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District & Port of Newport,
Collector's-Office,
Sept. 3d. 1825.

Sir,

Your letter of the 29th ult is at hand. In reply permit me to observe that I am instructed to ascertain whether a site for a light-house cannot be found in the neighbourhood of Dutch-Island in all respects eligible as one on the island; and for which the proprietors will be willing to take a reasonable price.

Now that your disposition to accommodate the United States with a site at Cassesaull's point is known to me, it remains to confirm my own opinion of its eligibility, by taking the opinions of persons competent to form a correct judgment on the subject. My intention is to find such persons among the merchants and shipmasters at Providence. After, it will become my duty to report to the Commissioner of the revenue, who will lay the whole subject before Congress for sanction.

At the time of survey by the merchants or shipmasters it may be well to determine the limits and the reservations; as also, your price.

I send this letter by Captain Calhoone, of the Cutter, who is instructed to give you explanations and information on all the points touched upon in your letter and not herein particularly noticed.

I am most respectfully, Sir,
yr. m. ob. t. Servant.
Wm. Ellery Col.
Collt. Dist. Newport

Wanton Casey Esq.

12. to
Wanton Casey Esq.
Sept. 3d. 1825.
in answer to his letter relative to sale of site for light-house at Cossekull's beach.