Richmond, July 10th 1862.

Dear Sir,

Your friendly, your sympathetic letter has the honor of receiving of the date of June 22nd 1861. The benevolent donation of 50 dollars placed by your correspondent in the hands of Major Dulaney, procured as far as and my board, some necessary clothing. I was attacked at the time with a severe illness, which lasted over for upwards of six months, nor was this the only complaint in that time, and since, for exclusive of my long and constant companion the commissioners, there had been much more to be said to affect me.

This must be tedious; and if then you hope for, to pardon my imperfect account, as long as painful for me to detail.

My greatest wish and my repeated applications have been for some months past to be removed from this place, and to return to my family. But I trust from the few who have prices really contributed here to my support, they can not raise the whole sum especially necessary.
for the purpose, upon the most economical scale of calculation, without benevolent aid. It is known to my feelings how reluctantly I am constrained to solicit this aid of anyone.

The situation of my Case, if really known, would plead for the liberal of mind at least.

Hook the writer about two months since to write you on this subject, begging your and Mrs. Madison's intercession under the circumstances of my situation. I was told the letter was put in the Post Office, but having heard of, or receive any answer, I am not convinced it did come into your hands.

From your known long intimacy and relationship with Mrs. Madison, I trust you will be so good as to share him this. And whatever aid is transmitted to you in consequence for my case, there undoubtedly have my humble and grateful thanks, as the only tribute I can offer; and I am conscious it will be applied to its proper object. But, Sir, as I am so situated as to wish to have an answer as soon as you can make it convenient, so I entreat you to pardon my intimation of it; as a removal from this place is actually necessary.
as poor as possible, as they are not the means of the

praying so extravagant a braid, with the most indifferent

cost of accommodation, exclusive of necessary

cloaths.

There is another subject of more delicacy to me, I do not hesitate to declare.

I introduce it, J know no apology is necessary.

Capt. Samuel Edelin, a worthy, distinguished

Officer in the late War—distinguished by a

regular and discreet uniform discharge of duty

under various trials from the earliest commence-

ment to the close of it—inform me that he has

offered his Services and begs the appropria-

tion of a your Judgment proper, as the Keeper of

North Light House at Point Comfort in this State.

It has been declaird in my hearing frequently

by those who have long known him, as having

shown that from his intimate knowledge of that

part of the Country, the Bay, it appears no one

would more probably discharge the duties of the Office

with more fidelity.

I beg you to accept of my—

most sincere wishes for individual happiness and

the prosperity of the National Government; and

remaining with grateful respect and esteem.

Your much obliged Son

Ro. Lawton