Sir,

Treasury Department
Revenue Office, August 14. 1797

Information has been received by the Superintendent of the Light Houses in Massachusetts from the Keeper of that on Segwin Island that no Well has been sunk there. This being plainly within the terms of your contract, and being absolutely necessary, it is an unexpected circumstance that it is not completed. - I hasten to write you this letter, which will go unsealed to the Superintendent, and will be transmitted by him to you. I will thank you to attend with him to the several objects of it. It is also understood from the Keeper that the electrical rods want altering "without which there is supposed to be danger of that-tering or selling fire to the bridding. It is not represented whether the alterations are required in the formation, or in the manner of putting the conductors. It is requested that your workmen, when fixing

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It is likewise represented, that the Lantern does not pass off its smoke. From this it is doubted whether there are enough of ventilators, or whether there are any or at least enough of air pipes in the floor, or of apertures in the lower part of the sides of it. To these necessary little points, you will be pleased to direct the attention of your Smith — It is feared the great Umbrella Ventilator does not pass off the smoke as freely as the mans head — It is observed

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With great respect, —

Dear Sir — your most Obd Servant

(Signed) Tench Coxe

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