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ENGINEER OFFICE U. S. ARMY,

NEWPORT, R. I. NOVEMBER 13, 1878.

BVT. MAJ. GENL. A. A. HUMPHREYS,

BRIG. GENL. & CHIEF OF ENGINEERS U. S. ARMY.

GENERAL:

I HAVE THE HONOR TO TRANSMIT HEREWITH DUPLICATE COPIES OF THE MAP SHOWING THE PROPOSED NEW BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THE LAND TO BE USED BY THE LIGHT HOUSE & ENGINEER DEPARTMENTS ON DUTCH ISLAND, R. I.

THE LAND BELONGING TO THE L. H. DEPARTMENT WAS PARTLY OCCUPIED DURING THE WAR BY A BARBETTE BATTERY STILL STANDING, AND A PORTION OF THE AREA CONTIGUOUS WAS STRIPPED OF EARTH, RENDERING IT UNPRODUCTIVE.

IN 1871 THE QUESTION OF AN EQUIVALENT AS A GARDEN FOR THE L. H. KEEPER WAS PRESENTED, AND AS THE LAND BORDERING WAS OCCUPIED BY THE ORDNANCE SERGEANT, WE HAD TO ALLOW AN EQUIVALENT ELSEWHERE ON THE ISLAND.

IN PRACTICE THIS DID NOT WORK SATISFACTORILY. THE ORDNANCE SERGEANT HAS NOW BEEN PERMANENTLY LOCATED ON ANOTHER PART OF THE ISLAND, AND WE ARE ABLE TO MOVE THE BOUNDARY LINE FOR THE LIGHT KEEPER NORTHWARD SO AS TO ALLOW HIM A FULL EQUIVALENT.

WE HAVE DRAWN THE LINE SO AS TO ALLOW OF A WIDE ROADWAY BETWEEN IT AND THE "UPPER BARBETTE BATTERY," AND IT IS PROPOSED TO FENCE IT.

THIS WILL, IT IS BELIEVED, PROVE A SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT. THE OLD HOUSE IS WORTHLESS AND WILL BE REMOVED AT ONCE.

IF THIS IS APPROVED WILL YOU PLEASE TRANSMIT A COPY TO THE LIGHT HOUSE BOARD, AND INFORM ME OF SUCH ACTION AS MAY BE TAKEN.

VERY RESPECTFULLY,

[SIGNED] G. K. WARREN,

MAJOR OF ENGINEERS,

BVT. MAJ. GENL. U. S. A.

COPY OF ENDORSEMENTS ON THE FOREGOING COMMUNICATION.

FIRST ENDORSEMENT.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS,

WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 5th, 1878.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED TO THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

THE NEW LOCATION OF THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE LIGHT HOUSE AND ENGINEER DEPARTMENT LANDS ON DUTCH ISLAND, R. I. AS PROPOSED IN THIS LETTER AND THE ACCOMPANYING [DUPLICATE] PLATS IS APPROVED BY