## LETTER

FROM THE

## COMMISSIONER OF FISH AND FISHERIES,

TRANSMITTING

His report for the year 1878.

JANUARY 13, 1879.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

UNITED STATES COMMISSION, FISH AND FISHERIES, Washington, D. C., January 9, 1879.

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to transmit herewith my report for the year 1878, as United States Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries, embracing, first, the result of inquiries into the condition of the fisheries of the sea-coast and lakes of the United States; and, second, the history of the measures taken for the introduction of useful food-fishes into its waters.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

SPENCER F. BAIRD,

Commissioner.

Hon. WM. A. WHEELER,

President United States Senate, and

Hon. S. J. RANDALL,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

