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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

One inclosure.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

September 9, 1907.

The Light-House Board,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that men and boats have been taking oysters inside the limits of the Light-House reservation at Thomas Point Shoal, Md., working close up to the light-house itself. These men jeered at the Keeper when spoken to, and paid no attention whatever to his warning to keep outside of the reservation; and I would respectfully ask if these oystermen cannot be prevented by legal means from trespassing on the light-house reservation.

Inclosed is sent a list of some of the men engaged in taking oysters, as far as the keeper has been able to ascertain.

Respectfully,

Edward Leigh, jr.

Commander, U.S.N.,
Light-House Inspector.

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Edward Lloyd, Jr., Comdr., U.S.N.
Light-House Inspector

Ent'd SEP 11 1907.

SUBJECT:

Asks if dredging for oysters on light-house reservation cannot be stopped by legal means.

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30 Sept, 07. Wrote 5 Insps.

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LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington 12 Sept., '07.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED SEP 13 1907 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Respectfully referred to the Department, approving the recommendations herein, and asking that, if practicable, measures be taken to prevent the trespassing specified on light-stations, and for the return of this paper to this Office.

Lt. Col., Corps of Engineers, U.S.A.,
Engineer Secretary.

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3:15 P.M.

Names.	Address.
James Brown	Eastport,Md.
Mr. Welsh	"
Joe Meekins	Annapolis,Md.
Mr. Whitington,	Eastport,Md.
Oscar Wheeler, & Bro.	Annapolis,Md.
Mr. Williams.	
Rolland Chromo,& another white man.	Annapolis,Md.
Bateau MINNIE W. Two colored men from Annapolis,Md.	
" VIVID Joe. Meekins and another white man.	Annapolis,Md.
James Figs, and boy.	Eastport,Md.
Three colored men,in canoe.	Eastport,Md.
Two colored men, in canoe.	West River, Md.
Two colored men, in canoe.	West River, Md.
Two colored men, in deadrise boat.	West River,Md.
George Freeman, and Oscar Wheeler.	Annapolis,Md.
Canoe SADIE P., colored man and boy.	West River,Md.
Canoe, with two colored men and a boy.	West River,Md.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

September 20, 1907.

MEMORANDUM.

The trespass here complained of would appear from the attached correspondence to be of a very trivial if not of a purely technical character.

Unless the taking of oysters within the light-house reservation at Thomas Point Shoal, Maryland, in some way interferes with the efficiency of the light-house service, or damages the property of the Government, or otherwise operates to the injury of the United States, the Department is not inclined to take any notice of the matter. If, however, the Board has any information to show that the interests of the Government are jeopardized by the trespass in question appropriate steps will be taken to prevent it.

Oscar S. Straus
Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

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LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

Washington 24 Sept., '07.

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

Referring to the letter dated 9 Sept., from the Inspector of the Fifth Light-House District to this Office, reporting that certain parties have been trespassing on the Thomas Point, Md., Light-House Reservation, and to your memorandum dated 20 Sept., '07, attached to the letter specified, the Board has the honor to request that the matter be again considered by the Department.

Thomas Point, Md., Light-House is located in the water, near Annapolis, Md.

The light-house reservation consists of five acres, and although under water, is held by the Light-House Establishment under a deed from the State of Maryland.

The light-house reservation is circular, with a radius of 263 3/10 feet. The light-house is at the center of the reservation.

To permit trespassers on this light-house reservation would be in contravention to the long established policy of the Board.

The Board respectfully suggests in this particular case that it be authorized to direct the Inspector of the Fifth Light-House District to inform the parties referred to that they are

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violating the law and the regulations of the Light-House Establishment, and also to direct him to report future cases of trespassing at the Thomas Point, Md., Light-Station, together with the names of the parties, dates of trespassing, &c., for the action of the Board and the Department.

The letter from the Inspector of the Fifth Light-House District is again submitted herewith, the return of which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully,

W. Sebree

Rear Admiral, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

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Rear Admiral, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

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September 26, 1907.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 24th instant, with further reference to certain parties trespassing on the Thomas Point, Maryland, Light-House Reservation, in which you state that to permit trespassers on the reservation would contravene the long established policy of the Board.

In view of the facts of the case, and in accordance with your recommendation, the Board is hereby authorized to instruct the Inspector of the Fifth Light-House District to notify the parties referred to in his letter of the 9th instant that in trespassing on the Thomas Point Reservation they are violating the laws and regulations of the Light-House Establishment; and to report future cases of trespass on this reservation, together with the names of the parties and the dates thereof, for the action of the Board and the Department.

As requested by the Board, the correspondence and papers submitted are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

Oscar S. Straus
Secretary.

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The Light-House Board.

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LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
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30 Sept., '07.

The Inspector, Fifth Light-House District,

Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

Referring to your letter dated 9 Sept., '07, relative to certain parties trespassing on the Thomas Point, Md., Light-House Reservation, the Board authorizes you to notify the parties referred to that in trespassing on this reservation they are violating the laws and regulations of the Light-House Establishment. The Board further authorizes you to report future cases of trespass on this reservation, together with the names of the parties and the dates thereof, for the action of the Board and the Department.

Enclosed is transmitted, for your information and for the files of your Office, a copy of the letter dated 26 Sept., '07, from the Department on this subject.

Respectfully,

Rear Admiral, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.