Portland Oct 8th 1795

Sir,

You will receive with this, a Recommendation signed by some of the most respectable Gentlemen, Merchants and others in this Town, in favour of Mr Reuben Freeman as a suitable Person to succeed the late Capt Greenleaf Keeper of the Light House near this Place

I am well acquainted with his Character & personally know him - but as he bears my name I think proper to observe least that circumstance should induce you to think that some other motive than the public good induces me to write you that he is no way related to me that I know of — He is an active, & I believe a faithful Man - & one who is very suitable to fill the place to which he is recommended

I am Your very humble Servant

Sam Freeman

October 8th 1795

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S. Freeman

Hon Jonth Cove Esqr

Philadelphia

Recommending Reuben Freeman

to be Keeper of the Light house

at Portland — in room of Capt.

Freeleaf. deceased