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LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT,

INCLOSURES

OFFICE OF ENGINEER, 10TH DISTRICT.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 1, 1902

SUBJECT: No. 356
South Buffalo, N.Y.
Land for dwellings to
be deeded by Steel Co.

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs:-

I have the honor to state that the original plans for the South Buffalo Light Station involved the building of the two lights and fog signal station at the entrance to the harbor, and the reclamation of a piece of land 200 ft. by 300 ft. alongside the breakwater out in the harbor, and the building thereon of a dwelling for the keepers of the station.

A further study of the situation, and experience gained, and consideration for the comfort of the keepers and their families, convinces me that the dwelling for the keepers should not be built out in this exposed situation.

In conversation with the authorities of the Lackawanna Iron and Steel Company, which is building the very large steel plant at the southern end of the harbor, in regard to this matter, this Company has expressed a willingness to donate a suitable lot in the midst of the part of its property laid out for residence purposes, to the Government for the purpose of build-

ing thereon residences for the light-keepers of this station. This the Company can well afford to do, as it will be the chief beneficiary of the lights and fog signal maintained by the Government.

I recommend that their offer be accepted, and that I be allowed to receive from the Company, deeded to the United States, a lot of sufficient size to build thereon a double house, as formerly planned, for the keepers of the new station, and that I be authorized to prepare plans for submission to the Board for such a dwelling. Money for this purpose is available.

Very respectfully,

Major of Engineers, U.S.A.
Engineer 10th L.H.District.