Sir

Treasury Department
Revenue office June 3d 1794

You will find within this inclosure an act of Congress of the 19th ult.o for erecting a light House on Sequin Island. The Cession of the ground extends to something more than a moiety of the Island. It will therefore be necessary that steps be taken to fix upon the most eligible spot for the actual site, and to run out the ten acres, so as ——
1st conveniently to include it — 2dly to include the most profitable land & 3dly to include if compatible with the two first, a convenient Landing. It is possible that the stone, wood, and timber on the land may be objects worthy of attention for present ~~for present~~ use in the building or for fuel, repairs, fencing &c.a.
As there are several Ports in the district of main which will be more or less accommodated by this building, it will be proper that the Collectors of the Customs, Merchants & others in each, be apprized of the time when the measures shall be taken to fix upon the site. It is understood there is a considerable desire in favor of each end of the Island tho it is supposed not to contain twenty acres of land. Every part of it is presumed to be firm & free from quick sands. Before the Dimensions of the building can be determined it will be necessary to determine —
1st which will be the best spot for the building.

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2dly what is the elevation of that spot above the sea at high wat
what at low water?

3dly What appears to be the nature & capacity of the soil, for grain,
grass, fruit, & vegetables?

4thly what kinds, sizes & quantity of wood & timber grow upon
it?

5thly what kind and quantity of building stone, limestone or
brick-clay can be procured on it?

6thly from whence building materials can be procured with
the greatest economy?

7thly whether there is a prospect of a contract for a building of stone,
or of brick or of wood being safely & satisfactorily made
in the District of Main?

8thly which would be likely to be most economical in the long run

9thly what shall appear to be the requisite height after as-
certaining the elevation of the spot?

If any competition on examination seems likely to exist, it will be proper that the considerations for and against each proposed site should be stated at large, with an opinion of your own on each. — It would be well that you procure to be written the Ideas of those who may be for & against the several situations. The under named Gentlemen have been mention-ed, by General Dearborn of the House of Representatives, as persons suitable to be consulted on the subject.

Be pleased to consider them among others,

and

and to cause the time & measures for examination to be made known to them.

I am Sir
with great consideration
Your most Obed.t Servant
T. Pownall

Benj.a Lincoln Esq.r

Commiss.rs of the Revenue

Persons named by Mr. Dearbourn

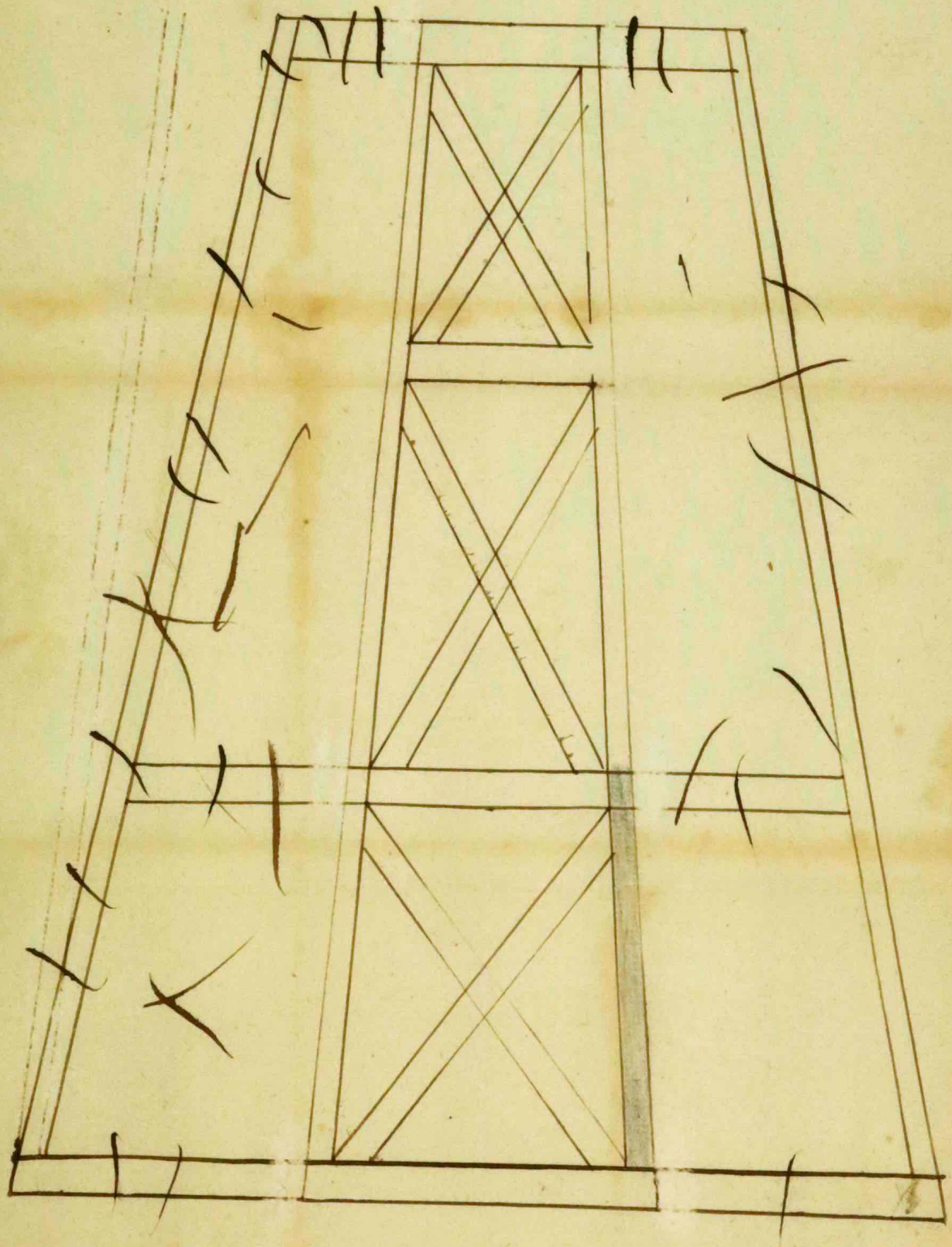
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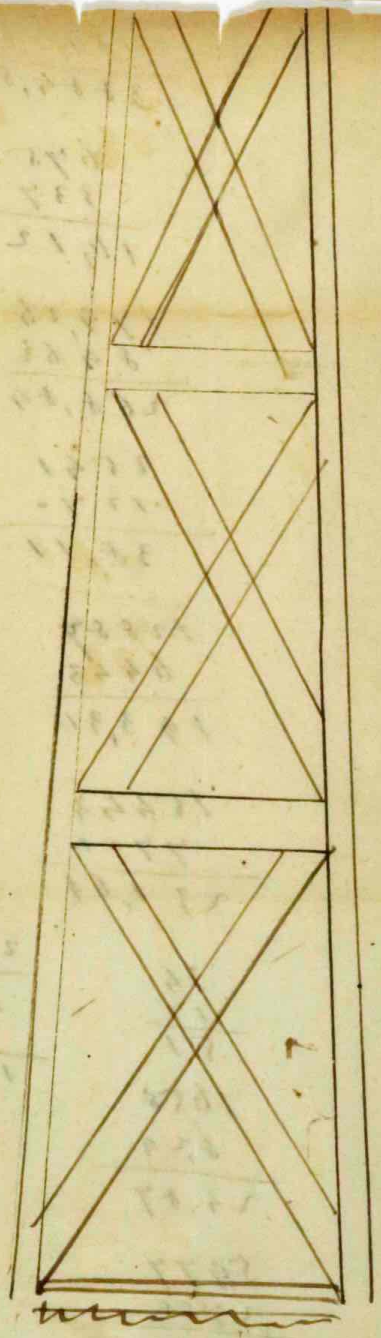
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