Sir

Treasury Department

Revenue Office Aug.t 31.st 1795.

You will find under this cover a duplicate of letter No.1. to Genl. Dearborn informing him of the acceptance of his offer to build Seguin light House - and an original letter No.2 (both to be transmitted for perusal, to him,) informing him of the execution of the Contract by me, and that he will hear from you on the subject of the Execution by him and of the security. You will also find inclosed two copies of the Contract completed & executed by me, and you will be pleased to procure his Execution of the same. A Bond is also enclosed, which is to be signed by him and some one or more persons, who (exclusively of him) shall be deemed sufficient to secure the United States in the sum of twelve thousand six hundred Dollars. It is possible Genl. Dearborn may be in Boston; If not you will be pleased to take the necessary steps in Maine. You will perceive, that the light House is much higher than your Estimate of 1794.

Boards were then rated at Eight Dollars and other things in proportion - The price of Iron work has risen here 20. to 30 ℘ Cent. - Bricks, stone & lime 100 ℘ Cent and building lumber nearly as much. Besides these points, you will observe there is to be a costly and firm stone foundation, if necessary, a stone cellar to the house, a capacious and secure oil vault, the light House is to be wider & higher, & more stouter, and the lantern is to be of the first rate. It is to be observed too, that no other proposals were made by any other person, except one to superintend the building for a compensation.

I am Sir, with great respect & Esteem

your most Obed.t Serv.t

Tench Coxe

Commiss.r of the Revenue.

Benjamin Lincoln Esq.r

Boston

Tenth Letter
on the Subject of
the Light House
on Segwin —