Collectors Office
Sir Edgartown August 26 1815

Here with I transmit my account for repairs & other contingent expenses on the United States Buoys for this Dist. For explanation to some of the bills It is necessary that I should inform you that the Buoys were taken up at the commencement of the late war and were not put down till the June following the termination. soon after they were put in their proper place one of them parted from its anchore and was taken up adrift by a vessel bound to Nantucket. which circumstance occasioned the several bills of Dan[l] Coffin Robert Hussey & Enastus Mecher. the anchore in question I could not find in consequence of which I was obliged to borrow one of the Collector of Nantucket which I am bound to return as soon as I can obtain one in its stead. the Discription of which I send you that you may procure it during the warm season of the year to prevent the Buoys being injured by the rays of the sun I put them into Thomas Mayhews store which occasioned his bill The small Buoy had been several years in use previous to its being placed in this harbour. it became necessary to have it new hooped and its iron frame repaired which occasioned Nathan Tabers & Jos Holleys bills. The balance due me you will be pleased to pay

the bearer of this letter
to Capt George Marchant, whom I have requested to
purchas for me in Boston for the use of the United
States one of Dearborns patent balances such as are
generally used at the different custom houses for
weighing of foreign Merchandise. You will do me
a favour by requesting some Gentleman of the
Custom house that is acquainted with the ~~m~~ie
price and quality of the machine in question to
assist Capt Marchant in the purchas

I am Respectfully &c
Your Obt Sr
Jno Cooke Jr

Henry A. S Dearborn Esq
Collector of the Customs
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per Capt Merchant