June 27 1892 From Naval Secretary Cond. Geo. W. Coffin U.S.N.

Sir:— The Board is in receipt of your letter of 23 June '92, reporting that you are unable to recommend for permanent appointment Mr. John H. Douglass, Assistant Keeper at Libby Island Light Station, who is not competent to perform all the duties of his position on account of physical disability resulting from wounds received during the War. You state therein that there is no vacancy at present in that portion of the District to which Mr. Douglass can be transferred, but that it is possible that such a place as he could fill may be open later on; if the Board decides to retain him

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In reply you are informed that if you consider it safe to permit Mr. Douglass to remain at Libby Island, and think no danger will exist of the fog-signal not being

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terests of commerce will not suffer,
it may be well to let Mr. Douglass
retain his present position until
some vacancy occurs to which he
can be transferred. If you think
otherwise, and consider it of doubt-
ful propriety, you are requested to
so inform the Board and it will
ask for some one to replace Mr. Douglass.