Sir

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I have the honor to enclose to you copies of two advertisements which were inserted for many weeks in two of the Principal Gazettes of your State and on Philadelphia & other places. They were moreover transmitted to all the Custom Houses of N.C. Carolina to be therein set up for public information. It has happened that after much more than the usual pains & expence no offer to build either has yet been made. Similar pains were taken in the case of the Segwin Light House on the coast of Maine, and but one offer was received. These facts are to be in part ascribed to the paucity of workmen equal in skill and capital to such works in North Carolina & Maine & to the profitable business in adjacent scenes which the ablest workmen in the great towns at

at this time have, creating a disinclination to go for employment far from home. — This seems the more probable, because, as many offers for the proposed Light House at Montauk point on long Island, as ever occurred in any case, were received at this Office. The terms of some of these were more favorable, than has been known, considering the advanced prices of materials Labor, provisions & transportation, and the great employment of the master workmen. My inducement to trouble you with this communication is, that you may have it in your power by knowing the state of things to induce some proper person to contract for these very desirable buildings. ~~~

I have the honor to be Sir &c.

Signed T. Cox C.R.

one copy to Thos. Blount
one D. to Benj. Williams } N. Carolina