East Port, August 1st 1811

Sir -

Mr. Dexter has frequently told me, that the underpinning of his light-house has been done by the frost, and whenever the wind blows heavily, he is apprehensive it will upset - Yesterday, I sent an Officer and a Mason to examine it, who corroborate Mr Dexter's assertion - And further observe, that the foundation was laid on the turf; that the house has a small inclination to the S. E, and that most of the stones are so loose, they can be removed by hand - They likewise inform me, that the brick work of the Oil cistern has settled, and immediate repairs are necessary. If you think proper to have the under-pinning &c, put in order, you will be good enough to give me directions, and I will attend to it. - I don't see that the Non importation act stagnates the business of this frontier; There is as much Plaister smuggled here, as was regularly imported two years ago. Nor could the whole Navy of the United States prevent it - Major Prescott is an excellent Officer, but a thousand such men could not keep the Citizens of this place honest.

I am Sir, respectfully
Yr. Ob. Servant
Wm. Adams

Genl. Henry Dearborn -

W. P. Adams

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Capt. W. P. Adams

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