Treasury Department

March 14th 1811.

Sir

I enclose Copy of the first, third & fourth sections of an Act authorizing the erection of a Light House on Boon Island, a Stone Column on Cape Elizabeth, Buoys at the entrance of Edgartown, and also of that part of the Section making appropriation for these objects, and a further sum for Beacons & Buoys near the entrance of Beverly harbour.

You will be pleased to enquire into the fitness of Boon Island for a light house, and if it is found to be an eligible and proper site, you are to apply to the Legislature of Massachusetts for a Cession of the soil and jurisdiction of the Island, agreeably to the provision of the Act. I will thank you in the next place, to report your opinion of the proper dimensions and kind of building that will be necessary, keeping in view the amount of appropriation.

It will be necessary to obtain the right of soil on Cape Elizabeth, or a written permission from the owner, before the Column is erected, and you will be pleased to give me your opinion on the size, height and manner in

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which it should be built.

You will also report the number and kind of Buoys necessary to be placed at the entrance of the harbour of Edgartown, and what additional Buoys are required for Beverly harbour.

I am respectfully

Your Obed.t Serv.t

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Sup.t of Light Houses

in Massachusetts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized, on being satisfied that Boon island in the district of Maine, in the state of Massachusetts is a fit and eligible sight for a light house, and that one ought to be erected thereon, to cause a light house to be built on the said island: provided that the Legislature of Massachusetts shall vest the property of the said island in the United States, and cede the jurisdiction of the same.

Sec 3. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby directed to cause such Buoys as he shall deem necessary to be placed at the entrance of the Harbour of Edgartown, in the State of Massachusetts.

Sec 4. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be erected a Column of Stone, as a beacon on Cape Elizabeth, in the State of Massachusetts, of such form and dimensions as he shall deem necessary.

Sec 5. And be it further enacted, That the following sums of money be, and the same are hereby appropriated for the purposes herein mentioned, to wit: For the erection of a light house on Boon Island, three thousand dollars, for placing buoys at the entrance of the Harbour of Edgartown,

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two thousand dollars; and for erecting a Column on Lake Elizabeth, one thousand eight hundred dollars; and for completing the Beacons and Buoys ordered to be placed near the entrance of Beverly harbour, in the State of Massachusetts, the further sum of three hundred and fifty dollars.

March 2d 1811.