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NEW LIGHT-HOUSE TENDER.

LETTER

FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

RECOMMENDING

AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR A NEW LIGHT-HOUSE TENDER IN THE SEVENTH LIGHT-HOUSE DISTRICT.

JANUARY 30, 1902.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, January 28, 1902.

SIR: This Department, at the instance of the Light-House Board, has the honor to state that by the act approved March 3, 1901, an appropriation of $85,000 was made "for constructing, equipping, and outfitting, complete for service, a new steam tender for construction and repair service in the Seventh light-house district."

The amount appropriated was in accordance with the estimate made in 1897 by the Light-House Board. Now, however, when the plans for the tender are being prepared in detail, it is found that the estimate of five years ago is insufficient, and that a further appropriation of $40,000 will be required. The cost of labor has increased about one-third, and the cost of material has increased in nearly the same proportion in these five years which have passed since the estimate was made.

The number of aids to navigation which the proposed tender will have to keep in repair has increased, and propositions are pending in Congress for the establishment of light-house structures in the Seventh light-house district, which can not well be built without the aid of a tender. It is now evident that the tender which it was estimated five years ago could be built for $85,000, can not now be built for less than $125,000. The board therefore repeats its former statements as

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to the urgent need for the services of a new steam tender for construction and repair in the Seventh light-house district.

This Department concurs with the board as to the necessity for building that tender as soon as practicable, and joins with the board in recommending that an additional appropriation of $40,000 be made therefor.

Respectfully,

O. L. SPAULDING,
Acting Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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