Sir

Newport April 5th 1818

You expressed a desire this morning to be furnished with a copy of my letter to the Commissioner of the Revenue relative to building the Dwelling house for the Light house keeper at Jamestown, and a copy of the Commissioners answer - which I consented to hand you — but upon more mature consideration, I am convinced it would be indecorous in me to furnish you with a copy of my letter to the Commissioner, which he has seen fit to withold. When I wrote to him on the subject, I expected he would have transmitted you a copy of my letter to him; I certainly have no objections to your having it, and if the Commissioner has none, it is very easy for you to obtain it.

The Commissioner in his answer informs me that "you are fully authorised to have the Dwelling house built for the keeper of the Newport Light house, and refers me to you on that subject." I therefore have the honor to renew the proposals I handed you on the

Sir,

I am may Certify That the Dwelling House for the Light House Establishment at Beaver Tail Point is placed at right Angles with the South wall of the Lot thirty nine feet from it, is half way between the East & West walls and Fronts South Sixty four degrees East — The ground plan of the house is thirty and Twenty feet wide Thirty four feet long out side the walls and the Porch is placed on the N. Westerly corner of the House 13 feet Square by 13 feet 4 inches out side the walls leaving it inside 11 feet by 12 feet — The road is one and half rods from the front door South 64° East —

The walls round the Lot, ~~[illegible]~~, are very good, handsome, well laid, in a workmanlike manner with good cap stones and they measure full the dimensions mentioned in the Contract — The Barway on the East side is five rods and five links from the South east Corner And that on the West, twelve rods thirteen links from the south west corner of the Lot — There is sufficient room on the upland opposite the Gate ways to turn a cart with four pairs of Cattle ~~[illegible]~~

Newport R. I. June 18th 1818.

James Stevens
Surveyor

~~Hon.~~ William Ellery Esq^r
Collector of the District of Newport

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Length of walls round the Lot is 91 rods 6 feet
Gate house 31 feet, Gateway 11 feet = 2 rods 9
89 rods 13½