Light House on West Quoddy Head

Eastport June 1st 1809

Sir

the present Situation of the buildings is as follows. no Discovered Defect or damage in the Light house Except the Glass of the Lantron some of which was broken before I or any one had it in care. the pedestles Shall be Repaired the Oil Vault is in a bad Situation by the Dorean being covered So Shallow the water was stopt by the frost in the Dorean and rose in the Vault and frose. Split the Dore th of 19 inches in the It broke and Cracked the Wall and earth very much by the heaving of the frost. So that in the Spring when the frost was Leaving the Ground we thought it unsafe to Venture into it and was forced to take the Oile out it yet. Stands a Considerable[d] Shatered to the Dwelling house. Cracked Smoaky Chimneys I Cannot properly ascertain the annual Consumption of Oil. for it will not be Light[d] a year until the 29th of Sept[r] I have now on hand 98 Gal[s] of Summer & 17 of winter like the crew Supply of Oil is Convenient the town but not Landed on the head there being nothing prepared for Landing it and the Haze Lantron 6 feet 7 inches in breadth & 7 feet 4 inches in Length Containing 176 Squares of Glass 5 & 7 inches is Broak the Dimention of the Glass 12 & 4 by 9 & 4 the Contents of the lamps 4 & 2 Gallons 12 Lights I have Recived nothing More then 12 tin pans Called Draping pans a Iron Lantron it appears to me that Some other implements Would be of Use and Convenient for taking the Oil out of the Tuber Conveying it to the Light house & Such Articles as is found Useful. I Should be glad to Recive the Stove is Useless in the Lantron except Some Coal Should be provided & nothing for Consuming Small fine Scrubby fir fuel which will not Make Coal to Answer any purpose. I Recived 11 Cask of Oil containing 600 Gallons I have taken them Out in inches as they were Considerable. having no Gauging Rod

Yours &c

Tho[s] Dexter Light House Keeper

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Lieut. Lewis from Mr. Wheeler Sup. Master at Boston the 15th May on the Collection Revenue 20 Sail of Boats Mark your answer to that Letter Expenditures of Retaining Light House Furniture Lamps &c Light House Establishment has been Examined & Reported on with 5 Boats. that has been Examined & Reported on Lights is already Established

Eastport
7 June 1809

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