371 Washington Street, Room 31.

Light-House Establishment,

Office of Engineer, First and Second Districts,

One Inclosure.

Boston, Mass., 21 Dec., 1900.

Subject:
Rockland Breakwater, Me.
Concurrent jurisdiction.

The Secretary of State,

Augusta, Maine.

Sir:

By the Sundry Civil Act, approved June 6, 1900, Congress appropriated $30,000. for building a light-station with fog-signal on the outer (southerly) end of the breakwater that has been built by the United States at Rockland Harbor, Maine.

The Revised Statutes of the United States prescribe as follows:

"Sec. 4661. No light-house, beacon, public piers, or landmark, shall be built or erected on any site until cession of jurisdiction over the same has been made to the United States."

I have, for and in behalf of the United States, the honor to apply for cession to the United States, by the State of Maine, of concurrent jurisdiction over the area occupied by the enlarged end of the breakwater, constituting the site for the station as shown on the inclosed blue print and described as follows:

Beginning at the southerly extremity of the axis on the top of the breakwater, the property of the United States, at Rockland Harbor, Maine, (four thousand two hundred feet, more or less, from the root of the breakwater, on the northerly shore of Rockland Harbor and running, thence in the prolongation of said axis, south one hundred feet; thence east one hundred feet; thence north two hundred and fifty feet; thence west two hundred feet; thence south two hundred and fifty feet; thence east one hundred feet to the point of beginning, and embracing one and 14-100 (1.14) acres.

The bearings are magnetic.

That the light and fog-signal station may be erected and put in operation during the next summer, it is important that concurrent jurisdiction be ceded to the United States as soon as practicable.

I beg to inquire if the executive branch of the government of Maine will take the necessary measures to obtain from the legislature the cession of such concurrent jurisdiction, so that the necessary steps for the erection of the light and fog-signal station may proceed without delay.

Respectfully yours,

W. F. Raynolds.

Lieut. Col. of Engineers, U. S. Army,

Light-House Engineer.