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Boston October 4th. 1847

Sir

your letter of the 27th of August last, and in answer to the one I had the honor of addressing you on the 23d of the same month was not received at this Post. Office until the 27th. ult. just one month from its date! Being absent from the city I did not get the letter till the 29th. ult. since which I called on Mr. Hastings. and find him just recovering from a severe attack of the Dysentary. consequently he will not be out for some days. It was my wish to have him accompany me to the several places of which you are desirous of possessing drawings, that he might take sketches of the several sites named in your letters, but it must be put off until the next trip which will be in five weeks, at which time the Mt. Desert Light House will be completed. I am to leave in the Steam-Boat this day at 12 A.M. for Eastport there take the Revenue-Cutter for Little River Mt Desert Rock &c

P.S. to the cost of making the Plans you are desirous of possessing I cannot now say what it will be but shall be satisfactory to you. Mr. Hastings charge for such services is 5.00 per diem and when from home to have his expenses allowed I think I shall visit Washington this fall and will bring the Drawings with me.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most Obdt. Servt.
signed Alex. Parris

Hon. Steph. Pearson[illegible].

Copy of a Letter to
the 5th Auditor
Oct 2nd 1847

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