Whitehead

Boston September 26th 1841

Hon Stephen Peasonton

Sir

Knowing the great interest you take in light houses or anything that tends to the safety of Navigation, I now communicate a Conversation I have just had with Mr Morse the inventor of the fog bell, that I might not make any mistake, I requested Mr Morse to give me his Statement in writing and its as follows, the keeper of the light and Bell at White head Mr Bartlett, is a man who has been notorious for his dissipated habits. and is reduced to comparatively nothing and is entirely unqualified for doing anything with the bell machinery. justice to myself as this is an experiment as well as to government demands that the keeper should be a man of some mechanical skill, that he may be able to discover and correct any screw, nut, or pin that may be

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able to work loose, and in season to prevent
any further trouble that may result, the
Machine has suffered much for the want of
such attention, there are competent men
enough to be found who would like the Station
this is Mr Morse Statement. Mr Morse
also observed that the Collector was of
opinion the person was entirely unsuitable,
I have thought it proper you should have
this information, as a fog bell is considered
of vast importance in this Section of our
Country, I have the honor to be with
great respect and high regard
Your Most Obedient Servant
Josiah Sturgis
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