To Alexander Hamilton April 13, 1793.

I have to ddvise you of a Small Seizure in this district of one bag cocoa and four bags of Coffee, the particulars of which are as follows:- The Brigantine RISING SUN arrived on Saturday the 30th ultimo from the West Indies . In the night following an officer of the Cutter SCAMMEL laying not far from the Brig, discovered people on board the latter who appeared with Silence to be delivering goods over the Side of the Vessel into a boat. On the approach of the officer, the boat put off with two men in her. The boat was followed by the officer and having put on shore was found with the above mentioned Coffee and Cocoa in her, which was accordingly seized together with the boat.

The Manifest of the Brig has been transmitted to the Custom House the day of her arrival. On Monday the master entered his Vessel

convenient to communicate.

A Stone Lighthouse is the kind thought most proper by every one interested in the establishment. The relative dimentions of such a building would be necessary to be known in order to the obtaining from any persons disposed to contract, the terms on which they would undertake it and to facilitate an estimation of the quantity to Stone and Lime requisite and a knowledge of the amount of labour would be usefull in the forming of judgement whether the terms proposed were reasonable or not.

In a draught transmitted to you some time since, the diemeter of a building 78 feet in height is stated at 26 feet at the base and the thickness of Wall at 7 feet and 2. This thickness of wall at bottom was given because it was conceived necessary that one of the walls should be perpendiculer, or nearly so, in order to give strength to the building. In communicating this plan to a mason, I was informed that this precaution was unnecessary and that the inner as well as the outer wall might be drawn in as it is advanced in height with Safety to the building. As we have but few or no workmen here who have either theoritic or practical knowledge in Stone work of this nature, I cannot be informed or venture to decide whether a perpendicular or an oblique wall whould in this case.be prefered, or whether the latter would be admissable on architectual principles. If it would, a wall 3 or 4 feet at Bottom and 2 feet at top might be substantial enough and would be a great saving of stone from the draught exhibitted.

The information that I now stand in need of is- supposing the height of the buildding to be 78 feet, what diameter and what thickness of wall at top and bottom would be necessary, what quantity of Lime would be requisite, what number of days labour would be employed in

erecting.

The lamps are just received and opened. Several of the spouts of the Receivers (?) are broken off but can easily be replaced. Tryal of them will be made immediately.

In order to be forming a new contract for the attendance of the Lighthousethe present one expiring the 30th of June nextm it will be necessary to know the cost of Oil intended for its use, if it is to be included in the Contract as heretofore but I conceive it would be best to have the oil out of the next Contract as it will be difficult to estimate what quantity will be requisite for them lamps and the Spermacite consumes much faster than Liver oil. I am etc etc.