Treasury Department Fifth Auditors
Office July 23. 1851.

Sir,

I have just rec'd yours of Mr Miller as to the condition of all the Lights, on the upper lakes, and I find where he speaks of the Silver Creek Light, he concurs with you in opinion that it ought to be removed to a point of land at the upper end of the Buoy, instead of being repaired and Kept where it is. On refering to the law for the erection of this Light, I perceive there is nothing in it which ought to prevent an removal of the light, if deemed necessary

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The words of the law are for a Beacon light at Silver Creek Harbour Lake Erie

As you and Mr Miller unite in opinion that the point of land above refered to would be the most eligible site You will cause the Beacon to be removed to it Provided the Messrs Ker will as you inform me they will, give us a Deed for a proper site with the right to a road to and from it. You will be pleased therefore to take the proper steps to effect these objects

I think it would be advisable according to

Mr Millers Report to erect a new House for the Keeper at Buffalow, Provided it can be done for a sum not exceeding 1200 dollars. If you find a comfortable House can be built for that sum you will cause it to be done on the land of the U States. At Dunkirk Mr Miller States that repairs are necessary. At Barcelona he states that the Stairs of the Tower are decayed and ought to be Repaired at an expense not exceeding 100 dollars. You will be pleased to have this done. Mr Miller States that he kept a Barrel of Oil here to Keep up the Light when it could not be made with Gas. The value of this Oil you ought to deduct from the Gas Contractors as they are bound to Keep a Light. At Cattaraugus he left some Paint in order that the Keeper might do the necessary Painting.

Nothing else was necessary there

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