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# Ms. Coll. 2

## Alexander Parris Papers, 1823-1851: Guide

### COLLECTION SUMMARY

**Creator:** Parris, Alexander, 1780-1852.

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**Abstract:** This collection documents Alexander Parris's work as a prominent architect in New England during the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

### SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection was digitized as part of the Parris Project, a digital collection of Parris's papers held by the State Library of Massachusetts and six other Boston repositories. All of the materials in this collection have been digitized and are available at [www.parrisproject.org](http://www.parrisproject.org). The container list for the collection (found at the end of this guide) includes the digital ID number for each item, which can be used to locate the digital versions of individual items through the Parris Project's search page.

The Alexander Parris Papers, spanning the years from 1823 to 1851, document the final period of the architect's career. The bulk of the papers relate to his active involvement with engineering projects for the U.S. Navy; projects such as Boon Island, Execution Rock, Matinicus Rock, Minot's Ledge, Monhegan, Mt. Desert Rock, Saddleback Ledge, Thacher's Island, York Ledge, Black Rock Beacon, and the seawall construction at Rainsford Island are all represented in this collection in either correspondence, specifications, reports, or accounts.

The earliest correspondence in the collection foreshadows a change in Parris's occupation from an architect of commercial and residential buildings to a government engineer. Many letters, particularly those to and from Loammi Baldwin, reveal Parris's deep desire to be of service to the government and entreat friends and colleagues for support in this endeavor. Furthermore, the abundant correspondence between Parris and Stephen Pleasonton, 5<sup>th</sup> Auditor of the U.S. Treasury, present the difficulties Parris encountered while engaged in the construction of lighthouses and beacons. Correspondence with Calvin Brown, William Sanger, Gridley Bryant and various naval personnel are also part of the collection. The letters between Gridley J. F. Bryant (son of Parris's colleague, Gridley Bryant) and Parris chart an evolving relationship as Bryant's status changes from Parris's student and assistant to a leading architect in Boston. The 1835-36 seawall construction at Rainsford Island is recorded in correspondence with Governor Samuel Armstrong, Albion Parris, Fred A. Smith, and Sylvanus Thayer. Other letters of architectural interest include an 1825 letter from Ithiel Town.

Financial records include numerous estimates, accounts, and reports documenting the number of laborers, the types and quantities of materials used, and the monthly expenses for work at the Charlestown Naval Yard, the Chelsea Naval Hospital, and Rainsford Island. Accounts for the construction of lighthouses and beacons are also included. Professional and legal documents include the documents relating to the Customs House competition of 1838, which are of considerable interest. No drawings of Parris's entry exist but surviving in this collection is his lengthy written description of the project. This series also includes the following material: a report entitled "Analyses of four specimens of water from Charlestown Navy Yard;" observations on "smithering" in the Charlestown Navy Yard; specifications for lights at Mt. Desert Island and Round Shoal; and a drawing showing the site of a proposed beacon on Thacher's Island; as well as printed information about "Lowitz's Mastic or Fusible Cement."

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Alexander Parris was born in Halifax, Massachusetts, on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 1780. Parris was an architect and engineer, and he designed several of Boston's most prominent early 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings. Like other American-born architects of the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, the self-

taught Parris began his career as a builder. Through careful study of architectural treatises and builders' guides, coupled with natural skills as a designer and draftsman, he established himself as the leading builder in Portland, Maine by the first decade of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. He lived in Richmond, Virginia, from 1810 to 1812, where he worked on several houses; the most notable of his Richmond projects were the John Wickham House (1811-1813) and the Governor's Mansion. The War of 1812 interrupted Parris's burgeoning career, and he spent the next three years in military service as Superintendent of the Corps of Artificers, where he earned the rank of Captain.

Moving to Boston after the war, Parris established his first professional office by 1817 and dominated the local architectural scene for more than a decade, completing over 24 known projects between 1815 and 1827. His Parker-Appleton houses (1817-1819) and David Sears house (1818-1821, altered in the 1830s) were prominently sited, overlooking the Boston Common, and helped solidify Parris's reputation. Civic projects such as Faneuil Hall Market (1824-6) in Boston and the Stone Temple in Quincy (1827-1828) demonstrate Parris's skill as a designer and his abilities as a technological innovator. Building with single pieces of granite stone, Parris was one of a group of architects of the time who contributed to the formation of the Boston Granite Style, a style that defined the city's commercial and governmental architecture during the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Parris's Boston office served as a training ground for many young architects. Architectural historian Edward Zimmer suggests that his architectural impact during the 1830s and 1840s was exercised more through the graduates of Parris's office than through his own designs. Two architects of considerable renown, Richard Upjohn and Gridley J. F. Bryant, were his associates.

Parris's association with the Charlestown Naval Yard spanned 20 years (1824 to 1844), within which time he designed seven substantial granite structures, including an engine house, storehouses, and the immensely important ropewalk complex. During these years, Parris also superintended the construction of one of the first dry docks built by the government. In the 1830s, he was commissioned by the Navy to design and superintend a naval hospital and ordnance magazine located in Chelsea, Massachusetts. He also designed and oversaw the construction of the seawall on Rainsford Island in Boston Harbor. After Parris began this series of military projects, his private practice rapidly dwindled; this is not to say, however, that he was not actively engaged in the architectural profession. His career took on a rather peripatetic dimension when he became involved with the design of light stations along the New England coast for the nation's Lighthouse Service (from 1789 to 1852, the U.S. Treasury Department oversaw the Lighthouse Service). This work occupied him until his death on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 1852 in Pembroke, Massachusetts.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

### ***Arrangement***

The papers are arranged in three series as follows:

*Series I: Correspondence, 1823-1851*

*Subseries A: Outgoing, 1829-1851*

*Subseries B: Incoming, 1823-1851*

*Subseries C: Third-Party, 1831-1843*

*Series II: Financial Records, 1834-1851*

*Series III: Professional and Legal Documents, 1827-1849*

*Subseries A: Specifications and Descriptions, 1927-1947*

*Subseries B: Contracts, Certificates, and Bonds, 1936-1945*

*Subseries C: Other Documents, 1939-1945*

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### ***Languages and Scripts***

The collection is entirely in English.

### ***Immediate Source of Acquisition***

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### ***Related Materials***

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## ***Detailed Series Description and Container List***

### **Series I: Correspondence, 1823-1851.**

#### ***Scope and Content***

This series includes correspondence incoming to and outgoing from Alexander Parris. It also includes correspondence between two other parties, not directly written to or from Parris.

#### ***Arrangement***

This series is arranged into three subseries: A: Outgoing Correspondence, B: Incoming Correspondence, and C: Third-Party Correspondence. Subseries A is arranged alphabetically by recipient's name, and Subseries B and C are arranged alphabetically by sender's name.

#### ***Series I Subseries A: Outgoing Correspondence***

<b>Folder</b>	<b>Digital ID</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	<a href="#">SLM001</a>	Anderson, John	Apr. 21, 1839
1	<a href="#">SLM002</a>	Anderson, John	Feb. 3, 1840
1	<a href="#">SLM003</a>	Armstrong, Governor Samuel T.	Aug. 27, 1835
1	<a href="#">SLM004</a>	Armstrong, Governor Samuel T.	Sept. 29, 1835
1	<a href="#">SLM005</a>	Armstrong, Governor Samuel T.	Dec. 19, 1835
1	<a href="#">SLM006</a>	Baldwin, Loammi	Mar. 5, 1829
1	<a href="#">SLM007</a>	Baldwin, Loammi	Apr. 4, 1831
1	<a href="#">SLM008</a>	Bryant, Gridley	Oct. 21, 1846
1	<a href="#">SLM009</a>	Bryant, Gridley	Apr. 7, 1847
1	<a href="#">SLM010</a>	Bryant, Gridley	Aug. 26, 1847
1	<a href="#">SLM011</a>	Bryant, Gridley	Sept. 15, 1847
1	<a href="#">SLM012</a>	Campbell, John	Oct. 29, 1836
1	<a href="#">SLM013</a>	Campbell, John	Oct. 31, 1836
1	<a href="#">SLM014</a>	Campbell, John	Nov. 29, 1836
1	<a href="#">SLM015</a>	Crane, Commodore William	Oct. 23, 1839

1	<a href="#">SLM016</a>	Downes, Commodore John	Dec. 28, 1838
2	<a href="#">SLM017</a>	Everett, Luther J.	Mar. 18, 1850
2	<a href="#">SLM018</a>	Gratiot, Charles	Oct. 11, 1836
2	<a href="#">SLM019</a>	Gratiot, Charles	Aug. 24, 1837
2	<a href="#">SLM020</a>	Gratiot, Charles	Oct. 16, 1837
2	<a href="#">SLM021</a>	Hagner, Peter	July 27, 1837
2	<a href="#">SLM023</a>	Mason, John Young	June 22, 1844
2	<a href="#">SLM024</a>	Morris, Charles	May 22, 1834
2	<a href="#">SLM025</a>	Nicolson, John B.	Oct. 17, 1843
3	<a href="#">SLM148</a>	Parris, Albion K	Dec. 9, 1836
3	<a href="#">SLM057</a>	Pleasanton, Stephen	[Nov. 20, 1838]
3	<a href="#">SLM056</a>	Pleasanton, Stephen	[1838, after Nov. 20]
3	<a href="#">SLM026</a>	Pleasanton, Stephen	Feb. 15, 1843
3	<a href="#">SLM027</a>	Pleasanton, Stephen	Apr. 11, 1843
3	<a href="#">SLM028</a>	Pleasanton, Stephen	July 25, '1845
3	<a href="#">SLM029</a>	Pleasanton, Stephen	Sept. 12, 1845
3	<a href="#">SLM030</a>	Pleasanton, Stephen	Sept. 26, 1845
3	<a href="#">SLM031</a>	Pleasanton, Stephen	Aug. 16, 1845
3	<a href="#">SLM032</a>	Pleasanton, Stephen	Aug. 17, 1846
3	<a href="#">SLM033</a>	Pleasanton, Stephen	Apr. 1, 1847
3	<a href="#">SLM034</a>	Pleasanton, Stephen	Apr. 16, 1847
3	<a href="#">SLM035</a>	Pleasanton, Stephen	June 5, 1847
3	<a href="#">SLM036</a>	Pleasanton, Stephen	June 5, 1847
3	<a href="#">SLM037</a>	Pleasanton, Stephen	Aug. 23, 1847
3	<a href="#">SLM038</a>	Pleasanton, Stephen	Oct. 4, 1847

3	<a href="#">SLM039</a>	Pleasanton, Stephen	May 21, 1850
3	<a href="#">SLM040</a>	Pleasanton, Stephen	Aug. 26, 1851
4	<a href="#">SLM041</a>	Riddle, William P.	June 26, 1829
4	<a href="#">SLM042</a>	Rodgers, John	Mar. 30, 1835
4	<a href="#">SLM043</a>	Sanger, William P.S.	June 1, 1848
4	<a href="#">SLM044</a>	Sanger, William P.S.	June 1, 1848
4	<a href="#">SLM053</a>	Sise, J. Gage	Sept. 17, 1836
4	<a href="#">SLM022</a>	Smith, Joseph	June 14, 1847
4	<a href="#">SLM045</a>	Thayer, Sylvanus	Sept. 13, 1836
4	<a href="#">SLM046</a>	Thayer, Sylvanus	Jan. 17, 1837
4	<a href="#">SLM047</a>	Thayer, Sylvanus	Sept. 1, 1838
4	<a href="#">SLM048</a>	Thayer, Sylvanus	Oct. 9, 1839
4	<a href="#">SLM054</a>	Thayer, Sylvanus	Oct. 20, 1837
4	<a href="#">SLM055</a>	Thayer, Sylvanus	Oct. 23, 1837
4	<a href="#">SLM049</a>	Thayer, Sylvanus	Sept. 21, 1840
4	<a href="#">SLM050</a>	Thayer, Sylvanus	Nov. 9, 1840
4	<a href="#">SLM051</a>	Warrington, Lewis	June 22, 1844
4	<a href="#">SLM052</a>	Warrington, Lewis	June 22, 1844

***Series I Subseries B: Incoming Correspondence***

<b>Folder</b>	<b>Digital ID</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Date</b>
5	<a href="#">SLM058</a>	Anderson, John	May 4, 1848
5	<a href="#">SLM059</a>	Armstrong, Samuel T.	Sept. 25, 1835
5	<a href="#">SLM060</a>	Armstrong, Samuel T.	Oct. 30, 1835
5	<a href="#">SLM061</a>	Armstrong, Samuel T.	Nov. 23, 1835
5	<a href="#">SLM062</a>	Bainbridge, William	Nov. 28, 1832

5	<a href="#">SLM063</a>	Bainbridge, William	Feb. 18, 1833
5	<a href="#">SLM064</a>	Baldwin, Loammi	Nov. 27, 1832
5	<a href="#">SLM065</a>	Baldwin, Loammi	Dec. 12, 1832
5	<a href="#">SLM066</a>	Brown, Calvin	Sept. 1, 1841
5	<a href="#">SLM067</a>	Brown, Calvin	Dec. 17, 1843
5	<a href="#">SLM068</a>	Bryant, Gridley	May 27, 1847
5	<a href="#">SLM069</a>	Bryant, Gridley	May 28, 1847
5	<a href="#">SLM070</a>	Bryant, Gridley	Sept. 13, 1847
5	<a href="#">SLM071</a>	Bryant, Gridley J. F.	Sept. 19, 1845
5	<a href="#">SLM072</a>	Bryant, Gridley J. F.	Jan. 5, 1846
6	<a href="#">SLM073</a>	Campbell, John	Oct. 25, 1836
6	<a href="#">SLM074</a>	Campbell, John	Nov. 4, 1836
6	<a href="#">SLM075</a>	Campbell, John	Nov. 23, 1836
6	<a href="#">SLM076</a>	Campbell, John	Nov. 25, 1836
6	<a href="#">SLM077</a>	Campbell, John	Aug. 24, 1837
6	<a href="#">SLM078</a>	Campbell, John	Oct. 25, 1838
6	<a href="#">SLM079</a>	Campbell, John	July 1, 1839
6	<a href="#">SLM138</a>	Chauncey, J.	July 24, 1839
6	<a href="#">SLM080</a>	Courtenay, Edward H.	Oct. 7, 1841
6	<a href="#">SLM081</a>	Downes, John	June 14, 1851
6	<a href="#">SLM082</a>	Fulton, Alexander	Jan. 15, 1823
7	<a href="#">SLM083</a>	Gratiot, Charles	Oct. 21, 1836
7	<a href="#">SLM084</a>	Gratiot, Charles	Nov. 22, 1836
7	<a href="#">SLM085</a>	Gratiot, Charles	July 6, 1837
7	<a href="#">SLM086</a>	Gratiot, Charles	Aug. 21, 1837

7	<a href="#">SLM087</a>	Gratiot, Charles	Oct. 11, 1837
7	<a href="#">SLM088</a>	Gratiot, Charles	July 13, 1838
7	<a href="#">SLM089</a>	Hagner, Peter	Sept. 20, 1836
7	<a href="#">SLM090</a>	Hagner, Peter	Oct. 24, 1836
7	<a href="#">SLM091</a>	Hagner, Peter	Nov. 23, 1836
7	<a href="#">SLM092</a>	Hagner, Peter	May 26, 1837
7	<a href="#">SLM093</a>	Hagner, Peter	Aug. 1, 1837
7	<a href="#">SLM094</a>	Hagner, Peter	Oct. 23, 1838
7	<a href="#">SLM095</a>	Hagner, Peter	Dec. 28, 1838
7	<a href="#">SLM096</a>	Hagner, Peter	Apr. 15, 1839
7	<a href="#">SLM097</a>	Hagner, Peter	June 28, 1839
7	<a href="#">SLM098</a>	Hagner, Peter	Oct. 23, 1839
8	<a href="#">SLM099</a>	Lee, George C.	July 5, 1841
8	<a href="#">SLM135</a>	Lee, Robert E.	Sept. 19, 1836
8	<a href="#">SLM136</a>	Lee, Robert E.	Apr. 17, 1837
8	<a href="#">SLM137</a>	Lee, Robert E.	May 25, 1837
8	<a href="#">SLM100</a>	Lewis, Winslow	Aug. 24, 1846
8	<a href="#">SLM101</a>	Manson, Otis	Jan. 12, 1823
8	<a href="#">SLM102</a>	Morris, Charles	May 21, 1845
8	<a href="#">SLM103</a>	Newcomb, Jonathan, James, and Samuel	Dec. 11, 1835
8	<a href="#">SLM104</a>	Norris, J. B.	Dec. 22, 1835
8	<a href="#">SLM105</a>	Parris, Albion K.	Sept. 19, 1836
8	<a href="#">SLM106</a>	Pleasanton, Stephen	Aug. 8, 1843
8	<a href="#">SLM107</a>	Pleasanton, Stephen	June 12, 1845
8	<a href="#">SLM108</a>	Pleasanton, Stephen	Aug. 19, 1846

8	<a href="#">SLM109</a>	Pleasanton, Stephen	Mar. 27, 1847
8	<a href="#">SLM110</a>	Pleasanton, Stephen	Apr. 9, 1847
8	<a href="#">SLM111</a>	Pleasanton, Stephen	Apr. 21, 1847
8	<a href="#">SLM112</a>	Pleasanton, Stephen	June 9, 1847
8	<a href="#">SLM113</a>	Pleasanton, Stephen	Aug. 27, 1847
9	<a href="#">SLM114</a>	Reed, Caleb	Sept. 14, 1839
9	<a href="#">SLM115</a>	Robinson, J.P.	Feb. 26, 1838
9	<a href="#">SLM116</a>	Sanger, William P.S.	Feb. 21, 1844
9	<a href="#">SLM117</a>	Sise, J. Gage	Aug. 26, 1836
9	<a href="#">SLM118</a>	Sise, J. Gage	Sept. 2, 1836
9	<a href="#">SLM119</a>	Sise, J. Gage	Sept. 19, 1836
9	<a href="#">SLM120</a>	Smith, Frederick A.	Sept. 28, 1837
9	<a href="#">SLM121</a>	Smith, Frederick A.	Oct. 22, 1838
9	<a href="#">SLM122</a>	Smith, Frederick A.	Dec. 26, 1838
9	<a href="#">SLM123</a>	Smith, Frederick A.	Apr. 12, 1839
9	<a href="#">SLM124</a>	Smith, Frederick A.	June 27, 1839
9	<a href="#">SLM125</a>	Smith, Frederick A.	Aug. 16, 1839
9	<a href="#">SLM126</a>	Smith, Frederick A.	Oct. 21, 1839
9	<a href="#">SLM127</a>	Talcott, P.	Nov. 14, 1844
9	<a href="#">SLM128</a>	Thayer, Samuel	Sept. 14, 1836
9	<a href="#">SLM129</a>	Torrey, William	Dec. 15, 1835
9	<a href="#">SLM139</a>	Totten, Joseph G.	Apr. 4, 1840
9	<a href="#">SLM130</a>	Town, Ithiel	Apr. 18, 1825
9	<a href="#">SLM131</a>	Tuckerman, Edward G.	1841
9	<a href="#">SLM132</a>	Walden, Green	Aug. 23, 1841

9	<a href="#">SLM133</a>	Wetherbee, Joseph and Israel Herrick	Dec. 14, 1835
9	<a href="#">SLM134</a>	Whiting, Albert	June 20, 1837

**Series I Subseries C: Third-Party Correspondence**

Folder	Digital ID	Item	Date
10	<a href="#">SLM140</a>	Baldwin, Loammi: to John Rodgers	Nov. 2, 1831
10	<a href="#">SLM141</a>	Baldwin, Loammi: to Charles Morris	Mar. 16, 1835
10	<a href="#">SLM142</a>	Baldwin, Loammi: to Levi Woodbury	Feb. 2, 1838
10	<a href="#">SLM143</a>	Chauncey, J.: to John Downes	Apr. 27, 1838
10	<a href="#">SLM144</a>	Lester, Charles F.: to Gridley Bryant	July 8, 1843
10	<a href="#">SLM145</a>	Rodgers, John: to John Downes	Apr. 30, 1835
10	<a href="#">SLM146</a>	Stewart, Charles: to William Bainbridge	Nov. 20, 1832
10	<a href="#">SLM147</a>	Woodbury, Levi: to President of the United States [Martin Van Buren]	May 26, 1837

**Series II: Financial Records, 1834-1851**

**Scope and Content**

This series includes financial records such as accounts, estimates, invoices, and receipts.

**Arrangement**

This series is arranged chronologically.

Folder	Digital ID	Item	Date
11	<a href="#">SLM149</a>	Receipt: Of payment from United States to Charles I. Jackson	Nov. 17, 1834
11	<a href="#">SLM153</a>	Account: Of services with John Minot	April 26, 1836
11	<a href="#">SLM154</a>	Receipt: Of payment from Amos Bates to South Boston Iron Company	May 27, 1836
11	<a href="#">SLM156</a>	Receipt: Of payment from Amos Bates to Francis Low	June 1, 1836

11	<a href="#">SLM157</a>	Receipt: Of payment from Amos Bates to William Hawes	June 1, 1836
11	<a href="#">SLM158</a>	Invoice: From Horace Gray to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts	June 3, 1836
11	<a href="#">SLM155</a>	Invoice: From Amos Bates to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts	June 4, 1836
11	<a href="#">SLM151</a>	Account: Stone delivered by Jonathan Newcomb	July 12, 1836
11	<a href="#">SLM152</a>	Account: Stone delivered by Samuel Newcomb	July 29, 1836
11	<a href="#">SLM150</a>	Account: Expenses for seawall, Rainsford Island	Aug. 27, 1836
11	<a href="#">SLM159</a>	Form: Abstract of Disbursements	Aug. 31, 1836
11	<a href="#">SLM160</a>	Form: Abstract of Disbursements	Dec. 31, 1836
11	<a href="#">SLM161</a>	Account: Cost of seawall, Rainsford Island	ca. 1836
12	<a href="#">SLM163</a>	Receipt: Of payment from United States to J. & T. Howe and H. Bosworth	May 27, 1839
12	<a href="#">SLM164</a>	Account: Of stone received from Weatherby & Greene	June 17, 1839
12	<a href="#">SLM165</a>	Label for Treasury Draft. No. 8888	June 29, 1839
12	<a href="#">SLM166</a>	Invoice: From Alexander Parris to the United States	Oct. 31, 1839
12	<a href="#">SLM191</a>	Estimate: For Removal of stone	ca. 1839
12	<a href="#">SLM167</a>	Account: Expenses for Truro Lighthouse	May 23, 1840
12	<a href="#">SLM168</a>	Account: Of supplies expended in the Boatswain Department, U.S. Frigate Columbia	May 23, 1840
12	<a href="#">SLM170</a>	Receipt: Of payment from Gridley J. F. Bryant to Thomas Sullivan	Sept. 6, 1841
12	<a href="#">SLM169</a>	Account: Between Parris and Gridley J. F. Bryant	Oct. 29, 1841
12	<a href="#">SLM173</a>	Invoice: From Alexander Parris to the United States Treasury Department	Mar. 20, 1843
12	<a href="#">SLM171</a>	Estimate: Costs for smithery tools, Charlestown Navy Yard	1843

12	<a href="#">SLM172</a>	Estimate: Costs and weight of smithery pipes, Charlestown Navy Yard	1843
12	<a href="#">SLM174</a>	Invoice: From Alexander Parris to the United States	Nov., 1844
12	<a href="#">SLM175</a>	Account: Personal finances	Feb. 10, 1845
12	<a href="#">SLM176</a>	Invoice: From Alexander Parris to the United States Treasury Department	Sept., 1845
12	<a href="#">SLM177</a>	Estimate: For boiler and equipment, Portsmouth Navy Yard	ca. 1845
13	<a href="#">SLM178</a>	Receipt: Of payment from Alexander Parris to Gridley Bryant	June 11, 1846
13	<a href="#">SLM184</a>	Invoice: From Alexander Parris to Gridley Bryant	Feb., 1847
13	<a href="#">SLM179</a>	Invoice: From Alexander Parris to Gridley Bryant	Feb., 1847
13	<a href="#">SLM181</a>	Invoice. From Alexander Parris to Gridley Bryant	Feb., 1847
13	<a href="#">SLM182</a>	Invoice: From Alexander Parris to Gridley Bryant	Feb., 1847
13	<a href="#">SLM183</a>	Account: Of time and expenses to visit Execution Rock	Mar. 11, 1847
13	<a href="#">SLM185</a>	Account: Of expenses for Matinicus Rock	ca. 1847
13	<a href="#">SLM186</a>	Invoice: From Alexander Parris to the United States Treasury Department	Mar., 1847; Jan., 1848
13	<a href="#">SLM187</a>	Account: Of expenses for trip to Portland	Jan. 1, 1848
13	<a href="#">SLM188</a>	Invoice: From Alexander Parris to the United States Treasury Department	Jan., 1848
13	<a href="#">SLM180</a>	Account: Between Alexander Parris and Gridley Bryant	Feb. 19, 1849
13	<a href="#">SLM189</a>	Estimate: For construction of Libby Island Lighthouse	ca. 1848
13	<a href="#">SLM190</a>	Receipt: Of payment from Luther Jewett to Alexander Parris	Dec., 1850; Jan. 22, 1851
13	<a href="#">SLM192</a>	Estimate: For cost of blacksmith's shop; repairs of dry dock, Charlestown Navy Yard	undated
13	<a href="#">SLM193</a>	Bill of Lading: For Brig "Forrest"	undated

13	<a href="#">SLM194</a>	Instructions: For submitting accounts to Engineer Department	undated
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### **Series III: Professional and Legal Documents, 1827-1849**

#### ***Scope and Content***

This series includes contracts, specifications, drawings, plans, surveys, and bonds.

#### ***Arrangement***

This series is arranged into three subseries: A: Specifications and Descriptions, B: Contracts, Certificates, and Bonds, and C: Other Documents. Each subseries is arranged chronologically.

#### ***Series III Subseries A: Specifications and Descriptions***

<b>Folder</b>	<b>Digital ID</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Date</b>
14	<a href="#">SLM195</a>	Specification and contract: Mason's work to be completed for Charles R Codman	Mar. 10, 1827
14	<a href="#">SLM196</a>	Memorandum: Of the Customhouse	1837
14	<a href="#">SLM197</a>	Description: Drawings made for a Customhouse in Boston	1837
14	<a href="#">SLM198</a>	Description: Plans for a Customhouse in Boston	1837
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14	<a href="#">SLM200</a>	Description: Plans for a Customhouse in Boston	Jan. 1, 1838
14	<a href="#">SLM201</a>	Description: Plans for a Customhouse in Boston	Feb. 13, 1838
14	<a href="#">SLM202</a>	Description: Whaleback Lighthouse	Nov. 20, 1838
14	<a href="#">SLM203</a>	Description: Details of the Treasury Building	ca. 1838
15	<a href="#">SLM204</a>	Specification: Round Shoal Beacon	ca. 1841
15	<a href="#">SLM214</a>	Description: Seawall at Faulkner's Island	1842
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15	<a href="#">SLM206</a>	Survey: Thatcher's Island	June 28, 1843
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