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Draft of Letter from Alexander Parris to Stephen Pleasanton

[written in Alexander Parris's hand]

[Boston August 16th 1846]

Sir

Understanding Congress has mad[e] provision for building some Light Houses in their appropriation for civil and diplomatic expenses of the government, for the present year I take the liberty to offer my services to you to superintend [*crossed out: any*] of any [*crossed out: such*] work you may be pleased to put under any charge [*crossed out: being now*] having [*crossed out: now*] at this time no engagement so but what I could immediately enter upon [*crossed out: any dutty*] such duty as you might be pleased to assign me, or to contract in connexion with Mr. G. Bryant for any work you may be pleased to give us.

The rebuilding the Lighthouse at Martinicus rock in the state of Main[e] would be a work we would be very glad to be engaged [*crossed out: in*] upon, [*crossed out: should it please you*] for this work. I understand eleven thousand dollars has been appropriated.

[*verso*]

Copy of a Letter wrote
to the 5th Auditor
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