Treasury Department,
5th Auditor's Office,
December 27. 1843.

Sir,

As the attack of J. W. P. Lewis was principally upon the Lighthouses in the State of Maine, I caused the sense of the owners of Ships, Masters of Ships, & of the Marine Society at Portland, to be taken, in regard to the Establishment generally in that State.

You will perceive from their Statements, which I have the honor to enclose for your information, how little dependence can be placed upon the statements of J. W. P. Lewis.

After you shall have perused these papers — be pleased to return them to me —

I have the honor to be,
Sir, very respectfully,
Your Obt Servt
S. Pleasonton

The Hon.
John C. Spencer,
Secretary of the Treasury

Average

Name of Light	Distance seen	Good or bad	useful or otherwise	Remarks.
	miles 10ths			
Portland Head.	19.23	good.	useful.	
Cape Elizabeth	20.57	good	useful.	
Wood Island.	17.08	good	useful	1 Exception as to quality
Goat Island.	12.83	good	useful	
Bons Island	16.82	good	useful.	
Whaleback Rock	15.5	good	useful.	
Sequin	19.75	good	useful.	
Pond Island.	13.2	bad	useful.	badly built.
Burnt Island.	15.8	good	useful.	
Penaquid	14.33	good.	useful	1 Exception as to utility
Franklin Island.	13.33	good.	useful	
Monegan Island.	19.74	good.	useful	
White Head.	12.77	good	useful.	
Owls Head.	13.33	bad.	useful.	badly built.
Dice Head.	15.	good.	useful.	
Martinicus Rock	14.33	bad.	useful	
Baker Island	15.7	bad	useless	badly built
Petitmanian	11.75	Old	useful.	
Mt. Desert.	12.	bad	useful.	badly built
Moore Peak	14.14	bad	useful.	badly built
Libby Island.	13.45	Old.	useful	
Petit Manan	16.	good.	useful	
Narraguagus P.L	12.	good	useful	
Browns Head.	12	good	useful	
Negro Island.	11.	good	useful	
Fort Point	12.	bad	useful	badly built
Eagle Island.	11.43	bad	useful	Do.
Mark Island	11.75	good	useful	
Bear Island				Exception as to quality

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