Treasury Department
December 24th 1807.

Sir

I enclose Copy of an extract of a letter from Mr. Pres. L Winthrop, Agent of Mr Bowdoin, respecting the Land at Sarpaulin Cove.

We cannot receive any Deed but in fee simple; but we will agree to a condition that the Keeper shall not be permitted to keep tavern. As to his harbouring Sailors &c &c, he will of course, and as any other individual, be amenable to law for any trespass to which he may be a party: but we cannot make the United States responsible for his conduct in that respect, by inserting in the deed any condition on that point.

I have the honor to be
respectfully
your obedt servt

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