Collector's-Office, Port of Newport,
May 12th. 1827.

Sir

Enclosed is a petition to the Governor for an appraisement of the land on Dutch-Island intended for the site of the light-house to be there erected. I wish it to be presented without delay, and have no doubt of your willingness to do this or whatever may be required in the prosecution of the business: nor am I less confident that the other gentlemen who visited Dutch-Island, as well as Mr. Eddy, Mr. Bridgham, &c will lend their aid.

In my application I have not mentioned names of appraisers, because there would be no opportunity of adverse objection. That men of sound judgment, and impartial, will be appointed, there can be no question. The United States can desire nothing more. The notice to Mr. Carpenter proposed to be given by the appraisers may be given by them when assembled at Dutch-Island, his residence being on the Narragansett shore, near by, where also the major part, or all of the other owners reside; or by letter. It is difficult to foresee what more, or whether any thing on my part, can be done previously

to the meeting of the appraisers at Dutch-Island; but I am disposed to do at any moment what may be judged proper.

The papers and letters in my possession relating to the subject will be carried by me to Dutch Island, to be laid before the appraisers; and such other papers as the appraisers should be furnished with at Providence will probably be pointed out by the Governor, and handed to or procured by the Chairman of the committee of appraisers, who will, it is likely, be of your town, as perhaps may be the other members. The cost of the necessary documents, if paid by an appraiser, would make a part, I should suppose, of the account of expenses to be allowed.

I have renewed, since the session of the General Assembly, my endeavours to obtain the land without having recourse to appraisement, but in vain. It may be well to show this letter to Governor Fenner, who will cheerfully, I am persuaded, give effect to the powers conferred on him by the act of cession and appraisement. He will have at command, should he desire it, your services and those of the gentlemen above mentioned; as he will mine also at his pleasure.

Respectfully
y.r.m.o.ob.t.servant

Thos.L.Ellery

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— May 12. 1825.
enclosing request to Governor
to appoint appraisers of
land on Brick Island
for site of light-house