
LIGHT-HOUSE ON BORDEN FLATS, MASS.

APRIL 28, 1880.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

Mr. W. A. RUSSELL, from the Committee on Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 5134.]

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5134) making appropriation for the erection of a light-house on Borden Flats, Mount Hope Bay, Mass., have considered the same, and respectfully submit the following report:

The location of the proposed light-house is near the port of Fall River, Mass. The commerce of Fall River is very large, and is only exceeded by that of a few ports on the coast. Situated midway between Boston and New York, a large passenger and transportation business daily enters and leaves this harbor. There are also regular lines of steamers running from Fall River to Southern ports. The amount of coal shipped to this port is about 300,000 tons annually. The average of property daily entering and leaving the harbor of Fall River is estimated at not less than \$3,000,000, three-fourths of which leaves by night, and the number of passengers is from one to two thousand daily.

There is no government light or fog-signal of any kind within six miles of this point. Great inconvenience and considerable risk attend the navigation of this locality from the want of adequate lights.

Your committee think that the amount of business and the proper security of life and property require the establishment of the light-house and fog-bell as proposed, and recommend the construction of the same.

Herewith is submitted a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, together with a communication from the Light-House Board.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, April 26, 1880.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, inclosing for the views of this department, House bill No. 5134, appropriating twenty-five thousand dollars for the erection of a light-house on Borden Flats, Mount Hope Bay, Mass.

In reply, I have respectfully to transmit herewith a copy of a letter of the 23d instant, from Maj. F. M. Farquhar, U. S. A., engineer secretary of the Light-House Board, stating that the subject was considered by the board at its meeting on March 1, 1880, and the conclusion reached that a light-house and fog-bell are both required at the point above named and should be established.

Very respectfully,

JOHN SHERMAN,
Secretary.

Hon. WM. A. RUSSELL, M. C.,
Committee on Commerce, House of Representatives.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD,
Washington, April 23, 1880.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (E. W. C.) of April 22, transmitting for the views of the Light-House Board a letter from Hon. W. A. Russell, M. C., and H. R. bill 5134, for the erection of a light-house on Borden Flats, Mount Hope Bay, Mass.

In reply, I beg leave to say that the board at its meeting on March 1 considered the question, and reached the conclusion that a light-house and a fog-bell were both needed at the point named above, and should be established.

H. R. bill 5134 is herewith returned, together with the letter of Mr. Russell.

Very respectfully,

F. U. FARQUHAR,
Major of Engineers, Engineer Secretary.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

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