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Inclosures

1 September, 1899.

Subject: Shipwreck near Petit Manan Lt. Station.

The Lighthouse Board,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

Referring to the Board's letter of 11 August, 1899, relative to report of shipwreck of the steamer Mina & Lizzie near Petit Manan Lt. Station, and requesting to be informed by the keeper of the long time, after the fog closed in, before the whistle was in operation, I have the honor to enclose herewith a letter from the keeper of Petit Manan in explanation.

Respectfully yours,

J. W. Cogswell

Commander, U. S. Navy,

Inspector 1st L. H. District.

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Pitt Manan Light-Station.
Aug 26th 1899

U. Light-House Inspector.
Portland, Maine.

In reply to your letter of Aug 18th in regards to steamer Manan and Lizzie which ran ashore on this Island Aug 2d. I have to state that the first indication fog was at 9¼ PM when the fire was started, and at 10:05 PM the whistle was started. it was about 35 minutes from the time it was thick enough to blow the whistles untill the first blast was given, and from 15 to 20 minutes after the fog came in when the vessel went ashore.

There was no back fire at the time, as it was a fine clear night with no signs of fog untill within a few hrs of its coming in, and it takes from ¾ to 1 hour to get steam with a new fire.

The Captain states that when he past Baker Island he saw this light and as there was no indications of fog left the Pilot at the wheel and went below and 45 minutes later came

deck saw the light through the fog and
was heading for it. he told the man at the wheel
to put it. head a port but it was to late when the
vessel had turned about three points ran ashore going
full speed.

Respectfully Yours

Wm D. Upton

Keeper

U.S. Inspector 1st. Distr.
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