District & Port of Newport,
Collectors Office, Sept. 9th 1826.

Sir,

The contractors for building the light-house on Dutch-Island ~~are~~ progress with the work very well, but will not probably be enabled ~~for~~ to finish it ~~by~~ on so early a day as the one named in their contract, having lost nearly a month of labour by heavy and successive rains. ~~If you write~~ With your permission, it would be ~~not~~ agreeable to me to accommodate them with an advance of five hundred dollars; and it is to request it, that I have now the honor to address you.

Most respectfully,
your obt. servant
Chris. Ellery Col. &

Stephen Pleasonton Esquire,
Fifth Aud. & Act. Com. Revenue.

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Sept. 9. 1826.

request permission to advance
$500. to Contractors Duluth-Island
light-house