Treasury Department,
Fifth Auditor's Office, March 22, 1843.

Sir,

Your letters of the 15th and 28th ultimo, were received after the usual instructions had been transmitted to Boston for the present year's supplies. On the 22d ultimo I wrote to the Superintendent at Buffalo, requesting him to make all necessary arrangements for placing those for the Upper Lakes under your charge, on their arrival from Boston, and invite proposals at Buffalo for those extra articles, enumerated in your letter of the 11th ultimo, which you recommended should be purchased there. Mr Lincoln had also been advised (viz: on the 21st) as to such articles, required by you, as were to be forwarded from Boston. In regard to the Oil, the quantity that had been reported to this Office as in store at Chicago, say 2.218 gallons of Summer and 1.096 of Winter Oil, was included in the aggregates rating the whole at 27 gallons to the lamp, and leaving to be procured at Boston for your Lakes the additional quantities of 4.514 gallons of Summer and 2.270 of Winter Oil. This will be 275 gallons more than the quantity of both kinds stated in your requisition of the 11th ultimo.

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You state in your letter of the 15th ultimo, that you had to replace bad Oil that the Keepers had reported good, out of the stores at Chicago, for the Buffalo, South Manitou and Chicago light-houses, and also 100 gallons supplied the light Ship "Louis McLane", but of this necessity you had given me no previous advice, nor of the disposition made of the bad Oil, and you have as yet furnished no receipts from the Keepers for this additional supply. The quantity thus withdrawn, including 200 gallons estimated for leakage, is stated by you to be 763 gallons, which will be about covered by the excess to be sent from Boston over your estimate as above mentioned, and 405 gallons that would have been required for the Cleveland light house and beacon, which are to be lit the present year with Laird Oil as a test of its relative merit.

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Send me the Keepers receipts for the oil sent to Buffalo, South Manitou and Chicago lighthouses, and also that of the Master of the floating light, and inform me what has been done with the Oil you found at South Manitou, which was equal to more than a years supply, and why the Keeper did not inform you that the oil was bad when you visited that light with a supply.

I am, &c. S. Pleasonton

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