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***Draft of Letter from Alexander Parris to John Anderson***

*[written in Alexander Parris's hand]*

Boston April 24<sup>th</sup> 1839

Sir

I wrote you about the [*crossed out:10*] 8<sup>th</sup> Instan[t] and enclosed a Plan etc. of a Light House proposed to be built on Saddleback Ledge at the entrance of Penobscot Bay, in the same letter I had the honor to inform you if practicable I would visite York-Ledge at the last change of the moon, but owing to the unfavorableness of the weather, I could not effect it, and at this time I cannot leave the Navy-Yard, to take sufficient time to make the needful examination should the weather be anyways unfavourable, however I think there is no-doubt but at the change of the moon in May I can take as much time as may be required, and if you are pleased to send the Revenue Cutter about the 11<sup>th</sup> of May for the purpose of taking me there, I will go aboard, and remain until a landing can be effected, and a proper examination made.

With Respect

I am sir your Ob[edient] Serv[an]t

Hon. John Anderson  
Collector of the Customs  
Portland

**[Verso]**

Copy of Letter to  
J. Anderson Esq.  
Collector of the Customs  
Portland  
dated April 24<sup>th</sup> 1839

*[written in another hand]*  
Saddleback Ledge  
Penobscot Bay