Office of Light-House Inspector,
FIRST DISTRICT,
Portland, Me., October 21. , 1872.

Professor Joseph Henry
Chairman L. H. Board
Washington D.C.

Sir.

I respectfully forward a report of inspection of Goudel's Point Light House 05. F.W. at 8 a.m. 18th inst. I had been watching this light during the night for two hours— it burned dimly all that time and at 3 a.m had not the brilliancy of an ordinary family lamp, at four miles distance. The entire service of this lamp by Mr Gilkey, the Principal keeper is faulty, he manifests no interest in his duty - talks much and from his own story to me I judge that he spends most of his time at the Grocery and Post office. He was going to those places when I landed; but seeing the Inspectors boat returned. I found the "morning routine" neglected

that it was habitual for him to do this, and, in fine. the personal appearance of Mr Gilkey and the look of the Government property under his charge Convince me that Mr Gilkey is an unfit man for the post of Light House Keeper, either principal or assistant I therefore recommend his removal.

Very Respectfully

Yr. obt. Svt

W. St. Mayo

Commander. L. H. Insp. 1st dist.