Sir

Treasury Department
Revenue Office July 23d 1796

The President has adopted an Idea, which was suggested for his consideration, of certain visits of Inspection to the Segwin light House. It is not intended that they shall exceed two. - One of those visits to be made forthwith in order to examine and report the nature of the foundation - the proportion of the proposed thirteen feet of Stonework down into the Earth, from the commencement of the wooden work, which was intended if practicable and necessary - the quality and dimensions of the wooden materials & the progress and present state of the building. - The other visit, it is presumed, will be well made, whenever the contractor is ready ~~is ready~~ to deliver the Keys to ascertain whether the whole is executed according to contract.

The Inspector will also on the first visit examine whether any thing like a cheap slip, or some cheaper substitute, will be necessary, for the preservation of the Keepers boat. - It is supposed that the Trees on the Island, or some of the Contractors matters which will be left after

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he has done will afford cheap and strong materials for this purpose. —

The appropriation being not large enough, a barn or stable is not proposed to be built at this time. The Inspector can, however, look into that matter, and if there will be any thing on the Island either on the public land, or which can be procured of what may be left by the contractor, some cheap arrangement may be taken for a temporary stable or Barn.

The allowance for these visits to Gentlemen engaged in such Inspections, has not exceeded five Dollars ℔ diem, for services and expences. Nor is it intended that at any one of them, the Inspector should be more than a couple of days on the Island. —

The President has authorized this service to be committed to Daniel Coney, Esquire, to whom you will be pleased to make the necessary communication, requesting early attention to the Business. —

I am, Sir. — with great regard Yr. Obt.

Your obedient Servant,

Benjamin Lincoln Esqr.

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