Sir

There being a competition for the appointment of Light House keeper at Portsmouth between Capt. Nathl. Moore and Mr. Tobias Allen; and if you have not the appointment of that, yet I am confident that approbation of one or the other will determine the appointment; Men that for years have withstood the storms of January and many bend the knee to Baal stand on right ground in your and my opinion, now Mr. Nathaniel Moore has and is one of the first in Portsmouth that have ever been seen on the Republican side, and sure of that he is a Man of strict Religious conversation, better acquainted with Boats than most men on the shore, being from Childhood a Fisherman in that craft; I think it would be more for the Public benefit to have him appointed than Mr. Allen; Cobb to the contrary notwithstanding —

Pray Mr. Moore appointment, and Beloved will be greatly gratified

With high Esteem and
Friendship
I am Sir your most Obt Servt
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