Collectors Office
District of Portland & Falmouth
June 22. 1824

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the rect. of your letter of the first inst. requesting that I would take measures for obtaining land suitable for the site for a Light House to be erected on Owls Head, and sites for two Piers, one at the mouth of Saco River, the other at the mouth of Wells Harbour: also outhouzing the placing of Buoys at the mouth of Saco and Kennebunk Rivers.

The sites for the Light-house and Piers will be obtained as soon as practicable; the jurisdiction over them cannot be had until the meeting of the Legislature of this State in Jany next.

The Buoys are in progression and will be placed at the mouths of the two Rivers in the course of next month.

The building of the Light-house on Bakers Island will be observed agreeably to your letter of the 8th. inst.

I avail myself of this opportunity to inform you that the Light-house on Monhegan Island will be completed about the 20th. July and that it will be necessary for a Keeper to be appointed to take charge of the establishment.

Enclosed are the recommendations of several persons who have applied for the appointment. viz

John Starling
Thomas McInna
Joseph Berry
James H. Melcher
Thomas C. McClellan and
Ezekiel Thompson

Mr Starling

Mr Starling is a man of sobriety and industry, and well qualified for a Light House Keeper: the other applicants are well recommended, and may be equally suitable as Mr Starling for Light house keepers

I am very respectfully
Sir your obedient Servant

Isaac Ilsley
Superintendent of
Light Houses in
Maine

Stephen Pleasonton Esquire
Fifth Auditor and acting
Commissioner of the Revenue
Washington.