District & Port of Newport,
Collector's Office,
May 23d. 1823.

Sir,

Having received your letter of the 14th. instant, I waited on Major Crane, commanding on Goat-Island; but he had not received orders relative to the erection of a light-house on the Island. I shall advertise for proposals, nevertheless; to be offered previously to June 22d. 1823; before which time, probably, the necessary instructions will have been forwarded from the War-Department.

Most respectfully,
Sir,
Yr. Mo. Ob. Servant
David Melville Col.
Supt. Light Houses

Stephen Pleasonton Esq.
Fifth-Auditor & acting-
-Commissioner of the Revenue

to

Stephen Pleasonton, 5th Aud.
& Act. Com. Revenue

May 23d 1823.

Proposals for building light-house
invited - but no orders received by
officers of garrison.