Copy of a letter fm the Keeper who was charged
with the superintendence of the Repairs.

White Island (Isles of Shoals) Oct° 28, 1843

Sir, Mr. Joseph S. Locke has, this day, completed the Boat Slip at this place, and agreeably to your instructions I have carefully examined the same and find the work done thoroughly & conformably to the Contract, a copy of which you sent me.

An abatement of twenty five dollars from the sum to be paid him ($375) specified in the Contract will be made from the consideration that the Slip is not extended quite so far as the contract specified. Upon examination I found that if the Slip was built out 130 feet from the old part, it would make it much more difficult of access at low water from the fact that it would extend nearly to a ledge of rock, between which and the end of the Slip there would be no room to turn a boat with a view to enter the Slip. Under these circumstances, believing as I do that the object of the extension was fully accomplished by the depression of the end of the Slip, below low water mark at ordinary tides, I sent to you and obtained your concurrence to

such alterations as I might deem necessary, provided the Contractor would consent thereto. Mr. Locke, in consideration of this alteration, agreed to place some additional iron fastenings in that portion of the Slip, not included in his contract, which he has caused to be done and receive as his full compensation for his contract and all other work done by him here, at the present time, the sum of Three hundred and fifty dollars ($350) which sum he is now entitled to receive from you for his contract and considerations before cited.

Yours &c.

Thos. B. Laighton,
S. Keeper at White Island

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