Treasury Department

Revenue Office, March 1. 1797

Sir.

Your letter of the 21st ultimo, is this moment received. You will be pleased to proceed forthwith to inform the agent of the owners of Bakers Island, that it will be necessary for you to proceed amicably in the condemnation under the state laws of one or two acres of the land on Bakers Island, suitable for the site of the Light house. If more agreeable to him, you may agree to give what three good men will fix upon it. Rather than incommode him, half an acre may be taken. As soon as the appraisment of the same shall have been made, you will procure such conveyance to secure the fee simple to the United States, as is strictly legal and proper in such cases.

I am, Sir — Your most obed.t Servant

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