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Booth Bay May 8th 1837.

Jos. Smith Esqr.
Capt. Wm.

Sir

I presume that you are convinced that a Light House on Boon Island would be a good guide for vessels bound to the Damariscotta, or to vessels coming from the East a West, or from Sea, and calculate to make Boothbay or Townsend harbour, which is one of the most noted harbors on the coast.

Bantom Ledge, which lies from the center of Damariscotta Island S.S.W. distance about 2½ miles, is a very dangerous rock, it lies nearly in course way of vessels bound up and down the shore, there has been a great many vessels to my knowledge lost on said Ledge, and what makes it more dangerous is, its being covered excepting at low water, At high water it does not show itself, excepting it is rough, – It is absolutely necessary that something should be placed on, or about it, so as to warn vessels on their approaching near said Ledge. A Large Buoy with a spindle I presume would be sufficient.

You, I presume, will recollect the two large rocks or ledges, that lie on your larboard hand, as you enter Townsend bay, in coming from the Westward, called the cuckolds, those leages are rather low, and are difficult to make, in a dark night, the land being high inside, So that they are hid in the shade, it is thought that if a monument or some other land mark could be placed or built on the Eastern one, so that vessels could run for it without fear, – After passing it, there is nothing in the way, inside no ledges nor rocks, Steer N.N.E. six miles will carry you to the head of the harbour, but you can anchor on your way if you choose.

If you recollect as we were passing out by Squirrel Isl... in

in the Morin, you asked me what ledge that was, that lay off from Limekiln point. I told you that it was called Cods. Ledge, but did not think to tell you of a Sunken rocke that lay about one fourth of a mile outside of said ledge, which is very much in the way of vessels coming in from the eastward; and vessels frequently run on, a buoy on said rock = a common buoy would be sufficient for the same.

I am very Respectfully
Yr. Ob. Servt.

Signed, Wm Maxwell Redf