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Treasury Department
Revenue Office July 19 1793

Sir,

I am this day officially informed that the President has been pleased to advance the compensations of the Keeper of the Light House at Portland Head, to the sum of One hundred and Sixty dollars, per annum. This alteration is to commence as of the 1st day of July current, and has been made in part from the increased expences of living, in consequence of your report and other information, and on a comparison of services and compensations in other cases; A striking Difference, at present not easy to be accounted for, had been made in these compensations by the several Governments, prior to them being placed under the authority of Congress no less than between 80 and 400 Dollars. An equitable apportionment, with due regard to service, situation, expence and other circumstances has appeared to the President to require reduction in some and advancement in other Instances.

These considerations have led to the reduction of the compensation of the Plymouth Keeper to 200 Dollars, the country being very fertile, and fish plenty and cheap. They have likewise led to the reduction of the compensations of the Boston Keeper and of the Thatchers Island Keeper to 266⅔ Dollars the first

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first has very convenient opportunity to pursue a profitable calling, and has fish in plenty and some advantages from the land. The second has some benefit from the same sources. They are now both as high as the compensations of the New York, Delaware and Cheapeak keepers, who can make very little saving of expence from fish, have no other opportunities of Business, and live upon sand hills totally unproductive? They are higher than all the rest—

The present incumbents, it is presumed, will perceive the perfect reasonableness and equity of this reform by the President. It is but Justice to assure them no representation, in the smallest degree unfavorable to them, has been received, nor is any thing known derogatory to their character, or capacity for the Service.

I am Sir,

Very Respectfully,

Your most Obedient Servant

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Commissioner of the Revenue

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