

Charlestown, February 2. 1838

Sir,

Mr. Alexander Bais is an Architect and wishes to be employed in building the new Custom House in Boston. His talents & judgment are without an equal in his profession. His acquaintance with the prices of materials & those most suitable for the work in question, are of the utmost importance. He was employed by me in building the Dry Dock in this town, & in the masonry particularly his services were of great utility. His plans, which I understand he has submitted for the Custom House will shew his merit as an Architect & draughtsman, & I need add nothing more on this point.

His integrity to his employers & mode of dealing with all classes of workmen are those which I have never found in any other man, & recommend him for employment in any kind of public work like that which he is now desirous of superintending. He has recently been employed by the Navy Commissioners in building the Reparatalk in the Navy Yard here, & has given, I believe, entire satisfaction. Proofs of his ability in direction of public edifices are abundant in this neighbourhood, & from my personal acquaintance with his great merits I cannot but recommend him to your particular notice for the employment he wishes.

With great respects,

Yours obedt. servant,

(signed) S. T. Baldwin.

Hon: Levi Woodbury,

Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington.

Copy of letter from Col.

F. B. Baldwin to A. Woodbury

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington City

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