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“ DOMINION GOVERNMENT STEAMSHIP ‘NEWFIELD,’  
“ POINT LEPREAUX, N.B., 27th August, 1878.

“ SIR,—The light at present exhibited at Pea Point is not at all suitable, as a green light does not show for any great distance, and is liable to be mistaken for a vessel’s starboard light. I would respectfully suggest that it should be changed to a red flash light.

(Signed) J. N. PURDY.

“ J. H. HARDING, Esq.,  
“ Marine and Fishery Department,  
“ St. John, N.B.”

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If this suggestion should be adopted, a new lantern would be required, as the present one is too small, and not suitable for a revolving light. I shall require to visit or send some competent person to this Station, at an early day, to have the workings of this light carefully examined into.

With reference to the purchase of land at this Station, I would beg to submit a letter received from Mr. C. McGee, of St. George, but the purchase has not yet been effected :—

“ SAINT GEORGE, 22nd October. 1877.

“ SIR,—I received a letter from Mr. Bennett on the 20th inst., and I herewith sub-join extracts of the same, relating to Pea Point Island, &c. :

“ In regard to Pea Point Island, with a road to it, I understand that \$75 is the price that you have set upon it, so I suppose I must agree to it. Now, if you want the deed for it, you will get it made out, and send it on to me for signature and acknowledgment. Then I will return it to you, and you can remit the money by Post-office Order.’

“ ‘In regard to the Pea Point field, I will sell about five acres for \$150, and no less. I should like to know as soon as possible, as I am about selling the whole place.’ Also as follows :—

“ The sum of \$75 is the amount agreed upon between his son and me last spring for the Island, and I feel that the Government will be satisfied, as it is a reasonable figure. The field referred to in the second paragraph of the extracts from the letter, is the whole or about the whole of the available land on the Point, a part of which I suggested to you some time ago, as the Government would do well to buy, that the keeper might have an opportunity to raise some farm produce to assist in supplying himself and family. Were the five acres referred to, or as much as the Department thought necessary, purchased for the benefit of the keeper, I feel satisfied that it would in the end be a saving to the Department, as the products of the said land would fully supplement a low salary, while without a small piece of land to work, the Department may find it difficult to retain a keeper without an increase of salary.’

“ I have the honor to be, Sir,  
“ Yours truly,

“ (Signed) C. McGEE.

“ J. H. HARDING, Esq., Agent,  
“ Marine and Fisheries, St. John.”