Collectors Office
District of Portland & Falmouth

July 20. 1825

Sir

I have to inform you that the Light House on Owls Head, will be completed and fitted up by the 15th of next month, at which time it will be necessary for a Keeper to take charge of the establishment.

Herewith inclosed I transmit to you the several recommendations of Josiah Haskell, William Malcom, John A. Shaw Joseph Berry, Robert P. Manson, John Shorburn Portius Johnson, William Turner, William Clarke, James Jones, John S. Blake, Joseph P. Chandler, Lewis Deroit, Josiah Orcutt, Smith Cram, James H. Melcher, Ezekiah Hall and Isaac Stearns, as suitable persons to keep the light. I would observe that I have personal acquaintance with the two first named only, viz. Josiah Haskell and William Malcom, both of them are correct in their habits

habits, and are suitable men for the appointment; probably others of the number named, are equally suitable.

I would avail myself of this opportunity to inform you that, the Monument at Stage Island nearly completed, being fifty four feet high, fell to the ground and was entirely destroyed; the falling is attributed to a defect in the foundation which gave way on one side: Four men were precipitated from the top of the tower, the master workman, being one of the contractors, was killed by the fall, two others were considerably injured, the fourth not materially injured.

The other two contractors are progressing with a second tower, on a new foundation and, probably, will have it completed by the tenth of next month. I believe there will be no danger of its falling a second time, the foundation now, is wholly on a firm ledge of rock, and the work faithfully done.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Sir Your Obedient servant
Isaac Ilsley
Supt. of Light Houses in Maine

Stephen Pleasonton Esqr
Fifth Auditor and acting
Comr. of the Revenue
Washington