Bakers Island June 14th 1817.

Sir

I have this Day Rec'd yours Letters Dated April 25th and May 23d with respect to the Light House Shall attend it immediately as it's Verry necessary for the mortar or rather the Sand is Dropping out all round it, I have run a Knife Quite up to the Handle Between the rocks — I Expect it will Be Proper to get out this Sand to some Depth — the Boat you authorise Me to purchase, I Believe Sir you will find on reflection is not Sufficient for Bakers Island in the winter season, and would not Last more than 3 or 4 years without any accident, and yet no Boat Some repairs in that Length of time If Sir it would Be Consistant with Law and Agreable to you for me to find the Boat and Thereby accomodate myself Better and I Be Leave Cheaper to the government Shall Do it for fifteen Dollars pr Year, if however it is not proper I must purchase the Boat Discribed and make Sure answer as well as Payable — Sir you'll have the goodness to inform me as soon as you Can make it Convenant and Thereby very much oblige your Hble Servt

Hon'l Dearborn
Sup't Light Houses Massachusetts

to Command
Jos. D. Hopkins

J. Perkins
Fort Pickering
Portland Harbour
June 14. 1813

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H. Dearborn
Superintendant
Light Houses Massachusetts
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