Sir

Treasury Department
Revenue Office March 16th 1796

As it was thought probable that the Keeper of the Light House intended to be erected on Segwin Island would desire to prepare some parts of the Land for Gardening and Farming, the idea of an immediate appointment was suggested. This has been made merely and solely on that account, with condition that the Keepers Salary is not to commence until he shall be required to do duty, which is not to be until the Light House, dwelling and oil vault shall be finished and the Keys shall be delivered to the United States. The Salary which is to be thence forth paid is made known to you in my letter concerning compensations of this date. You will be pleased therefore to communicate to Major John Polerecsky that he is to be employed as Keeper of the proposed Light House on Segwin Island when it shall be erected, and that he will probably be required to perform the duties towards the close of Autumn, if all the buildings shall be finished and

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the Keys shall be delivered by the Contractor, to the United States. But that he is ~~not~~ to receive Salary, only from the time when he shall be so required to perform the duty of Keeper. —

The preparation and cultivation of all or any of the Public grounds, not intended for the site of some of the proposed Buildings, may be commenced at his discretion. —

I am Sir

Your very Obed. Servant

Tenche Coxe

Commissioner of the Revenue

Gen.l Lincoln