Office of Light-House
1st AND 2d DISTRICTS
Portland, Me., May 6th 1874

The Chairman
Light House Board
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Communication enclosing letter from the Hon. Eugene Hale, and petition for a light on Indian Island, Rockport Harbor, Maine.

There was a light exhibited at that point some years since, but for some reason, it was discontinued. The cause of its suppression will probably be found on file in your Office.

There is no doubt that a light at this point is necessary to enable vessels

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to enter Rockport Harbor at night
only question is, as to whether the Light
of Commerce is sufficient to justify the
expense of maintaining a light.
Mr Noble can decide on this point better
than anyone else, as he is thoroughly
acquainted with the Commercial Interests
of this Section of the Country.
Should it be decided to rebuild
this Station, an appropriation of $9,000
will be required.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Svcot
J C Duane
Lt Col Engrs, Bvt Brig Genl USA
Engineer Bl. St. Dist.

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