Collector's Office,
District of Portland & Falmouth,
Portland, Oct. 1, 1857.

Sir:—

The distance from dwelling-house to Light House at Moose Peak is too far for the Keeper to walk in the night time, in a violent rain or snow-storm, and dangerous especially in croping the bridge of about one hundred feet in length.

I propose to take down the Old Tower to within, say, twelve feet, put on a roof—lath and plaster a room inside so as to make a comfortable room, where the keeper could retire, after trimming his lamps at midnight; thereby saving him the necessity of returning to the dwelling house, in violent storms.

Mr. Emerson, who makes the new lantern, offers to fit up a room, and put the part of the Old Tower in good order, and receive for his pay, the old lantern,

and apparatus.

I should judge the old lantern &c. to be worth about Seventy Dollars, and the expense of fitting up a room about the same.

I am decidedly of opinion that it is due to the Keeper, so to provide a room, as well as to the public interest, and, besides, in so doing, the part of the Old Tower would serve as a good mark in the day time, to distinguish this Light from others.

If you coincide with me in opinion, I will accept Mr. Emerson's offer, if so instructed.

With much respect,
Your Obt. Servt.

Luther Lowell
Collector.

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Hon. L. Pleasonton,
Fifth Auditor of the Treasury,
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