Boston February 22nd 1841-

Sir,

Last Fall, I received a letter from Mr Bancroft, requesting my proposals for furnishing 20, 21 inch Reflectors for the two Light houses on Thacher's island - the number of Lamps for each Light house, named, in my recent proposal for putting new Lanterns on those Light houses & fitting them up with 10 Lamps each with 21 inch Reflectors, was taken from the number named by Mr Bancroft, since I have entered into the Contract, for those Light houses, I have examined the points of the Compass that, the strength of the Light is required to be seen from - & find that it requires one more Lamp & Reflector on the upper tier, that is, 5 in lieu of 4 - making the whole number eleven - to make the Light, what it ought to be - this, will throw the full power of the Light to every point of the Compass that it is required to be seen from.— Thacher's island is sur-rounded by numerous Rocks & Ledges laying some distance from it, I should think a greater number of Vessels pass those Lights than any other in the United States - the Cost of adding one more Lamp & 21 inch Reflector to each Light house & adding to the Chandeliers for them, will not exceed one hun-dred & eighty dollars - there are now 15 Lamps & Reflectors in each Light house.—

With your authority Mr Bancroft will have the addition of one Lamp & Reflector made, to each Light house.

I have every thing prepared for White island Light house, to commence as soon as the weather will permit & all the

Lamps & Reflectors made for Thunder bay, Thachers island & Scituate Light-houses — every thing to be done at Wolfe island Georgia, I calculate will be completed before the first of March.

I have the honor to be Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Winslow Lewis

Stephen Reasonton Esqr
Fifth Auditor & Acting
Commissioner of the Revenue.
Washington.

Ansd Feb. 25, 1841.