State of Maine

United States Establishmand Whitheed August 24th 1861

Hon Stephen plessonton fifth ouditor

Sir I tak the libeley of to inform you of the
Condeson of this Lanten this Lanten is so much
Decad by the Surf that it is posable to mak
Stays Stay and the deck is mad of small peces
of Sope Stonan in heavey gals of wind it racks
So the Wood draws in to the dept of 6 Inches
And the Jannel that Leds of the Smock is so badley
Decad that In modreat wind the Keeper will not
Turn and the wind Turns the Smock down and
It all Setels on the light if this Lanten dont have
protickler Cear and Kepaer under the i of Sum
Carful man it will burn of in Sum of those heavey
gals thar has ben a grat meney men of the Surf Clos hear
To See the Condusen and desierd me to report it
To the heavey deportonent Sir your Hon
In the maner that those light is reported is of no use
when Sent a round in Vessels and paid by the job they
Due as they please and the goverment has to pay for
Nothing this is a very dangres place and a large ameun ber
of lives depends on this light

I am your humbel Servent
With grate respect
Joshua Bartlett
Keeper of the light at
Whitheed State of Maine

Hon Stepen plessonton
fifth ouditor and actons
Commissioner of the reenue

Sir your Hon it is the opinion of all that
Dose this place that we dont have our just pay
Dus ther is Sharrer reports at portland and a new
Lanten on that light and the one taken of was not
one half so bad as this in whitch I of was told
by the man that maid the lanten
I humbley ask your help in time of
Truble

Wm. Wm. Prouett Capt 1st Regt

Wm. Prouett Esq. Wiscasset Dec. Prov
Aug. 29th
Sir
Joshua Bartlett Esq. Register
Comfg Officer of the Lanten Vessels
at Portland &c. &c. and enquire the
necessity for a new one &c. &c.