(Copy) Boston, June 28. 1816.

Sir,

I find it is contemplated for the Lanterns now taking down from the Towers on Bakers Island to be again made use of, one on Bakers Island and the other on Petit Manan, one principal cause for rebuilding the Light House on Bakers Island was on account of the smallness of the Lantern, (only four feet diameter) as it has been found almost impracticable to make use of the Patent apparatus in so small a Lantern – the Stone tower contracted for is large enough on top for a Lantern of Six feet Diameter which is the smallest Diameter that the Patent Lamps can be used to advantage.

There are now five Light houses in this State – which are exactly of the size & description as the one on Petit Manan will be, if built on the plan and size now proposed and all of them five will unquestionably have to be rebuilt

in the course of Three or four years.

Three hundred dollars with the old Lantern will furnish a new Lantern of six feet Diameter and can be made by the time the Stone tower is done.

I am, very respectfully,
Your Obdt. Servt.

(Signed) Winslow Lewis.

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