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Draft of Letter from Alexander Parris to Gridley Bryant

[*written in Alexander Parris's hand*]

Portsmouth N. H. Sept. 15th 1847

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 13th Inst[ant] was duly received. The statement it contains relating to services rendered at Execution rocks preparatory to making a Plan etc. of a Lighthouse to be erected at that place will answer for me to make an [*crossed out: illegible*] account for that job. The other matters contained in your letter I will answer at some more convenient time.

You say however, that you should "feel very sorry to have any misunderstanding after so many years of friendship." Now there is no one more unwilling than myself to have any "misunderstanding" with an old friend or one who I took to be my friend, and if you will fulfil your engagements to me I fear very little of any "misunderstanding" for I assure you I will not be backward in fulfilling all and every engagement I ever made to you, and when you can afford a little time to meet me [*crossed out: and talk our affairs over*] there is no doubt but we can come to such arrangement as will be satisfactory, to you.

Very Respectfully
[*crossed out: illegible*] yours

[*verso*]

Copy of Letter to
G. Bryant
Sept. 15th 1847