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Boston Augt. 20. 1845.

Wm. A. Wellman Esqr Supt.

Dear Sir,

It is impossible to estimate very accurately for the Light House for Juniper Island, on account of the distance, & of our not knowing the situation & accessibility of the place where it is to stand. But our Mr Lester is now at Sarah, & we shall get him if possible to visit the Spot before his return, when we could judge better. It will cost more pr. Tow than common freight to transport it, and it would be necessary to send on men & tools & rigging probably from here to set it up. So that we could not now offer to do it for less than three thousand dollars. It would also be necessary we think to cast it in shorter sections than the Long Island L. H. was, on account of transportation. This would encrease the expense somewhat.

Should Mr Lester's report of the site enable us to reduce the estimate, we will inform you. We think there is no doubt but

it could be completed this autumn, provided the glass could be obtained; though we should prefer, setting it up next Spring, if that would answer.

Very respectfully Yours

Cyrus Alger & Co.