Treasury Department

July 15th 1806

Sir

As no steps can be taken towards the building the Papamaquody light house till after the meeting of the Legislature, which affords time for further enquiries, I enclose the copies of two letters from the collector of that port and also the plat accompanying the same. I do not feel perfectly satisfied, particularly on account of the expense necessary for the foundation, that the insulated rock which he designates is the most eligible spot: and as the light house is intended only for the coasting vessels sailing between Grand Menan & the main, the elevation which the collector proposes is certainly too great. I beg

leave therefore to refer the whole subject to you with a request that you will report your opinion both as to the site, height, materials & quantity of land necessary for the establishment. It has not been usual for the States to make any charge for cessions of soil belonging to them.

I have the honor
to be respectfully
Sir
Your obed.t Serv.t
Albert Gallatin

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Sec'y of the Treasury
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respecting the Light
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