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Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 31. 1879, reporting with reference to the practicability of moving the keeper's dwelling at Burlington Breakwater to Isle la Motte, I have to say that it has been suggested that this building might be placed on a frame on two canal boats, and then towed by a steamer to Plattsburg, where it could be stepped off, and placed in position on the Plattsburg Breakwater. The estimated cost of doing this, in addition to the expense of chartering the canal boats and steamer, is $500., while the cost of the latter has been estimated at $300.00, this depending upon the number of days the vessels are employed.

The Board requests that you will report, with

with recommendation, and estimate of cost, your views as to the advisability and practicability of moving the building to Plattsburg Breakwater.

Very respectfully,

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