Treasury Department,
Register's Office, July 2nd 1817.

Sir,

I acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 25th ultimo, with its several enclosures.

1. I do not entertain a doubt of the propriety of a general augmentation of the salaries of the Keepers. This opinion was expressed during the late session of Congress in a communication to the Committee of Commerce & Manufactures, with the suggestion of an augmented appropriation in case of their concurrence in it. Of their concurrence their omission to act leaves some doubt. The subject shall, however, be again examined, & the opinion of the Secretary of the Treasury taken on it. He is authorised to modify the salaries from time to time. In the mean time any partial change, unless supported by peculiar reasons (which I do not understand you as ~~giving~~ urging in the case of the Nantucket Light House) would seem inexpedient.

2. Be pleased to say what sum, in your opinion, should be allowed to Mr Lewis for fitting up the Lake Light Houses.

3. Your recommendations of Keepers for the Light Houses of Point Judith, Holmes Hole & Carpenters Cove, shall be submitted to the President.

4. You are authorized to cause the land on Naushaon Island & Holmes Hole to be fenced with a dry stone wall, providing it be done for a sum within One Hundred dollars.

I am,

respectfully,

Jacob Smith

Commissioner of the Revenue.

Henry A. S. Dearborn Esq.

S. H. Smith July 2. 1817

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