Collectors Office
District of Portland & Falmouth
January 28th 1825

Sir

Herewith I have the honor to transmit you my Account of Disbursements as Superintendent of Light Houses in the State of Maine for the fourth quarter of 1824; with the Anual Statement of Light Houses, made from the returns of the several Keepers for the same year. Together with the Abstract of expenses for placing Buoys at the mouth of Kennebec River.

I have lately been informed that Jonathan Delano Keeper of Seguin Light House had fraudulently disposed of Lamp Wicks from that establishment, the evidence of the fraud is in the affidavit of Lewis Domot herewith enclosed, and which I beleive to be true. The Wicks are now in this Office, and are good, and not damaged, or refuse, as said to be, by Spencer son of the Keeper.

About two years since, complaints were made of the fraudulent conduct of Mr. Delano, the particulars of which are contained in eighteen depositions, transmitted with my letter to you the 20th December 1822.

It will be seen by the Annual Statements of the two last years, that the consumption of Oil at Seguin Light House with 14 lamps has been 167 Gallons more than consumed at Portland Head Light House with 15 lamps all lit up in both light Houses, It would appear from this difference in the consumption that the oil must have been wasted & improperly disposed of at Seguin, of this however I have no other evidence than the Keepers returns.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Sir Your obedient servant
Isaac Lslee Supt of
Light Houses in Maine

Stephen Pleasanton Esq.
Fifth Auditor acting
Commissioner of the Revenue
Washington

I, Lewis Demot of Scarborough in the State of Maine, testify and say, that on the 24th April last I was on the Island of Seguin, and at the Light House, and went into the Dwelling House with the intention of selling to the family some tin ware; while in the house trading with the woman (whom I supposed to be the Light House Keeper's Wife,) for some of my tin ware, for which she was to pay in rags and truck in the house, I observed her cutting up with her scissors some Lamp Wicks, I told her she need not do that, for I should sell them all together at the Paper Mills, and there was no necessity for cutting; Spencer, her son, then brought forward a parcel of lamp wicks; about thirty six dozen, said they were refuse, and gave them to his mother to sell; she then weighed them and sold them to me for three cents a pound. Mr. Delano the Light House Keeper was present all this time, heard the conversation and saw the disposition of the lamp wicks, and made no objections to the sale of them. The same thirty six dozen of lamp wicks I now have, and are here produced.—

Lewis Demott

Sworn and subscribed this sixth day of January A.D. 1825 at Portland Before me, James J. Boyd
Justice of the Peace