Salem November 25th 1816

Dear Sir

The Beacon on Bowditch's Ledge is compleated excepting two copper bolts which cannot be driven before Spring = In truth it is scarcely necessary that they should be drowen at all as the Rock is amply secure without them those on the eastern or most exposed side being driven already but as it was in the contract that it should be bolted all round, I hold Mr Higgin accountable that they shall go in - You will observe by his Bill which is enclosed that there is an extra charge of $15 for the encreased size of the Rock above the contract - They would have reduced the Stone for the convenience of transporting it, but I thought it better to agree to give them the additional sum - The Stone is now nearly twelve feet diameter - and is excellently well placed and answers in every respect to my satisfaction = I thought

you would not be unwilling to expend a few Dollars more than the contract to obtain any additional security and I therefore agreed to pay the man for removing from the deep water some of the large square stones of the old ruin and place them to the eastward in order to break the sea - You will notice the change in the Bill -

I am Dear Sir
with friendly regard
Yours truly
Stephen White

Pray tell me if you have recovered entirely from the effects of the Rheumatism?

Yrs

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