Collector's Office,
District of Portland and Falmouth,
Portland, July 8. 1833.

Sir:

The Light House on Goat Island, at the mouth of Cape Porpoise Harbour, is built, and ready to be fitting up, which will be done before the fifteenth of this month. But every thing is so green about the paint &c. that I would suggest whether it will be best to light it up until the fifteenth of August, or the first of September. In addition to the work being green, it is a very difficult harbour to enter, and the sea faring part of the community ought to be made acquainted with the difficulties and bearings of certain ledges &c. before it is lighted, to prevent disasters. You will recollect that the Marine Society remonstrated against one being built at the mouth of this harbour, and there was a difference of opinion amongst those in its neighborhood, interested in having a Light House, which

which Island it should stand on:— whether Goat or Holly Island: Most were in favr of Goat Island, and I believed it to be best, unless it could be built at low water mark on Holly Island, which would be almost under water, at high water, and sometimes quite under water, and it would cost more to build a passage way to high water mark, where a family could live, than the amount of the appropriation, the distance is so great. Some complain that we say that it is endangering vessels more than if there were no light there. Hence it may be proper to publish the instructions for running into the harbour for some time before the lights are lighted. — I directed Captain Hunter, commanding the Revenue Cutter Morris to take such the soundings and bearings and such instructions as would be necessary for the information of persons who wish to enter the harbour. This he has done, and I shall immediately publish it in the Eastern Argus, and will forward a copy to you. May it not be well to publish it in some other paper? You may recollect there is no Keeper appointed

appointed. Several persons have been recommended to the Department for the appointment

Very respectfully,
Your humble servant

John Chandler
Collector and
Superintendent of Light Houses
in Maine.

Stephen Pleasonton Esq
Fifth Auditor of the
Treasury, and Acting
Commissioner of the Treasury.

INFORMATION TO MARINERS.

Collector's Office,
District of Portland and Falmouth,
Portland, 4th July, 1828.

A Light House is nearly completed on Wood Island, at the mouth of Cape Porpoise Harbor; and the following are the directions for running into that harbor by the Light. If you are to the Eastward, and make Wood Island, and are bound into Cape Porpoise Harbor, bring Wood Island Light to bear NE½N, and run SW. until you bring Cape Porpoise Light to bear NbW. then steer direct for the Light, until you shut Wood Island Light in by the Eastern Head of Cape Porpoise Harbor, then you are abreast of a Breaking Ledge called the Old Prince, which bears from Cape Porpoise Light House SE½S. half a mile distant; then steer NbW. until Cape Porpoise Light bears ENE. You are then up with the entrance of the harbor. From low water, keep midway between the two points—but at high water, keep the larboard shore best aboard. When between the two points, steer NW. one quarter of a mile, and anchor in three fathoms at low water. By following these directions, you will find from three to six fathoms water. This harbor is not safe for large vessels, except with a fair wind. Folly Island lies opposite the Light House, and forms the outer of Cape Porpoise harbor. The SE. part of Folly Island point bears from the Light S 1-2 W. distant about one and a quarter mile. The point runs off shoal nearly one mile. Distance to cross the entrance of the harbor, at low water, one eighth of a mile. In coming from sea, and making Cape Porpoise, should you find going into the harbor, bring the Light to bear NbW. and follow the above directions. You must not attempt to go in unless with a fair wind. Wood Island lies about ten miles NE. of Cape Porpoise, and has on it a repeating light. The Ledge called the Old Prince, breaks only at low water, or in a heavy sea. Notice will hereafter be given, when the lamps of the above mentioned Light House will be lighted up. As the harbor of Cape Porpoise is difficult to enter, Printers of Newspapers, who wish well to mariners, may render them a service by publishing the above directions.

JOHN CHANDLER, Collector and Superintendent of Light Houses in Maine.