H. A. S Dearborn Esquire

Newport April 23. 1817

Sir

I am willing to contract to build Tarpaulin Cove Light house & Keepers house &c., of the materials and dimensions specified in your advertisement of 5th inst. for proposals for building said houses and to have them completed in the time required, for five thousand four hundred & seventy dollars. $5470.; payments most agreeable to me would be, at the signing of the contract $1470.; when the stone work of both houses is completed, with the roof on the Keepers. $2500; when the whole work is completed, $1500.; for information respecting my ability and integrity to perform this work I refer you to William Ellery Esquire, Collector of the port of Newport; Capt. John Cahoone of the U.S. revenue cutter Vigilant; John Slocum Esq., Surveyor of this port, or William M. Allston Boston; I had some little acquaintance with Mr. Tracy, when I was in Boston last fall. — Respectfully your very obedient servant

Clarke Cook

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Of 623: 1817
Copy of a
Letter from Jas Phillips
Esqr Lt Govr
5th 1817.

Henry A. S. Dearborn Esquire
Collector of the Customs
Boston Mass:

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