Salem June 18 1818

Dear Sir

Since I received your last letter on the subject of the publication in the papers respecting the Light House I have called twice at the Custom House to see you, but you happened on both occasions to be absent. You probably noticed that a paragraph in answer to them appeared in a subsequent Register, and as those availing gentry have declined any more publications the subject I presume is at rest. The enquiries which I have of late diligently made as to the goodness of the light coupled with my own observations, have nearly convinced me that the light since it was double glazed is not only a good light but probably better than that on Thatchers Island. Capt Holman who arrived from St Amencia last evening, since died on his coming ashoar, confirmed

the Pilot Mr Perkins on the goodness of the
light, saying that it made a most brilliant
appearance, and that he saw it plainly
all night although he had not got
farther to the westward at any time than
to bring Thatchers Island Light to bear
N.N.W of him. which I think must
have placed him from 5 to 7 leagues
distance from Bakers Island — This is
only one instance among many but I
mention it because this circumstance
at hand your letter of yesterday. The
enclosure I gave Mr Perkins this morning
. Should you see fit please to attend
to what you have asked of me but all
our friends here had hoped to have
seen you in Salem prepared for a
dash at Dr Barlows Chowder, as they
were informed of your intended visit —

Tomorrow it is my intention to visit the Navy
Yard & will write you the result of the examina
tion of the alleged defect in the masonry

I am with esteem

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your Most

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