Treasury Department

Sir, Revenue Office July 22d. 1816.

I have received your favor of the 13th instant, stating the proposals made in the arrangements for building the new Light Houses & Piers.

Under the circumstances stated by you, relative to Mauran Island, I think it will be expedient to proceed, without delay, to obtain a legal valuation of the four acres ceded, but to defer giving proposals until this valuation and the purchase shall have been made.

The jurisdiction as well as soil on Rau Point being ceded, no obstacle exists to the taking immediate measures for the erection of a Light House thereon.

The jurisdiction over seven acres on Point Gammon, in the town of Yarmouth, being ceded, you are authorized to purchase the land for a sum not exceeding eight hundred dollars.

No information is rendered in regard to the site for a Light House on the Island of Petite Manan, except

that the jurisdiction is ceded. The next step is, of course, towards purchasing the land. Be pleased to advise me of the sum asked for it.

At the same time, you will be good enough, agreeably to the general tenor of your communications to issue proposals for the erection of the three last named Light Houses, either immediately, or as soon as the right to the said shall be acquired, the sites to be designated by you, and to forward the proposals to this office, when an immediate decision will be made. You will as a matter of course, keep within the limits of the appropriation.

I am
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
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