Office of U. S. Light-House Inspector,

FIRST DISTRICT,

Portland, Me., 8 August, 1887

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Sir:

I have to report that on my regular Inspection of Goat Island Light Station on the 6th July last I found the whole Station in indifferent condition in regard to neatness and the dwelling absolutely dirty from top to bottom. I pointed this out to the Keeper and warned him that he must do better.

Wishing to see what effect this warning had had I again inspected the Station on the 5th inst.

I found the whole station in a very unsightly and dirty condition. although it was 10.30 a.m. when I landed the curtains had not been hung and the lantern and Tower

tower had not, apparently, been swept
or dusted for weeks. The lens was covered
with lint and dust, the reflector was
dirty and the plate glass of the lantern
was streaked with dirt and spotted with
fly specks and paint. The lamps and
covered way only were in fair condition.

The dwelling was simply filthy. Offen-
sive to eye and nose.

In view of these facts, I respectfully
request that Mr. Jno. Emerson be re-
moved from the position of Keeper of
Great Island Lt. Station, Maine.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
A. A. Batchelder
Commander U.S.N.
Inspector 6th Dist

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