Treasury Department

June 11th 1811.

Sir

I have received your letter of 3d inst. and you are hereby authorized to have the Stone Column erected on Cape Elizabeth; provided the expense, together with the price of permission from the owner of the ground, shall not exceed eighteen hundred dollars, the Sum appropriated.

The height which you mention as proper for the Light House on Boon Island, being the same as that at Scituate, you will be pleased to have similar proposals published in one of the papers printed at Boston, of extensive circulation, until the 20th day of July next. You will transmit to me from time to time, such offers as you may receive, with your opinion of the stability of the persons making them, and when the period of publication has elapsed, advise me whether any other have been received or may be expected.

I am respectfully

Your obedt. servt.

Albert Gallatin

Henry Dearborn Esqr

Supt. of Light Houses

in Massachusetts.

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P.S. If you should be of opinion that offers within the limits of the appropriation could not be obtained, you will make the proposals for the Keepers House & Oil Vault, separate from those for the Light House.

A. D. G.