Portaugueby Light house
May 20 1814

Hon'd Sir I have endeavored to
to comply with your Direction
Respecting the form of Bells and Light
house but my Situation is bad
Seven Miles from the nyes & Nothing
no rode except about five Which
I have cleared my self to a beach
Where I can land a boat &
I am eleven Miles from any
Market and that on an Island
So that after purchasing my Support
at a Dear rate praying Dear for
Landing it on the Main then Carry
it home on my Shoulder the above-
Mentioned Seven Miles Seeing your
Direction in the bad Respective
Keeper & boat Cannot find to
Pettyjone, send Pilot me to about
On Consideration I would put the

Court of Pleas in My Bill
When I Ventured to do humbley

Beg of your Honnor to pay
Due Rise your Influence that
that it May be paid Money
And Credet is all Ecsepted

From your hum Servt
Thos Denten

N.B I have paid 92 Dollars
for boats

130 dollars I have I paid for
fixing a place to a small Beach
Where I can Secure a boat and
Land Safely with a South Shore

The above Mentioned Beach is
about ½ Mile from the House.

J. Dexter Light
House Keeper
Quody.

May 20. 1812

Returned to a
Boat

Henry Dearborn

Boston
Collector