has been from duty since the first of June. So I shall have nothing to say in this case as the man may not be able to return any more in fact I think that he should leave the Station all together or it will kill him -

I am your most obed<sup>t</sup> servant  
Sir, in haste

The Sup<sup>t</sup>  
of the House &c &c

Thomas Cooper  
Chief Keeper

Recd  
4/9/71

Peace Roots St. House  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1871

Sir,

I beg to inform you that I received this day a letter from Mr. Holmes the 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Lt. Keeper stating that he will not be able to perform the duties as a Light Keeper and at the same time asking me to send a Voucher for his time and also his things that remain at the St. House - so by this he do not intend to return to the Light House any more. And as I do not know whether the Vouchers which I have at the Light House will do for pay you will please to pay Mr. Holmes from the 19 day of July 1871 - and as I have no orders to keep Mr. Collier at the St. House any longer as his time is up which he was to stay for Mr. Holmes - I do receive application from Mr. Collier

Applying for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Light  
Keeper Place and Enclose his  
application to you & also letter  
the opportunity to serve this by  
Mr. Arthur - I also wish to inform  
you that Mr. Arthur has been one  
month at the Light House as  
2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Light Keeper - I therefore  
hope that a Light Keeper will be  
appointed with out delay and  
sent down -

I am Sir,  
your most obed<sup>t</sup>. Servant  
{ Thomas Orsby  
Chief Keeper.

The Superintendent  
of Light House & & & &

Submitted for consideration of the Governor.  
It is important that some one should be  
appointed at once, as with only 2 keepers,  
I cannot beard in case of sickness,  
accident, or other cause I should recommend  
that Arthur be tried for 1 month.

A. Pearce  
4<sup>th</sup> Sept 1871.

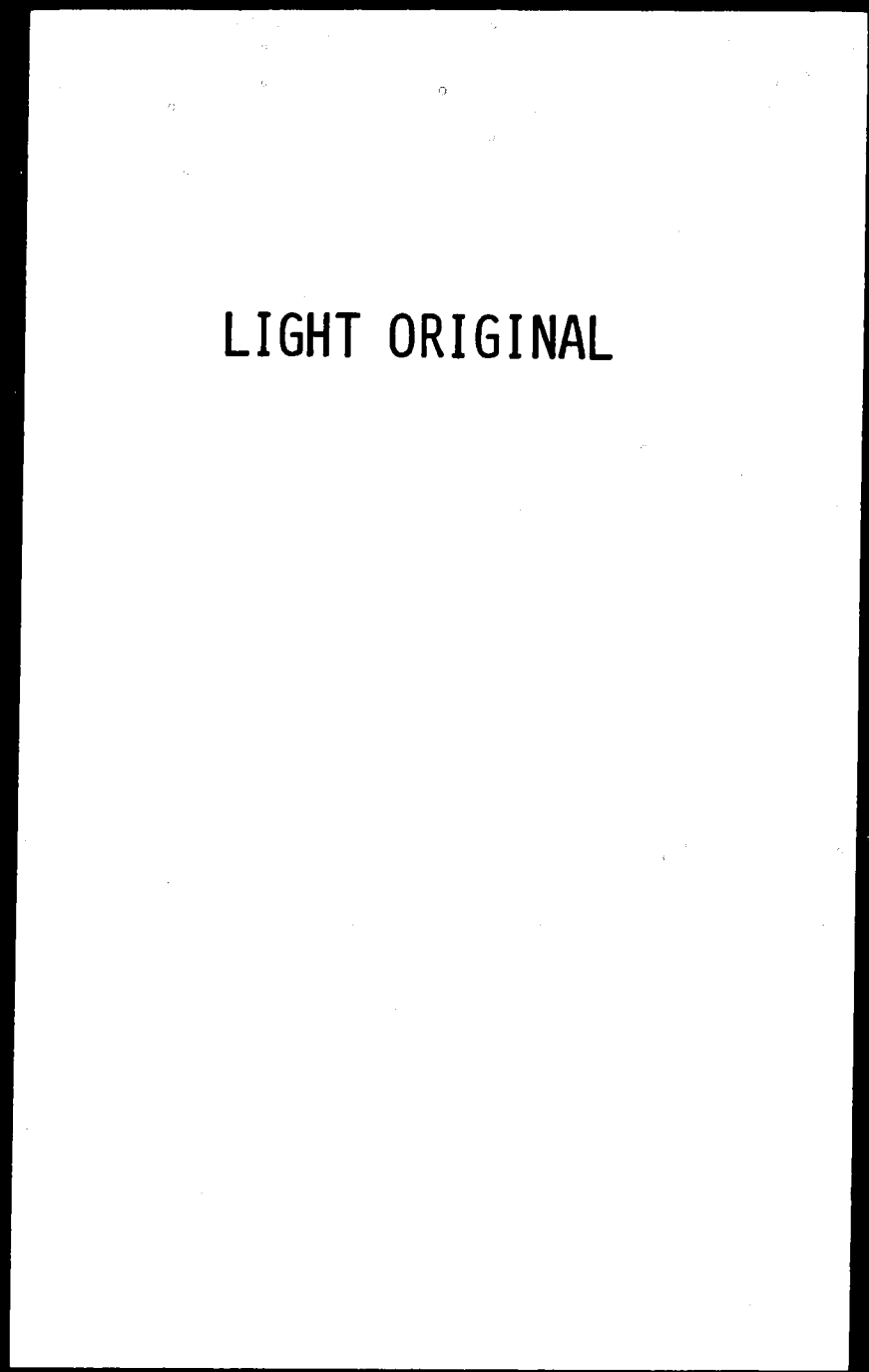
Mr. Am.  
Ch. S. S.

Whiskew may be  
appointed temporarily  
pending confirmation by  
Minister of Marine Fisheries  
W. J. P.  
4<sup>th</sup> Sept 1871

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I should say appoint Mr.  
Caskew at once -

James Argyll



LIGHT ORIGINAL



Dpt.

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11<sup>o</sup> Sept: 71

Sir, In reply to your letter dated 2<sup>o</sup> inst. I have the honor to inform you that His Honor's Court has been pleased to sanction the appointment of Capt. of Sav. asked to the office of 2<sup>d</sup> asst. St. Keeper, in lieu of Thomas Holmes resigned, subject however to the approval of His Dominion Court, & at the salary of \$3600 per calendar month & his food.

I have the honor,

A. Pearce,

Chief St. Keeper  
R. R. St. James,

Case No. 10,000

Sir,

The 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1871

I beg to inform you that  
Mr. Drummond on this  
day completed the settling  
according to agreement  
made by me upon the 5<sup>th</sup>  
ultimo. And I must  
say that it is the best job  
I have seen done in the  
country of the kind -  
for which Mr. Drummond  
is entitled to receive the  
sum of sixty five dollars  
(\$65.00)

Thomas Cope  
Chief Clerk

The Superintendent  
of Light Houses &c &c &c

Recd. 19/10/71

Race Point House  
the 16<sup>th</sup> October 1871

Sir,  
I beg to inform you that I shall require  
a supply of coal on or about the first  
of November. I also beg to inform you  
that I can not use the small stove  
which is used in Lantern any longer  
as it is too far from for any further use.  
I also beg to inform you that the top  
of the cooking stove is dangerous to  
use any longer as pots &c. will not  
stand upon the top it also require  
a new grate. I also beg to here with  
enclose a requisition for such  
articles that is required which I hope  
you will please to send by the next  
trip of the Strathgairn Gannet as  
things are getting very damp in  
the lantern.

I am Sir,  
your most obedt. servant

J. G. Apple  
Shipper

The Superintendent  
of Light Houses &c. for &c.

Race Point St. Anne  
the 16<sup>th</sup> October 1871

### Requisition

1 No. 5 Aerial Stove and 8 Tenths of 4 1/2  
inch stove piping and 2 4 1/2 inch  
joints and 2 pounds of No. 16 Copper  
Wire for the fastening the stove piping  
in lantern - the last stove supplied  
was upon the 5<sup>th</sup> of November 1864 and  
the last piping upon the 15 of November  
1869 -

1 Top and 1 Grate for No. 9 Chimney  
No. 6 Stove for the use of coal the last  
top was supplied with the stove upon  
the 29 of June 1869. and the last grate  
upon the 30 of July 1870 -

2 Books one for entering stores received  
and Expended and the other for the  
same use for provisions I can not  
find when the one now in use were  
received but one is dated 1861 & the other  
1863 -

I should say have the stove piping  
made out of Galvanized iron as the  
common iron will not stand the  
salt air - I should also say get  
the above mentioned at Mr. John Dickson  
or at Summers - Yates Street.

The Superintendent of St. Anne & Co. Ferry }  
No. 100 }  
Ship Repair

Sir.

Dear Mr. Adams

the 16<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1871

As there will be no other  
communication with  
Victoria until the first  
of November I have with  
enclose a Voucher for  
pay for October - which you  
will receive the money  
and hand to Mr 40  
dollars and keep the  
Balance for Mr. Smith  
I come up - and you  
will hand to Mr. Currie  
35 dollars - and for Mr.  
Carter you will hand 30  
dollars and as this is his first  
deposit you will receive a Book  
for Mr. Carter & keep it  
for him - you will find  
my Book and Mr. Currie  
at the Treasury -

I am Sir

your most obed<sup>t</sup>. Servant

To Mr. J. Cantin & Mr. Dwyer

John J. Austin Esq.

Accountant Genl.  
Land & Works Office

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