Portsmouth. 16. April 1816.

Henry A. S. Dearborn Esqr.

Sir,

In compliance with the wish of the Bearer, as well as to lend every possible aid to an honest Man. I address you this Letter. Mr. Shaumassey will deliver you a petition, as well as a recommendation signed by some of our most wealthy Ship owners, Masters of Vessells & respectable Citizens - requesting he may be appointed at the tender of the Light at Boon Island. - in this Town he is consid-ered an honest, industrious ~~temporate~~ temperate Man. If consistent with the interests of the Government, his appointments, would meet the approbation of this Section of our Country. I am, very respectfully,

Yr. Obt. Servant

Joseph Bartlett

Mr Lewis would inform Mr Dearborn that he has seen the person recommended & in his opinion thinks he will not answer as a Keeper of so important a Light

April 18. 1816

To Henry A. S. Dearborn Esq. Collector of Boston

Daniel Shaunessy of Portsmouth in the State of New Hampshire begs leave to request the appointment to take charge of the Light House at Boon Island. That your petitioner is a mariner and fisherman has been fifteen years in the United States and was naturalized in the year 1810. That your petitioner has lost much of his property in the late War with G. B. and suffered severely by being taken prisoner and detained in Halifax. That he is at present without employment with a large family to support. Your petitioner addt. that if appointed he would use his best exertions to take faithful care of the public property at Boon Island. Your Obdt. Servant.

Daniel Shaunessy