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My Lords have considered his pamphlet and finding therein no precise information as to the means by which the object in question is to be affected my Lords can only say that while they wish success to any undertaking which has for its object the saving of the lives of mariners, they do not see how they can at present take any steps in this matter.
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