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OFFICE OF ENGINEER, 10TH DISTRICT,

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 16, 1902

SUBJECT: No. 1226
Buffalo Breakwater, N.Y.
Extension contract.

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs:-

The Buffalo Dredging Co. has asked for an extension of time from 31 December, 1902 to 1 July, 1903, for completion of the work under its contract dated 27 March, 1902, for building two beacons, lantern, for-signal house, foundation and pier protection work in the main south entrance of the new breakwater, Buffalo Harbor, N.Y.

I inclose herewith the Company's letter of 15 December, 1902, requesting the extension of time, and beg to state that the principal reasons given for the nonfulfillment of the contract, -viz: the long time intervening between the placing of orders for steel and iron and the time of delivery- are the same as have attended the purchase of similar materials by this office, both in the open market and under formal contract with other parties.

This difficulty in procuring materials of iron and steel construction not being a local condition, but one general throughout the country, having prevented the completion of the

work, and by no fault of the contractor, the latter is, in my opinion entitled to additional time for the fulfillment of its contract.

I have the honor therefore, to recommend that the time limit for completing the work under the before mentioned contract dated 27 March, 1902, of the Buffalo Dredging Co., be extended to July 1, 1903. Any additional expense incurred by the United States on account of inspection or otherwise, during the period of extension, to be deducted from the contract price of the work.

Very respectfully,

H Symons

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