The hon. Gen.l Dearborn

my dear Sir,

I am very sorry, that
as to the security of private property, could
not have been made, in regard to the site
of the proposed light house; what I ought
to do in the case, or how I can be provided
upon to sell ten acres of my land in the
midst of a farm, & which changes essentially
not only the value of that farm, but the
privileges of a tavern, which is attached to
it, and in the event, may endanger the
security, improvement & value of my
whole estate, I do not: - It will be very
disagreeable to claim the protection of the state,
or take any other step, which should be opposed
to so public an object, as a light house; yet
I still conceive, that if some regulations cannot
be obtained, to lessen the inevitable consequences,
which must result from the measure, which is
proposed, I must be constrained to give all
the opposition to it, I can: - I hope however,
that the Secretary of the Treasury will not
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put me to this inconvenience, nor force upon me Regulations of a severe & hostile nature.

I thank you for the communication of your instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury & shall be obliging to you for copies of such parts of this letter, or any other letters of instructions he may give on the subject. Those documents will be necessary to determine the line of Conduct I ought to pursue on the occasion.

I am with great esteem respectfully,

very sincerely yours.

James Bowdoin

Boston Sept. 30. 1810.

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Roaschowen Is.d