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**From the Editor**

This issue, the last of the 2018 publication year, is obviously very late. My thanks to readers for their forbearance. It seems to me, perhaps because it is so fresh in my mind, that it has also been more fraught with difficulties than previous issues. Thanks are also owing to the authors for their assistance and prompt responses to various questions.

The lead article is by Trevor Kenchington. He is a fisheries scientist with additional research interests in nautical archaeology and maritime history. His article is a product of his current work on a global history of trawling. He is exploring the factors which shape the growth and decline of commercial fisheries. He concludes this article with an interesting connection between the understanding of historical developments of trawls and environmental research.

The second article is also fisheries related. Nicolas Landry, a faculty member of l’Université de Moncton, is an old CNRS friend who has served as a member of the editorial board, and published here before. His article here brings his study of
the cod fishery diplomatic questions up to 1870.

Finally, it is a pleasure to welcome a new scholar to the journal. James Risk recently completed his PhD at the University of South Carolina, where he is now teaching as an historian of science and technology. His article, derived from 2017 NASOH conference paper, reviews the process of the adoption of the Fresnel light in the United States. It may also serve as a reminder to the contemporary reader that civil servants are limited in their actions by law and policy, both of which may have outlived their usefulness but for whatever reasons remain unchanged.

It is, as always, my great pleasure to be able to thank my colleagues and all other members of the production process for their work and assistance.

Bill Glover
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