Treasury Department
Fifth Auditors Office June 26. 1822.

Sir,

Your letter of the 5 instant was received at this Office in my absence; which has caused the delay in my acknowledgement of it.

5/22 The Legislature of Maine not having ceded the jurisdiction over the whole of Libby Island but of 12 acres only, our purchase of a Site for a Light House must necessarily be confined within that limit. Since therefore we cannot purchase the whole Island, at the reduced price at which it is offered, it seems advisable that we should purchase as small a quantity of Land only, as will answer the purposes of the Light House, at the increased price of 50 dollars per Acre, which has been demanded for it by the proprietor. You will confine the purchase accordingly to 3 or 4 Acres. Having obtained the title to the Land (the jurisdiction being ceded) you will advertise for proposals for building the Light House and Keepers Dwelling House, for the space of three weeks, at the end of which time you will transmit all the proposals received to this Office, to be laid before the President.

The Light House may be of such height and dimensions as you may think best adapted to its object; the materials being of stone. The Keepers House should in all respects be similar to that

quantity of Land only, as will answer the purposes of the Light House, at the increased price of 38 dollars per Acre, which has been demanded for it by the proprietor. You will confine the purchase accordingly to 3 or 4 Acres. Having obtained the title to the Land (the jurisdiction being ceded) you will advertise for proposals for building the Light House and Keepers Dwelling House, for the space of three weeks, at the end of which time you will transmit all the proposals received to this Office, to be laid before the President.

The Light House may be of such Height and dimensions as you may think best adapted to its object; the materials being of stone. The Keepers House should in all respects be similar to those heretofore built under your direction. You should be careful however that the whole expence does not exceed the sum appropriated as mentioned in my letter of the 27th May.

You will, as in a former instance permit the Commitee of Merchants of Newcastle to expend the appropriation of 4000 dollars for Piers in the River of that name, in the manner that may be most advantageous to their navigation, requiring them as far as they proceed to leave no part of the work in an unfinished state.

I am &c

(Signed) S. Pleasonton
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