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Treasury Department
March 27th, 1811.

Proposals will be received at the Office of the Secretary of the Treasury for building a Light House etc., at the entrance of Scituate Harbour, in the State of Massachusetts of the following materials, dimensions and description.

The Lighthouse to be of stone, the form octagon. The foundation to be sunk three feet below the surface of the earth, or whatever greater depth may be sufficient to render the whole fabric perfectly secure. From the commencement of the foundation to the bottom of the water table the walls to be four feet thick. The diameter of the base from the bottom of the water table, to the top thereof (where the octagonal pyramid is to commence) to be eighteen feet. From the surface to the top of the building, the walls to be twenty five feet and graduated as follows:- The first ten feet after leaving the water table, to be three feet thick, the next eight feet to be two and half feet thick, and the next seven feet to be two feet thick. The diameter at the top of the stone work to be [illegible] feet. The water table to be capped with hewn stone of at least eight inches [illegible] pine, sloped to turn of the water. The outside walls of the Light House to be faced with hewn or hammer dressed stone. The floor to be paved with brick or stone. A sufficient number of stairs to lead from the ground floor to the lantern, with substantial plank floors on the joist of each story. The stairs to be guarded by good hand railing. The top of the building to be arched (reserving a place for a trap door, which is to be fitted to serve as an entrance to the lantern) and to have a stone cornice covered with copper so as to preserve it from the weather. On top of the stone work are to be a sufficient number of substantial iron sleepers, bedded therein, and sloping from the centre, which are to be covered first with sheet iron, over which is to be laid a course of sheathing paper well soaked in linn pala with tar, and then with sheet copper over the iron, the whole to be rivetted together so as that the floor of the Lantern thus prepared, shall be perfectly tight & strong and as durable at least as upon the ordinary mode of laying the copper on wood. The trap door to be covered with sheet copper. The Light House to be furnished with a substantial pannel door, with iron hinges, lock and latch complete, and three winnows each to have eight panes of 10by 12 glass in Strong frames.

A complete iron Lantern, in the octagon form, to rest on the floor prepared for it, with a complete sett of Lamps, to be suspended by good and sufficient iron chains so hung as that the lamps may be raised or lowered at pleasure; and also a sufficient number of air pipes. The eight corner pieces or Stanchions of the Lantern to be built in the wall to the depth of six feet; the ends within the wall to be secured by large anchors. the posts are to be two and half inches square in the lower end, and two inches square above the stone work. The Lantern to be six feet six inches diameter and seven feet high from the floor to the bottom of the dome or roof. The roof to be three feet and half in height and covered with sheet copper. The rafters of the Lantern (which are to be of iron) are to be framed into an iron hoop, over which is to be a copper funnel, through which the smoke may pass into a copper ventilator in the form of a bell, sufficient to contain forty gallons, and large enough to secure the funnel against rain; this ventilator to be turned by a large vane so that the hole for venting the smoke may be always to leeward. Eight dormant ventilators to be fixed in the roof of the lantern. The spaces between the posts, at the angles to be occupied by the sashes, which are to be of iron, struck solid and of sufficient strength so as not to work with the wind.

each sash to be glazed with strong 10 by 12 glass,of the first quality and one of the sashes to be hung on hinges for a convenient door to go out on the platform,which is to be surrounded by iron ballustrades two feet high,each rail or rod to be half an inch square inserted in the braces between the eight posts. The lantern to be painted with three good coats of good paint. The building to be furnished with two complete electrical conductors or rods with points. Also a close stove to be placed in the lantern.

Also a Frame Dwelling House twenty four feet square having one story of eight feet, and a half story of four feet,divided into three rooms of 12 by 14 feet, 12 by 10 feet,& 16 by 12 feet for the kitchen,leaving at one end of the last, 8 by 12 feet for a passage,stairs and closet.There is to be a chimney near the middle of the house, with fire place to each room,also an oven and iron or stone mantletrees, A cellar under the whole, with sufficient walls well stoned seven feet high and pointed with lime morter. The walls of the house to be boarded with good inch pine boards, featheredge and on these are to be laid a good coat of cedar or pine,(without sap) shingles. There are to be three chambers. The roof to be rectangular, the boards of which to be joined and halved and well seasoned, and covered with like good shingles as the walls. A sufficient number of windows well glazed,with shutters and the proper fastenings; also doors hung on iron hinges, with thumb latches,and the outside doors to have good locks. The inside walls and ceilings to be lathed and plastered with two coats of good lime morter, and all the floors to be doubled above and below and nailed through. The wood work to be painted inside and out with two coats, the roof as well as the walls.

A well to be sunk and stoned at a convenient distance from the house, and furnished with the necessary apparatus for drawing water.

An Oil Vault to be built of stone 12 by 18 feet in the clear,arched over,plaistered within, and covered with a cement of earth and sand,and over it a roof covered with shingles. The vault to be furnished with five strong white pine (without sap)cisternswith covers,capable of containing two hundred gallons of oil each; these cisterns to be set on blocks and receivers placed under them,to preserve the oil in case of leakage. The entrance to the vault to be well secured by a sufficient door hung with hinges and a strong lock and painted.

The builder is to find and pay for all the materials, labor,workmanship,and other objects of cost,charge or expense,and to execute the above described work in a good workmanlike manner within the time and for a sum to be agreed upon. Bond and Security for the faithful performance of the contract will be required,convenient payments or advance will be made.

Persons disposed to contract will be pleased to transmit their proposals to Henry Dearborn Esq. Collector of the Customs at Boston,on or before the tenth day of May next,who will immediately thereafter transmit them to the Treasury Department,from whence notice will be given of the accepted offer.

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Articles of Agreement entered into this twelfth day of June A.D.1811, between Henry Dearborn, Collector for the district of Boston and Charleston, in behalf of the United States, on the one part, and Nathal Gill Jr. Joseph Hammond Jr. and Charles Gill all of Hingham. in the county of Plymouth in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Yeomen on the other part Witnesseth, that the said Nathal Gill Jr. Joseph Hammond Jr. and Charles Gill, on their part hereby agrees and engages to erect a Light House, Dwelling House & Oil Vault on Cedar Point, at the entrance of the Harbour of Scituate, in the aforesaid county of Plymouth, and to complete the same, together with all the appendages, in a faithful and workmanlike manner, in strict conformity with the advertisement hereunto annexed, and to complete the whole by the first day of December next. for the consideration of the sum of three thousand two hundred dollars, and the said Henry Dearborn in his aforesaid capacity agrees and engages on his part to pay to the said Nathal Gill Jr. Joseph Hammond Jr. and Charles Gill the aforesaid sum of three thousand two hundred dollars, as soon as they shall have completed the said buildings and appendages in conformity with their foregoing engagement, provided that no Member of Congress shall be concerned or interested in this contract.

In Witness where of the parties have hereunto interchangeably set their hands & seals the day & date above mentioned.

H. Dearborn. (Seal)

Signed and Sealed in presence of (Signed)

Nathaniel Gill Jr. (Seal)

Joseph Hammond Jr. (Seal)

Charles Gill (Seal)

James Lovell
Jn° Wheelwright.