To the honourable the Senate and House of Repre-
-sentatives of the United States.

The Petition of the Subscribers, who are Masters of Coast-
-ing and other Vessels

Humbly Shews,

That your Petitioners are em-
ployed in Coasting to and from Penobscot Bay, and the Ports
and Harbours in the neighbourhood of said Bay. That the
entrance of this Bay, which is now extremely hazardous, might
be made safe and free from danger by the erection of a
Light House on a place called White Head, twenty leagues
eastward of Seguin, and about two leagues and a half
S. West from Thomaston Harbour. That there are about
two hundred Vessels, from fifty to one hundred and twenty
tons, which are employed in the Coasting business, and which
pass through said Bay as often as once a week during
nine months in the year; and that not one of those
vessels can enter the Bay in safety without the Light
which is here prayed for.

Vessels on foreign voyages would also be greatly benefitted
by a Light House on White Head; as the Eastern Coast is

is extremely dangerous to navigate, and as there is now no Light Eastward of Seguin. —

By the erection of a Light House on White Head, all Vessels, whether Foreigners, or Coasters, would be enabled at all times to make Thomaston Harbour (some times called Owl's Head) which is one of the most safe and convenient Harbours in the United States, and accessable at all seasons of the Year. —

But notwithstanding the excellency of this Harbour, in the month of November last, a vessel in attempting to enter it, was lost, together with her Cargo. She was lost undoubtedly for the want of a Light, and within one hundred rods of the place where it is prayed that this Light House may be erected. —

Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly request, that a Light House may be erected on the place described in their Petition; without which, the lives and the property of themselves and thousands of their fellow citizens will continue in their present state of insecurity and danger. —

And as in duty bound will pray. —

March 1798.