

SLM106

Letter from Stephen Pleasanton to Alexander Parris

Treasury Department
5th Auditor's Office
August 8th 1843

Sir,

I have duly received your letter of the 3rd inst[ant], relative to the Beacon now in progress of building under the direction of the Topographical Bureau. So soon as you fully understand the plan, I will be obliged to you for your opinion as a professional and experienced man, as to its durability on Black Rock where it is to be placed.

If iron pillars can be set in concrete under water, in such manner as to withstand the force of ice and storms, of which I have extreme [doubt], they would not doubt form a cheaper Beacon than one made of stone. But upon this point, I wish to have your opinion, and you will oblige me by furnishing it.

I have the honor to be,
respectfully,
your ob[edien]t serv[an]t

S. Pleasanton

Alexander Parris Esqr.
Boston, Mass.

[*verso*]

[*written in Parris's hand*]
5th Auditors Letter
August 8th 1843

[*written in another hand*]
Beacon on Black Rock