455 and reflectors, and with every other thing
usual on such occasions and which you will
specify. All to be done soon after the Lights
are built which is fixed as above for
the 1st September next.

Shave & Co
Stephen Pleasonton

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490 Mr Winslow Lewis Esq
Boston.
Massachusetts.

Treasury Department,
Fifth Audr Office,
Decr 4th 1848.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the
2d Instant.

I cannot send you a copy
of Captain Gardners report concerning the
Lights upon Cape Fear River; having sent
that as well as several others to the Secretary
for his information, I have not been able to
get them back. You will therefore employ
one of your most experienced pilots to locate
the several Lights and drive stakes, or other
marks in the places fixed on by him. I do not
think it will be necessary to send Mr Wood
with the Pilot unless he can make drawings
of the several sites and send them to me.
In this case you may send him with an
allowance of 3 dollars per diem and the same
to the Pilot, whilst they are necessarily engaged
for 8 days. You will have the land comprehending
the several sites surveyed before the Deeds are

granted, and to which the Deeds ought to refer.

As the land at Oak Island belongs to the Ustates, and you recommend two towers to be built of brick 20 and 30 feet high respectively, I have prepared an advertisement describing the towers which are both to be built alike except that one is to be 10 feet higher than the other, and also the dwelling house to be built. You will have published in two newspapers of your District, of the widest circulation for such time as you think proper not less than 30 Days inviting proposals, and at the end of the time you will accept the lowest offer, if it be within the appropriation and at the same time reasonable, and will send me a list of all the offers with 6 copies of the advertisement. The building ought to be completed on or before the 1st September next or sooner if possible, when payment will be made. If they are not finished agreeably to Contract, the Contractor should obligate himself to forfeit at least 10 Dollars per day beyond that time. An Overseer must be appointed to oversee the work, day by day, as it progresses and the work accepted only on his certificate that it is well done. To this office Mr. Woods ought to be appointed and to him you may allow 3 dollars per day.

A Cession of jurisdiction is not necessary in this Case, but in all the others you will apply for and obtain it from the Legislature as soon as practicable.

The fitting up the Lights with Lamps and Reflectors must be done by one of two persons at Boston who have moulds to make the Reflectors in and who will also make the

45th lamps to correspond with all others made for the Estates. I shall therefore write to those persons to know who will do it at the Cheapest rate and engage it to be so done. You will send me Copies of your advertisement as soon as possible. If it be probable that the buildings cannot be erected by persons in your neighbourhood in a substantial manner and at a reasonable rate and you will so inform me, I will cause the advertisement to be published at Boston.

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Yours &c &c.
Stephen Pleasonton
Aud.

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Wm. C. Bettencourt Esq
Supt of Lights,
Wilmington, N. C.

Treasury Department,
Fifth Auditor's Office,
December 4th 1848.

Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 5th. As your last estimate for, and purchase of oil for the Floating Lights, are for the 4th Quarter of the year, it will of course be necessary to provide a supply for the first quarter of the ensuing year and as you inform me that you can now obtain the best winter pressed Sperm oil for 114 cents delivered, it appears to me to be advisable to make the purchase forthwith, payable on the 1st January ensuing. To observe in your usual