Seguin May 25th 1818

Mr Henry Dearborn Collector &c

Sir The 13 day of last month
I met with the Misfortune of loosing
or having my boat badly Stove so that
I was Unable to git to Land without
the Assistance of my neighbours coming
to Relieve me with a Signal flying
from monday till the next friday and
Vessels pasing and repasing without taking
any notice of me neither have you taken
any notice it appears of my letter I sent
you stating particularly the misfortune
I have met with but I find that if
their is any Complaint Comes to you
about the Lights and pals reports two
they are soon taken notice of and now
I wish you to answer this Letter as soon
as you Receive it that I may no what
to doe or I shall as I Conclude you
have a master as well as I Requaint
him of our sufferings on this Island
and see what a handle he make of it
and you no your self that my Salery is
but two hundred Dollars which will not support
any family under our circomstances

It is true that I have made many promises but this will not due promeis with performances a man perhaps may live by but promeis without performances are good for nothing or like a leeky house that has ben repaired so many times that the old foundation is redy to tumble from under it or puting a new peice of Cloth into an Old garment and the new taketh from the old and the rent is made wors and this is our situation though I have not represented it not more than half so bad as what it Really is for we are obliged in an Cold wind to set open our doors and windows to prevent our being Devoured with smoke this I think may suffise at this time from

Your Hble Sert

Jonthan Dulano