Copy with letter sent 11th Eng. June 25, 1873.

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Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C., June 21st, 1873

Sir.

I acknowledge the receipt of the communication of Major O. M Poe, acting Engineer Secretary of the Light House Board, dated the 18th instant, enclosing a copy of a letter, under date of the 13th of June, from Major G. Weitzel, Engineer of the 11th Light House District, relative to the sale of the sites of discontinued light-houses at Fort Clinton and Taylor Point, Illinois, and requesting that Department letter of the 10th of October, 1872, authorizing the sale of said sites to take place in June, 1873, be so modified as to allow the sales to be made as soon as practicable.

Prof. Jos. Henry,
Chairman Light House Board,
Washington D. C.

In reply, you are informed that, consideration of the recommendation of ajor Poe in his letter above referred to, De- artment letter dated October 10th, 1872, is ereby so far modified as to authorize the sales of the above mentioned sites to be made as soon as practicable.

I am,

Very respectfully,

Wm. A. Richardson,

Secretary.