

Proposals for building a Light House on New Point Comfort.

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The Light House to be of brown free Stone, the form to be Octagonal. The Foundation to be sunk 5 feet below the surface of the ground, or whatever greater depth may be sufficient to under the whole fabric perfectly secure. From the commencement of the foundation to the bottom of the Water table, the Wall to be 5 feet thick; the diameter of the base from the bottom of the Water table to the top thereof where the Octagonal Pyramid is to commence, to be twenty feet; from the surface of the earth or bottom of the Water table to the top of the building, the walls to be fifty feet and to be graduated as follows: the first fourteen feet after leaving the Water table to be $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet, the next 13 to be 3 feet, the next 12 to be $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet the next 11 feet to be of the building to be 12 feet. The Water table to be capped with Stone at least 7 inches wide sloped to turn off water. The floor to be paved with Stone and a flight of substantial Stone Steps from the floor to the Lantern; one end of each Step to be worked into the Wall, the other to go up plumb. The top of the building to be arched (reserving 2 places for 2 trap doors which is to be fitted to serve as an entrance to the Lantern) and to have 2 Stone Courses to be covered with Copper so as to preserve it from the weather. On the top of the Stone Work and to be 2 sufficient number of Substantial iron flanges laced therein and sloping from the centre, which are to be covered first with Sheet iron, over which is to be laid 2 courses of Sheathing Paper well soaked in and paid with tar, and then with Sheet Copper over the hood, the whole to be riveted together, so as that the floor of the Lantern thus prepared shall be perfectly tight and strong and as durable at least as upon the ordinary mode of laying the Copper on wood: the trap door to be covered with Sheet Copper. The Light House to be furnished with a Substantial funnel hood with Iron hinges, Lock and latch complete, and five windows each to have 6 panes of 10 by 12 glass in strong frames. A Complete Snow Lantern in the Octagonal form to rest thereon, with 2 complete set of Lamps to be suspended by good and sufficient Iron Chains, so hung as that the Lamps may be raised or lowered at pleasure, and also 2 sufficient number of Air pipes: the eight or nine ports or Stanchions of the Lantern to be built in the wall to the depth of 6 feet; the end within the wall to be secured by large Anchors: these ports are to be 2 inches Square on the lower end, and one & half inch Square above the Stone Work: The Lantern to be $6\frac{1}{2}$ feet in the Smallest diameter, and eight feet high from the floor to the dome or roof. The Roof to be $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet in height and covered with Sheet Copper. The Caps of the Lantern (which are to be of Iron) are to be framed into an iron hoop, over which is to be 2 Copper framed through which the Smoke may pass into 2 Copper Ventilator in the form of 2 Ball sufficient to contain 80 gallons, and large enough to secure the funnel against rain; this Ventilator to be turned by a large Wind, so that the hole for venting the Smoke may be always to leeward. The Spaces between the ports at the angles to be occupied by the Sashes which are to be made of Iron French Solid and of sufficient strength, so as not to work with the wind, such Sashes to be glazed with strong 10 by 12 Glass of the first quality, and one of the Sashes to be hung on hinges for 2 convenient hood to go out on the platform, which is to be surrounded by lead Ballistrades two feet high, each Rail or Rod to be half an inch Square inserted in the braces between the eight ports. The building to be furnished with two complete Electrical Conductors or Cords with joints. Also 2 Close Stove to be placed in the Lantern.

One Oil Vault is to be built of Brick, 18 feet by 18 in the clear, arched over, plastered within, and covered with 2 cement of Earth & Sand, and over it 2 Roof covered with Shingles: the Vault to be furnished with five strong Cedar Casks with covers capable of containing 200 Gallons of Oil each, these Casks to be sunk in clay properly tempered with Sand, which is to be well rammed round to secure against leakings; the entrance to the Vault to be well secured by 2 sufficient lead hung with hinges, and 2 strong lock nose painting.

Also 2 two story Brick dwelling House, twenty eight feet by 18 in the clear; the first story to be 8 feet high in the clear, the second story 7 feet high in the clear, and 2 Square Roof: the Wall up to the Water table to be $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet

thick, the first story two bricks, the second story and gable ends $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick. To have brick Chimneys, 8 framed doors and frames with good locks & hinges to each; 13 twelve light windows of 8 by 12 Glaz, besides 6 eight light windows of 8 by 10 Glaz in the garret; two rooms below on the first floor and three on the second floor, four of which rooms are to have fire places; two entries or passages (and in each story) the floors above and below to have 2 proper number of steps and joist for receiving the plank which is to be $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch heart pine. A great Staircase with handrail to run up the passages, the rooms & passages to have wash & chair boards. Also 2 brick Kitchens to be placed at the distance of not less than 5 feet from the House, with 2 covered ways between, which shall have one fire place and one window in it: the Kitchens to have 2 Chimney with one fire place, two framed doors with good hinges & locks and two windows; the floor to be of $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch heart pine. The House & Kitchens to have 2 common bed rooms and 2 proper number of rafters covered with lath and good Gyppose Shingles: the partitions lathed and plastered and all the side walls plastered and finished, the Chimneys tinned and hearths laid, and the wood work inside and out to be well painted, the number of Doors and Windows both in the Dwelling House & Kitchens may be increased or diminished at the discretion of the person who may be authorized by the Secretary of the Treasury to mark out the site for the Buildings and to inspect the material and work.

It shall be sunk and stoned or bricked at a convenient distance from the House, to be furnished with 2 Curb and the necessary apparatus for drawing water. I agree also to put Stone Sills & Sills to the Doors and windows of the Dwelling House, Kitchens & Cellars, to put down four Stone land marks lettered U S to designate the boundaries of the public Land, and to paint the Lantern with three Coats at my own cost without any additional charge.

The Subscriber will find all materials, labor and other objects of cost & expense, and will execute the before described work in a good and workmanlike manner on or before the fifteenth day of November next for the sum of eight thousand three hundred and fifty Dollars. Fifteen hundred dollars to be advanced at first to provide materials & c, after Bond and Security shall be given by him for faithful performance, and further payments as the work progresses, leaving a Balance until the whole is completed and approved.

The aforesaid Buildings & c to be erected on such site as shall be designated by the Secretary of the Treasury, or other person authorized in behalf of the United States. dated at the City of Washington the fifth day of March 1805.

(Signed) G. J. Burroughs

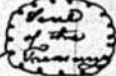

Agreement made and concluded on the ninth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & four, between G. J. Burroughs of Gloucester County in the State of Virginia of the one part, and Albert Gallatin Secretary of the Treasury in behalf of the United States of the other part, viz:

The said G. J. Burroughs for himself, his heirs, Executors and Administrators, doth hereby covenant, promise and agree to and with the said Albert Gallatin as aforesaid, that he the said G. J. Burroughs shall and will on or before the fifteenth day of November next, erect build and finish in a workmanlike manner, 2 Light House and Dwelling House with their appurtenances as particularly described in the Proposals which are hereto annexed, upon such part of New Point Comfort in the State of Virginia, as shall be designated by the said Albert Gallatin or other person duly authorized on the part of the United States. And the said G. J. Burroughs, for himself, his heirs, Executors and Administrators, doth further covenant promise and agree, that he the said G. J. Burroughs shall and will find all materials labor and other objects of cost and expense of the Work described in said proposals.

In consideration whereof the said Albert Gallatin for and in behalf of the United States as aforesaid, doth hereby covenant promise and agree to and with the said G. J. Burroughs his Executors and Administrators, that the said United States shall and will, for doing and performing the Work and finding as

aforsaid, well and truly pay, or cause to be paid unto the said Ely Burroughs his
 Secretors or Administrators, the full and just sum of eight thousand three hundred and
 fifty Dollars, that is to say: fifteen hundred Dollars at first to provide materials, and
 further payments as the Works progress, reserving & balancing until the whole is completed
 and approved. provided nevertheless that the said Ely Burroughs shall not within
 forty days from the date hereof make and execute to the United States, a Deed which
 shall vest in them the said United States, a good and sufficient title clear of all
 incumbrances whatsoever, to any two Acres of Land on the said Island or place called
 New Point Comfort, which may be designated in manner aforesaid, as the most proper
 on which to erect the Light House &c above mentioned, it shall then lie with the
 Secretary of the Treasury to decide, whether this Agreement shall be binding or not;
 and in either case the decision of the said Secretary shall be communicated to the said
 Ely Burroughs within forty days thereafter. In testimony whereof the said
 Albert Gallatin Secretary of the Treasury hath in behalf of the United States hereunto
 subscribed his hand and affixed the Seal of the Treasury, and the said Ely Burroughs
 hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first before mentioned.




Sealed and delivered
 in presence of
 W. H. R. R
 John Brown

Albert Gallatin
 Secretary of the Treasury 
 Ely Burroughs 

Know all men by these presents, that we Ely Burroughs,
 Samuel Anderson, Sam^l. Stubbs and Mordecai Cooke, all of the County of
 Gloucester and Commonwealth of Virginia, are held and firmly bound unto the
 United States of America in the Sum of Sixteen thousand Seven hundred Dollars
 for which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, Executors
 and Administrators jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, Sealed with
 our Seals this twenty fifth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand
 eight hundred and four.

The conditions of this obligation is such, that if the said Ely Burroughs
 shall well and truly perform and execute, all and singular the covenants and
 agreements contained in a certain Article of Agreement for erecting a Light House
 Dwelling House, and their appurtenances, at New Point Comfort in the
 Commonwealth aforesaid, entered into with Albert Gallatin Secretary of the Treasury
 on behalf of the United States aforesaid, bearing date the ninth day of April One
 thousand eight hundred and four, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise
 to remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed and delivered
 in presence of
 Geo W Camp
 Rich^d Baynham

Signed
 Ely Burroughs 
 Samuel Anderson 
 Sam^l. Stubbs 
 Mordecai Cooke 