Office of U. S. Light-House Inspector,
FIRST DISTRICT,
Portland, Me., 8 December, 1887.

Vice Admiral
Stephen C. Rowan, U. S. N.,
Chairman L. H. Board,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that on the 21 inst. I investigated a report made by the Asst Keeper at Moose Light Station, Maine, that the conduct of the Principal Keepers family towards him and his family was such that he would have to resign as he could not with proper self respect remain at the Station.

It appears from the statement of the Asst Keeper that the wife of the Principal Keeper and his grown up daughters habitually use the vilest possible language not only to him and

and his family out to the Principal Keeper himself and to visitors.

The Principal Keeper admits this though he claims that no visitor has been insulted at the Station - He stated that there was no place where he could have peace except in the tower and that lately his wife had taken to coming there -

Neither Keeper had any complaint to make against the other and their relations have always been pleasant -

It is due to the Principal Keeper to state that he has always kept a good light -

He is however utterly unable to control either his wife or his grown up daughters, nor can he give any assurance that if they are removed from the Station they will not return and again make trouble -

There was trouble of the same sort at the

this Station in February last - who warned both the Keeper and his wife that I should recommend his removal if a similar offence was committed -

I am therefore reluctantly compelled to recommend that the services of Mr Thos E. Dodge, Keeper of Moose Peak Light Station be dispensed with -

Respectfully Yours
O H Ballantine
Commander U. S. N.
Inspector 1st L. H. District