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Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Allen, Charles, O.		

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service:
- ☐ Air Force
- ☐ Army Air Corps
- ☐ Army Air Force
- ☐ Army
- ☐ Marine Corps
- ☐ Navy
- ☐ Coast Guard
- ☐ Unknown

Type of Rank:
- ☐ Enlisted
- ☐ Officer
- ☐ Unknown

Service Period (Check all that apply):
- ☐ 1939 & Prior
- ☐ 1940 - 1950
- ☐ 1950 & After

Date & Place of Death:

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

Other Identifying Information (Parent's Names, CSC Number, etc.)

Researcher Signature:

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (FL)		
From: 1913	To: 1914	
(Agency & Location)		
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(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	

Other Identifying Information (Maiden Name, Job Title, etc.)

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., (City.) October 18, 1913. (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, **Charles O. Allan** Legal residence, **Florida.**

Position, **Assistant Keeper in the L. H. Service.** Salary, **$480 per annum.**

Location, **Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses, 1914.**

Effective **October 27, 1913.** {1 ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Former salary, - - - - - - - - - -

Location, -

Rank on eligible list, First Rating, **Assistant Keeper** Percentage, **92.4** , Other eligibles considered:

William J. Ragas, A. and John Marshall, D.

Previous incumbent, David D. Silva Services terminated, **Not yet determined.**

Reason, **To be transferred to Cape St. George Light Station, etc., Fla.**

Relatives in Government Service, Father, postmaster at Allanton, Fla.

Remarks: Chas. O. Allan claims to have been employed in the Coast Survey between September, 1910, and February, 1912, Cape San Blas L.S. has quarters for Asst. Keeper furnished by Government, and selection was made from eligible list under these conditions.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. Oct 20, 1913

In the absence of and by direction of Inspector:

Wm. P. Beasley
acting Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

P. Brown
Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

OCT 23 1913

Acting Commissioner

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 1, 1913
DEPT OF COMMERCE

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Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
L. C. G.
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Personnel.
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Cashier.

October 29, 1913.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In view of the temporary apppintment of Joseph P. Anthony as assistant keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida, effective October 17, 1913, the Department has amended its order appointing Charles O. Allan to the above-mentioned position effective October 27 or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty so as to read vice Joseph P. Anthony instead of David D. Silva.

It is requested that the notice of appointment addressed to Mr. Allan, dated the 24th instant, be returned to the Department for amendment on its face.

By direction of the Secretary:

SIGNED) T. J. FITZGERALD

Acting Chief Clerk.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
NOV 3 1913

To Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, La.,
for his information, guidance, and files of office. Return appointment addressed to Allen for amendment on its face.

Acting Commissioner.

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Chf. Clk.
Commr.

November 12, 1913.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Returned herewith, the same having been amended so as to read vice Joseph P. Anthony instead of David D. Silva, is the Departments letter of October 24, 1913, notifying Charles O. Allan of his appointment as assistant keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida, at $480 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) GEO. C. HAVENNER

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
NOV 17 1913

To Lighthouse Inspector New Orleans, La.,
for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner:

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Chief Clerk.

Enclosure No. 72.
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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

October 24, 1913.

Mr. Charles O. Allan,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office,

Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By selection from certificate No. ------, and subject to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, to be found on the reverse hereof.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Clifford Hastings

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: Joseph P. Anthony.
Legal Residence: Florida.

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OCT 27 1913

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

Chas. O. Allan, charges.

WASHINGTON

November 14, 1914.

Mr. Charles O. Allan,

Allanton, Florida.

Sir:

Referring to your communication dated Nov. 8, 1914, relative to your action in leaving the Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida.

I beg to state that the matter is being investigated, and that you will be further advised in regard thereto at an early date.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Commr.

Charles O. Allan,
Report on.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

November 10, 1914.

Commissioner of Lighthouses;

1. I have to report that Charles O. Allan, Assistant Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., left the station on the 6th instant, stating that he did not intend to return and giving no reason for his action.

2. I happened to be inspecting the station at the time, and as Cape San Blas is a very important 3-1/2 order IOV light, with only two keepers allowed, I authorized the Keeper to employ someone temporarily until the vacancy could be permanently filled in accordance with Civil Service Rules, as it was deemed imperative that two keepers be on duty at all times. This station is very isolated.

3. Recommendation has this day been submitted, through the Secretary of the Tenth Civil Service District, requesting the temporary appointment of Joseph P. Anthony, for not to exceed thirty days, as Assistant Keeper. Anthony entered on duty on the 7th instant. He is a very desirable person and served temporarily at this light station during 1913.

4. The action taken was for the best interests of the Service and I trust will meet with Bureau's approval. Permanent selection will be made as soon as possible.

5. I consider that the action of Charles O. Allan in leaving on such short notice as to cause embarrassment to the Service is in violation of paragraph 458 of the Regulations, and it is recommended that he be dismissed, effective at the close of the 5th instant.

Inspector.

HRW-McC.

November 14, 1914.

Subject:Inspector's letter November 10-1914,Chas. O.Allan, conduct.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information and with recommendation that Charles O. Allan, assistant keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., be suspended from duty and pay, effective at the close of November 6, 1914, pending disposition of charges which the Inspector will be directed to file against him.

Upon receipt of report and recommendation from the Inspector on the charges further recommendation will be made to the Department in the case.

It is further recommended that the Department authorize the employment of Joseph P. Anthony as additional assistant keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., at $430 per annum, for the period from Nov. 7, 1914, the date of entrance on duty, to and including Nov. 16, 1914. It is also recommended that the temporary additional position of assistant keeper at the above referred to station, at the rate of pay above stated, be authorized for a period not to exceed one month from Nov. 17, 1914, and that Joseph P. Anthony be issued a temporary appointment thereto in accordance with form 73, submitted to the Department today.

The Bureau recommends the additional position of assistant keeper in lieu of laborer in this case on account of the circumstances in the case, but the attention of the Inspector will be called to the Regulations, 1914, par. 440, wherein it is stated that the additional position at a light station shall be that of laborer at a rate of pay not exceeding that of the lowest rate at the station, when practicable.

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Acting Commissioner

HRW-McC.
Inclosure

Bureau of Lighthouses,
November 14, 1914.

Referred to Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, La., for his information, guidance, and files.

You will be advised in due time of the action taken by the Department.

Advise the local district secretary that the Bureau has recommended the employment of Anthony for the period from Nov. 7 to 16, inclusive, and his appointment from Nov. 17, 1914, and that your form 73 has been amended by changing the date of effect from Nov. 7,1914, to November 17, 1914. There is inclosed letter dated Nov. 8, 1914, from Mr. Allen for report and return, with your recommendation.

File charges against Allan in accordance with the Regulations, 1914, par. 397, and submit proper report and recommendation in due time.

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Acting Commissioner.

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November 17, 1914.

Sir:

In view of a report from the Eighth Inspector to the effect that you left your station on November 6, 1914, stating that you did not intend to return and giving no reason for your action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, has suspended you from duty and pay, for a period not to exceed 90 days, effective at the close of November 6, 1914, pending the disposition of charges to be preferred against you.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(signed) GEO. W. LEADLEY

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Charles O. Allan,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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Dep. Commr.
Commr.

Charles O. Allan,
Charges against.

November 21, 1914.

Dept rec'd Nov 24

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Bureau's indorsement, dated November 14, 1914, I inclose herewith, for consideration, copy of charges, dated November 16, 1914, preferred against Charles O. Allan, Assistant Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., together with his reply, dated November 18, 1914.

2. There is also returned letter, dated November 8, 1914, from Mr. Allan, addressed to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, forwarded with indorsement above refsrred to.

3. In this connection, attention is invited to my letter of November 10, 1914. Charges were not preferred against Allan at this time, as it was understood from paragraph 458 of the Regulations that the reporting of his deserting the station would warrant his dismissal.

4. There is a working party of eight men at Cape San Blas, engaged in urgent necessary work of securing the foundation of the tower, due to the erosion of the beach. There are two five-room dwellings for the keepers. Owing to the extreme isolation of the station, it is absolutely necessary that the working party be housed and subsisted by the keepers. The keeper provides meals for all of the party, as it is not considered advisable to divide the mess, and provides sleeping quarters for as many as his house will permit. The Assistant Keeper was directed to permit the

balance of the party to occupy the unused portion of his dwelling. The Assistant Keeper has never had his family at the station, and therefore has occupied only one bedroom. At my last inspection on November 6, he had in no way provided for the comforts of his family.

5. When making an inspection of the light station on the 6th instant, Assistant Keeper Allan complained to me that he did not think it right that all of the working party should be allowed to board with the Keeper, but that he ought to be permitted to furnish meals to those occupying a portion of his quarters. Allan seemed to think that he should be remunerated in some way for allowing some of the rooms of the Assistant Keeper's dwelling to be used as sleeping quarters by a part of the men engaged in protecting the site of the light.

6. The statement of Allan that the working party kept his quarters in a dirty condition is not true, as I know that the same foreman in charge of previous working parties saw that their portion of the quarters were kept clean, and by the persons occupying the same, thus imposing no inconvenience or extra work upon the Assistant Keeper. Mr. Allan had been verbally cautioned on two different occasions, prior to the arrival of the last working party, relative to the lack of cleanliness in his quarters, due to his lack of interest. Allan left the station on the day after the men who were to occupy part of his quarters arrived at the station.

7. In reference to Allan's statement of having gone to

considerable expense in purchasing a uniform, to comply with the Regulations, I have to report that although Allan entered on duty on November 16, 1913, one year ago, he failed, up to the date of his leaving the station, to provide himself with the prescribed blue uniform. On November 6, 1914, just before leaving, he presented to me evidence that the uniform had been ordered.

8. I informed Mr. Allan of the consequences should he leave the station without giving due notice.

9. It is considered that the excuse given by Mr. Allan for his action in abruptly abandoning his duties without notice and thus causing embarrasment to the Service, on account of the extreme isolation of the station, is entirely unsatisfactory and in violation of paragraph 458 of the Regulations, and I urgently recommend that, on account of his lack of interest and for the proper maintenance of discipline in this district, he be dismissed from the Service, effective at the close of the 5th instant.

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Inspector.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.

NOV 28 1914

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval of the Inspector's recommendation.

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
November 16, 1914.

(Registered)

Mr. Charles O. Allan,

Allanton, Fla.

Sir:

You are hereby charged that, while acting Assistant Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., with having left the light station on the 6th instant, with no intention of returning and without due notice, giving no satisfactory reasons for doing so.

Your action in this instance, owing to the isolation of the station, where only two keepers are authorized, caused embarrassment to the Service and is in violation of paragraph 458 of the Regulations, 1914, and you are hereby given three days from receipt of this letter to show cause as to why you should not be dismissed from the Lighthouse Service.

Respectfully,

B. B. DORRY

Inspector.

Allanton, Fla., Nov. 18, 1914.

Lighthouse Inspector,

New Orleans.

Sir,

In reply to your registered letter of Nov. 16 just received will say that in defence of my actions in leaving the Cape San Blas Light Station without giving more notice, will say, that I had made arrangements to have my wife and family with a young baby only three weeks old come to the station two days after I left. When I was unjustly deprived of the proper use of my house according to the rules and regulations for light keepers furnished us I resolved to leave the station, and notified you personally at once with the reasons for do doing and gave all the notice I could which was one day. If I had stayed it would have ment long tedous trip for my wife and the exposure would have been dangerous for her and the baby to as they would have had to have gone directly back. This besides the expense which would have been considerable considering the amount I earned.

Now that my family is settled I am willing and ready to go back by myself and stay while the workmen are there, if I had thought of it I would have asked for five days leave of absence instead of leaving as I did, but I certainly am not going to have my wife clean house for nothing after five working men.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Charles O. Allan.

Allanton, Fla., Nov. 8, 1914.

...issioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Sir,

I have just left the service of the Lighthouse Department because it did not seem to me I was fairly treated. I was Asst. Keeper at Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla. On May 28 a work party come to the station to construct some groynes and called on me to furnish rooms for four men, they got their meals at the keeper's house, who was justly compensated for same, I received nothing, and coming in wet and dirty, they kept my house in a very dirty condition, or to use the Inspector's own words it was in a disreptable shape, I had just got it in shape when he sent another party down there of five men and wanted me to lodge them the same way.

I remonstrated with the Inspector and told him that it would be only fair for part of the men to board and lodge with the Keeper and part with me this would compensate each of us for our trouble. This is also right according to the rules and instructions furnished us by the department for us to be guided by (Page 144 paragraph board and lodging). This the Inspector refused to allow saying I would have to lodge as many men as he saw fit if it was ten men to a room. So I told him I would resign at once rather then do that.

Now I am not particular about going back to that station, but would if treated in a fair and impartial manner, but I would like to have my name on the eligible list when the apointment is made for the beacons at the mouth of East St. Andrews bay canal which I understand are soon to be erected, that is when the canal is finnished which will be in about three months. I have just ben to considerable expense to comply with the regulations having just purchased a uniform which cost me almost twenty five dollars besides work suit and cap.

Respectfully,
(Signed) Charles O. Allan,
Allanton,
Fla.

P.S.- Please give this your careful attention at once.
(Signed) Charles Allan.

For suspension of Charles O. Allan, see folder of
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Joseph P. Anthony,/Nov. 17, 1914, effective date suspension Nov. 6.

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December 3, 1914.

Sir:

It having been charged that on November 6, 1914, you left your station without previous notice and without furnishing satisfactory reason therefor, to the embarrassment of the Service, and the charges having been established in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of assistant keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida, at $480 per annum, effective at the close of November 6, 1914, the date upon which you were suspended from duty and pay.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Charles O. Allan,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Charles O. Allan

INACTIVE

LEGAL RESIDENCE.
Florida

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Asst. Kpr., Capeston Blks L.H. Fla	$ 480.	L.H.	Nov. 16, 1913
Suspended — close Nov 6. 1914. —	— Removed close Nov. 6. 1914.		
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Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES OCT 22 1913 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., (City.) October 18, 1913. (Date.), 191

APPOINTMENT DIVISION APPOINTMENT WRITTEN OCT 24 1913 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Charles O. Allan Legal residence, Florida.

CHIEF CLERK OCT 23 1913

Position, Assistant Keeper in the L. H. Service. Salary, $480 per annum.

Location, Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses, 1914.

Effective October 27, 1913. {[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

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Former position, - Former salary, - - - - - - - - - -

Location, -

Rank on eligible list, First Rating, Assistant Keeper Percentage, 92.4, Other eligibles considered:

William J. Ragas, A. and John Marshall, D.

Previous incumbent, David D. Silva Services terminated, Not yet determined.

Reason, To be transferred to Cape St. George Light Station, etc., Fla.

Relatives in Government Service, Father, postmaster at Allanton, Fla.

Remarks: Chas. O. Allan claims to have been employed in the Coast Survey between September, 1910, and February, 1912. Cape San Blas L.S. has quarters for Asst. Keeper furnished by Government, and selection was made from eligible list under these conditions.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. Oct 20, 1913

In the absence of and by direction of Inspector:

Wm. T. Beasley
acting Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

Brown
Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

OCT 23 1913

Acting Commissioner

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[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

October 24, 1913.

Mr. Charles O. Allan,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office,

Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars

* Oct 27, 1913, or

per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon

duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By selection from certificate No. ------, and subject to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, to be found on the reverse hereof.)

CARDED. 10/29/13 amends

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By direction of the Secretary:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED OCT 24 1913 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE

Respectfully,

Clifford Hastings

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

* Vice: David D. Silva. Joseph P. Anthony

Legal Residence: Florida.

CHANGE REPORTED NOV 1913 U. S. COMMISSION.

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Charles O. Allan,

do solemnly[1] swear (See below) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

☞ Charles O Allan
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 6 day of Nov., A. D. 1913

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Andrew Allan
Notary Public, State of Florida.
(Official title) My commission expires August 19, 1915.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present: Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service	$480 p. a.	Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla.
Former[5]: (Probationary appointment)		

(The above should be filled in by the district officer before sending to appointee)

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CARDED.

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 8th District

New Orleans, La., November 28, 1913.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on November 16, 1913.
(Date)

In the absence and by direction of Inspector:

J. P. Brown
(Signature, followed by title)
Superintendent.

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.

[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.

[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.

Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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October 29, 1913.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In view of the temporary appointment of Joseph P. Anthony as assistant keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida, effective October 17, 1913, the Department has amended its order appointing Charles O. Allan to the above-mentioned position effective October 27 or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty so as to read vice Joseph P. Anthony instead of David D. Silva.

It is requested that the notice of appointment addressed to Mr. Allan, dated the 24th instant, be returned to the Department for amendment on its face.

By direction of the Secretary:

Acting Chief Clerk.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
"LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, EIGHTH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA."

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Probationary Appointment
Charles O. Allan, Assistant Keeper,
Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla.

November 6, 1913.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
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Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Referring to Department letter of October 29, 1913, and endorsement of Bureau, dated November 3, 1913, the probationary appointment of Mr. Charles O. Allan as Assistant Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., is herewith returned for amendment, so as to read "vice Joseph P. Anthony instead of David D. Silva".

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
NOV 8 1913

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.
See Department letter of Oct 29, 1913

Acting Commissioner.

November 12, 1913.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Returned herewith, the same having been amended so as to read vice Joseph P. Anthony instead of David D. Silva, is the Departments letter of October 24, 1913, notifying Charles O. Allan of his appointment as assistant keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida, at $480 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) GEO. C. HAVENNER

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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

March 5, 1913.

CHIEF CLERK
DEC 1913

To the Chiefs of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce:

For the purpose of enabling the Department to maintain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are requested to have every person hereafter appointed or employed in your Bureau, immediately upon his entrance on duty, answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. The information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved in accordance with instructions. The information in Part II should be supplied as indicated and the form forwarded to the Department.

APPOINTMENTS
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William C. Redfield
Secretary.

CARDED.

PART I.

(Part I should be filled out by the appointee or employee; but, if he is unable to write legibly, another person may write the answers at his dictation. In either case the statement should be signed by the appointee or employee. If he is unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness. If he is unable to answer any question, he should indicate that fact.)

1. What is your full name? (Do not use initials, but spell out each name and state whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. Example: Mr. John Richard Doe. If name itself is merely a letter, it should be so stated.)

Mr Charles Oran Allan

2. How do you intend to write your name on the pay roll? (*This should agree with signature to your oath of office.*) Charles O Allan

3. What is your present legal (voting) residence? (Give city or town, State or Territory, county, and Congressional district.)

Allanton	Fla	Washington Bay	3d
City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

4. What is your race? (Answer "white," "colored," or "Mongolian.") white

5. Where were you born? Grand Rapids Mich.

6. When were you born? August 11 1887
Month. Day. Year.

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7. Give name and address of person whom you would like to have notified in case of accident.

Mrs Minnie Allen (Name.) — (Number and street.)

Allanton (City or town.) — Fla. (State or Territory.)

8. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (If so, give below their names, relationships, the Departments and Bureaus or Services in which they are employed, and the positions they occupy.)

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
None				

9. If you were appointed through a civil service examination, state, as near as you recollect, the name and date of the examination. If not so appointed, state how you entered the service. (Examples: "By reinstatement," or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Assistant Lighthouse Keeper Feb. 13. 1913

10. Have you any physical disabilities? (If so, describe briefly. If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.)

No

11. Have you ever held any other position in the civil service of the United States? (If so, give below the Department and Bureau or Service in which you served, the position held, the salary you received, and the dates of your appointment and separation from the service.)

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
War	Survey	Rodman	45	July 1910	Nov 1910
	Census	enumerator	4.50 per day	April 13, 1910	May 20 1910

12. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.)

No.

13. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during the Civil or Spanish-American War? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No			

14. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States at any time other than during the Civil or Spanish-American Wars, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
Have not served.			

15. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

No

Name under which service was rendered.....

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

16. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 11, 12, 13, and 14.)

Freight and Passenger boating

17. What education have you received? (Indicate the grades of schools you have attended, and, in case you have attended schools of higher grade than high schools, give the institution, degrees received, and date in each case. Example: Public school; high school; business college; Cornell University, A. B., 1900; Columbia University, LL. B., 1903.)

Public School

18. What special qualifications have you—educational, professional, technical, mechanical, etc.? (Examples: Qualified as "Lawyer," or "Civil Engineer," or "Translator," or "Interpreter," or "Draftsman," or "Carpenter.")

I have some mechanical knowledge

19. What, if any, civil service examinations have you passed? (Give names and dates as near as you recollect.)

Assistant lighthouse Keeper Feb 13, 1913

20. Were the answers to the foregoing questions written by you? (If not, state the name and address of the person who wrote them for you.)

Yes wrote by me

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. Nov. 5, 1913

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

(Signature) Charles O Allen

P. O. Address: Callanton
City or town.

Number and street.

Fla.
State or Territory.

(Where the appointee is to be employed outside of the District of Columbia the information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer in immediate charge before forwarding to the Bureau. Where he is to be employed in the District of Columbia, Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer who executes Part II.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded November 28, 1913

In the absence and by direction of Inspector:

(Signature) [illegible]

(Official title) Superintendent.

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PART II.

(Part II should be executed by the executive officers of the various Bureaus of the Department, or, at their direction, by some official who can give the information desired. If unable to answer any question, indicate that fact.)

1. State the Bureau or Service, place, and district in which the person who answered the foregoing questions is employed:

Lighthouse (Bureau or Service.) | Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)) | 8th (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? Assistant Keeper.

3. State the date of appointment. October 24, 1913.

4. State the date the appointment was effective. (If appointment was made to take effect on date of oath, so state.)

Entrance on duty

5. State the date of the oath. November 6, 1913.

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. November 16, 1913.

7. What is his salary? $480 p.a.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

9. Is the position excepted, competitive, or unclassified under the civil service rules? Comp.

10. If classified, state the date of classification. May 6/96

11. In what manner did the employee enter the service? (Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination;" or "without examination;" or "by reinstatement;" or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Examination - Assistant Lighthouse Keeper - February 13, 1913.

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No.

13. When the legal residence given in answer to question 3, Part I, differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

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14. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out. ---

In the absence and by direction of Inspector:

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) /Brown

(Official title) Superintendent.

Date: November 28, 1913.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

Nov 16, 1914

The action proposed in the attached communication, if approved, will create one

TEMPORARY

additional position:

Designation.	Salary.
Addl. Asst Kpr	480. pa
Period Nov 7 — Dec 16. 1914 inel.	

Geo. W. Kennedy
Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

November 14, 1914.

Subject: Inspector's letter November 10-1914, Chas. O. Allan, conduct.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information and with recommendation that Charles O. Allan, assistant keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., be suspended from duty and pay, effective at the close of November 6, 1914, pending disposition of charges which the Inspector will be directed to file against him.

Upon receipt of report and recommendation from the Inspector on the charges further recommendation will be made to the Department in the case.

It is further recommended that the Department authorize the employment of * Joseph P. Anthony as additional assistant keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., at $480 per annum, for the period from Nov. 7, 1914, the date of entrance on duty, to and including Nov. 16, 1914. It is also recommended that the temporary additional position of assistant keeper at the above referred to station, at the rate of pay above stated, be authorized for a period not to exceed one month from Nov. 17, 1914, and that Joseph P. Anthony be issued a temporary appointment thereto in accordance with form 73, submitted to the Department today.

The Bureau recommends the additional position of assistant keeper in lieu of laborer in this case on account of the circumstances in the case, but the attention of the Inspector will be called to the Regulations, 1914, par. 440, wherein it is stated that the additional position at a light station shall be that of laborer at a rate of pay not exceeding that of the lowest rate at the station, when practicable.

* see file-outs.
Sat. Hpn. of Lh.
See nomination attached

H. D. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner

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November 16, 1914.
APPROVED:

E. F. Sweet
Assistant Secretary.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
NOV 12 1914
HOUSES

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Charles O. Allan,
Report on.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

November 10, 1914.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. I have to report that Charles O. Allan, Assistant Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., left the station on the 6th instant, stating that he did not intend to return and giving no reason for his action.

2. I happened to be inspecting the station at the time, and as Cape San Blas is a very important 3-1/2 order IOV light, with only two keepers allowed, I authorized the Keeper to employ someone temporarily until the vacancy could be permanently filled in accordance with Civil Service Rules, as it was deemed imperative that two keepers be on duty at all times. This station is very isolated.

3. Recommendation has this day been submitted, through the Secretary of the Tenth Civil Service District, requesting the temporary appointment of Joseph P. Anthony, for not to exceed thirty days, as Assistant Keeper. Anthony entered on duty on the 7th instant. He is a very desirable person and served temporarily at this light station during 1913.

4. The action taken was for the best interests of the Service and I trust will meet with Bureau's approval. Permanent selection will be made as soon as possible.

5. I consider that the action of Charles O. Allan in leaving on such short notice as to cause embarrassment to the Service is in violation of paragraph 458 of the Regulations, and it is recommended that he be dismissed, effective at the close of the 5th instant.

Inspector.

November 17, 1914.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

For the reasons set forth in the Eighth Inspector's letter of the 10th instant, and in accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 14th instant, the Department has suspended Charles O. Allan, assistant keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida, from duty and pay, effective at the close of November 6, 1914, pending the disposition of charges to be preferred against him.

In view of the foregoing, and in accordance with the Bureau's further recommendation, the Department has approved the employment of Joseph P. Anthony as additional assistant keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida, for the period from November 7 to 16, 1914, inclusive, and has authorized the temporary additional position of assistant keeper of this station, at $480 per annum, for a period not to exceed one month from November 17, 1914. A temporary appointment has been issued to Mr. Anthony as additional assistant keeper in accordance with the Inspector's nomination of the 10th instant, effective November 17, 1914.

By direction of the Secretary: (SIGNED) GEO. C. HAVENNER

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November 17, 1914.

Sir:

In view of a report from the Eighth Inspector to the effect that you left your station on November 6, 1914, stating that you did not intend to return and giving no reason for your action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, has suspended you from duty and pay, for a period not to exceed 90 days, effective at the close of November 6, 1914, pending the disposition of charges to be preferred against you.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Charles O. Allan,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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DEC 21914

December 1, 1914.

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DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
DEC 3 - 1914
DEPT OF COMMERCE

The Acting Secretary:

Attached hereto is letter dated the 21st ultimo, with enclosures, from the Inspector of the Eighth Lighthouse District, forwarded by the Bureau on the 28th ultimo, recommending that Charles O. Allan be dismissed from the position of assistant keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida, at $480 per annum.

On November 17, 1914, Mr. Allan was suspended from duty and pay, on recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, effective at the close of November 6, 1914, pending the disposition of formal charges to be preferred against him.

The following charges were preferred against Mr. Allan by the Inspector on November 16:

> "You are hereby charged that, while acting Assistant Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., with having left the light station on the 6th instant, with no intention of returning and without due notice, giving no satisfactory reasons for doing so.
>
> "Your action in this instance, owing to the isolation of the station, where only two keepers are authorized, caused embarrassment to the Service and is in violation of paragraph 458 of the Regulations, 1914, ***."

Mr. Allan in his reply stated that his action in leaving the station was due to the fact that it was necessary for him to go ashore and make arrangements for housing his family. He stated

that it was his original plan to bring his family to the station, but that his quarters had been usurped by orders of the inspector in order to house a working party at the station. Mr. Allan also addressed a letter to the Commissioner of Lighthouses under date of November 8, 1914, in which he stated he had left the lighthouse service for the reason that he thought he had been unfairly treated, and resented the fact that members of the working party at the station had been lodged in his quarters.

In this connection, the inspector makes the following statement in his letter of November 21, 1914:

> "It is considered that the excuse given by Mr. Allan for his action in abruptly abandoning his duties without notice and thus causing embarrassment to the Service, on account of the extreme isolation of the station, is entirely unsatisfactory and in violation of paragraph 458 of the Regulations, and I urgently recommend that, on account of his lack of interest and for the proper maintenance of discipline in this district, he be dismissed from the Service, effective at the close of the 5th instant."

The Bureau concurs in the inspector's recommendation.

In view of the circumstances in the case, it is suggested that the recommendation for Mr. Allan's removal be approved, but that the same be made effective at the close of November 6, 1914, the date upon which he was suspended from duty and pay.

Clifford Harding

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

APPROVED:

A. L. Thurman

Acting Secretary.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT NOV 23 1914 HOUSES

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Charles O. Allan,
Charges against.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

November 21, 1914.

MEMORANDUM WRITTEN. DEC 1 1914

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

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1. Referring to Bureau's indorsement, dated November 14, 1914, I inclose herewith, for consideration, copy of charges, dated November 16, 1914, preferred against Charles O. Allan, Assistant Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., together with his reply, dated November 18, 1914. $480

2. There is also returned letter, dated November 8, 1914, from Mr. Allan, addressed to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, forwarded with indorsement above referred to.

3. In this connection, attention is invited to my letter of November 10, 1914. Charges were not preferred against Allan at this time, as it was understood from paragraph 458 of the Regulations that the reporting of his deserting the station would warrant his dismissal.

4. There is a working party of eight men at Cape San Blas, engaged in urgent necessary work of securing the foundation of the tower, due to the erosion of the beach. There are two five-room dwellings for the keepers. Owing to the extreme isolation of the station, it is absolutely necessary that the working party be housed and subsisted by the keepers. The keeper provides meals for all of the party, as it is not considered advisable to divide the mess, and provides sleeping quarters for as many as his house will permit. The Assistant Keeper was directed to permit the

balance of the party to occupy the unused portion of his dwelling. The Assistant Keeper has never had his family at the station, and therefore has occupied only one bedroom. At my last inspection on November 6, he had in no way provided for the comforts of his family.

5. When making an inspection of the light station on the 6th instant, Assistant Keeper Allan complained to me that he did not think it right that all of the working party should be allowed to board with the Keeper, but that he ought to be permitted to furnish meals to those occupying a portion of his quarters. Allan seemed to think that he should be remunerated in some way for allowing some of the rooms of the Assistant Keeper's dwelling to be used as sleeping quarters by a part of the men engaged in protecting the site of the light.

6. The statement of Allan that the working party kept his quarters in a dirty condition is not true, as I know that the same foreman in charge of previous working parties saw that their portion of the quarters were kept clean, and by the persons occupying the same, thus imposing no inconvenience or extra work upon the Assistant Keeper. Mr. Allan had been verbally cautioned on two different occasions, prior to the arrival of the last working party, relative to the lack of cleanliness in his quarters, due to his lack of interest. Allan left the station on the day after the men who were to occupy part of his quarters arrived at the station.

7. In reference to Allan's statement of having gone to

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considerable expense in purchasing a uniform, to comply with the Regulations, I have to report that although Allan entered on duty on November 16, 1913, one year ago, he failed, up to the date of his leaving the station, to provide himself with the prescribed blue uniform. On November 6, 1914, just before leaving, he presented to me evidence that the uniform had been ordered.

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8. I informed Mr. Allan of the consequences should he leave the station without giving due notice.

9. " It is considered that the excuse given by Mr. Allan for his action in abruptly abandoning his duties without notice and thus causing embarrasment to the Service, on account of the extreme isolation of the station, is entirely unsatisfactory and in violation of paragraph 458 of the Regulations, and I urgently recommend that, on account of his lack of interest and for the proper maintenance of discipline in this district, he be dismissed from the Service, effective at the close of the 5th instant. "

Dorry
Inspector.

Dismissed from duty and Service Nov 6. 1914.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
NOV 28 1914

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending approval of the Inspector's recommendation.

G. R. Putnam
Commissioner.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

NOV 20 1914
8th DIST., N. O., LA.

NOV 23 1914
LIGHTHOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

November 16, 1914.

(Registered)

Mr. Charles O. Allen,

Allanton, Fla.

Sir:

You are hereby charged that, while acting Assistant Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., with having left the light station on the 6th instant, with no intention of returning and without due notice, giving no satisfactory reasons for doing so.

Your action in this instance, owing to the isolation of the station, where only two keepers are authorized, caused embarrassment to the Service and is in violation of paragraph 458 of the Regulations, 1914, and you are hereby given three days from receipt of this letter to show cause as to why you should not be dismissed from the Lighthouse Service.

Respectfully,

B. B. DORRY

Inspector.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,
NOV 20 1914
8th DIST., N. O., LA.

LIGHT
NOV 23 1914
HOUSES

Atlantic Fla Nov. 18, 1914

Light House Inspector, New Orleans,
Sir,

In reply to your registered letter of Nov. 16. just received will say that in defence of my actions in leaving the Cape San Blas Light Station without giving more notice, will say, that I had made arrangements to have my wife and family with a young baby only three weeks old come to the Station two days after I left. When I was unjustly deprived of the proper use of my house according to the rules and regulations for light keepers furnished me I resolved to leave the station, and notified you personally at once withe the reasons for so doing and gave all the notice I could which was one day. If I had stayed it would have meant

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,
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Atlanta Ga Nov. 18, 1914

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long tedious trip for my wife and the exposure would have been dangerous for her and the baby to as they would have had to have gone directly back This besides the expense which would have been considerable considering the amount I earned.

Now that my family is settled I am willing and ready to go back by myself and stay while the workmen are there, if I had thought of it I would have asked for five days leave of absence instead of leaving as I did, but I certainly am not going to have my wife clean house for nothing after five working men. Respectfully Charles O Allan

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Hydrog.
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Mar. Engr.
~~Personnel~~
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
~~Dept Comm'r.~~
Comm'r.

Refer to 8th for
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Fla. Nov. 8 1914

Commissioner Of Lighthouses
Washington D. C.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,
NOV 13 1914
7th DIST.
N. O., LA.

Sir,

I have just left the service of the Lighthouse Department because it did not seem to me I was fairly treated I was Asst Keeper at Cape San Blas Light station, Fla. On May 28 a work party came to the station to construct some groynes and called on me to furnish rooms for four men, they got their meals at the keeper's house who was justly compensated for same, I received nothing, and coming in wet and dirty they

kept my house in a very dirty condition, or to use the Inspector's own words it was in a disreputable shape, I had just got it in in shape when he sent another party down there of five men and wanted me to lodge them the same way.
I remonstrated with the Inspector and told him that it would be only fair for part of the men to board and lodge with the Keeper and part with me this would compensate each of us for our trouble, this is also right according to the rules and instructions furnished us

by the department for
us to be guided by. (Page 144
paragraph, board and lodging).
This the Inspector refused
to allow saying I would
have to lodge as many
men as he saw fit if it
was ten men to a room
So I told him I would
resign at once rather
then do that.
Now I am not particular
about going back to that
station but would if
treated in a fair and
impartial manner, but
I would like to have
my name on the Eligible
list when the apointment
is made for the beacons
at the mouth of East St

Andrews bay canal which
I understand are soon to
be erected, that is when
the canal is finnished which
will be in about three months
I have just ben to considera
able expense to comply
with the regulations.
having just purchased
a uniform which cost
me almost twenty five
dollars. besides work suit
and cap.

Respectfully
Charles O. Allan
Allanton
Fla

P.S. Please give this your
careful atention at once
Charles Allan

December 3, 1914.

Sir:

It having been charged that on November 6, 1914, you left your station without previous notice and without furnishing satisfactory reason therefor, to the embarrassment of the Service, and the charges having been established in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of assistant keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida, at $480 per annum, effective at the close of November 6, 1914, the date upon which you were suspended from duty and pay.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Mr. Charles O. Allan,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

CHANGE REPORTED NOV 1914 COMMISSION.

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