Sequina november 11th 1796

Sir

I Recivd 25 barrells of oil, by the hands of Mr: webb, you know the Situation of the place as well as I Cann tell you, it took four Stout mann, to Cary one barell, to the house, and the same youse mann and my Self, to lift the barell, on the top of the Sisterns, to empty them; being Six foott high. if I Could afford to keep a paire of Skars, or a horse, I Could Save all that trouble, & experice, in taking the oil on the Shore, to the house in half the time, but I Should Ruin my Self indeed, without the 300 dolars are alowed to me, I have but one Cow here, for my family, and one turn, of hays; I purchased for her delivered to the house Cost me 26 dolar. and so it is with all the necesarys of life till I Cann Raise them. therefor hope you will be So obliging as to have My Selarie Raised to 300 dolars, General dearborn who took my petition, will ask the favour, for you to Sign the Said.

I do not know how fas the oil I Recivd will go, you know General that it is difficult from here, to make aplecations, therefore Should be glade you would be So kaind, as to provide, to have Some oill, wiks, &c: Send, by the time, you Supose it Could be wanting.

I am in want now, of wiks, to Sett the light goin; and of Some iron bars, to Secure the lamps. I beg to Send youre orders to have them delivered to me as Soon as possible. in Case you Should have any further orders to give me please to direct youre letter to the Care of Mr: Wm webb at bath.

I am
Sir

With the highest Estem
youre humble Servant
John Volentine

General Dr: Lincolm

Keeper of the Light at
Segum 14 Nov 1796