Treasury Department.
5th Auditor's Office.
July 18th 1844.

Sir,

Mr Wilson reports the following repairs to be necessary in your district. viz:

Huron River Light.— The floor of the Lantern should be newly covered with zinc. He states that a footway should be constructed to the Lighthouse 1000 feet long. 4 feet high, and 3 feet wide, of thick plank flooring - a railing on one side. A mechanic he observes has offered to do it for 200 dollars and ensure it, for how long a time he does not state.

You will make enquiry and if this foot way can be done for the above sum and ensured for some years to come, you will have it done.

Cedar Point Light.— The front wall he states to be cracking. The cause should be ascertained and a further breach in the wall prevented.

Sandusky Light.— Tower requires white-washing inside and out.

Port Clinton.— Tower also requires white-washing inside and out.

You will be pleased to have these several repairs made as soon as you may find it practicable.

I am, &c.
L. Pleasonton.

Elias H. Haines Esq
Supt. of Lights
Sandusky City. Ohio.

Treasury Department.
5th Auditor's Office.
July 18th 1844.

Sir,

Mr Wilson, in his late report on the condition of the Lighthouses on the Lakes - states the following repairs to be necessary in your District, viz:

Silver Creek Lighthouse.— Inside of the tower requires plastering, and new floors to be laid over the olde one, a new stand required for the oil butt,

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and also a new lock for the door. the cost of all which he estimates at 45 dollars.

Dunkirk Light House - The repairs here amounting to 25 dollars being required immediately, they were authorised by Mr Wilson, in addition to which he recommends 5 oars for the Boat.

Portland Harbor. - The old plaster here to be scraped off, and a coat of Roman cement to be put in its place - afterwards to be whitewashed.

nim 47 These several repairs you will be pleased to have done as early as practicable.

Sam, &c.
L. Pleasonton.

Jed^k H. Lathrop Esq
Supt. of Lights -
Buffalo, N. York.

Treasury Department
5^th Auditor's Office.
July 18^th 1844.

Sir,

Mr Wilson the Inspector reports the following repairs to be necessary within your district, viz:

Conneaut Light. - The repairs required here amounting to 6 dollars only were authorised by Mr Wilson.

Ashtabula Light. - The repairs necessary
nim 35 here amounting to 1 dollar only were authorised by Mr Wilson.

Cunninghams Harbor. - The fence in front of keepers house requires repair. The chimnies smoke which ought to be remedied. the whole cost put down at 15 dollars.

Grand River Light. - The dwelling here requires a new roof. the tower door wants a lock, and the tower itself to be whitewashed - cost 50 dollars - ordered to be done by Mr Wilson.

Black River Light. - The deck of the lantern needs a new floor to be covered with zinc - A new floor and partition is needed below - cost estimated at 18 dollars.

You will be pleased to cause all these

expected to exceed $600, yet if the security of the work shall require it, an expenditure of one or two hundred dollars more will be admissible.

I shall lay your letter respecting the claim of the Pilots before the Secretary of the Treasury with a recommendation that 800 instead of 500 dollars be allowed.

I am, &c.
S. Pleasonton.

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Cornelius P. Vanness Esq.
Supt. of Lights
New York.

Treasury Department
5th Auditor's Office
April 19th 1845.

Sir,

On the 27th January last, I enclosed to your predecessor a letter from the Collector at New York, containing a claim of certain Pilots for services rendered to the Floating Light off Sandy Hook, which had broke from her moorings, amounting to $1480. The Collector thought that $800 were sufficient, and as it was a case of some importance, I submitted it to Mr Bibb, who decided that not more than 500 dollars ought to be given.

The claimants will not receive the latter amount, but will, the Collector is of opinion, receive $800 in full of their claim; otherwise they will bring suit against the Collector. I respectfully enclose a

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copy of a letter just received from him, and to recommend that the $800 be allowed in order to settle this matter.

I am, &c.
S. Pleasonton.

Secretary Treasury.

Treasury Department
5th Auditor's Office
April 19th 1845.

Sir,

I enclosed the appointment of Joshua Lane as Keeper of the Lighthouse at Portland Harbor, vice Nathaniel Bird, removed; together with a copy of Instructions for

the former, and the letter of removal to the latter: all of which you will be pleased to deliver and to admonish Mr Lane of the necessity of residing and being himself steadily in the house provided for the keeper.

Mr Lane is now in Washington, and desires that his appointment may be retained in the Custom House, till his arrival at Buffalo.

I am, &c.
S. Pleasonton.

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J. H. Leathrop Esq.
Supt. of Lights
Buffalo, N. Y.

Treasury Department
5th Auditor's Office
April 19th 1845.

Sir,

I enclose the appointment of Thomas Lloyd, of Port Tobacco, as keeper of the Light Boat at Upper Cedar Point, vice James H. Neale, removed: together with a copy of Instructions for the former, and the letter of removal to the latter: all of which you will be pleased to deliver, and to admonish Mr Lloyd of the necessity of residing and being himself steadily on board the vessel.

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I am, &c.
S. Pleasonton.

Edward Green Esq.
Supt. of Lights
Alexandria, D.C.

Treasury Department
5th Auditor's Office
April 19th 1845.

Sir.

Your letter of the 16th inst. is received, and, as it appears from your explanation contained therein, that the charge of $24 made by Mr Youngs, and objected to in my letter of the 23d Dec. last, was for setting plate glass at the Lighthouse at Throgs neck subsequently to the full completion of his contract, you are hereby authorised to pay the bill as suggested, and to charge