Treasury Department,
Fifth Auditors Office,
June 6, 1829.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 1st instant with the proposals of Sundry persons enclosed, for building the Light house and Keepers house on Block Island, and fitting up the former with Lamps, &c.

The low proposals of D. Melville, for erecting the buildings of split undressed stone, for 3390 dollars, or of hard burnt bricks for 3690 dollars, being the lowest, you will accept that for erecting the buildings of stone, and will enter into a Contract with him accordingly. Bond and good security, will, of course, be required.

His proposals for fitting up the Light house too, are the lowest, and you will accept that if the two be made for nine Lamps with nine inch reflectors for 550 dollars, for each Tower, and will enter into a Contract with him.

You will be pleased to employ a suitable person to superintend the whole work as it progresses, at an expense not exceeding one dollar and fifty Cents per day.

The Cellar under the house, it is presumed, will be sufficient for the accommodation of the Keeper, without

it to the Porch. The pavement around the house, which you recommend, may be made, provided it shall not exceed in Cost 150 dollars.

The Proposals of Wm Melville are returned, to be used in drafting the Contract &c.

I have the honor to be,
respectfully, Sir,
Your obdt Servt.
S. Pleasonton
Fifth Auditor and acting
Commissioner of the Revenue

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