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Light-House Establishment

Office of the Light-House Inspector, First District

5 Inclosures

Portland, Me. 4 Jan., '98.

Subject: Egg Rock Light Station, Maine.
An Assistant Keeper recommended.

The Lighthouse Board,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

Egg Rock Light Station, Maine, situated as it is on an exposed, outside, rock in Frenchman's Bay, is an important point to all vessels passing in and out, and the number, especially during the summer, season, is condiderable.

Its situation is especially a foggy one, and particularly so in summer, so that the fog bell located there is of great value to the mariners. It is a bell struck by machinery. If it should cease to operate it might be the cause of serious disaster.

There is but one Keeper authorized at this station, Mr. Lewis F. Sawyer. As it is sometimes difficult to land at the station because of the sea breaking on the rock it is possible for the Keeper to be caught on shore for several days at a time when he has been off on duty or for recreation.

It would be well then to provide for any emergency by authorizing an assistant keeper at this station.

The dwelling is a six roomed house, and if the present keepers son, Mr. Herber G. Sawyer, shall be appointed, the accommodations for

both keepers would be sufficient.

I recommend that an Assistant Keeper be authorized for this station, at an annual salary of $400.00.

Herewith I return the papers relating to this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Commander, U. S. Navy,

Inspector 1st L. H. District.