New Bedford July 8th 1799

Sir,

I received your favour of the 4th inst, am sorry it is inconvenient for me to meet your son at Gayhead on Tuesday next — tho I do not conceive it necessary. the spot is particularly pointed out where it was thot the Light House ought to stand, that being fixed the spot for the Dwelling House & Vault may be determined by your Son as well as if I was present. —

I have heard nothing from the Treasury Department since I wrote relative to the advance of money — nevertheless I think I shall be justified in doing it, have therefore inclosed to your care a Bill of 500 Doll, supposing this to be as direct a safe as any way to get it to your Son — will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of it by the mail.

I hope your Son will find it convenient to take this place in his way when he next visits Gay-Head & I will endeavour to accompany him if I have previous notice thereof. —

I am Sir,

with great esteem your

most obedient & very humble Servt

Edw Pope

Gen. Lincoln —

July 8 1799

Edwd Hope Esqr

Light House

Recd 20

Bedford

July 9

Benjamin Lincoln Esqr

Boston