Portsmouth, Jany 18th 1811

Sir -

I arrived here about a fortnight since, from Passamaquoddy - At the moment I was leaving that port, Mr Dexter, (who keeps the light-house,) called on me, & observed, that you had sometime ago sent him some glass for his Lanthorn, which was a size too large - That he had no cash - And Mr De Lesdernier, altho' informed of the circumstance, did not trouble himself to have it exchanged or cut - He further observed, that he wanted a small quantity of wick-yarn, and a tackle of 2½ inch rope, to hoist his oil, provisions, &c from the sea, to the hill on which the light house stands - As I observed some old rags substituted for glass in the Lanthorn, I told Mr Dexter to wait on the Collector, & make a Statement of his wants - And if he did not choose to furnish him with such necessaries as the public service required, to call on Mr Isaac Mowrey, (a very respectable merchant,) for such articles as he wanted, (the tackle excepted,) & I would pay for them - I should have supplied him with a tackle from the Cutter, but I had not such a one as he wanted -

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The shore is so perpendicular in the vicinity of the Light-house, that it is absolutely necessary for him to have one - Mr De Lesdernier, is always so extremely "busy," that many little duties (in my opinion) are neglected - Capt Dexter, informs me, that the underpinning of the Light-house, wants some repairs - And I hope Sir you will excuse me if I observe, that if Mr Mowrey was authorized to officiate as a Deputy agent, for the Light house, he would attend to it more strictly than Mr De Lesdernier I shall probably visit East-Port in 6 or 8 weeks, & if you think proper, I will furnish Mr Dexter with the trifle - I sent my compliments to the keepers of several lights, whom I conceived neglected cleaning their glasses - and on the night of the 27th Dec. I saw Seguin, Portland & Wood-Island lights at the same time - Any communications you may have to make on the Eastern Shore, I shall be happy to receive and obey - And permit me to observe Sir, that a light is wanted on the Island of St Marian, as much as at the entrance of Portsmouth harbour -

I am Sir, with respect,
your mo. ob. Servant,
Wm T Adams -

Genl. Henry Dearborn -