obtained a deed, of which you will inform me, the necessary instructions will be forwarded for commencing and completing the work.

I am &c

(Signed) S. Pleasonton
Fifth Auditor and acting
Commissioner of the Revenue

Thomas H. Blount Esq.

Treasury Department,
Fifth Auditors Office, June 4, 1828.

Sir

An Appropriation of Six thousand dollars having been made at the last Session of Congress for building a Light house at a proper site near St. Marks Harbour, I have thought proper to charge you with the execution of this law. You will be pleased accordingly to select and purchase a suitable site, including a few acres of land for the use of the Keeper, at the place indicated by the law. After you shall have made the purchase and informed me thereof, instructions will be given in regard to the buildings to be erected. The deed should be recorded in the proper office of the County in which the land is situated, and afterwards forwarded to this Office.

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I am &c

(Signed) S. Pleasonton
Fifth Auditor and acting
Commissioner of the Revenue

Robert Mitchell Esq.

Treasury Department,
Fifth Auditors Office, June 4, 1828.

Sir

An appropriation of Two thousand six hundred dollars having been made at the last Session of Congress, for procuring and placing twenty Buoys at proper sites on the river Pethe, I have to request your services in fulfilling the law. You will be pleased to cause them to be made of the Spar kind, and to be coppered; after which you will station them at such places in the river as you shall think proper.

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Should you not be able to get them made in your neighbourhood, the Collector at Boston would no doubt, on your application, cause them to be made and forwarded to you. The appropriation will no doubt be sufficient to procure the whole number. If it should not be, you are restricted to the number it will pay for.

I am &c.

(Signed) S. Pleasonton
Fifth Auditor and acting
Commissioner of the Revenue

Joseph Aborn Esq.

Treasury Department,
Fifth Auditors Office, June 4, 1828.

Sir

An Appropriation of Six thousand five hundred dollars having been made at the last Session of Congress, for building a Light house at the mouth of St. Johns river, I have to request that you will select and purchase a suitable site therefor, including a few acres of land for the use of the Keeper. After you shall have purchased the land and informed me thereof, instructions will be given in relation to the buildings to be erected. The deed for the land ought to be recorded in the proper

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Office of the county in which the land is situated. I should be glad to receive from you a sketch of St. Johns river, at its entrance into the Gulph, with the site designated on it.

One hundred and sixty dollars have also been appropriated for procuring and placing two Buoys at the mouth of St. Johns river. These you will be pleased to procure and cause them to be placed, as directed by the law.

I am &c.

(Signed) S. Pleasonton
Fifth Auditor and acting
Commissioner of the Revenue

John Rodman Esq.

Treasury Department,
Fifth Auditors Office, June 4, 1828.

Sir

An appropriation of seven hundred dollars was made at the last Session of Congress for procuring and placing five Buoys "in the Channel between Key West and the Islands to the Westward of it, and the Main, leading from the Gulph Stream to the Bay of Mexico". You will be pleased to procure these 321. 348. Buoys, and cause them to be placed as directed by the law. The Spar buoy is not only the cheapest but the best, and of this kind you will cause these to be made. They ought to be coppered, and so painted as to be distinguished from each other when at their stations.

If you cannot readily have them made at Key West, the Collector at Boston would no doubt have them made and forwarded to you, on your application to him.

I am, &c.

(Signed) S. Pleasonton
Fifth Auditors and acting
Commissioner of the Revenue

William Rinkney Esq.

Treasury Department,
Fifth Auditors Office, June 4, 1828.

Sir

Among other appropriations made by Congress at the last Session, for Light house purposes, was one of five thousand dollars for building a Beacon Light or Light house on the South entrance of Roanoke Marshes, in North Carolina, and as this situation appears to be as convenient for you as any other Collector, I have thought proper to charge you with giving effect to the law. I have accordingly to request that you will select a suitable site at the place above indicated, and purchase a few acres of land for the accommodation of the Light house and its appurtenances. After you shall have done so and informed me thereof, the necessary instructions will be given in relation to the buildings to be erected. The deed for the land ought to be recorded in the County in which the land is situated, and afterwards forwarded to this office.

I am &c.

(Signed) S. Pleasonton
Fifth Auditor and Acting
Commissioner of the Revenue

Samuel Treadwell Esq.

Treasury Department,
Fifth Auditors Office, June 4, 1828.

Sir

Congress having appropriated five thousand dollars for building

agrees to it, and will allow a proper deduction.

I am &c.

(Signed) S. Pleasonton
Fifth Auditor and Acting
Commissioner of the Revenue

Joshua Taylor Esq.

Treasury Department,
Fifth Auditors Office, July 28, 1828

Sir

I have received your letter of the 19th instant, asking a remittance of nine thousand dollars to enable you to proceed in the construction of the dams between Hutchinson and Fig Islands. Before a remittance is made I have to request that you will forward a statement of the sums already paid, and an estimate of those which it may be necessary to pay, on or before the 1st of September next, and such sum will be remitted, with that now in your hands, as will meet your disbursements up to that time, and afterwards remittances will be made monthly on the estimates you may forward.

318. 358.

I am &c.

(Signed) S. Pleasonton
Fifth Auditor and Acting
Commissioner of the Revenue

William C. Daniell Esq.

Treasury Department,
Fifth Auditors Office, July 28, 1828.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 9th instant. You will, as suggested, advertise proposals at Buffalo, Cleveland and Detroit, for building a Light house, &c. on the Island of Bois Blanc. I enclose an advertisement of a Light house of thirty feet in height, similar to which you will advertise for proposals for four or five weeks, at the end of which time you will transmit such proposals as you may receive, when directions will be given for having a contract concluded. As it will be too late in the season to have the entire work done this year, the Contractor may be allowed till the 1st of July or 1st of August 1829, for completing it, agreeably to which you will alter the enclosed advertisement. You will please send three of each of the papers containing the advertisement.

326. 372

I am &c.

(Signed) S. Pleasonton
Fifth Auditor and Acting
Commissioner of the Revenue

Adam D. Stewart Esq.

Treasury Department,
Fifth Auditors Office, July 29, 1828.

Sir

I have the honor to request that a remittance of four hundred dollars, out of the appropriation for placing three Buoys at the entrance of St. Augustine harbor, in Florida, and one hundred and sixty dollars out of the appropriation for two Buoys at the mouth of St. John's River, in Florida, be made to John Rodman, Superintendent of the Light house, &c. at St. Augustine. Mr. Rodman wishes the above remittances made in a draft on the Branch Bank at Charleston or Boston.

344. 350

I am, &c. (Signed) S. Pleasonton
Fifth Auditor and Acting Commissioner of the Revenue

Secretary of the Treasury.

the purpose, and station it in such place in the vicinity of the Shoal called Martins Industry, as the Boards of Pilots shall recommend.

I am &c.

(Signed) S. Pleasonton
Fifth Auditor and acting
Commissioner of the Revenue

John N. McIntosh Esq.

Treasury Department
Fifth Auditors Office, March 19, 1829.

Sir

An appropriation of One thousand dollars was made at the last Session of Congress for placing a Buoy on the outer edge of the Shoal called Martins Industry, at the entrance of Port Royal Sound, or such other place as shall be designated. You will be pleased to procure this Buoy, of such form as you shall think best adapted to the purpose, and station it in such place in the vicinity of the Shoal called Martins Industry, as the Board of Pilots shall recommend.

I am, &c.

(Signed) S. Pleasonton
Fifth Auditor and acting
Commissioner of the Revenue

John Stevens Esq.

Treasury Department,
Fifth Auditors Office, March 19, 1829.

Sir

The sum of Six hundred dollars estimated by you as necessary to build a Beacon near the Charleston Light house, in order to make the entrance into the Channel, commonly known as Lowfords Channel, having been submitted to Congress, the same has been appropriated, and you will consequently cause the Beacon to be erected in the manner proposed by you. You will take care however that the cost does not exceed the sum appropriated.

I am &c.

(Signed) S. Pleasonton
Fifth Auditor and acting
Commissioner of the Revenue

James R. Pringle Esq.

Treasury Department,
Fifth Auditors Office, March 19, 1829.

Sir

Three hundred dollars were appropriated at the last Session of Congress for placing three Buoys on proper sites on the George Town Bar. These you will be pleased to procure and station; taking care not to exceed the appropriation. The Buoys ought to be of the Spar kind.

I am &c.

(Signed) S. Pleasonton
Fifth Auditor and acting
Commissioner of the Revenue

Thomas L. Shaw Esq.

Treasury Department,
Fifth Auditors Office, March 19, 1829.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 14th January last, transmitting your Light house account for the quarter ending 31st December last and accounts for Buoys to be placed at the entrance of St. Augustine Harbor and St. Johns river. As the Buoys are not placed, and there will be other expenses

attending them, besides the expense of putting them down, as stated in your letter. I return the accounts in order that the whole expense may appear in each account. You will also add your Commission of two and a half per centum on your disbursements, and credit the amounts remitted to you, to meet those objects.

I am, &c.
(Signed) S. Pleasonton
Fifth Auditor and acting Commissioner of the Revenue

John Rodman Esq.

Treasury Department,
Fifth Auditors Office, March 19, 1829.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 9th instant. You will be pleased to transmit an estimate of the expense of the breast work you state as necessary for securing the Light house and Dwelling house at Gynes Point.

432. 450

I am &c.
(Signed) S. Pleasonton
Fifth Auditor and acting Commissioner of the Revenue

Richard Saw Esq.

Treasury Department,
Fifth Auditors Office, March 19, 1829.

Sir

I have receeived your letter of the 24th January last, transmitting your Light house account for the quarter ending 31st December last. The account must remain suspended until the Deed for the land at Wolf Island is received, the amount paid for which being charged in the account. You will be pleased to transmit it.

392. 440

I am &c.
(Signed) S. Pleasonton
Fifth Auditor and acting Commissioner of the Revenue

John W. McIntosh Esq.

Treasury Department
Fifth Auditors Office, March 20, 1829.

Sir

Congress having at its last Session, appropriated Eight thousand dollars for Building a Light house at Cleveland, Lake Erie, I have to request that you will select a suitable site and purchase a few acres of land for the accommodation of the establishment, if the same can be had at a reasonable price. This being done, you will inform me thereof, and the necessary instructions will be forwarded for executing the work.

391. 439.

An appropriation was also made of Three hundred and sixty dollars, for placing Six Buoys on proper sites on the Middle ground or Bar at the intrance of Sandusky Bay. These you will be pleased also to procure and station. The Spar Buoy should be adopted; they being found cheapest and best.

I am &c.
(Signed) S. Pleasonton
Fifth Auditor and acting Commissioner of the Revenue

A. W. Walworth Esq.

Treasury Department
Fifth Auditors Office, March 24, 1829.

Sir

You are authorized to employ a person to superintend and inspect the Light house and Dwelling House to be built on Bois Blanc, while the buildings are progressing, to whom you may allow not exceeding one dollar and a half per day.

I am &c.

(Signed) S. Pleasonton
Fifth Auditor and Acting
Commissioner of the Revenue

Adam D. Stewart Esq.

Treasury Department,
Fifth Auditors Office, March 25, 1829.

Sir

Your letter of the 12th instant has been received. I have to inform you that the patent right for fitting up Light houses, belongs to the United States, consequently you will have nothing to pay for using it in fitting up the Light House at Bois Blanc, agreeably to contract.

I am &c.

(Signed) S. Pleasonton
Fifth Auditor and Acting
Commissioner of the Revenue

Wm. Philo Scovill.

Treasury Department,
Fifth Auditors Office, March 25, 1829.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 17th instant. You are authorized to procure four duplicate Buoys, provided the expense shall not exceed Eighty dollars, as estimated.

I am &c.

(Signed) S. Pleasonton
Fifth Auditor and Acting
Commissioner of the Revenue

Christopher Allery Esq.

Treasury Department,
Fifth Auditors Office, March 25, 1829.

Sir

I enclose an advertisement of proposals for building a Light House at the Mouth of St. Johns river, and also one near St. Marks Harbor, in Florida, which you will be pleased to have published for two or three weeks in a paper printed at Boston. You will transmit to me such offers as you may receive, with your opinion of the persons making them, when measures will be taken for having a contract concluded with who make the most favorable offer.

I will thank you to send six of the papers containing the advertisement.

I am &c.

(Signed) S. Pleasonton
Fifth Auditor and Acting
Commissioner of the Revenue

Henry A. S. Dearborn Esq.