SURVEY OF OLD RIVER BRANCH OF SAN JOAQUIN RIVER, CALIFORNIA.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

TRANSMITTING,

With letter of the Chief of Engineers, report of a survey of Old River branch of San Joaquin River, California.

JANUARY 22, 1895.—Referred to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors and ordered to be printed.

> WAR DEPARTMENT, Washington, January 21, 1895.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith a letter from the Chief of Engineers dated January 18, 1895, together with a copy of a report from Maj. W. H. Hener, Corps of Engineers, dated January 9, 1895, of a survey made by him in compliance with the provisions of the river and harbor act of August 17, 1894, of Old River branch of San Joaquin River, California.

Very respectfully.

DANIEL S. LAMONT. Secretary of War.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS, UNITED STATES ARMY. Washington, D. C., January 18, 1895.

SIR: The river and harbor act of August 17, 1894, provides for a survey of Old River branch of San Joaquin River, California, and I have now the honor to inclose a copy of report of January 9, 1895, with map, by Maj. W. H. Heuer, Corps of Engineers, submitted under this item of the act mentioned.

The project proposed by Major Hener contemplates obtaining a depth of 5 feet in a channel 50 feet wide through the shoals between Naglees Ferry and Naglee's warehouse, at an estimated cost of \$2,000.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

THOS. LINCOLN CASEY. Brig. Gen., Chief of Engineers.

HON. D. S. LAMONT, Secretary of War. SURVEY OF OLD RIVER BRANCH OF SAN JOAQUIN RIVER, CALIFORNIA.

United States Engineer Office, San Francisco, Cal., January 9, 1895.

GENERAL: In compliance with the act of Congress of August 17, 1894, and your instructions, I submit herewith a tracing of that part of Old River branch of San Joaquin River, California, which has been obstructed by sand bars. The preliminary examination of the river was made in August, 1892, and the report thereon printed as House Ex. Doc. No. 18, Fifty-second Congress, second session.

To obtain a depth of 5 feet of water in a channel 50 feet wide through these shoals will require the removal of about 8,000 cubic yards of material, measured in place. To get a dredge on the ground and back to her work will cost about \$800, and the dredging can be done at an estimated cost of 15 cents per cubic yard; or the total estimated cost of the removal of the shoal is \$2,000.

As the commerce over this section of the river averages nearly 5,000 tons of wheat and barley per year, it is thought to be worthy of improvement to the extent of removing these shoals.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. HEUER,

Major, Corps of Engineers.

Brig. Gen. THOMAS L. CASEY, Chief of Engineers, U. S. A.

(Through Col. G. H. Mendell, Corps of Engineers, Division Engineer, Pacific Division.)

[First indorsement.]

UNITED STATES ENGINEER OFFICE, San Francisco, Cal., January 10, 1895.

Respectfully forwarded, recommended.

G. H. MENDELL, Colonel, Corps of Engineers, Division Engineer.



