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From Engineer Secretary Maj. G. H. Elliot. U.S.A.

To Genl. J.C. Duane, U.S.A. Portland, Me.

Two Bush Lights

Sir:- Please find herewith copy of petition to Congress signed by E.J. Walker and many others, and referred to this office, for a light on Two Bush Island, at the entrance of Penobscot Bay, and also copy of petition from G.S. Baker and others for a light at Goulsborough Harbor Maine.

You are requested to report at your early convenience as to the necessity and propriety of erecting these lights, stating such facts as you may deem proper for the information of Congress, and the cost and character of the work if the Light Houses should be built.

Copy.

To the Honorable Senate & House of Representatives
in Congress assembled.

The undersigned ship-masters, owners & citizens of Vinalhaven, Maine respectfully represent to your Hon Body the great need of a light in Two Bush Island so called. Said Island is situated on the western side, and at the entrance to Penobscot Bay and a light on this Island would be a great benefit as a guide to vessels passing in and out of this Bay, where more than five thousand vessels annually pass by this Island in entering and going out of said Bay. The passage

into Penobscot Bay by this Island is the only safe passage for vessels running into the ports of Rockland, Camden, Belfast, Searsport, Bucksport, Bangor and many smaller places. The mercantile community and inhabitants generally feel that they would be very much benefitted and hope to realize what has long been a necessity in having a light placed on said Two Bush Island.

Your petitioners respectfully ask that the above be granted, and as in duty bound would ever pray.

(sig) E. P. Walker & others.