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Boon. Island April 25th 1838

Esqr Woodbury.

Sir, I now inform you that on the tenth of this Present Month, I was Called before John Anderson Esq Superintender of Light-Houses in Maine, to answer to a Complaint for destroying a buoy belonging to the United States, which you will see by the depositions, I had no hand in. there is Nothing that my fellow beings can Invent, but what they try to make appear against me, without any Cause or provocation, for I am as Innocent of the Charges against me as the Angels in heaven,— and I now pray God to Incline your heart to do me justice as I have heretofore.— you will see by the depositions what all this is for it is to try all they can to Injure me, I could get you Hundreds of depositions to Contradict all those Complaints, I trust your honour to do me justice without

To the Honr Levi Woodbury
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

From your humble Servant
Elephalet Grover
Keeper of the Light House
on Boon. Island

Portland August 24th 1838

Sir

In obedience to the directions in your letter of the 9th of March last, addressed to the Superintendent of Light Houses, at Portsmouth, N.H. and by him transmitted to myself, after furnishing Elisha Grover, Keeper of Boon Island Light House with a copy of the charges preferred against him, by Joshua Merrick, Esquire, and giving the parties due notice of the time and place appointed for investigating the same, I met them at Kennebunk Port, on the 10th of April, and took the testimony of all the Witnesses produced; and which testimony I have now the honor herewith to transmit.

Captain Emery, on whose statement Mr. Merrick's charges were mainly predicated was absent at Sea; and as he was expected to return in June or July, by consent of both parties I adjourned the examination in order to obtain his testimony; but as he had not returned and as testimony of James Murphy, the person who was with Captain Emery, is obtained; I do not feel myself

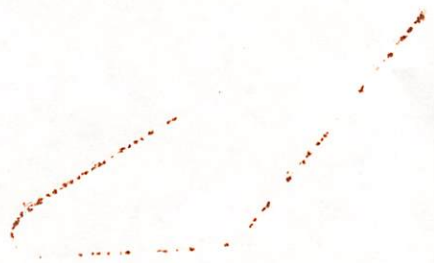
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for himself & son.

23 May, 1839.

Hon. Levi Woodbury

Secretary of the Treasury

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Eqr. Woodbury.

Sir: I now Inform you that agreable to your Discharge I gave up all in my possion belonging to the United States to Joseph L Jenkins my Successor and I Entreat of you to be pleased me so much as to tell me the cause and what you have against me that has caused you to remove me I have lost the use of my right hand and my wife has been Misspissed for Seven Years you have been deceived Some way or other about me without cause I Should much rather you would have come or Sent and Shot me on the Island if you knew me and could See me now I am Sure you would feel for me my Conscience teaches me to know that I have been a faithful Servant to the United States Ever Since I have been in the Employ that no man can take from me if you have been deceived about me I dont blame you but I Entreat of you if you wont let me be a Keeper of a Light House if there is any removals in Maine to let my Son Samuel Grow have the appointment q out of 10 is ready to Sign a recomendation for him I am very poor and when you hear from John C Anderson Eqr I Entreat of you to make me Some Compensation for the betterments and improvements that I have made on Boon Isle

P.S. When Lord the U. States a number of Lighthouses did us Most Especially the Mark if

write me a few lines when you receive this from Your

Humble Servant

Elisha Beckett Grover

Broken Keeper without Cause

To Hon.ble Levi. Woodbury

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington City

15 July 1839

E. Grover

Hon. John Anderson

Portland, Me. 15 July '39

Enclosing recommendations of Elphalet Grover & Saml Grover for the office of Keeper of Light House when ever vacancies may occur.

Respectfully referred to the Secretary of the Treasury

I. P.

A. 19 July 39

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