To the honourable the Senate
and the honourable House of Representatives
of the common wealth of Massachusetts
in General court assembled Feby 6th 1797

The memorial of Benjamin Lincoln
Superintendent of Light-houses in the State
of Massachusetts humbly shews That the
United States the last year at a very great
expence erected a light-house on Seguin a
small Island containing by estimation about
twenty acres lying three miles south from
Kennebunk river — That the Island is divided
from North to South by a deep vale to the west
of which is about three fifths of the land on
which part the light-house is erected — That
the lands and cliffs bordering on the west side of
the valley form a perfect precipice having a few feet
in length at the northerly end the only spot by which
a team can ascend to the light-house with
necessaries there for a very [illegible] part — That the Island
is so perfectly encircled by the sea and its situation
so distant from the main that it is exceedingly
difficult to land thereon but in the most
clement weather and then only on the beach
at one end or the other of the Valley — That all
the land on the Island will be quite insufficient
for keeping a low and supplying the light-house
keeper with fuel — That a large proportion of
the wood on the westerly part of the Island
must be removed in order to give safety to the
buildings should the Forest take fire That
hence it becomes important indeed to secure
the wood on the easterly part for the keeper
and that it should be used with the greatest
economy — From this short view of the

of the business your memorialist hopes that the honorable court will be persuaded of the importance of granting the fee and jurisdiction of the whole Island to the United States at least so long as they shall support a proper light house thereon

And your memorialist shall ever pray

Copy of my petition
Boston Court for
the Remainder of
Tegum Island