District & Port of Newport,
Collector's-Office,
April 21st 1826

Sir,

Enclosed is a deed of the land purchased for the site of a light-house on Dutch-Island. A copy of the act of appraisement referred to in the deed was heretofore forwarded. Both have been recorded in the proper office, the original of the latter remaining in the office of the Secretary of the State of Rhode Island; whose receipts for $44.30/100 cts were taken by me in June last, to be used as vouchers for the payment of the costs, taxed by him and the appraisers, in my account hereafter to be rendered for amount paid for building the light-house. For other expenditures amounting in the whole to $33.74/100 cts I have no vouchers; this sum having been paid for sustenance for myself, for the appraisers, and for others who accompanied me in the Cutter to Dutch-Island in someone or other of eight trips comprising sixteen days given wholly to the concerns of the light-house.

The $33.74/100 cts may be charged by me, I presume, in my said final account as extraordinary expenses, without vouchers: As may, I suppose, the additio-

-nal sums, probably to as great an amount, and of the same nature, which must necessarily be expended by me in other trips unavoidably to be made to Dutch-Island in furtherance of the erection of the light-house there about to be erected. Have the goodness, Sir, to instruct me, if erring in the foregoing.

I shall in a few days, proceed to the Island, distant by the water passage, which is around the north or south points of the intervening island, Communicate, with a Surveyor, to have the six acres surveyed, and immediately after shall publish notice for proposals as directed.

Most respectfully,
Sir
Yr. mo. ob. Servant,
Christ. Ellery Col.
Supt. Light houses

Stephen Pleasonton Esquire,
Fifth-Auditor & Act. Comr.
of the Revenue

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To

Asst. Com. Revenue

April 21st 1826.

Covering deed of site on
Duluth Island - also, asking
instructions relative to expenses
for subsistence