

Sir

Portland 15th July 1816

Capt. Prevett of the Revenue Cutter who
I have met with here informs me
that Complaints have been made to you
respecting the Light on Wood Island in
justice to the keeper who is one of the best
in this Coast. I must state you the reason
of this Light not being seen as usual —
About the time I arrived at Boston I
recd^d a Letter from Mr. Evans, informing
me that the Clock at Wood Island was out
of order. I left Boston as soon as possible
& went to Wood Island & found that the
Clock was broke & the Light had not
been alued for 4 weeks past. Consequently the
Light could not be seen only on two sides
which occasioned the defect of its being out
it is now well repaired & the Light is good
I have visited all the Light thus far & am
proceeding Eastward & am in hopes to return
to Boston in about 8 days. I have recd^d
a Letter from the Commissioner of the

Resuming Respecting making use of the old
Lanterns on Baker's island he says that
it is left with you to do what you think
best Respecting them. I deeply hope & in
that some means will be devised to get rid
of those miserable (constructed) Lanterns they
are so small that it is impossible ever
to keep a good Light in them they will
not contain the apparatus sufficient for
a good Light. the Diameter of the top
of the stone tower contemplated is
sufficient for a Lantern of $6\frac{1}{2}$ feet Diameter
A New Lantern will cost about \$1000 Dollars
rather than the old Lantern should be put
in again I will agree to take it & furnish
a New one for 300 Dollars & obligate myself
to deliver it to the Contractor by the time
the tower is ready to receive it

I am very Respectfully
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