Seguine may 6th 1797

Dear General

The honour of youre answer I Recivd, by Capt Pittel; by which I See, the kind offer, you make me, on account of Recieving my Salary, by making Mr: Besa Lincoln, my attorney; I am very much oblige to him, for his offer, I hope he will excuse the trouble I give him, not being aquainted with the Gentleman, I am willing to Satisfy him, for the trouble I give him, and thank him besides. I Signet the power, and as I dont know where I Shall direct it, I take the Libirty, to inclose it, in youre letter, as also, a memorandum, to who I Should be glad the money would be payd to, and proper Recets taken for it.

Pleas to Send me as Soon as possible, oil, and wick yarn, I am most out; tenn pound of wick yarn, that I Recive with the oil, will just Supplie the lamps, for the Same Space of time, as the oile will, that you Send me. the oile ought to be Send all in 30, or 33, gallon barrells, as they Could not be brought up, in the oil house, if they was in any larger Casks.

the boat that General Dearborn told me, was allowed to me, I am very much in want of, it is completed, all to the articles, I Send you by Capt Pittell, which if they are allowed to me, I Should take it as a particular favour, if you would forward them to me, with the oil, also and order to Mr: webb, to pay the boat, to his neighbour, moody; who has build her.

the lamp Capt williams took for a model, is nidless to be So high nor the nose to be So long there might be taken of Six inches of the lamp and 4 or 5 inches of the nose. as there is no possibility for me, to find any glass, in our neighbourhood, in Case any Sowls Should break any Squares, in the lighthouse, I think it would be necessary, if the General would be So obliging, as to Send me, two or three dozd for which I Shall keep a proper account, and a good Case, in Case of want, to be at hand; they are 14 by 11. there is a gread many Small birds, that kill them Selves, in foggy nights, Since Capt williams was here, they have broke no glasses yet, but if they Should, I Should not be able to Reemplace them without having them in Reserve and also Some putty.

I was obliged to make Some pot-lids, of wood, over the lamps, or els the oil, very Sweet, would be Spoilt, and black, So as to be obliged to empty them, and would wastet a gread deal of oile. there for, if you think proper, I Should be very glad, if you would be So kaind, as to habe Eight, made; and Send them to me with the lamp Capt williams took here, I Supose Strong tin, with a handle to it, will be Sufficient.

as for the Estimate, you desire me to make, how many pounds, I Should want for a year, to do, the light house duly, is impossible to me, not being aquainted with the Business well Enough yet, but I leve it intirely to the General to Send me with he thinks proper

as for the Coals for the Stove, it is impossible to ascertain, before I
tried, how many bushells I shall want, all I heard, of the Sowl who used
to tend plymouth lights, is, that they used 40 bushells a winter, but perhaps
I shall not want tem; bushells; perhaps more. I shall be very Care full not
to use more then necessary.
I Recivd a bottle madeira wine, by Capt.n williams, for which, I am very
much oblige, to the General; it is Reader Spoiling a poor light house keeper
who is not able, to keep on drinking more, after he hade a teast of it.
I hope you will excuse my being so troublesome with my letters I am

With the highest Consideration
your humble Servant
John Lotterell

Dear General

I have taken a family on the Island, the mann is an old aquaintance
of mine, a very good pilote, and a good fisher mann, a very good man
on whom I may lay all dependence, in Case of any Sickness, or want
of any thing, that I Cann send him, an do as if it was my Self,
he is goin to Set up a Small house, bellow the bridge, by the harbour.

General Benjamin Lincoln

Boston

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