Collectors Office
District of Portland & Falmouth
June 13. 1820

Sir

I have to inform you that it has become necessary to appoint a Keeper of the Light-House on Portland Head, in place of Barzillai Dolano Lately deceased.

Several men are applying for the appointment, and will be recommended as suitable persons for Keepers, by the merchants and mariners of the District. Among the applicants are, Joshua Freeman, a respectable ship master, of this Town, he will receive the recommendation of a number of the first merchants and of the Marine Society, composed of Ship-masters of this district. Winthrop Stanwood a respectable Packet master will have the recommendation of a number of the first merchants, Shipmasters and others. Ebenezer Dolano, a Son of the late keeper, and who at present has the care of the Light. Capt. John Keath and John Webster are also applying for the appointment and will be well recommended.

The two first named applicants are men of integrity and industry, either of them if appointed to the care of the Light would be

be faithful to the important trust: and probably either of the others would be equally faithful.

Capt. Freeman's application will be most generally supported by the Shipmasters, and his appointment as keeper of the Light would be acceptable to merchants and mariners.

Please to give such instructions respecting the appointment as may be necessary.

I avail myself of this opportunity to call your attention to the appointment of first Lieutenant of the Cutter Dallas. Mr. Drinkwater the present acting Lieutenant and a valuable officer, is desirous of information on this subject.

I have the honor to be.
with great respect
Sir
Your obedient servt
Isaac Leslie

Hon: William H. Crawford
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington.