advantageous to the United States, than I have for a long time expected. You will be pleased to submit the same to the President for his confirmation or other determination thereon.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
Signed Tench Coxe
Commissr of the Revenue

The Secretary
of the Treasury

Sir,

Treasury Department
Revenue Office Novem 7th 1797

I have just received your letter of the 28th Ultimo. You will find on recurrence to the printed notification sent you that the lighted Beacon House near Occacock inlet in Pamptico Sound is expressly fixed to be on Shell castle Island, which also conforms with the Law of 30th May 1794 in your bound volumes. My letter of the 27th September also expressly mentions Shell castle Island twice. My letter of the 3d Instant also expressly mentions Shell castle Island, as you will perceive. The money can be lawfully expended on Beacon Island. What I mean by "the Light house lot" in that letter is of course the Hatteras lot which establishment is particularly called a Light House at the head of the second column in the Advertisement. For this a purchase was to be made of any quantity not more than four acres. You will observe my urgent request, that on the receipt of mine of the 27th September you would make the purchases. Whatever means are necessary were and are to be forthwith adopted. I observe your intention to proceed with expedition. The quantity of land necessary is small, in both cases. In the

the Hatteras case from half an acre to four, if not given gratis. In the Shell castle Island case, the buildings stringed out would stand upon a lot of 34 feet by 83 – but it would be well to have the space of about 100 feet square, or still better to have 50 by 200, which would contain the same area, and enable us to put the Beacon house, vault and dwelling House at a distance. ——

No material elevation above the level of the Sea at high water is expected or counted upon either at Hatteras or Shellcastle Island. Shellcastle shoal is understood to be a rock of Oister shells half a mile in length and sixty feet wide. It is expected Mess.rs Blounts & Wallace will not hesitate to accommodate the public upon terms the most candid and reasonable as the light House will be of the greatest use to them.

I will thank you much, Sir, for the most energetic measures to procure without delay, these two lots by your self or the necessary assistance. —— I am, Sir, —

Your most obedient Servant. —

Signed Tench Coxe
Commiss.r of the Revenue

Sam.l Tredwell, Esq.r
Collect.r of the Customs
Edenton
N.o Carolina

Treasury Department
Revenue Office, Novem.r 10th 1797

Sir —

I have the satisfaction to enclose to you a bill of Lading this day received from William Heyer of New York for four casks of Oil for the use of the Baldhead Lighthouse which was shipped yesterday. You will be pleased to acknowledge