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Treasury Department,

Office of the Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C., August 2, 1898.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to state that bids were invited by posters and circular letters for furnishing the lumber required for the construction of a walk about 500 feet in length on the crib from the front range beacon to the shore at the Manhattan Range, Ohio, and for repairs to the pier at Monroe, Mich.

In response four bids were received, a schedule of which is enclosed. These bids were opened at the office of the Engineer of the 10th Light-House District on 27 and 28 July, '98. The bid of the Mitchell & Rowland Lumber Co., of Toledo, Ohio, in the sum of $995.84, is the lowest of those received, and is reasonable, advantageous to the Government, and not in excess

of current market rates.

Recommendation is therefore made that the bid of the Mitchell & Rowland Lumber Co., at the price stated therein, be accepted, and that they be employed to furnish the lumber without formal contract, that being the most advantageous method to the Government of procuring it.

Recommendation is also made, in view of the desirability of completing the work before the rough weather of the fall months sets in, that authority be granted to purchase the labor and all the other material required for the construction of the walk at the Manhattan Range, Ohio, and for repairs to the pier at Monroe, Mich., in open market without formal contract, at a total cost (including that of lumber to be purchased of the Mitchell & Rowland Lumber Co.) of $1,000 at the Manhattan Range, Ohio, and $1,800 at Monroe, Mich.

Respectfully yours,

Captain, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.,

Engineer Secretary.

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SCHEDULE OF PROPOSALS for Pine and Oak Lumber ...
... Grand Haven to Pier at Manhattan Range, Or ...
repairs of Pier at Manistique Light-station

opened at the office of Engineer Tenth Lt. H. District
on Saturday the 24th day of Sept, 189 8.

| NAME OF BIDDER. | AMOUNT OF BID. | AMOUNT OF BID. | AMOUNT OF BID. | AMOUNT OF BID. |
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| Cleveland Saw Mill & Lumber Co Cleveland O. | (3) | 1,163.58 | | |
| Elias & Bro Buffalo, N.Y. | (4) | 1,360.40 | | |
| D. L. Laycock Buffalo N.Y. | (2) | 1,061.40 | | |
| Mitchell Rowland Lumber Co Toledo, Ohio | (1) | 995.84 | | |

I certify that the above is a correct abstract of all the bids received

J. W. Symons
Major, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.
Engineer Tenth Light-House District.