Treasury Department
Revenue Office, July 7. 1815.

Sir

I received your favor of the 30th. ultimo, enclosing the memorial of the Merchants and other citizens of Newburyport respecting two wooden Piers erected by the inhabitants on ledges of rocks in that harbor, and which they wish to have repaired at the expense of the United States.

I find, upon examination, that the right to the two buoys, formerly placed near where it is stated the piers were erected, had been granted by an act of the State to the United States.

It does not appear that the Piers stand on the same places at which the Buoys had been fixed, which would prevent any thing being done till the jurisdiction was first obtained. Another obstacle is the necessity of an appropriation by Congress for the particular object of the Piers, before they can be considered as at the expense of the United States. This last may be attained by an application

to that body through one of its members, or by a representation of the case through this department.

I am respectfully

Sir Your

Commissioner of the Revenue

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Comm. of the Revenue
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