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A Letter to Col. J. J. Abert, Chief Topl. Engineer from J. D. Graham

J. D. Graham

Nella Kennedy

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15 November 1854

Detroit, Michigan

A letter to Col. J. J. Abert, Chief Topl. Engineer, Washington [DC] from J. D. Graham, reported on the harbors on the east side of Lake Michigan, including the Holland Harbor. Graham is proposing how much money needed to be appropriated in order to continue the work on these harbors.

Partial transcription by Nella Kennedy, January, 2004.

Original in the Holland Historical Trust Collection at the Holland Museum.

No. 54

Detroit, Michigan
November 15th, 1854

Col. J. J. Abert
Chief Topl. Engineer, Washington

Sir.

On the 13th ult: I reported to you my detention at Grand Haven ... I proceeded to complete the duties assigned me by the Bureau in reference to the harbors on the East side of Lake Michigan, and on Lake St. Clair.

The works at Michigan City, St. Joseph, and Black Lake Harbors on Lake Michigan have been progressing in accordance with the approved plans, and instructions from the Bureau. From careful investigation I am satisfied that the most economical mode of expending

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the amount remaining of the appropriation for Michigan City, I herewith present an estimate marked A for funds on account of this work to include the 30th inst. amt. to \$ 1,534.50. The balance of appropriation for the harbor of St. Joseph is drawn from the Treasury, and is now in court of disbursement. It will probably be expended in repairs, under the instructions received before the close of the present year.

The work for extending the bridge pier

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at Black Lake Harbor has been progressing since the 11th ultime [?], in accordance with the plan of the Board of Engineers of the 19th of August last, communicated with your instructions of the 29th of that month. It is intended to continue that work as long as the season will permit, which will probably be as late as the middle of December. The work will probably exhaust the balance remaining of the appropriation now in the Treasury and I herewith present an estimate to cover it, marked B, amounting to the sum of \$1,780.29.

I request that this, together with the amount of Estimate A may be remitted to me at Chicago whither I shall proceed tomorrow or the next day.

I am very respectfully,

Your obt. Servt.

J. D. Graham

..... [?] Supts. Engi.

[transcription only of significant portions of the letter:
Nella Kennedy, January 2004]

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Detroit, Michigan

November 15th 1854

Col. J. J. Abert
Chief Top. Engineer, Washington.
Sir.

On the 13th ult. I reported to you my detention at Grand Haven in consequence of an injury received from the overturning of a wagon while travelling on duty. It proved more troublesome than I at first anticipated, and, together with a bilious attack I afterwards had, detained me between three and four weeks. So soon as I was sufficiently recovered, I proceeded to complete the duties assigned me by the Bureau in reference to the harbors on the East side of Lake Michigan, and on Lake St. Clair.

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 St. Joseph City, will be to continue the work
 of framing the timber for the cribs until
 all the timber now on hand shall be
 worked up. This will occupy all the
 present autumn and a portion of the winter.
 Labor is cheaper at this season of the year
 than at any other, and the organization of
 the working parties will be such that
 the mechanics & laborers are paid by
 the days' work actually done. So soon
 as the next season is sufficiently open,
 the cribs thus framed can be quickly
 put together and sunk in position.

I herewith present an ^{estimate} ~~report~~ marked
 A for funds on account of this work
 to include the 30th inst, amount to \$ 1534.50.

The balance of appropriation for the
 harbor of St. Joseph is drawn from the
 Treasury, & is now in course of disburse-
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 in repairs, under the instructions received,
 before the close of the present year.

The work for extending the bridge pier

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The work will probably exhaust the balance remaining of the appropriation now in the Treasury, and I herewith present an estimate to cover it, marked B, amounting to the sum of \$ 1780.29.

I request that this, together with the amt. of Estimate A may be remitted to me at Chicago, whether I shall proceed tomorrow or the next day.

I am very respectfully, Sir,
Your obt. servt.

J. D. Graham
Supt. Supt. Supt.

Detroit Nov 15th 1854
Lt Col. J. D. Graham
Report the progress of the
works at Michigan City, St
Joseph, & Black ^{Rock} ~~Point~~ ^{Hastings}
& haulage estimates for the
prosecution of those at Michigan
City & St Joseph.

Recd Nov 1864

1854

Leland Michigan

November 15th 1854

Gen. J. L. Albert

Chief Sup. Engineer, Washington.

Sir:

On the 13th ult. I reported to you my detention at Grand Haven in consequence of an injury received from the overturning of a wagon while travelling on duty. It proved more troublesome than I at first anticipated, and, together with a bilious attack I afterwards had, detained me between three and four weeks. So soon as I was sufficiently recovered I proceeded to complete the duties assigned me by the Bureau in reference to the harbors on the East side of Lake Michigan, and on Lake St. Clair.

The works at Michigan City, Joseph, and Black Lake Harbor on Lake Michigan have been progressing in accordance with the approved plans, and instructions from the Bureau. From careful investigation I am satisfied that the most economical mode of expending

Attached herewith is
 a list of the progress of the
 works at Michigan City, Joseph,
 and Black Lake Harbor on the
 East side of Lake Michigan.
 I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 your obedient servant,
 J. L. Albert

Recd. Nov 15 1854

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 Yours obt. servt.
 J. D. Graham
 Asst. Supt. of Harbors

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