Treasury Department,
Revenue Office, June 5th 1817.

Sir,

The Proposals of Wm. Beall & Thayler of Massachusetts for the erection of the two Light Houses at Buffalo and Presq'Isle, have been accepted, agreeably to which Contracts will be immediately entered into with them by Lieut Dearborn who is instructed to make the stipulated payments.

As soon as the contract shall be received I will transmit you a Copy.

You will thereupon, be pleased to fix the site of the Light House and dwelling house to be erected at or near Presq'Isle, to superintend the progress of the work to insure its faithful execution and when completed to furnish the Contractors with a certificate that the Contract has been faithfully carried into effect, addressing this office, likewise, to the same effect.

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Samuel Forster Esq.
Erie, Pennsylvania

(Signed) S. H. Smith
Commissioner of the Revenue