Fog Signal (on Mananas Island)

6 in. Whistle is situated 3/4 of a mile about W.N.W. of light on Monheigan Island. Signal at Western side of Mananas Island and between two ledges (in a hollow) higher than whistles, one North and one South. The whistles should be raised by pipe to obviate this difficulty. The whistle is complained of by Steamers in fog. The Keeper (Asst. Marston) reports it going always in fogs. Signal house frame and is almost bare of white paint. A cistern blasted out of rock South of Signal 200 feet, which has a spring in it that supplies the water to Signal. Water pumped through an iron pipe. A hooped tank stands at S.W. corner of signal, which is kept full of water for use.

Recommendation: It should be painted and tank whitewashed. The whistle should be a 10-inch at least, and is recommended. S.W. of Whistle about 200 feet is a

Dwelling: 1½ story, frame, painted brown, facing E.S.E., has 4 rooms. Cellar and cistern under house. Neither can be used. Cellar leaks so badly that mud as well as water collects in it. From this cause it is offensive and is not fit to use. Wood-house 10 feet N.N.E. of dwelling is frame, shingled (sides) and whitewashed. Connected with dwelling on its W.N.W. side is a frame, boarded, painted brown, on top of which is a bell used when Whistle is not in order. S.W. of bell tower 6 feet stands a new frame (bare wood) intended for another fog signal whistle.

Recommendation: this should be put on the S. Ledge near the reservoir. It would then be on a hill and not under a bushel.

Reservation: not known, but is supposed by assistant to be strip through the Island including locations of structures, etc., and right of way. Fog signal is neglected. Not clean. Also dwelling, etc.

Recommendation: A better man who can help himself is needed to take charge of engine and boiler. A new smoke stack at Station not up; old one worn out. Cistern water at reservoir has green film or scum on it. Assistant drinks it. Wonder it don't kill him. He was told to skim it off.

Note: Assistant at Monheigan who takes charge of Fog Signal on Mananas Island is James Marston. Sidney Studley, the other assistant, married the daughter of Mrs. Humphrey, the Keeper who lives at the Light on Monheigan. Her son-in-law lives in a house separated from the other dwelling. These (all in the family) take care of the light in foggy weather in July and August when it is scarcely sun, while Marston has the Fog signal to run. The Keeper was told that at night the two assistants should be at Signal.

The Station on Monheigan (at Light) is in very good order, but the Fog Signal and dwelling for Assistant on Mananas Island are in a dirty condition. A

change should be made here and two men to take care of it in foggy times. Mrs. Humphrey says her son assists her, but this Station, including fog Signal on Mananas, ought to have a man Keeper who could give his attention to both light and signal.