Treasury Department
April 4th 1807.

Sir

Congress have passed an Act authorizing the erection of a Light House on Naushaun Island near Farpaulin-Cove, in the State of Massachusetts, and appropriated Two thousand five hundred Dollars therefor; provided that sufficient ground for the accommodation of the same can be obtained at a reasonable price, and the jurisdiction thereof vested in the United States. I have therefore to request your aid in effecting the necessary arrangements preparatory to inviting proposals for a Contract.

You will be pleased to cause an examination to be made, and the most suitable site for a Light House fixed on, designating by proper metes and bounds as much ground as may be necessary for the accommodation of the establishment.

The great consideration in fixing on the site is the visibility of a Light House. This will depend upon its projection towards the sea, and its

its elevation above the surface of the water; but the firmness of the ground, and freedom from quick sands, are also matters of consequence. Great care must therefore be used in making the examination and reporting every particular of the nature of the elevation, accessibility of the place, and generally the local advantages and disadvantages of the situation. If the ground belongs to the State, there will be no difficulty in obtaining a Cession of the soil, as well as jurisdiction; but if private property, then measures must be taken for ascertaining the price for which a sufficient quantity can be purchased, unless the proprietor from considerations of public spirit, or a desire to promote and facilitate such important improvements as have a tendency to enhance the value of his remaining land, should be induced to give it gratis, instances of which are not unfrequent.

The foregoing information being obtained, it will be proper in forming a plan of the Building, and deciding on the materials of which the same ought

ought to be built, to have it understood what elevation the Light should have, so that no expense may be incurred in raising it unnecessarily.

As soon as you are in possession of the necessary information on the subject, be pleased to communicate it immediately, with your opinion of the plan &c.ª which may be deemed most advantageous.

I have the honor to be
respectfully
Your obe
Albert Gallatin

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Supt of Light Houses
in Massachusetts.

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at Damariscove Cove —



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