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To the Chairman,

Light-House Board,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

Referring to the Board's letter of 26th. January '89, in relation to the recommendation by the Inspector of the 1st. Light-House District that two dwelling rooms be provided for the Keeper at Portland Breakwater, Me. Light-Station, I have the honor to say that I concur with the Inspector in that recommendation.

The Keeper now provides his own dwelling on shore, and has to walk back and forth on the Breakwater between his dwelling and the Tower. As the Breakwater is 1900 feet in length the walk entails much exposure in severe weather and even peril when the Breakwater is covered with ice, and the provision of two dwelling rooms at the tower would very much promote the efficient and proper service of the Light.

I respectfully recommend that a framed annex to the Tower, containing two rooms and a store room, be built, in design as shown by the enclosed tracing.

The estimated cost is $1500. and it is very desirable that

it be built before another winter.

The annex is designed to rest upon the Breakwater and to be securely bolted to its lower course.

Respectfully yours,

W. L. Stanford

Major of Engineers,

Engr. 1st. and 2nd. L.H.Dists.

1 Enclosure.