District & Port of Newport,
Collector's-Office,
Nov.r 16.th 1826.

Sir

Your letter of the 7.th instant is this day received. Mr. Gardiner must have been deceived. I am not authorised to buy any land on Dutch-Island for the United States and cannot therefore take into consideration any offer — certainly, not an offer of land which I consider to have been already purchased by the United States.

Very respectfully
Sir,
Yr. Mo. Ob.t Servant
Geo.g A. Ellery Col.
Sup.t Light houses

Willett Carpenter Esquire

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to

Willett Carpenter Esquire

Nov. 16th. 1826.

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letter of 7th inst.