Treasury Department,
Fifth Auditor's Office, May 15. 1829.

Sir

The Light houses at Buffalo, Fort Niagara and Dunkirk, which have been heretofore placed under the superintendence of Myndert W. Dox, your predecessor as Collector of Customs at Buffalo, are now placed under your superintendence. You will apply to Mr Dox for the papers, &c. relating to the establishment. Mr Dox has rendered his accounts to the 31st December 1828, to which time the Keepers of Fort Niagara and Dunkirk Light Houses have been paid. The Keeper of the Buffalo Light house has been paid his salary to the 31st March last, agreeably to an account rendered by him to this office. To enable you to pay the Keepers of Fort Niagara and Dunkirk Light houses their salaries for the March quarter, I have applied to the Secretary of the Treasury to remit you one hundred and ninety two dollars eighteen cents, which includes your commission of two and a half per centum. After the March quarter you will pay the salary of the Keeper of Buffalo Light, as well as those above mentioned.

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I enclose a Circular to Superintendents of Light houses, dated February 27, 1828, by which you will perceive what is required of the Contractors, Messrs Grinnell & Co. for supplying the Light houses, and that an annual statement is to be made out and transmitted to this office, to which you will be pleased to give your particular attention.

Samuel Wilkeson the Contractor for building a Pier and Light house at the entrance of Buffalo harbor, has lately informed me of his intention of going on to the completion of the work without delay. You will be pleased to attend particularly in seeing that it is done agreeably to his Contract. The Contract and bond of Mr Wilkeson you will obtain from Mr Dox.

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(Signed) T. Pleasonton
Fifth Auditor and acting
Commissioner of the Revenue.

Pierre A. Barker Esqr
Buffalo,
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