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Consolidation of Lightstations at Buffalo, N.Y.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
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DEP'T OF COMMERCE

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The resignation of the keeper of the South Buffalo Lightstation, N.Y., offers a favorable opportunity for the consolidation under one keeper and three assistant keepers of the following lightstations and lights:

Buffalo Breakwater North End Lightstation, N.Y.
Buffalo Lightstation, N.Y. (soon to be discontinued)
Buffalo North Bkw. South End Light, N.Y.
Buffalo South Pier Light (soon to be established)
Niagara River Range Lights, N.Y.
Strawberry Island Upper Cut Range Lights, N.Y.
Strawberry Island Lower Cut Range Lights, N.Y.

The designations and the salaries of the keepers effecting this consolidation to be

Keeper	@ $624 per annum
First Assistant Keeper	@ $540 per annum
Second Assistant Keeper	@ $516 per annum

(It is recommended that the first incumbent as Second Assistant Keeper, Mr. Edward C. Wendell, be paid $540 per annum in order that his pay may equal his present salary--his successors to receive $516 per annum.)

Third Assistant Keeper	@ $516 per annum

There is a dwelling provided for the Keeper but none for the Assistant Keepers. The schedule to be subject to proper revision when in future other dwellings are provided.

The foregoing consolidation is a step in the line of reorganization of the Buffalo Harbor aids to navigation as outlined to the Bureau in the Tenth Inspector's letter of December 5,

1910, subsequently approved by the Bureau in letter of April 22, 1911.

Nominations for transfers to positions (except Third Assistant) in accordance with the foregoing schedule are submitted herewith in anticipation of the Bureau's confirmatory action thereon, and it is requested if such nominations should, like original appointments, be sent through the Secretary of the Local Civil Service Board, that the Bureau will so forward them following affirmative action on the scheme of consolidation proposed.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

W D Gardner

Superintendent.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
July 18, 1913.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information and with recommendation that the following positions be abolished:

Keeper, Buffalo Breakwater North End Light Station, N.Y. (1 light & fog signal), at $660 per annum,

Assistant keeper, at the same station, at $540 per annum,

Keeper, Buffalo Light Station & Buffalo North Breakwater South End Light, N. Y. (2 lights), at $600 per annum,

Assistant keeper, at the same station, at $540 per annum.

Total salaries, $2340 per annum.

In lieu thereof, it is recommended that the following positions be authorized, effective upon the dates the persons appointed thereto enter on duty:

Keeper, first assistant, second assistant and third assistant keepers of Buffalo Breakwater North End Light Station, Buffalo Light Station, Buffalo North Breakwater South End Light, Niagara River Range Lights, Strawberry Island Upper and Lower Cut Range Lights, New York, (9 lights & 1 fog signal. Six of the lights are acetylene and will be given such care as is required by the keepers), at $624, $540, $516, and $516 per annum, respectively.

Total salaries recommended, $2196. Appropriation: Salaries Keepers of Lighthouses.

It is further recommended that in the case of Edward C. Wendell, the present assistant keeper of Buffalo Breakwater North End Light Station, N.Y., his salary remain as at present, $540 per annum, and his title changed to first assistant keeper in the Lighthouse Service, with the understanding that his successor in the new position recommended receive the regular pay of that position, $516 per annum.

Approval of this recommendation will not violate section 7 of the act approved March 4, 1913, making appropriation for the legislative, etc., expenses of the Government for the f.y. 1914, as rate of compensation recommended is not in excess of that paid for same or similar service during f.y. 1913.

Nominations in the cases of John Safe, George M. Fetes & Edward C. Wendell are being forwarded to the Department today. Wm. L. Gordon, former keeper of Buffalo Breakwater North End Light Station, N.Y., has been transferred.