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From Naval Secretary Comdr Geo. W. Coffin, U.S.N.

Sir:— The Board is in receipt of your letter of 19 July '90, reporting investigation of the difficulty between the Keeper and Assistant Keeper at West Quoddy Head Light Station, Me., and recommending the transfer of Mr. John Connors, the Keeper, to Avery's Rock, where there is no Assistant Keeper, in the place of Mr. John W. Guptill, who shall succeed Mr. Connors at

1890. West Quoddy Head.

The Board approves your recommendations, and will ask the Department to make the transfers, provided the arrangement does not work any injury or inconvenience to Mr. Gaffield, the Keeper at Avery's Rock who should not be disturbed against his will on account of the bad conduct of another Keeper.

The Board presumes that he desires to make the exchange of stations, but nothing to that effect is mentioned in your letter, and this is written to determine the matter.