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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT HOUSE BOARD,

Washington, 3 February, 1891.

---Inclosures.

Subject: Straight Channel,
Maumee Bay, Ohio.
Range-lights.

The Light-House Board,

Sirs:

The Committee on Location to which were referred on 23 December, '90, the papers relating to the necessity for providing for range lights for the "Straight Channel" through Maumee Bay, leading from deep water in Lake Erie to the mouth of the Maumee River, has had them under consideration and returns them with the following report:

It appears that the portion of the new channel inside the location of the crib-ranges is practically completed, and is now used by vessels, and that the remainder of the new channel will be completed, as regards excavation, in the fall of 1891.

It appears further, the portion of the old channel marked by the present Middle and Outer Ranges, is now used but little by vessels entering Toledo, and that these ranges may be discontinued by the end of 1891.

In view of these facts it appears that range lights for the "Straight Channel", Maumee Bay, O., to be located near the mouth

of the Maumee River, on the shore, near what is known as Grassy Point, should be provided for, and that the estimated cost of establishing these ranges is $8000.

Your Committee therefore recommends that the proper measures be taken to obtain the requisite appropriation for this object.

Chairman of the

Committee on Location.