



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.
