Treasury Department,
Revenue Office,
May 8th 1817.

Sir,

I have received your favor of the 1st. instant specifying the Proposals made for the four Light Houses to be built in Massachusetts.

The following are accepted:

× For Nantucket — Benjamin Beall & Duncan M.B. Starter . . . . $. 6.850,, 00.

Holmes Hole. Do,, Do,, ... 4.850,, 00.

Sarpaulin Cove, Do,, Do . . . . 4.850,, 00.

× Pitt Manan T & W. Pope for Caleb Ruggles . 4. 000,, 00.

You will, of course, not permit the Work in these cases to progress until the cession of the soil and jurisdiction shall have been made.

The terms of Mr. Winslow Lewis for fitting up the Light Houses as modified by your opinion, are accepted, viz:

For Nantucket Light House (allowing him the Lamps and tables taken from the Charleston Light House) $ 500,, 00.

For Holmes Hole — 800,, 00

" Sarpaulin Cove — 800,, 00

For Pitt Manan, $. 800 " 00

I have likewise received your favor of the 2nd instant, recommending that an experiment be made, in the Light House on Boker's Island, of the plan of Alexander Black for keeping the lamps constantly trimmed and the oil warm at all seasons of the year.

You are authorised to cause the experiment to be made with the necessary precautions, at an expence not exceeding one hundred dollars.

I am,

very respectfully

Sir

Your

Commissioner of the Revenue

Henry A.S. Dearborn Esq^{r}.

Revenue Office.

Jacob Smith

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Henry A.S. Dearborn Esqr.,

Superintendent of Light Houses,

Boston,

Massachusetts,

