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Articles of Agreement made on the tenth day of October one thousand eight hundred and forty three, between George Bennett Collector of the Customs for the District of Salem and Superintendant of Light Houses in the State of New Hampshire of the one part, and Joseph L. Locke of Rye, in the State of New Hampshire of the other part.

This agreement witnesseth that the said Joseph L. Locke for the consideration hereinafter named, shall, at his own cost and expense, both of labor and materials, at White Island, one of the Isles of Shoals, build one hundred & thirty feet of Boat Slip as follows, viz:

To commence sixty two feet, or thereabouts from the upper end of the Slip as it now is, firmly joining it thereto; the Slip to be of good pine timber twelve inches square - where the timbers are joined together, the scarfing to be at least four feet in length and well secured with sufficient cross or connecting pieces of oak, to be secured to the ledge or fast rocks with sufficient bolts, braces, straps, &c.; the bolts and braces to be of Swedes or Russia iron one and a quarter inches square - the bolts to be let into the rocks at least eight inches & secured with a pitch wedge - the straps to be of Russia flat iron of the common size.

The whole to be done and completed of the best materials in as good and substantial manner in every respect as the old Slip was, when built, on the first day of November next, weather permitting, to the acceptance of the said George Bennett or whoever may be appointed by him to inspect said Slip.

And the said George Bennett, on his part in behalf of the United States, agrees to pay said Joseph L. Locke when said Slip is completed as aforesaid, the sum of three hundred & seventy five dollars

It is also understood by the parties hereto, that

all the materials of the old Slip now on said Island, are to be taken by the said Joseph L. Locke; and such of said materials as are (in the judgment of the person who may have the oversight of the work) fit and suitable, may be used in the construction of said 130 feet of new Slip.

In consideration whereof the parties hereunto have set their hands and seals interchangably this tenth day of October, A. D. 1873.

Signed sealed & delivered
in presence of us

Joseph L. Locke

Wm. H. Dunnell

Josiah H. Edmonds.

Geo. Dennett.

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