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July 24, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 21st instant, the Department hereby amends the Lighthouse Regulations, 1914, paragraph 469 (paragraph numbered 5), first sentence, to read as follows, so far as the Fifth District only is concerned:

> "At stations where two keepers are authorized, neither keeper shall be absent more than six days without providing at his own expense a substitute satisfactory to the Inspector."

It is noted that the advisability of recommending a general extension of this amendment of the regulations to the other lighthouse districts will be considered at the next annual conference of inspectors.

(SIGNED) A. L. THURMAN

Acting Secretary.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
AUG 1 1916
Baltimore MD

To Lighthouse Inspector,
for his information, guidance, and files of office.

Acting Commissioner.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

August 17, 1917

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.

Subject: Leave regulations, lighthouse keepers.

Reference: Bureau Circular Letter No. 355 dated Aug. 9, 1917.

It is recommended that the Lighthouse Regulations, 1914, paragraph 469 (paragraph numbered 5), first sentence, be amended to read as follows, so far as the 5th district only is concerned:

> "At stations where two keepers are authorized, neither keeper shall be absent more than eight days without providing at his own expense a substitute satisfactory to the Inspector."

In this connection it may be stated that it is almost impossible for keepers in this district to obtain substitutes at many of the stations on account of the scarcity and high price of labor.

H. D. King

Lighthouse Inspector.

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Have we not recently chgd this pm 4 to 6? HB Aug 21

CC DC yes, sir, so far as 5th Dist is concerned, attention being invited to slipped papers. (Deot let July 24, 1916. #1633) H B Aug. 21

At the 1917 conference of Inspers Capt. King stated that the amendment allowing 6 days absence in his dist instead of 4, without furnishing sub. "was working satisfactorily, and that he would prefer increasing the limit to 10 days rather than go back to the four-day limit". The Com stated at the conference that this change in regs was made to suit condtions in 5th dist, which has a great many water stations having only 2 kprs who have to go a considerable distance to their homes, etc. (Pages 17 & 18 of conference, 1917)

Hold this up for Comr's ret HB Aug 21

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Leave Regulations. August 30, 1917.

Lighthouse Inspector, Baltimore, Md.

Your letter of August 17, 1917, recommending that the Regulations 1914, paragraph 469,(par. numbered 5),be amended to allow leave at two-keeper stations for a period of 8 days without providing a substitute in the 5th Dist. ict.

The Bureau states that it is considered inadvisable to recommend to the Department further change in this leave regulation at the present time.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 5TH DISTRICT.
BALTIMORE, MD.
September 10th 1917.

Looks OK this am not entirely familiar with matter WHN 9/20

OK RE Sept 20

DISTRICT CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 95.

TO KEEPERS OF CLASS-ONE STATIONS:

Subject: Shore liberty.

The Department has approved the recommendation of the Bureau of Lighthouses, and has amended the Regulations, 1915, Paragraph No. 469 so that keepers at Class-one stations may be allowed shore liberty not to exceed 96 days during the calendar year, instead of 72 days as heretofore, or at the average rate of 8 days per month for this district.

Keepers are notified that Paragraph 105, Section 1, page 37, Instructions to Employees, 1915, is amended in accordance with the above, effective August 1st 1917.

No change has been made in the Regulations as to furnishing a substitute. A keeper must not absent himself from a two-keeper station for a longer period of time than 6 days at any one time without furnishing a substitute.

This leave provision is considered to be quite liberal, and no recommendation for the waiver of same will be made by this office, except under exceptional circumstances. On the contrary it will be the consistent policy of this office to recommend deduction of pay for all cases where annual allowance is exceeded, and also for all cases where absence without substitute exceeds six days at one time.

Wherever, a keeper is detained away from station by illness, stress of weather, or other circumstances beyond his control, and is unable to secure a substitute, he must without fail notify this office upon the first day of absence in excess of six days, either by letter, telephone or telegraph, failing which, recommendation will be made for deduction of pay for each day's absence without substitute in excess of six.

H. D. King
Lighthouse Inspector.

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Baltimore, Md., September 10th 1917.

Forwarded to: Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., for approval before issue.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
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H. D. King
Lighthouse Inspector.

Returned approved.

Commissioner.