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Office of Light-House Inspector,

FIRST DISTRICT,

Portland, Me., November 4th, 1880.

Rear Admiral John Rodgers U.S.N.
Chairman of Light-House Board

Admiral:

In reply to the Board's letter of the 21st October, with reference to the appointment of an Assistant Keeper for Portland Breakwater Light Station, I have to say: that, in my opinion, it will be for the best interests of the Light-House Service to appoint an Assistant for service at the above named Station, to serve only during the inclement season, viz. the months of November, December, January, February and March of each year. The pay should be at the rate of four hundred dollars ($400.) per annum, that being the lowest salary received in this district by an Assistant Keeper. I also respectfully suggest that the Keeper may be allowed to select the Assistant to

to be appointed, for the reason that there is room in the tower for but one bed, which will have to be used by the Keeper on duty.

The Keeper has informed me that, in the event of the appointment of an Assistant, he would wish Mr. Simon M. Davis to be appointed, and assigns the above reason for wishing him appointed.

Respectfully

L. L. Reed

Captain 2nd L. Navy

Inspector 1st L. H. District