Newburyport Sept 27. 1794

Sir

As you have seen, and well know the condition of the House on Plumb Island, occupied by the keeper of the light houses, we shall not trouble you with a particular description of it, but only say, that it is now so decayed & rotten, that it affords but a miserable shelter from the weather especially in storms, some are apprehensive of danger to the family, by the falling of the house; but whether such an event takes place, or not, it cannot possibly serve as a dwelling much longer: and shou'd it become entirely useless before another is provided, the lights cannot be kept up, for you are sensible no Man can live on that bleak Island in cold and stormy seasons without the privilidge of house & fire, and in such case, there would be no possibility (as we conceive) of his having them for a day, or a failure of the lights, the dangers to the navigation would be great indeed, many of our friends would doubtless be lead on to destruction, whilst busily employ'd to discover them; with Views to the Safety of others, as well as the Merchants & Seamen of this State, we are induced to address you on this Subject, and as you have perfect knowledge of the whole matter, We intreat that you will take the trouble of making a full representation

of it as soon as convenientlly may be, to such Officers or persons, as you Judge proper, that so the difficulties alluded to, may be speedily removed.

We are very respectfully

Sirs

your most Humble Servants

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