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Portland Point Light, Sept, 2nd 1844

Commander J. K. Cogswell U.S. Navy
Inspector 1st District Lt House District Portland Maine

Dear Sir

I have the Honor to acknowledge
receipt of a communication from your Office
under date of 30th ult, calling upon me for any
information that I may have to offer in regard to
the Translation with other Brevet, my late Assistant
Keeper, I am very glad indeed of an opportunity to make
or to give what I can and see first that I cannot
be a matter of one in~~fraction~~ struction of the Regulations and
Instructions, and not brought it to my notice at
the time, and not brought it to my notice at
the time occurred to me ~~at the~~ that successful
upon that Restriction, I am therefore your debtor
for affording me the opportunity of clearing away a mis-
understanding, the only one I am glad to say
existing between an Inspector and any Keeper
throughout my District as Keeper (now 8 under my care)
The Details you desire are as follows:—

Herman E. Brewer served as assistant Keeper at [illegible]
Point Light, from Aug 1st 1878 to June 1st 1879,
Sept 98, the last Two ends of four Fingers of his
Hand; This accident caused his absence from
for four weeks; at the expiration he was able
resume his duties and did so, & it the history of
Five weeks absentee that is of value to this
communication & is as follows; Upon the occurrence
the accident Mr Brewer deplored his probable
embarrassment on his account, & being friendless
towards him as an unfortunate Man at the time,
bethought myself that he might do for me
his use of this Hand as to be able to discharge
his duties, and suggested to him that if he dare
to provide a substitute this work be Night Still
Alone, The Fog Bell at this Station was then
by two Steam Engines, requiring (in fog time)
personal attention to assistant Keeper
imperatively necessary, This proposition was
acceptable to Mr Brewer, and was carried
effect in the following practical way: A Man
was found who was available for night work
but not for day work, He was willing to do

[illegible] Estate par ette Brewer, Nights and
[illegible] no other way to do, did ette Brewer
[illegible] better in celebration to my own thought
[illegible] observe from waste, Sold this with no agreement
[illegible] to Mr Brewer to receive pay, and certain by never
[illegible] minded any return or better accept Mr Brewer
[illegible] Estate) Do which I am quite sure shall. For
[illegible] relations were ever of the pleasantest upon
[illegible] Brewer return the broached to me the matter
[illegible] return for my kindness, (the knew what I had
[illegible]) He seemed disposed to insist on the matter
[illegible] I hardly knew what to do. I finely compromised
[illegible] desire. He left the room with this desire to
[illegible] by this gratitude by agreeing to accept the
[illegible] matter of fact, he declined and by dancing and
[illegible] talking around doing glasses and back water and it
[illegible] ended to a Bank of this Bet and in actual cash
[illegible] which he mentioned, only apart, This is all
[illegible] ere is in the Matter, I have been proposed at
[illegible] with kindness because I could not
[illegible] delegation on this Matter, I am anxious that it
[illegible] cleared up, as it is the only criticism ever made on
[illegible] continuous Service of 28 years, a Service which

which I advise I suppose to have taken
to all concerned,

After I received in the light of recent orders
from your Office, I was led to believe that
on finding for Bread for my Wife and the
against Sanderson for (not Mr Brown
who had acted for Mr Chisel with a clear bill
with of one attempt to delay a Man on Trial
& beg of him, before taking any steps in the
Extrajudicial Office, to present for this
against me and allow me an opportunity
Enabled to prove my innocence, for I am
Substantiate every thing I say,

I have written this letter on the Subdivision
Paragraph 147, page 70, and Paragraph 175,
79, of the 1870 Code and Regulations (to which
refer One) or the Same the Paragraph 175,
169, of the 1880 edition, the latest edition I have
I am frankly to say that I was not aware of the
existence of this particular, Paragraph, when
read in this Book only on Such Matters as
occasion may require and mark during
the Bankruptcy Course,

I trust you will find this explanation Satisfactory

least to the extent of Morning Station
Scientific Keeper Brass offered in a
Hospitality which shall embrace the Spirit
of the Occasion, last example. Let me thank
you again for this opportunity to express
to those the deepest gratitude I will glance at
your record to see whether or not the substance
of references to it therein made
meets with their interest & your reply
thereto and remain Your Inspector

Most Respectfully

Silas N. Pettiner

Keeper

P.S.

This letter had been written and
before your Telegram reached me, but
in lack Pencil and Surrendered by that
time applied to, G. A. R.