Office of Light-House Inspector,
FIRST DISTRICT.

Portland, Me., July 18th, 1870.

Sir:

I would recommend very strongly that new Kupers be appointed for Nash's Isl and Light instead of Enos D. Bass the present incumbent, and for Bass Harbor Head light instead of Charles B. Gilley the present Kuper.

The Kuper at Nash's Island Light has been there seven years & yet he has no knowledge of the regulations, is shiftless and indifferent. He acknowledged that contrary to express regulations he was in the habit of lighting his light with matches. His light has been out more than once. In February last for an hour or more, and he asked the Kuper of Nanaquaqus light not to report it, as he intended to do so which he

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recorded.

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Bass Harbor Head light was found to be in a disorderly and unclean condition, the keeper manifesting little knowledge or interest in his duties. I warned him that he must improve if he wished to remain.

This he has not done, as the Captain of the Tender, to whom I directed to visit the light, informed me upon his return to day

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
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