Whereas I, King James 1st, supreme ruler of England and Scotland in 1624, at the founding of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, learned of a place on the coast to the north of Boston, where a lighthouse was to be built; and

Whereas, 167 years later, in 1791, said lighthouse was finally constructed at this location; and

Whereas I, King of England and Scotland, having authority over these domains; and, Whereas, this deed is valid forever;

Do hereby decree that the lighthouse to be located in Portland called "Portland Head" will be the city of its name.

(seal of) King James 1 In the year of our Lord March 27, 1625 (+R.J.D.)