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Contract with Winslow Lewis to Repair and refit Thatcher's Island- Scituate Lighthouses, in 1841.

Articles of agreement entered into this eighth day of February A.D. Eighteen hundred & forty one, between George Bancroft Collector etc., for the District of Boston, and Charlestown, in behalf of the United States of America, on the one part, & Winslow Lewis of Boston in the state of Massachusetts, on the other part, Witnesseth --- That the said Winslow Lewis on his part, agrees & engages to repair & refit the two Lighthouses and lanterns at Thatcher's Island & repair & refit the Lighthouse and lantern at Scituate, in this state, of the following materials, dimensions, & description, Viz: The old lanterns at Thatcher's Island Lighthouses to be taken off & the towers taken down until the diameters are increased to twelve feet, then carried up perpendicular, to their original height; The new walls to laid with hard brick, & to be carried up the same thickness as the stone walls where they commence, at the top of the news walls a brick arch to be turned on which to be laid soap stone decks, fourteen feet diameter, well bedded in Roman cement; the outside circle of stone to be four inches thick & to be long enough to run two inches inside of the lanterns; the lantern floors to be soapstone, on which to be wrought iron lanterns, of sufficient height & diameters to admit in each octagon eight lights, twenty four by twenty inches & two lights twenty four by twelve inches; the posts to be four inches wide & one inch thick, to run down four feet into the walls; Sashes to show one fourth of an inch on the outside rabbets one inch deep. The dome to be formed with sixteen iron rafters - one inch iron- concentrating in an iron hoop seven inches wide, & twelve inches diameter; in one of the octagons to be a door four by two feet to shut tight into rabbets, with two strong turn buttons, On top of the doms to be ventilators fifteen inches diameter, twenty seven inches high, an apperture on the sides twelve inches by six inches, the funnel to project out ten inches by 6 inches; the domes & doors to be covered with copper, (32 ounce), the vanes, which are to be thirty inches long & twelve inches wide, & the ventilators, covered with twenty eight ounce copper; round the lantern to be an iron railing, railing posts 1½ inch square, two rails 7/8 inch square; Lanterns to be glazed with the best French plate glass, suitable thickness, twenty four by twenty inches, the lower sash - twelve by twenty inches, to be fitted in with 30 oz copper, in four of which are to be ventilators. Lantern to be painted two coats, outside black - inside white, & the towers whitewashed; each lighthouse to be fitted up with ten lamps & ten twenty one inches reflectors, on two tiers. The reflectors to be formed on a die, each to be platted with fifteen ounces of pure silver, furnished with brass rims; two spare lamps, stove and funnel, & the lamps fitted with oil heaters.

And the said Winslow Lewis on his part further agrees & engages to perform the following work & furnish the following articles & materials at and for the Lighthouse at Scituate, Viz: The old lantern deck and arch to be taken off & the walls taken down four feet to admit the lantern posts to run down that length, then built up to their present height, where a new brick arch is to be turned on which is to be laid a new soap stone deck bedded in Roman cement, thirteen feet diameter, outside circle four inches thick & to run inside the lantern two inches; a suitable sized scuttle through the arch and deck, Scuttle door on iron frame covered with copper.

A new lantern to be put on of sufficient height & diameter to admit six lights in each octagon, twenty four by sixteen inches, & two sixteen by fourteen inches; the posts of the lantern to be three inches wide & one inch thick & to run down four feet into the walls; the lantern to be in every other respect the same as those herein described for Thatcher's Island Lighthouses, & to be glazed with the best French plate glass,16 by 24 inches, the lower tier 14 by 16 inches filled in with copper; the lanterns painted with two coats of paints, & the tower whitewashed; the upper lantern to be fitted up with eleven lamps in two tiers, & eleven fourteen inches reflectors, the lower light with four lamps & four fourteen inch reflectors, all fitted to the centre apparture, & to reflect directly to the sea board, the last to be glazed with plate glass, & each reflector to produce a red light; all the lamps to have oil heaters, stove and funnel, & the reflectors to be plated with nine ounces of pure silver.

And the said Lewis agrees & engages that during said repairs there shall be no diminution of light at either Thatchers Island,or Scituate.The whole to be completed on or before the tenth day of May next, in a workman like manner, & to be approved by the said George Bancroft, or such persons as he shall appoint for that purpose; for the sum of Seven thousand &ninety dollars, including temporary lights during said repairs.

And the said George Bancroft in his capacity as aforesaid,agrees & engages on his part to pay to said Lewis the sum of Seven thousand & ninety dollars, when the whole of the work shall have been completed,(provided that no member of Congress shall be concerned in this contract,or interested therein,) in conformity to this foregoing agreement.

Signed, Sealed, & delivered.
in presence of

Wm A. Wellman
Robt. B. Edey

George Bancroft, Superintendent. Seal

Winslow Lewis Seal

It is agreed & understood between the parties to this contract that Winslow Lewis agrees on his part to furnish an additional lamp & reflector for each of the lanterns at Thatchers Island,for the further sum of One hundred and eighty dollars; & the said George Bancroft in his capacity as Superintendent, agrees on his part to pay or cause to be paid to said Lewis the said further sum of One hundred & eighty dollars, when the whole work & repairs shall have been completed as per this contract.

Winslow Lewis
W.A. Wellman for
G. Bancroft.

--- Memo---

Mr. Lewis contracts to refit the twonLighthouses at Thatcher's Island for $2500 each	5.100
To refit Scituate Light House	1.850
For temporary lights at Thatcher's Island.....	80
do do at Scituate	60
Total as per contract	$7.090
For an additional lamp & reflector for each Lantern at Thatcher's Island.....	180
	$ 7.270

Boston, May 21st, 1841

This is to certify that I have examined & inspected the lanterns & lighting apparatus at Thatcher's Island, & at Scituate, & to the best of my judgment, the work is faithfully performed according to the within contract.

Josiah Sturgis
U.S. R.S.

Boston, May 22, 1841

Received of Levi Lincoln, Seven thousand two hundred & seventy dollars, in full for the within contract.

Winslow Lewis.