GEORGE WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

TO ALL WHO SHALL SELTHESE PRESENTS, __GREETING:

Know Ye, That I have appointed, and Do	apoint Moner Sowell Superintendant of
the light- would an Plumb	Island in the State of
Mapachiaselles to exercise and fu	the Powers and Duties of that Office: And to have and
hold the fame, with all the Authorities, Privileges a	n Emoluments thereunto of Right appertaining, during the
Pleasure of the PRESIDE NT of the UNITED STA	TES for the Time buirg
GIVEN under my Hand at the	City of New-York, the South Day of March.
in the Year of our Lord, one	houfand feven hundred and ninety

President George Washington appointed Abner Lowell as the superintendent (keeper) of the Plum Island Lighthouses on March 10, 1790. This appointment was in recognition of the importance of the trade and commerce flowing through the Merrimack River to the newly formed United States.

The original document was given to the Friends of Plum Island Light by a descendant of Mr. Lowell and is currently on loan at the Custom House Maritime Museum in Newburyport, Massachusetts.