Office of Light-House Engineer,

THIRD DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, Staten Island, N. Y., Sept 5th, 1885.

The bearer of this, Mr John A. Tynan has been personally known to me for many years - and the result of the long acquaintance is that I can speak of him in the highest terms as to character, habits and general conduct.

As the principal clerk in this Office, my official knowledge of Mr Tynan for ten years past, has been complete, and enables me to speak of his capabilities in mechanical works from actual observation.

During the several years he was in the employment of this Department as foreman Superintendent in the construction of light house structures

his experience was quite extensive and varied— and in all branches of the mechanic arts he showed skill and gave satisfaction—
The works which may be named as having been superintended by Mr Tynan, consist of foundations of stone and concrete; iron and wood— sub-marine and above ground— The erection of iron towers for light houses— and interior and exterior details of several stations.
The following light stations in this district attest the faithfulness and care of his foremanship. as examples of his information in granite work and iron structures—
The Stratford Shoals Light House Off Bridgeport in Long Island Sound.
The First Pier Light House at Block

Island - Rhode Island - of which he was the builder under contract The Race Rock Light in the Race Off New London, Connecticut.

Mr. Tynan is particularly apt in his knowledge of Stair-building both in wood and iron - and he is familiar with the use and interpretation of plans and Specifications.

A. Macafferty.