Sir

Gayhead 12th Octr 1805

The Secretary of the Treasury informed me by Billet of August 16. that you had been written to respecting 900 Gallons of Oil which I received from the Collector at Nantucket, & that it would be taken shortly out of my hands

it was put into the ~~Barn~~ Lighthouse before I received a supply from Edward Pope Esqr. which last from want of room was put into the Barn where my Cattle must be during the ensuing Winter — some of the Casks which contain'd the 900 Gallons proved leaky, I durst not empty them, but have done all I could in driving the hoops — I pray you to inform me whether the Oil received from Nantucket will be taken away before Winter or not as ~~the~~ it must be recoopered if it should continue here — I am haste I am

Sir respectfully your obedient Servt

Ebenr Skiff

To Lincoln Esqr.

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