Salem Sept. 10. 1810.

Sir,

I received your letter of the 4th inst. this morning. My situation will not allow of my accepting the appointment of Keeper of the Light house on Baker's Island. For your attention I return you sincere thanks. I have given you only information of my declining taking charge of the Lights, agreeable to your desire.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully,
Your humb. Servt,
John Ingersoll

N. W. S. Dearborn, Esq.
Supt. of the Light Houses
Mass.

John Ingersoll
Feb. 16. 1816
Declines the post of
Boston Island Lt.
House.

Henry A. S. Dearborn, Esq.
Supt. of Light Houses for
Massachusetts.
To be left at the Custom House Boston.