

Sept 12<sup>th</sup>  
Boston ~~August 21<sup>st</sup>~~ 1845

Sir

Soon after receiving your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> of June last, I went <sup>on</sup> aboard of the Revenue Cutter of this port and was landed on Minots Rock, making one of the <sup>only</sup> groups of rocks off of Cohasset called "the Cohasset Rocks". I found this rock (Minots) to be about 50 feet from North to South & 112 feet from East to West, the centre part is about eight <sup>the</sup> and averages ~~is~~ about four feet above low water (spring tides). I have made an eye sketch which is herewith annexed, taken from the Cutter which was anchored N.W. West about one mile distance from said Rocks also a Plan showing the position of the Minot on which I have marked the site for the proposed Light House.

A Light house could be built for a much less sum <sup>marked N<sup>o</sup> 1 on the sketch</sup> <sup>marked N<sup>o</sup> 2 on the sketch</sup> <sup>marked N<sup>o</sup> 3 on the sketch</sup> lying about one third of a mile West of the Minot, ~~the rock is about~~ it is about one hundred <sup>feet</sup> each way, of an uneven surface and from 12 to 15 feet above low water at spring tides, ~~but~~ a Light house placed upon the Minot would be seen <sup>to greater advantage consequently</sup> ~~much better than on any other rock in this group~~ <sup>about</sup> it being ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~intermediate~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~point~~ <sup>more</sup> ~~of the~~ <sup>if plan can</sup> ~~group~~ to greater advantage consequently of much <sup>more</sup> service to the Mariner commanding on the coast, than ~~any~~ <sup>any</sup> other rock in the group.

Boston Light bears North West distance about 9 miles - Scituate Light bears South by West 5 miles - Cohasset Harbor bears South West 2 1/2 miles - "Normans Cove" Gloucester Harbor Cape Ann bears North East half East distance about 22 miles -

There is no doubt but a Light house can be erected on the Minot by first leveling the surface of the rock and placing there a structure much on the same plan as the one built by

one the Cuddy Stone English<sup>Cart</sup> by the Celebrate Engineer Smeaton  
Owing to the great exposure to the North Eastly gales which are frequent  
and of the severest kind on this Coast a Light house to be erected on  
on the Summit should built with the best materials and Workman  
ship to ensure its Durability.

I have detain<sup>completing the sketch & forwarding it</sup> ~~sent~~ this to you for some weeks with a view  
of having an opportunity of viewing the "Capelet Rocks" before ~~sending~~  
as you mentioned in your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> of June last that it would  
answer any time in course of the summer

As you mentioned in your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> of June last that I  
might <sup>have</sup> the whole summer to make the examination and forward  
to you a sketch with a site for the proposed Light house. I have therefore  
detain<sup>completing the sketch until I could have an opportunity to</sup> examine the said rocks from the shore which I did a few days  
ago & hereunto forward the sketch which I have made from an  
Eye view,

Copy of letters to etc  
5th Dec 1845  
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