District & Port of Newport,
Collector's-Office,
May 9th 1825.

Sir,

There is, by an Act of the General Assembly, passed the last week, a cession to the United States, of jurisdiction over lands to be purchased on Dutch-Island & Warwick-Neck for building light-houses; and it is also made lawful to buy such lands of the owners, or to obtain them by appraisement. It is my wish to purchase of the owners, for the United States, about five acres of the most southerly part of Dutch-Island, provided it can be had "at a reasonable rate"; and this letter is intended as a request to yourself and the other owners to set a price upon the land which may be given under my instructions, and to let me know what that price will be. When thus informed of your terms, it will, if they are such as can be accepted, be desirable that the conveyance be made without unnecessary delay; because the season for building is at hand: and for the same reason, it will be necessary, should the terms be unacceptable, to apply immediately to the Governor for the appointment of appraisers. Have the goodness to attend to this business soon as possible, and to let me hear from you.

With perfect respect,
Chris.r Ellery, Col.
Supt. Light Houses

Willet Carpenter Esqr

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To

Willet Carpenter - May 9. 1825.

requesting terms of sale of land on Dutch-Island. also giving notice of act of assembly, for purchase or appraisement.