Sir

Treasury Department
Revenue-office, May 26th. 1796

For want of Mr. Witherle's letter to General Dearborn I am unable to understand his ~~in~~tentions and expectations in his letter of the 11th. ult.timo to you. ——

He misconceives my meaning about the ventilators. — I meant that our intended construction of them was varied by the adoption of his proposed form, in lieu of that which had been intended before his model was exhibited by General Dearborn. The lantern will be varied to his plan, and not from it. ——

It is understood that the lamps, sashed cylinder to surround it, elevating screw and fountain are to cost about 400 Dollars, and that too, exclusively of the cost of the movements, which are desired for effecting a distinction between the Segwin and others houses. It does not appear that these things are worth near so much money. I should be glad, therefore, to receive copies of the letter and estimate he sent

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to. Mr. Dearborn, without delay.— at the same time the receipt of the plan of the movements for the distinction of the light is very desirable.—

It is proper that some judicious person in Maine, perfectly free from bias for or against Mr. Dearborn, should be engaged to pay three or four visits of Inspection at the outset, middle and conclusion of the Building.— as you are well acquainted with personal and local circumstances, you will be pleased to mention some one residing in the vicinity, who may be authorized by the President, to pay perhaps three visits of three or four days each— a prudent economy and judgment in building, should be a part of his Characteristics.—

I am Sir— With much respect.

Your most Obedient Servant.

Benjn Lincoln Esqr.

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Commissioner of the Revenue

Treasury Department
Revenue Office
January 26

Benjamin Lincoln, Esquire
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Superintendent of Massachusetts Light Houses
Boston

Mar 27

Mar 29

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an Act of Congress
relative to Light Houses
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