/Copy./

Manitoucus Rock, April 2d 1830

To General John Chandler.

Sir.

I have had the misfortune to upset the Boat belonging to the United States in landing this morning. I had been after provisions, and in returning we were upset. A young man and myself were the only persons on board, - we were completely under the boat, and, with great exertions, together with the assistance of persons on the Rock were dragged on shore. — I lost about thirty dollars worth of provisions, and the young man lost all his clothes, except a few articles which a dog brought on shore. — I wish you to furnish me with another boat, as this one is so much injured as she will not be worth repairing, as she ought to be a safe Boat. This rock is thirty miles from the Maine land, where we are obliged to go for every thing we want to eat and drink — You will please to assist me with another of the same dimensions. She was a lapstreaked Boat; fourteen feet keel. — Sir. I have built a Boat House to keep the Boat from the exposure of the weather, as the United States have not provided any place of the kind. I wish you to assist me in obtaining pay for the building, if possible. The cost to me has been about sixty dollars. We cannot

do

do without this House, as the Boat must have been store long ago, if it had not been for the House, as the sea breaks completely over the ~~boats~~ Rock, in a bad storm. Please to help me if possible. —

Yours &c.

(Signed) John A. Shaw,

Keeper of the Light

House on Manticus Rock.