Boston Dec 7th 1818

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Sir

Agreable to your letter under date of June 19th I forwarded the Oil for the Light Houses recently erected at Buffalow & Presque Isle on Lake Erie. which was safely expedited in the Light house on the 5th of September

The Light house at Erie has 10 Lamps. making the annual consumption of oil 430 lbs. the Light House at Buffalow has 9 Lamps making the annual consumption of Oil 387 lbs. which makes 817 lbs. or 2 Bls annually for the supply of the Light House at Buffalow & Erie — The estimated cost of transportation transmitted to you was $12.78. pr Bl — making the annual cost of transporting Oil for the above Lights $ 332.28.

I will thank you to inform me where the money may be recieved of the Collector here at the end of the Year when I receive the payment allowed for transportation of Oil in my former Contract — I do not

feel authorized to demand more than the $12.78 pr Bl although finding it necessary to Double case the Casks before they would stand the long land carriage. It has cost me some thing over $15. pr Bl.

Sixty Men left here the 1st of October to work on the Mississippi Light House. & 12 Vessells have sailed since loaded with Materials for the Building.

Very Respectfully
Sir
Yr Obt Servt.
Winslow Lewis

Saml H Smith Esq
Coms of the Revenue
Washington

Answd. Dec. 22. 1818.