Sir

Portland 8th Dec 1790

We some time since wrote you informing the Stone work of the Lt House was compleated, the wood work was soon after done — our Capt. have the small House so far forward that a few days will compleat it; neither Heat or Cold has abated at any one time the Zeal of the Workmen [illegible] has been the desire of every one to have the Lights Lighted this Season, that the Committee have done a little towards the completion of the business thus far; and if they should be so happy as to receive the Lanterns they trust that their further endeavours will give full satisfaction —

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tion of him — in our private capacity we
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Turn Over

Sirs Capt Greenleaf, ope as Men who have been intrus-
-ted with the confidence of the public, and desirous of retaining it
Barzillia Delano is by far the proposed Man and
we are fully confident that all impartial persons will
say the same — we fully believe him to be an honest
Man & every way deserving — that Sir we have been
particular as to Mr Delano & we assure you it is from
no other principal than that of duty to the public —
You will permit us to mention that Oyl
is not to be had here fit for the Lamps —
We are with due respect
NB it is cold that the
Ints freeze in the pen —

Yours &c
Joseph McClellan
John Fox

Capt Greenleaf
Inspectors Office
Boston