Portsmouth N.H.
March 18th 1850

Sir

Your letter of the 14th was received, forwarded to me from Boston, Saturday morning last, by which you request a Plan for ~~Light House for~~ a Light-House to be erected on Monhegan Island, you also say "the Tower is to be 30 feet high from the top of the underpinning to the Underside of the Rock," ~~How is about the height~~

I should think a Structure much like the one Erected on Libby Island in 1848, which is about the same height would be suitable for Monhegan Island. Inside of this Tower was a brick wall, or lining 8 inches thick with a spare well 8 feet diameter carried up Vertically to the Rock of the lantern, having an iron spiral stairs & 4 recess ~~spaces~~ for the reception of Oil Cans on the lower floors,

Monhegan Island is an important position for a Light House, I therefore feel anxious that the Plan should be as Complete as practicable and before proceeding in the Work I have a desire to ~~have a~~ confer ~~some~~ with you, and will call on you some time tomorrow or the next day morning, The Plans can be made in a few days after Consulting with you

With much Respect

I am Sir your Obt Servt

Alex Parris

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Collector of
Portland.
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concerning a light house at
Monhegan