Articles of Agreement, made on the 23 day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, between Timothy Upham, superintendent of Light-Houses in the State of New-Hampshire on the one part, and Jonathan Folsom of Portsmouth in the State aforesaid on the other –

This Agreement witnesseth, that the said Upham for and in behalf of the United States of America, and Jonathan Folsom for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators, have mutually covenanted and agreed as follows.

The said Folsom is to build & complete, in a workmanlike and proper manner, a Bridge and covered way over the Gully & ledges which lay between the Light-House now building on White Island and the site selected for the Dwelling-House; commencing thirty five feet in front of the place last mentioned. the length of which, including the covering of the steps, to be one hundred and thirty feet; the width six feet, and the height, exclusive of the roof, to be six feet six inches in the clear; – to be supported by five piers of stone, and an abutment of the same at each end – The piers to be six feet square, to be built as nearly as may be practicable, without exposing them to the wash of the surf, at equal distances, and ~~set in Roman~~ mortar. The stone pieces to be at least ten inches in diameter – The floor of two inch plank, the sides to be covered with good inch boards, matched together; the roof boarded & shingled – On the South west side, there are to be five openings each of six lights, eight by ten glass in sliding frames; at the end towards the Keepers House, a good door, with a substantial lock – The Bridge and covered way to be secured on the outside, with good sufficient braces, one end to be inlaid against the rocks at a suitable distance, and the other end either framed in, or bolted to the posts – There shall not be less than five of these braces on each side, and there shall be as many more, as may be required to secure the work & keep it steady. And the said Folsom is to do all other matters & things which may be required to render it a safe and convenient passage way, whether the same be herein expressed or not –

The said Bridge and covered way to be commenced at the front wall of the Rocks, about thirty five feet in front of the centre of the site selected for the Keepers House, and be carried directly to the door of the Light House, and to be built agreeably to a plan attached to, and which forms a part of this Contract; with the exception only that as the inequalities, or projections in the rocks have not been accurately surveyed, but are laid down in the plan merely for the purpose of representing their general appearance, it may not be practicable to build the piers at exactly equal distances, or in precisely the same situations as are there represented—

And it is further agreed, that on the execution and complete fulfilment of this contract, the said Jonathan Folsom is to receive from the United States, the sum of Two hundred and sixty Dollars, which is to be in full for all matters & things therein contained—

In witness whereof, the said Timothy Upham, Superintendent of Light Houses in the State of New-Hampshire, in behalf of the United States and the said Jonathan Folsom, have hereunto affixed their seals, and signed their names, the day and year before written—

Signed, sealed & delivered
In presence of — —

Jonathan Folsom

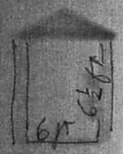
Elijah Hall

James Ladd

Timo. Upham
Superintendent of Light Houses in N.H.

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