Philadelphia, October 2, 1801

Sir,

The lantern and belfry will be finished in a week from this date, provided there should be no rain. The rain has hindered us more than a week and the addition of an iron floor has taken a few days longer. I am of the opinion the floor is an improvement. The lantern will be as complicated a one as any that hath been made. I believe we shall not be at a loss for a purpose for it to serve.

Yours etc,

Sam. Wheeler

(Handwritten signature)
Matthews Courthouse
Nov. 2 1804

To Genl. Instead

Whereas, a further advance of 2500 dollars to E. Burroughs on account
of the Point Comfort
light house keeps
on August 12th last

Write to Mr. Burroughs
to advance the money

At R.

The term of office expires

Mr. Brown

the appointment of E. Burroughs to
keep the light house at New Point
Comfort is approved.

Th: Jefferson
Nov. 11. 04.
In my last respects to you refer the subject of the Lighthouse building upon new point. Carrington was dated July 28th last since which Mr. Burroughs has been with the Lighthouse as far as he can until the lighthouse arrives to say within the pint of the extreme height exclusive of the lighthouse. He has been waiting eight or ten days for its arrival from Philadelphia to complete it. The vault for the oil will be finished early in the ensuing week, with the kitchen and covered way to the dwelling house. The lighthouse is also in a state of forwarding, will be finished in the course of next week. If the lighthouse arrives in time Mr. Burroughs will complete the lighthouse, oil vault, well, kitchen, and covered way within the time limited in contract but I am apprehensive the dwelling house will be in a very unfinished state at that period; but first do Mr. Burroughs the justice to say that he has taken the most cautious measures to enable him to comply with his contract in time. He too is the building of the dwelling house kitchen & covered way to a Mr. Samuel Stude, one of his securities a man of much to be depended upon as many workmen in this part of the country for a stipulated sum. Mr. Stude was unfortunately taken sick and has been confined to his bed for six weeks, in which time the
in the burning. Which was prepared for the dwelling house which has been the only cause of the backwardness of this part of the contract. The reason is now so far advanced that I think it will be very injurious to the work to finish it while the weather is cold. It is expected that he will not be able to finish the dwelling house until March in consequence of the backward state of the approaching season of cold weather.

W. Burroughs has settled his family upon new Point Comfort in a house which he has built for their accommodation near the light house. He has requested me to mention that if you think proper to commence the light this winter he will attend to it until the dwelling house is finished, the whole ready for delivery. I have mentioned this at his particular request as he wishes to do everything he can to place the United States in the same situation as if the whole work was complete by keeping the light until he closes the contract. I will beg leave to observe that the brick work, however it is done in cold weather cannot be made durable if it will be injurious to the building. I have kept in force to W. Burroughs the bad quality of the bricks & plastering at Old Point Comfort. It seems to have had the proper effect as his attention to the execution of the work. Goodness of the materials of the present contract. He deems a payment of $2500 I expect from the heavy expenses he has incurred since the receipt of the last sum he must be under, acceptances for
should be pleased to draw upon me for the amount having a sufficiency of public money in my hands to meet the payment. I take the liberty to inclose a copy of Mr. Wheeler's letter to Mr. Burraugh respecting the tax-borne for your further information. I have the honor to be with great respect

Your Most Obed. Servt.

[Signature]

Francis Akers, Esq.
East Rene 18 January 1805

Francis Armstrong

enclosing E Burroughs's ditto in

favour of James Stubbs for 474

for acceptance states that the

House at Newpoint Comport

was tallied up the 17 January

4th 17

Farmhands

Dear Lewis 

Yours sincerely, 

Mr. Brown
Therewith send the returns from this office due for the last quarter of the year 1806, which I hope upon examination will be found correct. I have now to inform you that the light was raised in the lighthouse on new Kent, comfort last evening for the first time. Mr. Burroughs being furnished by the collector at Norfolk with a bucket of oil & with it will be continued. The saw floor directed to be made with the lamplight in Philadelphia, is completely fixed and must certainly be a very great improvement for it prevents every kind of danger of communicating fire from the lamps: the light would have been raised about the first of January, but the scarcity of the weather added to a disappointment in a small package of the lamplight being left at every job by mistake prevents it. The light house with the oil, casks & cisterns are now complete. The chimney & cowl way to the dwelling house & as soon as the spring commences, the workmen will go on to finish the dwelling house no inconvenience will accrue to the United States for the want of the present use of the dwelling house as Mr. Burroughs has built a comfortable
House which he now resides with his family. W. Burroughs

at the request of Mr. Stubs who has contracted with him to

complete the dwelling house he has drawn an Order in his

favour on you for £474. Which order

Mr. Stubs has endorsed to Mr. John Patterson for advances

made him to procure materials for that purpose. I am

requested by Mr. Patterson to transmit this draft to you

should you think proper to order the payment. I have no

sufficient of money in my hands to start it as the several

payments made to Mr. Burroughs are already considerable.

For your information it may be proper for me to say that I

consider no difficulty will arise in the advance of this

draft so as to retard the progress of the work as it is for

the use of Mr. Stubs who stands in as high repute in

point of pedantry as a workman as any man in

this part of the country, in addition to this he is one

of Mr. Burrough's tenants for the completion of

the contract.

I am very respectfully,

Geoffrey H. Sund 1st

Francis Armstrong
East River Sept 7th 1800

Francis Cushing to Lord John Russell

Failure of 1797 Arrangements in compliance with this contract keeps the terms still unpunished.

Charles Oct 5th

Recorded

Dr. B. of the city of

Wm. Hayne, attorn. solicitor

Geo. Hayne
There were no issues during any communication respecting the buildings at new Point Comfort on the Light House establishment.

With an expectation that I should be able to get the contract completed long before the cold weather set in, but I fear I shall be disappointed in my expectation. The Light House could have been finished previous to the 31st December last. Pending it, it is proper to proceed with the brick work on the dwelling House during the cold weather as it would sustain considerable injury by the frost. I mentioned to you in my letter of the 21st November 1804, that I conceived it would be best not to proceed until the commencement of the spring, which met your approbation - as soon as the weather became suitable, I wished Mr. Burroughs to finish the work and close his contract with the United States. Every thing within the limits of his house has been done, but he has got his affairs in a disagreeable situation. This circumstance are now so limited (having lately been compelled to take the benefit of the Act of Insolvency) that it is now entirely out of his power to procure either materials or labourers. Nothing can be expected from him but what work he can do himself.

Mr. Samuel Stock, who undertook by contract with Mr. Burroughs, to build and complete the dwelling, kitchen, &c., has received compensation from him for the full amount of his undertaking except £320. He has delayed so much of his time, although frequently called on by Mr. Burroughs without the aid of repeated applications.
then not be finished until the old Thatcher commences again - if it remains to be finished by him - the Thatcher of Covered Way is finished the roof is on the dwelling house - the latter up - the gable ends & chimneys are not finished - the locks - Bengun pills are principally done before examining all the materials on hand for this work I find it would take from nine to ten hundred dollars to finish at the estimate of the work to do it materials included has been carefully made if I find the above sum will be sufficient to do every thing.

As yet the United States has sustained no injury Mr. Burroughs having build a 20 foot comfortable dwelling house for himself on the point sufficiently near the light house to attend to his duty at the keeper of the light from the best information I can procure of the cause which occasioned the return of Mr. Burroughs I have not the least doubt but it has arisen from his contracts for building the light house on Smith's Point and old point comfort. I shall use my best exertions to get all the works done by Mr. Burroughs and his friend Mr. Stibbs that I can - but if it continues in his hands I see no prospect whatever of getting the building finished before the winter. I take the liberty of giving it as my opinion that the balance which would be due Mr. Burroughs had better be immediately appropriated to the purchase of the materials wanted having attachment to do the unfinished work.

I have the honor to be with great respect,

Your most humb. servt.

[Signature]
In conformity to your letter of instructions of the 5th October 1805— I have given Mr. Burroughs and his associates notice that unless the Building on Neco Print Corner were completed by the 7th day of January, Government would employ other persons to finish the Work of which would be commenced on their Barge. Since which time they have been very industriously engaged in finishing the building and have nearly got them complete. I now transmit my return for the 4th Quarter of the year 1806 as stated at last.

I remain Very Respectfully, Mr.

Francis Armistead, Esq.

The Honble. Albert Gallatine Esquire
Secretary of the Treasury.