Naval Office, District of Baltimore
Feby 23d 1825.

Sir!

I have now to inform you that Wm Donaho has repeated me under date Havre de Grace, Feby 22nd 1825, that he accedes to the terms of payment stipulated in the advertisement for proposals to build the Light House at Hamas Point. I shall therefore request his attendance in Baltimore without delay, to execute the contract.

I have the honor to be, respectfully
Sir, your obedient Servant

Wm P. Barney
Lieut. & Insp. Revenue

Stephen Pleasonton Esq.
Fifth Auditor and acting
Commissioner of the Revenue

Naval Office, District of Baltimore
Oct. 3rd, 1825.

Sir,

Having received notice from the Contractors to build the Light House &c. at Thomas's Point, that the works had been completed, I repaired there to inspect the same on Wednesday last, and did not get back until last evening. - I regret to have it to state that the water of the wells proves so bad, that it cannot possibly be used having a stench equal to bilge-water. I had it analyzed and found that its offensiveness was entirely owing, or attributable to a stratum of black mud and sand, through which the wells had been sunk, but which I am quite sure could be perfectly remedied by properly puddling; - and this is also the opinion of several intelligent gentlemen of Annapolis, and of a well-digger, all of whom have visited the premises. -

The foundation of the Light-House has not been "built up solid" and the rats have already found their way, by burrowing, into it.

The pieces forming the soap stone deck are not all "clamped together". -

The copper that covers the iron frame doors of the scuttle to the lantern is not more than 16 to 18 oz, which should be 30 oz to the square foot; which also is the case with the copper of the door leading out of the lantern, and that of the lower squares of the sashes. -

Neither of the frames of the above named doors are sufficiently strongly made; and the upper part of the frame of the latter being formed of the rabbet of the sash only, into which it shuts,

is utterly too weak to last any time.—

The Electrical conductor is less than 5/8° of an inch in diameter, whereas it should be "three quarters of an inch"; nor does it extend in height by four feet as much as it ought;— besides that it is most shamefully put up.—

There is no "sink with a spout leading through the wall" to the Kitchen, but in lieu thereof a large hole has been left in the wall and a cavity in the floor into which to throw the slop and offal.

The out-house is pointed with a kind of clay and lime mortar that crumbles at the touch.

The whole plastering of the dwelling is badly done, but that of the passage, the Kitchen, the closets, and part of one of the rooms should be done over again.—

There is but little of the paint-work that has been finished; some of it has only received a priming, and other parts but one coat of paint.—

The floors though of well seasoned stuff and well laid, are short of one inch thick; whilst they should be "double" or, an inch and a half thick.

I have thus pointed out the defects in the works, but I must not omit to do justice to the contractors in that the stone works, joints, roofing, and the wood works generally is executed in faithful and masterly manner; and with the above exceptions the Light House gives me intire satisfaction.— I request your instructions on the subject, and whether I am to insist upon a strict compliance with the letter of the contract in every particular.

The contractor not having received any advance, are much embarrassed for funds, and would be thankful for a payment of one or two thousand dollars ex ace, did you conceive it proper to allow it.

The Pools Island establishment is getting on rapidly.

Wm. Davis the contractor to fit up the Light House at Hiana's Point with the lighting apparatus, has already complied with his contract to my most perfect satisfaction, and in a manner that does him great credit; and I do not believe there is any apparatus in the United States to be compared with it. I should it would afford me great gratification that it should be inspected by competent and disinterested judges, and compared with the works that has hitherto been palmed upon government. The only fault I have to find with it is that Wm. Davis was obliged to conform to the imperfect model of lamps in general use, that will only burn two or three hours without trimming, when those he would have furnished would burn nine hours without being trimmed, and that their light is exceed the others in a ratio of five to three.

Will you be pleased to furnish me with the sum necessary to pay Wm. Davis. The amount you will ascertain by reference to the copy of his contract herewith transmitted you, say six-hundred-and-five-Dollars.

I am very respectfully
Sir, your obedient Servant
Wm. W. Barney
Bvt Lt. U.S.N. &c

Stephen Pleasanton Esq.
Fifth Auditor &c. &c. &c

Naval Office District of Patuxent
D. C. Jan. 1825.

Sir,

I have this moment returned from a final inspection of the Light House &c. at Thomas Point, and have the gratification to state that it now meets the decided approbation of the gentleman to whom the contractors and myself found it advisable to submit the case. — The water proves to be a chalibeate and at the depth of thirty feet is perfectly clear and not in any wise unwholesome. —

Mr. Collins the keeper is a practical mechanic of first rate abilities and standing, and possesses the confidence to be the very best contract work he has ever undertaken.

Be pleased to furnish me with the necessary funds to pay the contractors; — and, as they are unceasingly pressed by their hands and others for payment for work done and materials furnished, it will be conferring a particular obligation upon them that the money be transmitted by the return of mail.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully Sir,
your obedient Servant

W. W. Harris
Dep. T. C. &c.

Stephen Pleasonton Esq.
Fifth Auditor and acting
Commissioner of the Revenue

Baltimore 7th Decr 1840

Sir

Herewith I forward to your address my Light House disbursement account for the 3rd Quarter together with the proper vouchers certificates of the Keepers and contracts of Mr Winslow Lewis for the re-building of Thomas Point Light House

I am Sir
Very respectfully
Your obt Svt
Wm Lorick

To
L. Pleasonton Esq.
Asst Secretary of the Treasury
Washington

Thomas' Point Light House
7 July 1842

Sir

Having made application to the Superintendent of L. H.' at Balt. for a Small Boat for the use of this Light House - was informed by Mr Lyon of the Custom House that an Order must be given without which he was not authorized

I therefore take the liberty of stating that One is much wanted as the One formerly belonging to the Establishment has gone to pieces long since

ask the 20 June a Boat sunk off the Point and for the want of such a Boat I was unable to render them relief

Also the water at this place is at times so Bad that it cannot be used, and we have to go the distance of 2 miles - whereas if we had a Boat the distance would be but half a mile

There is no Sporting to the Establishment which deprives Pur's of Water for Washing

I do therefore sincerely hope you will grant an Order for a Small Boat as it will be of great use to the Establishment & also of Benefit to the Public

Your Obt Servt
Hicks Roark
Supt. Thos. P. L. Brown

To J. Pleasington Esqr
Navy Dept.

Mr. Williams' Letter July 1862
Thomas' Point Light House
July 31st 1862

Hicks Roark, Supt. asking for a small boat, the old one having been worn out.

Wrote Mr. Williams July 1862