Boston 16th June 1873

Sir

When I fitted white head Light house with the patent lamps & Reflectors, I then concluded that the keeper Ebenezer Otis was not a person in whom dependance could be placed in taking care of them. in the Course of a few weeks, he wrote me complaining that the lamps would not answer - I then sent a man down there who found every thing relating to the apparatus as it ought to be - but the keeper paid no attention to them himself but left them to the care of a child of 10 Years old - his promising then to pay more attention to them induc'd me to defer my complaints of him till I had given him another trial - since which I have had several complaints made

to me of vessels passing the light house in the night & no light whatever could be seen altho' the common course of vessels passing that place is within a few rods of the Light house - on my late tour to the eastward I have had an opportunity to make enquiry respecting it, & find that early in January last, the keeper took out the new lamps & put up the old ones, for which no reason has been assigned. it will be useless for me to do any more respecting this light unless there is a new keeper appointed - there is a Mr Josiah Yates who I should recommend as a person that may be relied on - this person I believe has once been satisfactorily recommended to you as keeper of Scituate Light.

I am very Respectfully
Your Obt Serv
A Wilson Lewis

Henry A. S. Dearborn. Esq.

Wm. Lewis

June 16. 1813

E. Otis Esqr. of
Watch Hd Lt.
ought to be removed
& recommend
J. Bates.

Aug. 24. 1813 note to H. A. S.
Dearborn on the removal of
E. Otis.

Henry A. S. Dearborn Esqr.