

KEEPERS OF LIFE SAVING STATION-HOUSES.

MAY 10, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. J. GLANCY JONES, from the Committee on Ways and Means made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the following resolution viz: "Resolved, That the Committee on Ways and Means be directed to enquire into the propriety of making an appropriation for the payment of the keepers of the life saving station-houses on the coast of New Jersey and New York, as was completed by the passage of the act authorizing the appointment of said keepers in December, 1854," beg leave to report:*

That under the provisions of the act of Congress, entitled "An act for the better preservation of life and property from vessels shipwrecked on the coasts of the United States," approved December 14, 1854, the following appropriations have heretofore been made:

By the "Act making appropriations for light-houses, light-boats, buoys, &c., and providing for the erection and establishment of the same and for other purposes," approved August 18, 1856.

"For compensation of two superintendents for the life stations on the coasts of Long Island and New Jersey, three thousand dollars."

"For compensation of fifty-four keepers of stations, at two hundred dollars each per annum, ten thousand eight hundred dollars."

By the "Act making appropriations for certain civil expenses of the government for the year ending the 30th June, 1858," approved March 3, 1857.

"For compensation of two superintendents for the life stations on the coasts of Long Island and New Jersey, two thousand and sixty-one dollars and fourteen cents."

"For compensation of fifty-four keepers of stations, seven thousand one hundred and twenty-three dollars and eighty cents."

Thus, it will be perceived, that appropriations have been made "for the payment of the keepers of the life saving station-houses on the coasts of New Jersey and New York, as was contemplated by the passage of the act authorizing the appointment of said keepers in December, 1854," to the 30th June, 1858, and, further, that the Secretary of the Treasury in the estimates of appropriations required

for the support of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1859, on folio 40, submits the following items:

“Compensation of two superintendents for the life saving stations on the coasts of Long Island and New Jersey, \$3,000.”

“Compensation of fifty-four keepers of stations, at \$200 each, \$10,800.”

For which provision is made in (Bill H. R. No. 200) “making appropriations for sundary civil expenses of the government for the year ending the 30th June, 1859,” (page 4, lines 75, 76, 77, 78, and 79,) reported by this committee on the 21st January, 1858, thus rendering any further action unnecessary, and beg to be discharged from its further consideration.