Boston August 10. 1803

Sir,

I have visited white head and have fixed on a site for the light-House and dwelling-House to be erected there — the light-house will stand on a Rock near the Channel, on which there is not any covering elevated about twenty feet from high water mark in the fullest tides, — the dwelling House will be near it in the wood which must be fallen and burnt prior to the erection of the building, or they will be exposed to be burned by fire from the wood, should that take fire — the business of falling and burning the Wood I have left with a Man who lives on the Island,

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shingles were laid on, wide ones were placed over these large apertures and being nailed on each side when the boards shrinked the shingles were splitten and the rain and snow passed through — I think the light House cannot be well repaired but by taking off the present Copper on the platform, then to lay a new platform of good white oak seasoned plank so raised in the centre as to give a proper fall for the water then to cover the whole with good shut Copper. properly capped and so nailed that it shall not leak, the joints

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