Custom House Passamaquody
Dec. 24th 1816

Sir

In conformity with the request in your letter of the 2d September last, I contracted with a Mr Pettes, a regular bred Painter (the only one in this County) to Paint the out side of the Light House, on quoddy Head, Twice over, with white lead & also the Dwelling House of the keeper, once over with yallow Paint & find materials for the Same, for the Sum of One hundred & thirty dollars, as you will See by the duplicate receipt herewith enclosed, I also agreed with Godfery the Light House Keeper to make a Floor in the Light House for thirty dollars according to the duplicate receipt herewith transmitted — as Godfery informed me he could not get up his Oil without Blocks and

Rigging

(Similar to the one which had been used by the Painter, I ventured to let him charge them in his bill, you will find the amt expended to exceed the Sum you allowed 17. dollars Seven of which was for the Blocks & Riging & which has lessened the Painters bill to that amt & which could not be Obtained here otherwise then by Purchase

although a want of health & the Severety of the Season has prevented my viewing the Light House Since the work was completed, yet from the report made me by a man I Sent to examain the work, in whome I can confide. I am of the opinion the work has been faithfully done & I believe on as Good terms as could have had it done in this Country & although I have

gone in the expenditure a little over the amt you had prescribed I presume had you been present you would have justified the measure

Should the Vouchers be such as will answer, I request you to pay the amt I have advanced to Mr Nathaniel Goddard of Boston to whom I shall transmit a draft

I am with much esteem
Sir
Your Obed Servant
L. Fessenden

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1st Jan'y. 30. 1817

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