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THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Paul D. Kelleter
Conservation Director

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Madison, Wis.
Sept. 22, 1931.

Lighthouse Service,
Dept. of Commerce,
Office of Supt. 12th Dist.
Milwaukee, Wisc.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to acknowledge your recent letter concerning the lighthouse reservation at Eagle Bluff, Ephraim, Wisconsin, and your statement that if the State of Wisconsin desires this property you would recommend that it be transferred to the state for state park purposes at no cost, making two reservations.

We have investigated this matter and I am making a recommendation to the conservation commission for consideration at their next meeting that they accept the proposition of having this property conveyed to the state, subject to the reservations and at no cost to the state other than what might develop in connection with the maintenance of the area after it is acquired. I think this is about the general way that this matter should be handled.

Very truly yours,

(s) C. L. Harrington.
Supt. of Forests and Parks.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses,
U. S. Lighthouse Service,
U. S. Capitol,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Under date of June 5, 1931, your file number 2752E, I received the following letter from your department:

> "Receipt is acknowledged of yourletter dated June 1st, 1931, relative to the sale of the Eagle Bluff Lighthouse Reservation on Green Bay, Door County, Wisconsin, and you are respectfully informed that the matter is receiving consideration and you will be further advised in regard thereto at an early date."

To-date I have had no further information on the suject.

May I hear from you on the question.

Thanks!

Yours very truly,
F. G. Altendorf.
F. G. Altendorf.

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My Address:-

F. G. Altendorf
% Madison Club,
Madison, Wisconsin.

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October 23, 1931.

Mr. F. C. Altendorf,
c/o Madison Club,
Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 12, 1931, with further reference to the matter of sale of the Eagle Bluff Lighthouse Reservation, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

You are respectfully informed that since consideration is being given to the initiation of legislation for the transfer of this reservation to the State of Wisconsin for public park purposes, it is improbable that any action will be taken for the disposition of this property by public sale.

Respectfully,

For the Commissioner:

H. D. KING

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Deputy Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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December 1, 1931.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Proposed transfer to the State of Wisconsin of the Eagle Bluff Light Station Reservation, Green Bay, Wisconsin; 12th District Office endorsement of September 24, 1931, on Bureau reminder of September 21, 1931, and previous correspondence.

No further report has been received from your office on the above subject matter. Unless information is received at an early date it will not be practicable to include this light station in legislation at the forthcoming session of Congress. It is suggested that the State be so advised and further report submitted to the Bureau.

W. P. HARMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 12TH DISTRICT
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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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AHT:MJS - -Supt. of Lighthouses, Milwaukee, Wis. Dec. 4, 1931.

Returned to Commissioner enclosing copy of letter of this date addressed to the Conservation Commission of the State of Wisconsin.

So soon as information is received the Bureau will be further advised.

Superintendent

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 12TH DISTRICT
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Dec. 4, 1931.

Conservation Commission,
State of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:-

Attn:- Mr. C. L. Harrington,
Supt. of Forests and Parks.

Your letter dated September 22, 1931, advises of your recommendation to the Conservation Commission for taking over Eagle Bluff Light Station Reservation, which station now comprises a portion of Peninsula State Park near Ephraim, Wisconsin.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses is desirous of obtaining specific information from your Commission relative to the acceptance of this reservation in order that a bill might be prepared for the forthcoming Congress for authority to transfer to the State of Wisconsin the Eagle Bluff Reservation.

It is requested you advise as promptly as possible the present status of this matter.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
December 31, 1931.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Milwaukee, Wis., with request that the Bureau be furnished a description by metes and bounds of the property proposed to be transferred together with a description of the buildings located thereon which it is also proposed to transfer.

The Bureau considers that an area of sufficient size surrounding the tower, together with right-of-way thereto should be reserved by the United States. In this connection further recommendation is desired.

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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MILWAUKEE, WIS.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 12TH DISTRICT
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

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Dec. 24, 1931.

Rec'd get for report & file pursuant to dept. instruction dec 1 ASW 1/1/32

Eagle Bluff Reservation.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

Referring to endorsement of December 4, 1931, on Bureau letter of December 1, File 4752-E, relative to the transfer of Eagle Bluff Light Station Reservation to the State of Wisconsin.

Enclosed is copy of letter dated December 21,1931 from the Conservation Commission together with resolution of that commission concerning the transfer of the reservation in question. In view of the desire of the State of Wisconsin to receive the reservation it is requested that endeavor be made to have necessary legislation enacted.

C. M. Hubbard

Superintendent

L & L are we prepared to proceed?
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Ask is to furnish a description by metes and bounds of property to be transferred, together with such buildings and equipment as are to be released, including Range and other lights. Also ASW 1/1/32

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 15TH DISTRICT
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

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THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Paul D. Kelleter,
Conservation Director.

Inclosure

Madison, Wisconsin,
Dec. 21, 1931.

1931 DEC 28 AM 9 00

Mr. C. M. Hubbard, Supt.
Lighthouse Service,
Department of Commerce,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Further reference is made to your letter of December 4, 1931.

It gives me pleasure to report that the commissioners were more than pleased to initiate action looking to the probable transfer of the Eagle Bluff Light Station Reservation from the Department of Commerce to the conservation commission, and as an indication of the official action taken I enclose for your action a copy of the resolution.

I hope it will be possible for your department to have Congress take favorable action upon the proposed transfer at an early date.

Very truly yours,

(S) PAUL D. KELLETER
Conservation Director

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Inclosure

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING EAGLE BLUFF LIGHTHOUSE
RESERVATION FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS there is in Peninsula State Park a tract of approximately fifteen (15) acres owned by the United States Department of Commerce which was used formerly by the caretaker of the lighthouse located thereon, and

WHEREAS since the comparatively recent installation of an automatic light, a permanent caretaker has not been employed, and

WHEREAS the United States Department of Commerce has offered to donate to the State of Wisconsin this tract of land and all the rights thereto, including all the buildings and improvements thereon except for the tower and the lighting apparatus, and the right of access thereto by lighthouse employes at any time by land or water, and

WHEREAS this property will be a valuable addition to Peninsula State Park as it is excellently adapted to park purposes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this commission accept with sincere thanks the offer of the United States Department of Commerce to donate this Eagle Bluff lighthouse reservation, with specific qualifications, to the State of Wisconsin, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this commission order the conservation director to enter into whatever negotiations are necessary with the United States Department of Commerce, or other agencies, to complete the details of this transfer of land.

WISCONSIN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Chairman

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Secretary

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Commissioners

Dec. 19, 1931.

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Congressman Dyer's (Missouri) Secretary called up at 10:50 stating that he has a letter from a lady who wishes to rent a lighthouse reservation on Green Bay - She named the place which was not recognized.

Regret her to send the letter to the Bureau, that it will be looked into, & party advised. She said she will do so

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Respectfully referred to

Hon.Geo.R.Putnam,Commissioner,
Bureau of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

For attention and advice.

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Very respectfully,

L. C. Dyer

M. C., 12th District. Mo.

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February 1, 1932.

My dear Mr. Dyer:

You probably won't remember me, but we met two years ago in Washington on the Stephens College spring tour. I remember very well, since that was one of the higher spots of the whole delightful trip.

I have a very peculiar request to make. At least I am afraid that you will find it so. I want to rent a lighthouse for a year. It is situated in the Wisconsin State Park between Fish Creek and Ephraim on Green Bay. The light itself is now operated by electricity from Sturgeon Bay. I was inside several years ago and know that the house is very sturdily built, though now it is, of course, somewhat in need of repairs, having been unoccupied about four years.

A friend of mine, Ruth White, also a Stephens girl, and I are anxious to spend a year in northern Wisconsin. Since for the past eight years we have been spending our summers at Ephraim, we are well acquainted with that territory. We will finish Washingington University in June, 1932, and plan to spend some time in study and writing.

The government rents land in the State Park for summer homes, and therefore we are hopeful of being able to rent the lighthouse. We would, of course, be responsible for any repairs or changes necesary to make the place livable once more.

I dislike troubling you with such a matter, but I did not know to whom else I might write. In brief, I should like to know if we may rent the place, and if so, what would be the rental. If there is any reason that we could not have it for as long a time as a year, we would be delighted even having it for the summer months.

If you do not have time to attend to this, perhaps you could tell me to whom to apply? Or if there are any formalities which must be fulfilled? I am enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope And thank you very much for the time and trouble which this may cause you. But if you've ever been to the peninsula and seen what a beautiful place it is, you will realize better just how ancious we are to secure the lighthouse.

Sincerely,

Adelaide Melville.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 12TH DISTRICT
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Feb. 2, 1932.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

Referring to letter of December 21, 1931, to the Conservation Commission, State of Wisconsin, and attached resolution of that Commission dated December 19, 1931, requesting transfer of Eagle Bluff Light Station for State Park purposes and referring to 12th District letter of December 24 and Bureau endorsement of December 31, 1931.

We hand the Bureau herewith four copies of form for deed transferring to the State of Wisconsin approximately 10.98 acres and reserving to the United States an area of approximately 1.02 acres for Lighthouse purposes, the reserve area being the fenced yard immediately surrounding the Lighthouse with frontage on the waters of Green Bay. See attached drawing 32027-A and 32027-B showing the entire area and the reserve portion.

The deed form contains the descriptive meets and bounds requested by Bureau endorsement.

The buildings having any value stand on the reserve lot of 1.02 acres and are as follows:-

Brick dwelling 30'x36' with attached kitchen 12'x21' with square brick tower attached to dwelling approximately 9'4" x 8'5" tower having a height of 44' and a focal plane height above the water of 76', the tower being equipped with Fourth Order case iron lantern house.

Frame shop, formerly used as a summer kitchen, 12'x20'.

Brick oil house, 5'4" x 7'6", inside dimensions.

Frame barn, 16' x 24'.

Small brick building 6'x6'.

Dock with concrete superstructure 12'x20'.

We have no present need to use any of these buildings except the tower itself and it is proposed that the reserved area and all buildings thereon, except the tower, also be turned over to the State under a

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Revocable license form for which is enclosed. Such procedure would permit the State to occupy and use the reserved area and the buildings and yet would simplify the procedure in case at any time some other arrangement should be desired to accommodate future developments.

In this connection it is to be noted that consideration was given in 1929 to the possible use of a part or all of this reservation as a site for a Coast Guard station. See attached copy of letter September 4, 1929 from Congressman Geo. J. Schneider and our two replies, both dated September 16, 1929. Nothing further has been heard with regard to this proposition.

The deed is drawn and the proposed revocable license for the reserved 1.02 acres include provisions to take care of any future developments with regard to the establishment of a Coast Guard station.

We also hand the Bureau drawing A-16-2-2 showing dwelling and light tower. The drawings bring out clearly that the tower is attached to but for operating purposes would be practically independent and not affected by the fact that the dwelling will be occupied by State people. This makes clear the reason for drawing the revocable license as written.

Respectfully yours,

Superintendent

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Inclosure

Sept. 4, 1929.

Mr. C. H. Hubbard,
Supt. of Lighthouses,
Federal Bldg.
Milwaukee, Wisc.

Dear Mr. Hubbard:-

I will appreciate your letting me know what progress you are making with the establishment of a light in Detroit Harbor.

The other day I visited the Eagle light-house in the Peninsula State Park in Door County and by the information I received from local people there are about seventeen acres of land upon which this light-house is situated. I will appreciate your giving me a description of the land the acreage in this lot as you know it to be. You are probably aware that there has been passed by Congress an act for the building of a Coast Guard station in the vicinity of Strawberry Passage. The Eagle light is just at the upper end of this passage.

Respectfully yours,

(S) Geo. J. Schneider.

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Sept. 16, 1929.

Mr. George J. Schneider,
125 West College Ave.
Appleton, Wis.

Sir:

Referring to the first paragraph of your letter dated September 4th with regard to the establishment of light at Detroit Harbor, Washington Island, Wis., you are advised that an examination has just been made and the entire situation canvassed.

You are advised that arrangements have been made with the local people to maintain the present light until the close of navigation season 1929. At the opening of navigation 1930, we will establish one light on a cluster of piles with riprap stone surrounding it. The light will be a Wallace-Tiernan Electric light operated by primary batteries and will constitute a very good aid for this location. At the same time we will also establish one spar buoy at the angle in the Channel. We expect to secure the authority from Washington for establishment of these aids in the near future, and will make arrangements for the construction work at the opening of navigation in the spring.

Respectfully,

C. H. Hubbard, Superintendent,

By (S) N. M. WORKS,
1st. Asst. Supt.

Copy sent to Mr. Schneider at Washington.

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September 16, 1929.

Mr. Geo. J. Schneider,
125 W. College Ave.,
Appleton, Wis.

Sir:-

Referring to the second paragraph of your letter dated September 4, with regard to the Lighthouse Reservation at Eagle Bluff in the Peninsula State Park in Door County, this light is now an unattended acetylene light. The Government property at this location is the N.E. Frac. Quarter Sec. 17 Township 31, No. Range 27 E. The original Government Survey shows an area of 8.8 acres. However, theactual area as shown by survey made in 1883 is 12 acres.

We hand you with this blueprint made from a rough record drawing dated June 26, 1909, showing the locations, stone monuments marking the Government property line. This print would be of use to anyone endeavoring to exactly determine the location of the Government property.

We also enclose drawing dated September 29, 1900 showing the location of buildings, and another drawing dated September 29, 1900, showing the Government property and the property line.

If there is any additional data with which we can supply you with regard to this matter, we would be very glad to forward same on further request from you.

Respectfully,

C. H. Hubbard, Superintendent,

By (S) N. M. WORKS,
1st. Asst. Supt.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 12TH DISTRICT
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Feb. 3, 1932.

4 Inclosure Received

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Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

Referring to our letter dated February 2, 1932, transmitting form for deed to State of Wisconsin, covering Eagle Bluff Lighthouse Reservation.

We hand the Bureau herewith four copies of form for Revocable License to the State of Wisconsin covering the 1.02 acre plat reserved to U. S. in deed.

Suggestion is made that possibly many of the conditions included should be eliminated from the license in view of the fact that a State is dealt with.

The terms of this license restrict same to a period of five years. Suggestion is made that in securing legislation authorizing the deed, there be included a clause permitting this license to run for an indefinite term, subject to revocation at any time.

Superintendent

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 12TH DISTRICT
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

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REVOCABLE LICENSE FOR THE USE OF THE 1.02 ACRE RESERVED PORTION OF EAGLE BLUFF LIGHT-HOUSE RESERVATION TO STATE OF WISCONSIN FOR PARK PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the greater portion, 10.98 acres of the Eagle Bluff Lighthouse Reservation was transferred to the State of Wisconsin for Public Park purposes by quitclaim deed dated executed by the Secretary of Commerce, in accordance with Act of Congress approved Public No. and,

WHEREAS, There was reserved to the United States an area of approximately 1.02 acres, being the yard area immediately surrounding the Eagle Bluff Lighthouse and the water frontage on Green Bay adjacent to the yard area, and,

WHEREAS, The United States Lighthouse Service has no immediate need to use the reserved 1.02 acre area, except to occupy the Brick Tower and Lantern House for the maintenance of Eagle Bluff Unattended Acetylene Light, and,

WHEREAS, It will be of advantage to the United States to have the reserved 1.02 acre area and buildings on same occupied, maintained and protected by responsible parties,

NOW, THEREFORE, This agreement made this day of 1932, by and between the Secretary of Commerce, for and in behalf of the United States of America, party of the first part, and the State of Wisconsin, party of the second part,

WITNESSETH, That the United States does hereby grant to the State of Wisconsin, subject to the conditions hereinafter mentioned, the exclusive privilege to use and occupy for Public Park purposes, and for no other purpose, the said

presmises, being the 1.02 acre and reserved to the United States, at the Eagle Bluff Lighthouse Station, for the term of five years, commencing on 1932 and termination 1937, unless the same shall be previously revoked, as hereinafter provided.

AND IT IS AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES HERETO

1. That the premises shall be used by the State of Wisconsin for public park purposes only, including activities legitimately incident to the construction, maintenance and operation of modern public parks.

2. That the State of Wisconsin shall not transfer the license hereby granted either in whole or in part to any other party or parties whomsoever.

3. That the State of Wisconsin shall provide at all times a responsible and competent custodian, preferably resident on the property, to guard and protect same against trespass, damage and deterioration.

4. That the United States reserves from this license the square brick Lighthouse tower, attached to corner of dwelling and the right to convenient adcess to same. The United States to maintain and look after all repairs to said tower and lantern house.

5. That the United States reserves the right to establish and maintain any other aids or services to navigation on any part of these premises and the right-of-way over and across the said reservation at all times for any purpose.

6. That the State of Wisconsin shall maintain the premises including buildings in good repair and protect against deterioration, satisfactory to the Superintendent of Lighthouses, 12th District, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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7. That the State of Wisconsin shall secure approval from the Superintendent of Lighthouses, Milwaukee, covering requests and plans for any changes or improvements of importance contemplated by the State, on the property covered by this license, in order to better fit same to serve the State in the Administration of the large Peninsula State Park and to harmonize this property with the park surroundings. The cutting of trees shall also be approved.

8. That any buildings or structures of any kind which may be erected by the licensee during the said term of this license under the ground licensed, under the authority of the Superintendent of Lighthouses referred to in the preceding paragraph, together with any other property of whatsoever kind placed there by the licensee, shall be removed within two months from the date of the expiration of this license, or within two (2) months from the date of the receipt of notice of revocation, and the grounds shall be left in good order and condition. All such buildings or structures, or other property not removed within the limit of time mentioned shall become the property of the United States.

9. That this license shall be subject to revocation by the Secretary of Commerce at his discretion at any time prior to the expiration of the term for which it is made.

10. That if default shall be made by the State of Wisconsin in any of the conditions herein contained to be observed and performed, then and from thereforth, it shall be lawful for the United States to re-enter into and upon the said licensed premises and every part thereof; and that upon such re-entering, the buildings and other property then upon the premises shall become a part of the premises and belong to the United States.

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11. That the said party of the second part agrees with the party of the first part that on the last day of the term of this license, or if it is otherwise revoked as herein provided for, said party of the second part shall and will peaceably and quietly leave, surrender and yield up unto the said party of the first part, all and singular the said premises, in good order and condition.

12. That the licensee shall in no event make or suffer to be made any claim or demand upon or against the United States of America for any matter, cause, or thing whatsoever arising out of or in connection with the said land, or the use thereof, pursuant to the permission hereby granted, but will protect and keep harmless the said United States of America, its officers, and Departments, of and from any and every actions, cause or action, claim or demand, either on behalf of the licensee or any person or corporation, by, because, or through any matter, cause, or thing happening upon said land, or in any way or manner connected therewith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said party of the first part, the United States of America, and the said party of the second part, The State of Wisconsin, have hereunto set their hands and seals to this and to other rescripts of this instrument, in ( ) sheets, 1932.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

SIGNED And SEALED IN THE PRESENCE OF:-

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Secretary of Commerce

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THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that whereas that certain piece or parcel of land pertaining to the Lighthouse Service of the United States, situate and lying in Gibraltor Township, County of Door, State of Wisconsin, as hereinafter more fully described, cannot be profitably used in the work of the Lighthouse Service; and,

WHEREAS, by the Act of Congress, approved ( ), Public No. (copy attached) the Secretary of Commerce was authorized to convey the said tract or pardel of land to the State of Wisconsin for Public Park purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH; that Secretary of Commerce, acting in that capacity herein for and on behalf of the United States, and by virtue and authority of the aforesaid Act of , party of the first part, doeth hereby release, assign, transfer, and quitclaim unto the said State of Wisconsin, party of the second part, forever, subject to the provisions of the said Act of , all the right, title, interest, claim, and demand of the said United States of America in and to all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Gibraltor Township, County of Door, State of Wisconsin, and bounded and described as follows, viz:-

The Northeast fractional quarter section seventeen, Township Thirty-one North Range Twenty-seven East:- (N.E. Frac 1/4 Sec. 17, Tp 31. N.R. 27 E.) saving and reserving to the United States from same a plot of land (together with such reparian rights as may appertain) immediately surrounding the Eagle Bluff Lighthouse, having an area of approximately one and two hundredths (1.02)

acres, more or less, said reserved plat being bounded, described and located as follows:-

The axis of reference of this description is the center line of an existing substantial stone wall which encloses the yard area (about Eagle Bluff Lighthouse) on the Green Bay, north westerly side, and stands at the top of the bank, approximately parallel to the shore line. Said stone wall having an approximate length of one hundred and ninety five (195) feet and approximate azimuth read from North of 43 degress and 50 minutes true. The place of beginning is the point of intersection of the axis of stone wall with the center line of the fence on the southwesterly side of yard area, said point of intersection being located approximately 269 degress fifty minutes true azimuth, 15 feet, from U. S. Lake Survey triangulation monument known as "Eagle Bluff."

The Eagle Bluff Lighthouse tower is located 48 degress 29 minutes true azimuth 130;5 feet from said triangulations monument and U. S. Lake Survey referred stone monument marked "U. S." is located 252 degress, 10 minutes true azimuth 22 feet from said triangulation monument.

Starting at the "place of beginning" this plat of land reserved to the United States, is bounded on the southwesterly side by a line, located in center of fence, having approximate azimuth 130 degress 55 minutes, extending approximately 207.17 feet to the intersection at south corner with center line of fence on the south easterly side; also extending in opposite direction from place of beginning, on azimuth 310 degress 55 minutes, 50 feet more or less to the waters of Green Bay.

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Bounded on the North Easterly side by a line located in center of fence, having approximate azimuth 139 degress, 50 minutes, extending from the intersection with axis of stone wall approximately 192 feet to intersection at East Corner with center line of fence on southeasterly side; also extending in opposite direction, from the intersection with axis of stone wall, 319 degress 50 minutes, 50 feet more or less to the waters of Green Bay.

Bounded on the South Easterly side by a line located in the center line of fence having approximate azimuth thirty seven degress and 50 minutes and approximate length 157 feet connecting south corner and east corner.

Bounded on the North Westerly side by the waters of Green Bay, when the United States places survey monuments in substantial interpretation of this description, such monuments shall be considered conclusive in fixing boundaries.

The lands conveyed by this deed to the State of Wisconsin have an area of approximately 10.98 acres, more or less. The total area of the entire Eagle Bluff property being 12 acres, in accordance with the re-survey by A. R. Flint in 1883, those lands having been reserved from the Public Domain by Executive Order of the President Oct. 19, 1866.

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PROVIDED, that the United States reserves the right to construct and maintain at any point on the premises hereby conveyed, such foundations and structures, as may be found necessary or desirable in the future to properly

serve the developing needs of navigation in the Lighthouse Service, the Coast Guard Service or any other Government purpose, together with docks, trails, roads, or other facilities, over the lands hereby conveyed, necessary to the establishment and maintenance of such aids and services.

PROVIDED, that the United States shall have the right to construct and maintain on the lands conveyed, such overhead and underground structures or other provision for services such as telegraph, telephone, electric light and power, gas, water, sewerage, or other required services.

PROVIDED, that the United States reserves full and permanent right of ingress and egress to and from and travel upon the lands transferred, for construction, maintenance, and operation of lighthouses and Coast Guard Station or other Government purposes and the State of Wisconsin shall properly maintain for vehicles and personnel of the United States Government convenient road or roads of access and such changes, repairs, or improvements as may be necessary for safe travel, and shall maintain easements for beacons of light for any lights that may be maintained by the United States.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all and singular the foregoing described land and premises, together with the appuretnances, unto the said party of the second part, forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Secretary of Commerce, as aforesaid, hath, for and on behalf of the United States of America, set his hand and affixed the seal of the Department of Commerce this day of in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Two.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

By. . . . . .
Secretary of Commerce

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In the Presence of:

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3. It is recommended that this provision be included in the draft of proposed legislation.

G. R. PUTNAM
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Encls.

Respectfully referred to the Solicitor:

Acting Assistant Secretary.

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Acting Assistant Secretary.

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February 9, 1932.

Honorable L.C. Dyer,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Dyer:

Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum of February 3, 1932, inclosing a letter of February 1, from Adelaide Melville regarding her desire to obtain permission to occupy the Lighthouse on the Eagle Bluff Lighthouse Reservation, Wisconsin.

You are respectfully informed that the Bureau is preparing a draft of legislation which will authorize the permanent transfer of this property to the State of Wisconsin for use as state park purposes, and in view of this fact, it is not considered desirable to grant the permission requested by Miss Melville.

The letter inclosed with your memorandum of February 3, is returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

G. R. PUTNAM
Commissioner of Lighthouses

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Encl.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 12th Supt.

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Memorandum

Cong. Schneider of Wisconsin phoned regarding Eagle Bluff L & Res., Wis., mentioning bill formerly introduced for transfer to State as park, and asked if any objection to introducing new bill. I informed him this is included in a general bill submitted by the Dept., being Sec. 29, and that it was mailed to the Speaker on Feby 2. Should be introduced at early date. He asked for area of portion to be transferred, which I gave him, also reading to him the text of Sec. 29.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR
WASHINGTON

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February 14,1935.

2/19/35 Answ.

Memorandum to ..Commissioner,...

..Bureau.of.Lighthouses:.....

Reference is made to ...H.R..5272,..a.bill.....

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.State.of.Wisconsin.of.a.portion.of.the.Eagle.Bluff.Lighthouse.....

.Reservation,.and.for.other.purposes."....

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You are requested to prepare a memorandum in triplicate addressed to the Secretary embodying your views on the instant bill. Kindly send the memorandum directly to this office.

In order to comply with the wishes of the Secretary, please expedite the matter at your earliest convenience.

J. J. O'Hara

Assistant Solicitor.

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similar to proposed legislation contained in Sec. 29 of H. General Legislation pending. S. 1765 - 2/7/35. Rec. copy to 12 2/14.

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74TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5272

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 4, 1935

Mr. SCHNEIDER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and ordered to be printed

A BILL

To authorize the conveyance by the United States to the State of Wisconsin of a portion of the Eagle Bluff Lighthouse Reservation, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subject to the conditions hereinafter specified, the Secretary of Commerce is authorized to convey to the State of Wisconsin for State park purposes all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to that portion of the Eagle Bluff Lighthouse Reservation, Wisconsin, which is not required to be retained for lighthouse purposes. The Secretary of Commerce shall describe by metes and bounds in the deed of conveyance the exact portion of such reserva-

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tion transferred. Such conveyance shall reserve to the Secretary of War the right to enter upon and utilize, for the purposes of obtaining stone for river and harbor work and for any other purpose of the Department of War, any area which he may determine to be necessary for any such purpose within the tract of land conveyed.

SEC. 2. Such conveyance shall contain the express condition that if the State of Wisconsin shall at any time cease to use the property as a State park for public recreation, or shall alienate or attempt to alienate such property, title thereto shall revert to the United States.

SEC. 3. The United States reserves the right to resume ownership, possession, and control for Government purposes, of any property conveyed under authority of this Act, at any time and without the consent of the State of Wisconsin.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Commerce is also authorized, in his discretion, to lease to the State of Wisconsin for a period of twenty-five years that portion of the Eagle Bluff Lighthouse Reservation not conveyed by him under authority of this Act. Such lease shall be subject to revocation at any time by the Secretary of Commerce.

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By Mr. SCHNEIDER

FEBRUARY 4, 1935

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February 19, 1935.

Secretary of Commerce:

1. Reference is made to memorandum of February 14, 1935, from the Assistant Solicitor relating to H. R. 5272, a bill

> "To authorize the conveyance by the United States to the State of Wisconsin of a portion of the Eagle Bluff Lighthouse Reservation, and for other purposes."

2. Legislation for a similar purpose, Bill H. R. 29, was introduced during the first session of the 73d Congress, but failed of passage before the close of the session. The Bureau's records indicate that the Eagle Bluff Lighthouse Reservation, State of Wisconsin, comprises about 12 acres of land reserved for lighthouse purposes by Executive Order of October 19, 1866. The light at this station has been made automatic and unattended and in the interest of economy it is considered advantageous to the Government to dispose of the largest portion of the property including the old keepers dwelling and appurtenant outbuildings, the Government retaining the present light tower and plot of land about 100 feet square surrounding same, and rights of ingress and egress to the tower by land and water.

3. The reservation being adjacent to the Wisconsin Peninsula State Park, the State Conservation Commission has filed a formal request for transfer of the surplus portion of the property for inclusion in the Peninsula State Park property.

4. On account of the fact that the area in question has been surplus to the needs of the Lighthouse Service since the change of the light to automatic and is desired by the Wisconsin State Conservation Commission for public park purposes, it is recommended that enactment of bill H. R. 5272 be favored by the Department. In this connection attention is also invited to similar legislation included as Section 29 of Bill S. 1765 introduced on February 7, 1935.

G. R. PUTNAM

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Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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February 26, 1935.

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Hon. Sam Rayburn, Chairman,
Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

In your communication of February 6, 1935, you requested the report and comments of the Department concerning H.R. 5272, a bill

"To authorize the conveyance by the United States to the State of Wisconsin of a portion of the Eagle Bluff Lighthouse Reservation, and for other purposes."

Attached is a memorandum from the Commissioner of Lighthouses, this Department, in which I concur.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL C. ROPER

Secretary of Commerce.

Encl.

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Encl.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
MADISON

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

6/25/35 Ans. copy to 12th

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Secretary
Department of Commerce
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

We have recently been informed that under the provisions of H.R.-7131, Public Acts No. 81, 74th Congress, you have been authorized to convey to the state of Wisconsin as an addition to the Peninsula State Park, all or a portion of the Eagle Bluff lighthouse reservation in Door County, Wisconsin.

We have been wondering whether or not it is necessary for this department, under whose jurisdiction the Peninsula State Park is operated, to take any action with respect to this matter. If it is necessary for us to take any action, we will await your advice as to just what form it would take. We have a man stationed at the Peninsula Park who is familiar with the lay of the land, and if it is necessary to present any sketch or any report on the condition of the buildings that are there now or to enter into any arrangements for the general care of the buildings, I can get that information ready.

In the meantime we are anxious to have this transaction consummated so that this department on behalf of the state can take possession of the acreage involved. Do you issue a formal conveyance of any kind concerning this matter to the state of Wisconsin, or does the act itself constitute the only conveyance necessary?

advise dept in form & copy 6/12th. ans 6/24

FOR THE DIRECTOR

C. L. Harrington

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Sup't of Forests & Parks

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June 25, 1935.

Mr. C. L. Harrington,
Superintendent of Forests & Parks,
Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated June 21st, relative to the legislation affecting the Eagle Bluff Lighthouse Reservation in Door County, State of Wisconsin, contained in Section 28 of the Act approved May 28, 1935 (Public #81 - 74th Congress) and I am pleased to inform you that steps are now being taken by this Department to execute the necessary deed of conveyance by which a portion of the premises will be turned over to the State of Wisconsin for public park purposes.

Very truly yours,

H. D. KING

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

February 10, 1936.

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Memorandum:

Telephone call was received from office of Congressman Schneider of Wisconsin in regard to the transfer of Eagle Bluff Lighthouse Reservation. This reservation was one of those covered in the Act of May 28, 1935, Section 28; and Congressman Schneider said the State agency interested in the case had written his office, asking when the transfer might be effected.

The 12th District appears to have been taking an unusually long time to carry out the transfers of reservations in his District covered in the Act cited. His office has been written to three or four times, and in one letter the Superintendent stated that he would endeavor to have the necessary deeds submitted by October 15, 1935. He was reminded again about a week ago.

It may be inferred that possibly the State agency has already communicated with the Superintendent's office, and not having received satisfactory explanation has taken the matter up with the Congressman. It is suggested that the 12th District be emphatically asked to close out these cases unless there is some specific obstacle, and explain fully the present status.

Congressman Schneider asked if the Bureau would write him, explaining the situation at present.

W. P. HARMAN
Administrative Assistant.

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Orig. mem. filed in 265-17