Custom House Boston,
January 26. 1842.

Sir:

In conformity with your instructions of the 12th. instant, I have entered into Contract with Winslow Lewis, Esq. of this city, for rebuilding the Light House and Dwelling House, at the entrance of St. Marks river, in Florida. I send you, herewith, as you request, a copy of the contract, to be forwarded to the Collector, at St. Marks. Mr. Lewis has given bond to the United States, with sufficient surety, for $10.000, for the faithfull performance of the agreement.

I am, Sir,
very respectfully,
your obt. Servt.
Lewis Livingston.
Superintendent

T. Pleasonton, Esq.
5th. Auditor
Acting Comptroller of the Treasury
Washington City.

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Custom House Boston,

Nov. 15. 1843.

Sir,

The proposals for rebuilding the Dwelling Houses at St. Marks & Sand Key, were opened this day; and the following are the several bids:—

Winslow Lewis, Boston, $ 5.189.—
Charles Emerson, — do — 5.000.—
David Cary, Fall River, 4.875.—

Mr. Cary's offer being the lowest, I shall enter Contract and Bond with him, for the work, as by the terms of the advertisement.

I am, Sir,
very respectfully,
Your Obt. Sert.
R Rantoul Jr
Superintendent

S. Pleasonton, Esq.
5th Auditor &c.
Washington, D.C.

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Custom House Boston,
November 25. 1843.

Sir,

Mr. Rantoul is now on a visit at Washington; and I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20 th. inst. respecting the contract of David Carey.

The contracts were drawn and executed immediately after the proposals were received, and Mr. Carey has already sailed with the materials for both Dwelling Houses, and two sets of carpenters, prepared to complete the structures within the time specified. I have made an agreement with Winslow Lewis Esq. to send the requisite quantity of Glass, to glaze the Lantern at St. Marks, with the lighting apparatus, all of which will be forwarded in a few days. Mr. Rantoul gave Mr. Carey, a letter of introduction to the Collector at St. Marks, and requested his assistance, as well as that of the Collector at Key West, in locating the Houses. Mr. Carey, took with him

the Contract, which I desired him to present to the several Collectors, who are to superintend the work. I now send you, herewith, the original contract, together with a copy, which I caused to be made, on the receipt of your communication.

I am, Sir,
with great regard,
your Obt. Sert
= Wm A. Wellington

S. Pleasanton, Esq.
5th. Auditor, &c.
Washington City.