Treasury Department,
Fifth Auditors Office June 1, 1824

Sir,

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Congress having at their last Session passed an act authorizing the erection of a Light House on Owls Head in the State of Maine, and appropriated Four thousand dollars therefor, I have to request that you will take measures for obtaining a sufficient quantity of land most suitable for the site, provided it can be had at a reasonable rate. After obtaining the title to the land, it will be necessary for you to apply to the Legislature of the State for a cession of the jurisdiction over it. When you shall apprize me that these objects are effected, measures will be taken for commencing and completing the work. Authority has also been given for erecting a Pier and placing three Buoys at the mouth of Sale River, and a

pier at the mouth of Wells Harbour, for which ten thousand dollars has been appropriated, viz: five thousand dollars to each of those places.

You will in the first place take measures for having the sites on which the piers are to be erected, together with the jurisdiction over them, vested in the United States. When this has been accomplished you will advertise for proposals for building the Piers in a newspaper printed at Portland twice a week, for four weeks. You are authorized to enter into a contract with the persons who make the most favorable offer for the public, keeping in view the amount appropriated for each object. viz: five thousand dollars for the Pier, and three Buoys at the mouth of Saco River, and five thousand dollars for the pier at the mouth of Wells Harbour, including the Commission on your disbursements, and every other expense. An appropriation of One hundred and sixty dollars has been made for placing Buoys on certain Shoals at the mouth of Kennebec River which you are authorized to have placed as also the three Buoys provided for, for the mouth of Saco River

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I am &c. signed S. Pleasonton
Fifth Auditor & acting
Comm.r of the Revenue.

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