47TH CONGRESS, 1st Session. } HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. { REPORT No. 739.

LIGHT-HOUSE ON RAM ISLAND, BOOTH BAY HARBOR, MAINE.

MARCH 13, 1882.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CANDLER, from the Committee on Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 5196.]

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred House bill No. 607, providing, "That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be, and hereby is, appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of constructing a light-house on the Hypocrits, at the eastern entrance of Booth Bay Harbor, on the coast of Maine," have considered the same, and respectfully submit the following report, and ask that it do pass:

The House bill No. 607 proposed to locate a light-house on the Hypocrits, at the eastern entrance of Booth Bay Harbor, on the coast of Maine, but your committee find by consulting with the Secretary of the Treasury that it is not advisable to locate a light-house at that place, and annex a substitute bill to change the proposed location, and establish a light-house on Ram Island, one-half mile distant from the Hypocrits. The cost of a light-house on the Hypocrits it is estimated would be $75,000, while if located on Ram Island the cost is estimated at $25,000, the amount asked for in the original bill. Ram Island is owned by the government. If it is found desirable a whistling buoy might be placed on the Hypocrits, as suggested by the Light-House Board. The committee submit a letter received from the Secretary of the Treasury, and a communication from the Light-House Board.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
March 7, 1882.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, inclosing for the views of this department House bill No. 607, providing for the erection of a light-house on the Hypocrits, at the eastern entrance of Booth Bay Harbor, on the coast of Maine.

In reply I have respectfully to transmit herewith a copy of a letter of the Light-House Board, dated the 4th instant, stating that the board having considered the matter has reached the conclusion that a light-house should be established on Ram Island, about one-half mile distant from the Hypocrits, this island being owned by the government; and that if found necessary, a whistling buoy might be placed on the Hypocrits.

The board states that the estimated cost of locating the light, in accordance with the provisions of the bill referred to above, would be $75,000, while it is believed that $25,000 would probably be sufficient for the establishment of one on Ram Island, and recommends that provision be made for the latter.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. J. FOLGER,
Secretary.

Hon. J. W. CANDLER, M. C.,
House of Representatives.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD,
Washington, March 4, 1882.

SIR: The Light-House Board has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of department letter (E. W. C.) of March 3, transmitting for suggestion bill H. R. 607, to provide for the construction of a light-house on the Hypocrits, at the eastern end of Booth Bay Harbor, on the coast of Maine, this bill having been sent to the department March 1 for its opinion by Hon. John W. Candler, M. C.

In reply I beg to state that the board has given this matter careful consideration, and has reached the conclusion that a light-house should be established on Ram Island, about one-half mile distant from the Hypocrits, this island being owned by the government; and that if found necessary a whistling buoy might be placed on the Hypocrits.

The estimated cost of establishing a light on the Hypocrits is $75,000, while it is thought that $25,000 would probably be sufficient for the establishment of one on Ram Island.

Recommendation is therefore respectfully made that provision be made for the establishment of a light-station on Ram Island, instead of on the Hypocrits, as proposed by bill H. R. 607.

The papers in the case are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

JOHN RODGERS,
Rear-Admiral, U. S. N., Chairman.

The honorable the SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.