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WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 11, 1930.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of October 9th, requesting information concerning the first vessel in the United States Navy to be equipped with electric lights, has been received.

The U.S.S. TRENTON was the first man-of-war in the world to be lighted by electricity. The Edison Electric Lighting Co., was awarded the contract for installing the first electric lighting plant to be used by one of our vessels, at a cost of $5,500.

While the TRENTON was the first man-of-war so lighted, the U.S. Fish Commission Steamer ALBATROSS, built under the direction of a naval officer, and officered and manned by the Navy, received her electric light plant in 1882 some six months or so before the TRENTON.

Very sincerely,

H.C. Cocke

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