Minots Ledge June 4th 1817

Thomas L Winthrop Esqr

Sir

When I was in Boston the last time you enquired of me if I knew of a good man that would tend the light-house which is to be erected on this Island. I at that time did not think of a man that I could recommend taking in consideration the benefit that the Island would derive by having a real honest man as tender of said light house; as such a man is actually very essential at this point.

I can now recommend to you with the greatest confidence Mr Samuel T. Wye to be a very steady, industrious & capable young man. He is about 28 years of age has a wife & one child

I can bring the highest recommendation. He is the son of Mr. John Nye that formerly lived at the Cove one circumstance in his character is that he makes no use whatever of ardent spirits a thing very much to be apprised especially in a light house keeper.

Should there be no one engaged to take charge of said light I think there can be no better man procured

I am sir with the greatest respect your most humble servant

L. W. Cabot

P.S.

There is a number of persons about here desirous of this business and among them a Mr. Grinnell but it will be much better for the Island if the present

Comes on it as I have been somewhat sus
picious of him, You will please to men
tion to Gen. Dearborn respecting Mr Frye
and in so doing you will confer on a
worthy young man the greatest favor
imaginable

I. Ney recom.d
to help Corporation
Core Lt. Hood.
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