Collectors Office
District of Portland & Falmouth
January 17. 1827

Sir

Agreeably to your Letter of the 7th Decemb 1826 I have advertised for proposals for building a Light House and Keepers House on Manticus Rock, and also for a Light House and Keepers House on Pemaquid Point; all the offers received for building and for fitting up the Light Houses are here enclosed. viz

For erecting the buildings on Manticus Rock.

Jeremiah Berrys offer for building	$	3,700.
Henry Dyers " "	"	3.760
Joshua Fuller's " "	"	3.877.
Winslow Lewis' " "	fitting up	800.

For erecting the buildings on Pemaquid Point.

Jeremiah Berry's offer for building	$	2.800
Henry Dyer's " "	"	2.850
Humphrey & Thayers " "	"	3.285
Joseph Fuller's " "	"	3.843
Winslow Lewis' " "	fitting up	500
Humphrey & Thayer's " "	"	546.

I would beg leave to observe that the buildings on Manticus Rock should be so constructed that the Light may be distinguished from other Light Houses near the same, and for this purpose it is found necessary to have two Towers with

with Lanterns and Lights in each. The expense of two Stone Towers, built seperate from the Keeper's House would considerably exceed the appropriation made by Congress for erecting the buildings. Regarding these considerations, and also that lofty Towers are not necessary on Manotinicus Rock, I deemed it advisable to advertise proposals for building the Keepers House of stone, forty feet long and the walls two feet thick; on each end of the house to build an octagon Tower, the posts of which to rest on the beams of the house, and to extend six feet above the ridge of the house; this method of erecting the buildings will be less expensive than any other, and, I believe, will answer the purposes for which they are designed. I would further observe that the Rock is a difficult place to build on, and that to erect the buildings, even in the manner above named, they will cost five hundred dollars more than the appropriation.

The Legislature of Maine have ceded to the United States, the jurisdiction of both sites. The Paper containing the advertisement for proposals for building, is herewith inclosed

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

Isaac Ilsley

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