Treasury Department,
Revenue Office,
June 5th 1817.

Sir,

The Proposals of Messrs. Benjamin Beall & Duncan All. B. Thaxter for building the Light Houses at Buffalo and Presq'Isle, with a Dwelling House for the Keeper at each, for twelve thousand five hundred dollars, are accepted, it being understood that the time for completing the work is extended to October 1st 1818, that the size of the Lanthorn posts be two inches, and that the form of the towers be round, regularly graduated from three to two feet in thickness: one half of the sum to be paid on signing the contract and the remainder when the work is finished.

You will be pleased to cause a contract to be concluded on these terms, taking, of course, undoubted security for its fulfillment. As soon as the contract shall be entered into, you will transmit it to this office, as it will be requisite to forward a copy of it to the Collectors of the Customs at Buffalo and Erie.

Be good enough to say whether the proposition of Mr. Lewis to fit up those Light Houses for 3.000 dollars is reasonable. The Collectors of Buffalo and Erie, not possessing

funds, you will be pleased to make the stipulated payments to Messrs. Beall & Thayer, the latter, however, only after those Collectors shall have given a certificate of the work having been executed conformably to contract. As the commission of two and a half per centum on these payments will equitably appertain to and will doubtless be demanded by the Collectors at those places for their necessary superintendence of the work, it is to be understood that your charges will be confined to those contingent expences that shall have accrued

I am,

very respectfully,

Your obt. Servt.

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Commissioner of the Revenue.

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