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INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much as possible)

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Barmore, William		FL

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: 1917	To: 1919	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	

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

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Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: 2-305944 3186

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SCREENING NOTES

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

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Employee Name: BARMORE, WILLIAM . **DOB:** _____ . _____ _____

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES JUL 17 1919 NEW ORLEANS
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July 15, 1919.

Sir:

The Department has given careful consideration to the charges of conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service preferred against you by the Superintendent of the Eighth District under date of June 17, 1919, and to your response thereto; and being convinced that the charges have been sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, it has, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, removed you from the position of Keeper at $900. per annum, to take effect at the close of May 17, 1919.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,
(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. William G. Barmore,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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July 22, 1919.

William G. Barmore, Former Keeper,
U. S. Lighthouse Service,
Box 56,
Apalachicola, Florida.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated July 15, 1919, removing you from the position of assistant keeper at Cape St. George Light Station, Florida, effective at the close of May 17, 1919.

(Signed) LANPHIER,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished David D. Silva, Keeper, Cape St. George Light Station, Apalachicola, Florida, for his information and the station files.

L.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

EP-MCC
1 inclosure

July 14, 1919.

William G. Barmore, Asst. Keeper,
U. S. Lighthouse Service,
Box 56,
Apalachicola, Fla.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 12, 1919. Inclosed is check in the sum of $ 15.82 in payment of your services as Assistant Keeper at Cape St. George Light Station, Florida, from May 1 to 17, inclusive.

2. In regard to the second paragraph of your letter, you are informed that all papers in connection with the charges preferred against you are now in the hands of the Department at Washington for final decision, and you will be advised in due course of the Department's action.

(Signed) LANPHIER,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished David D. Silva, Keeper, Cape St. George Light Station, Apalachicola, Fla., for his information and the station files.

L.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.



Apalachicola, Fla, July, 12, th, 1919.

First Assistant Superintentend in charge,

New Orlwans La,

Dear Sir-:

Please let me know why my salary for the month of May(I worked 18 days in May),has been held up, I earned this mony, and at this time I need it, I have just been talking to Mr, Meyers, tempory assistant keeper at Cape St, George, he states that he has not recieved any pay for his work, so cannot pay me the $ 29.50. I paid him for the time he made in May, he says he is not able to pay me until he recieves his check,

I wrote you some time ago, inclosing sworn statement as to what took place on St George station, from the night of the 13 th to the morning of the 19 th I asked for an investagation, so I could have a chance to exonerate myself from the unjust charges brought against me by the Keeper in charge,
I have been idle now for nearly two months, I am not able to remain out of work, I would like to be advised as soon as possible as to what I can depend on,
Please acknowledge this letter as soon as convenient,

Yours respectfully,

W. H. Barmore

Assistant Keeper Lighthouse Service,

Apalachicola Fla, Box # 56.

ESL-MCC
9 inclosures
BY REGISTERED MAIL

William G. Barmore, June 28, 1919.
charges

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. A letter dated May 15, 1919, was received from David D. Silva, Keeper of Cape St. George Light Station, Florida (copy inclosed), stating that William G. Barmore, Assistant Keeper, requested a transfer to another station or, failing to secure it, his resignation would be tendered, and that it was impossible for him, the keeper, and the assistant keeper to remain on the same station.

2. A long letter dated May 19, 1919, was received from Mr. Barmore, which Barmore stated was written personally and was not an official complaint and in which he explains his reasons for desiring a transfer to another station. Barmore denied in that letter the incident later charged against him by the keeper under date of June 2, 1919, and stated that the keeper illicitly manufactured whiskey on the reservation, that he was a bully and a moonshiner and was once accused of murder.

3. On May 24, 1919, this office wrote to Keeper Silva replying to his letter of the 15th, directing him to submit report by return mail giving reasons for his statement that it was impossible for the Assistant Keeper and himself to remain on the same station and that if he had any charges to prefer he would be expected to substantiate them. On the same date, May 24th, a letter was written to the Collector of Internal Revenue, New Orleans, giving the information contained in Barmore's letter of May 19th relative to David D. Silva, Keeper, illicitly manufacturing whiskey on the Lighthouse reservation. No reply having been received from the Internal Revenue Office, advice was requested June 16th as to the results of the investigation and by letter of June 17th the Collector of Internal Revenue stated that the matter had been referred to the Revenue Agent at Atlanta, Georgia, and that his office knew nothing further of the matter at that time.

4. Inclosed is letter of June 2, 1919, from David D. Silva, Keeper, Cape St. George Light Station, making grave charges against William G. Barmore, the assistant keeper. Copy of letter of June 17th to Barmore transmitting copy of Keeper's letter, above referred to, and preferring charges against the assistant keeper, giving him three days from the date of the receipt of letter to submit his reply; reply of June 24th from assistant keeper Barmore to the charges preferred against him, are also inclosed. There are also transmitted three statements, each sworn to before a notary public under date of June 25th, by the Keeper, David D. Silva, by the Keeper's daughter, Mrs. Conoly J. Raiford, and by the niece of the Keeper's wife, Victoria Ingram.

5. Referring to Barmore's defense in his letter of June 24, 1919, that the girl, Victoria Ingram, was forced to make the statement she did; in view of her sworn statement before a notary public and the sworn statements of the Keeper and the Keeper's daughter, the dismissal of William G. Barmore, keeper, Cape St. George Light Station, effective at the close of May 17, 1919, the date Barmore left the station as reported by the Keeper, is recommended, the charges having been sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action.

6. William G. Barmore has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate.

7. The inclosed supplemental letter of June 26, 1919, was received from assistant keeper William G. Barmore after the foregoing report and recommendation had been written. The letter tends to confirm the charges preferred by the Keeper and, for the first time, Mr. Barmore has referred to his attempt to take the girl in question, the niece of the Keeper's wife, away from the station with him, which, in itself, is reprehensible. The allegation of Mr. Barmore, that the Keeper has concocted the charges using a member of his family as an innocent victim, is inconceivable. The attempt of the Keeper to have Barmore transferred and the matter quieted is perfectly natural. Barmore's evidence is not considered worthy of serious consideration.

L.

First Assistant Superintendent in Charge.

COPY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

EIGHT DISTRICT

Cape St George May 15, 1919

Lighthouse Superintendent,
8th District New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Asst. Keeper Barmore is asking for transfer, June 1, 1919, and if there is no chance for transfer he wishes to tender his resignation to take effect on May 31st, 1919, and I pray that you will accept his resignation as it is impossible for Asst. Barmore and myself to stay on the one and same station. If I am authorized by you I can get a temporary man in Apalachicola to act in Asst. Keeper Barmore's place, and I pray you will act on this as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

David D. Silva,

Keeper Cape St George L. S.

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May 24, 1919

David D. Silva, Keeper,
Cape St. George Light Station,
Apalachicola, Fla.

1. Referring to your letter of May 15th, in which it is stated that it is impossible for the Assistant Keeper, W. G. Barmore, and yourself to stay on the same station, you are directed to submit report by return mail giving the reasons for the above mentioned statement.

2. If you have any charges to prefer against the Assistant Keeper, they should be forwarded immediately and you will be expected to substantiate them; therefore full details should be forwarded in order that this matter may be given the proper consideration. Submit prompt reply.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

COPY (MCC) Recd. 9 a.m., June 5, 1919. L.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

8th District
Cape St. George L.S.
June 2, 1919.

Lighthouse Superintendent,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Received your letter dated May 24, 1919. Referring to my letter of May 15th, 1919, stating it was imposable for Asst. W.G.Barmore and myself to stay on the same station, I will submit report and give reasons as directed. This is the reason.

At 2 o'clock on the morning of May 14th, 1919, my daughter, who is home on a visit, was suffering with severe toothache, got out of bed to hunt toothache drops and could not find them. She went into the room of my wife's niece to see if she could find them and not finding the girl in bed she, my daughter, made search for the girl and could not find her nowhere on the place. Then she came in my room and notified me. I got up at once and myself and my daughter went out of the house, and I told my daughter to call the girl, and my daughter called her very loud three times, but did not get any answer. I was standing by the washhouse, and saw the girl coming out of Asst. Keeper Barmore's house, the back part of the house. I ran and caught the girl and asked her how long that thing had been going on, and she told me not long. Afterwards she, the girl, told me that Barmore had been talking that kind of talk to her ever since he had been on this station. Barmore's wife and my wife were absent from the station at the time this happened. This 16 year old girl is illiterate, has had no schooling and is not very bright, and to think a man 55 years old, and him married, would take the advantage of the girl in such a way. The girl says Barmore persuaded her to come over to his house and have sexual intercourse with him under these conditions. I could not stay on the same station with him after treating a motherless girl in such a way. My wife raised this girl from a small child, and she was all right until he, Barmore, came on the station. The morning that he left the station, I was in the tower, and he, Barmore, tried to get the girl to leave the station with him, but I saw them from the tower and called my daughter and she had the girl to come back. Barmore used some very bad language to my daughter and under these conditions I could not stay on the same station with him. I have not seen him since the morning of May 17th, 1919, and I dont want to see him any more. I have always treated him as a friend. I have submitted you the truth in this matter, regardless of what he says.

Respectfully,

(Sgd.) DAVID D. SILVA, Keeper,

Cape St. George Light Station.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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1 inclosure
BY REGISTERED MAIL

June 17, 1919.

Mr. William G. Barmore,
Apalachicola,
Florida.

1. Attached hereto is a copy of a letter dated June 2, 1919, from David D. Silva, Keeper of Cape St. George Light Station.

2. In view of the contents of the letter referred to above, you are hereby charged with conduct unbecoming a keeper in the Lighthouse Service and are hereby directed to submit such reply as you may deem fit within three (3) days from the date of receipt of this letter.

3. Should these charges be sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, your dismissal from the Lighthouse Service will be recommended.

4. Inasmuch as you wrote this office a letter under date of May 15, 1919, asking for transfer to another station and stating that if the transfer could not be effected your resignation was tendered, and as on May 17th you left the station and reported in a "personal and confidential" letter that the keeper accused you of immoral conduct; your assertions of innocence in your "personal and confidential" letter, which was written prior to any charge having been made against you by the Keeper, and the fact that you did not remain at the station, but left without authority from this office and expressed anxiety to get away, do not tend to corroborate your version of this affair.

L.

First Assistant Superintendent in Charge.

COPY (MCC) Recd., 10 a.m., June 26, 1919.

Apalachicola, Fla., June 24th, 1919.

First Assistant Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:

I have just received your letter of the 17th inst. and in reply wish to state that the charges preferred against me are absolutely untrue. The girl in question was taken into a room by Capt. Silva and kept there about two hours, while the letter was being written, so Mr. Meyers told me, he did not even admit his wife in the room. I am sure the girl made this statement through fear of him, and at his dictation. You say in your letter that I made my report "personal and confidential," I did this through fear of Capt. Silva for I knew any report going in about him would cause him to kill me, as he had told me a number of times that he would kill any one who reported him.

Capt. Silva did not want any report made of this affair at all. He told me not to make any report of it, that I could go to Cape San Blas, that he would see that the transfer was made, he later making the arrangements with the keeper and assistant over the telephone. I made my request for the transfer, or my resignation, at his request, and dictation, which he signed. As for me leaving the station without authority, he told me to take the boat and go to town and send a man in my place, I did so, the substitute meeting with his approval.

I intended to stay though a few days until my wife came, but on the morning I left, about four o'clock, I was sitting in my kitchen, in the dark, I had been awake all night, for I did not like the way he was acting the day before, I saw him come creeping down his steps, he crept along peeping in my windows, I saw to it that he had no gun, so I made a noise so he would know I was awake, he immediately began to call me by name and seemed excited. I asked him what was the matter, he said he had gotten a telegram the day before that the steamer would be in the next day, and wanted to go to town. I told him all right, but that we could not go before the light was put out. I found out when I got to town that he had no telegram at all. I saw I had no business on that station any more, knowing the reputation of the man. You can also find out if interested from people in Apalachicola how dangerous a man he is reputed to be. That is why I was anxious to get away, I am positively afraid of the man.

Now, my effects are still on the station. My wife wants her things and is afraid to go there, as Capt. Silva said he would not be responsible for his wife if my wife went on the station. I would like some assurance from you that she will be safe in going to get out things. That we dread this family, is because of what we have endured at there hands since we have been on the station.

I would like you to know from the County Judge, H.W.Johnston, the Postmaster, Crawford Henry, ex Marshal Lewis Hall, the kind of man I have been serving under, and others in Apalachicola, who have known him for many years. All I ask of you is a thorough investigation, and as I have no evidence on my side, but if in a court of justice, I am sure my word or oath would be taken before the Silva family. He has had trouble with every keeper he has been associated with, and threatened killing them. This I have been told by the parties themselves. I left the station on Monday morning May the 19th. I sent Mr. Meyers to take my place, he going down on the 22nd. I have paid him in full up to the 1st of June and sent the receipt to the office. Up to this time I have not received my check for the month of May. I would like to know the cause of this. I would like to talk with you in person. All I can do now is to leave this on your hands. This girl was

forced to make this statement for she was not in my house, nor had I ever made any improper proposals to her, as it my word against theirs I ask you to make a thorough investigation.

I would like to know what I am to expect. I am not at work and want to know what you will do in the case. I am an American citizen and expect to get justice, from the Government that I have been serving as faithfully as I was allowed to, as the other letter I wrote as "confidential and personal" you can take this as official and forward it on to Capt. Silva, but expect protection from you in the matter. I have had numbers of good citizens of this county who have been told of this case to watch him for he works in the dark and employs methods of doing things, such as he employed in this case. Please answer this as early as possible.

Respectfully,

(Sgd.) W. G. BARMORE.

COPY (MCC) Recd. 9 a.m., June 27, 1919.

Cape St. George, June 24th, 1919.

Lighthouse Supt.,
New Orleans, La.

This is to certify, that on the morning of May the 14th, 1919, at 2 a.m. I being suffering with severe tooth ache I got up out of bed to hunt tooth ache drops but could not find them in my room. I went into the room of my mother's niece to see if they were in her room. Not seeing the girl in room nor bed I made search for the girl but could not find her no where on the place. Then I went to my father's room and notified him of the girl's absence from room. He, my father got up at once and we father and I together went out of the house. My father advised me to call the girl, which I did. I called very loud (3) three times but did not get any answer whatever, in a very few moments after calling the girl I saw her coming out of back part of Asst. Keeper's house. My father seeing her as she came from the house walked over and caught her by the arm and led her back to the Keeper's dwelling. I heard my father the Keeper of station ask her how long that things of this kind had been going on, she stated to him not very long. My father asked her if she went with in her own wishes or did he persuade her into going. She the girl answered that he, Mr. Barmore persuaded her into coming over to his house. Later on the girl while talking to me stated that Mr. Barmoore had been talking that kind of talk ever since he had been on the station and had on many occasions promised her money and fine clothing also promised to take her to town. On the morning of May the 17th while my father was in the tower attending his station duties I heard my father call to me. I hurriedly went out to see what the trouble was. I saw Mr. Barmore armed with double barrel shot gun and in company with him the above mentioned girl on their way to town. I called to the girl to come back but she did not come at once. My father called to her the second time. Also told Barmore not to take that girl off the station. In turn Mr. Barmoore presented gun shot gun in a threatening manner and dared my father to come down from tower. My father told him in reply that if he didn't leave the girl alone and evacuate the station at one, that he would come down and get his gun, and at that the girl hollowed to my father that she would return to the station house. In turn Mr. Barmore told me that I had been watching him ever since I had been on station. I told him in reply that such character as he was needed watching. He also used language that was very unbecoming to a gentleman in the presence of ladies.

Signed
MRS. CONOLY J. RAIFORD.

STATE OF FLORIDA)
FRANKLIN COUNTY)

Before me the undersigned authority, personally came Mrs. Conoly J. Raiford who being duly sworn says the foregoing is true.

Witness my hand and seal 25th day of June A.D. 1919.

S(HARRY G. FANNIN,
E(Notary Public,
A(State of Florida
L(at Large.

HARRY G. FANNIN,
Notary Public.

C O P Y

Lighthouse Superintendent,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I hereby certify that the following statement made by me, Victoria Ingram, niece of Mrs. David D. Silva, to be the truth. Referring to W. G. Barmore, Asst. Keeper of Cape St. George L. S. treatment of me on the night of May 14th 1919, W. G. Barmore persuaded me to come over to his house about 2 o'clock and have sexual intercourse with him. He, Barmore, has been talking that kind of talk to me in a persuasive way ever since he has been on the station and promised me money and clothes and wanted to take me to town with him the morning he left the station. He, Barmore, is the first and the only man that ever broached me with such an act, and that is the first time I ever did such a thing.

X MARK) Victoria Ingram

State of Florida
County of Franklin

Before me the undersigned authority personally came Victoria Ingram, who being duly sworn says the foregoing statement is true,

Witness my hand and official seal this 25 day of June 1919.

(S E A L)

(signed) Harry G. Fannin
Notary Public, State of Florida
My commission expires 12/15/19

C O P Y

Cape St. George L.S.
June 24, 1919

Lighthouse Superintendent,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Enclosed is statement relative to Asst. Keeper W. G. Barmore and my wife's niece, Victoria Ingram, on the morning of May 14th 1919. My daughter, Mrs. Conley Raiford, who is home on a visit, was suffering with a severe toothache and she got out of bed to hunt toothdrops and could not find them. She went into the room of my wife's niece to see if she could find the tooth drops and not finding the girl in bed, she, my daughter, made search for the girl and could not find herenowhere on the xxxxxxplace. Then my daughter came in my room and notified me. I got up at once and myself and daughter went out of the house and I told my daughter to call her, the girl, and my daughter called very loud three times and did not get any answer. I was standing by the wash house and saw the girl coming out of xxx Asst. Keeper W.G.Barmore's house, the back part of the house. I ran and caught the girl and asked her how long that thing had been going on and she told me not long. Afterwards she, the girl, told me that he, Barmore, had been talking that kind of talk to her ever since he had been on the station. Barmore's wife and my wife were absent from station when this happened This girl is illiterate, has had no schooling,although she is sixteen years old she is not very bright, and to think a man 55 years old and him married would take the advantage of the girl in such a way. The girl says he, Barmore, persuaded her to come over to his house and have sexual intercourse with him.After treating a motherless girl in such a way, I could not stay on the same station with him. My wife raised this girl from a small child and she was all right until he, Barmore, came on the station. The morning he left I was in the tower and he, Barmore, tried to get her to leave the station with him, but I saw them from the tower and called her back, and he, Barmore, tried to get her to go on with him. Then I told him if he took that girl to town with him, I would have him arrested, and he shook his gun at me in a threatening way and dared me to come down, and I told him if he did not leave this station at once I would come down and get my gun and one of the other would surely die as patience had ceased to be a virtue with me.

Respt.

(signed) David D. Silva, Keeper,
Cape St. George L.S.

(S E A L) State of Florida
Franklin County xx

Before me the undersigned authority personally came David D. Silva, who being duly sworn says the forgoing is true.

6/25/19 (signed) Harry G. Fannin
Notary Public



Apalachicola, Fla., June 26th, 1919.

Light House Superintendent,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

In answer to the charges preferred against me on June 2nd, 1919 by David D. Silva, Keeper, Cape St. George Light House Station, I wish to state the following facts:

at 2-25 in the morning -

1st. On May 13th, it being my watch I heard the keepers daughter call out for Veo three times very quickly. I thought at once that the baby was sick and I jumed to my window and hollowed, " What is the matter, Nena". In the mean time I started to my front door and I heard the girl, Veo, answer, saying What, and seemed to be hurrying towards the house. The sound of her voice seemed to me to be a distance of about twenty yards outside the premises. Just at this time I heard Mr. Silva hollow out "Come out of there" with severe oaths. At that moment I hollowed to Mr. Silva and asked him "What was the matter". He answered me with oaths saying" That is all right I have caught up with you, and don't you come to my house any more." Mr. Silva was standing under the roof of his house by the kitchen door, at that moment I saw Veo pass him and went on into her room. There was nothing more said that night that I could hear.

I understood at once that this was a concocted scheme to get me away from the station, which I have since found out to be facts.

On the morning of the 14th I started to the tower and as I had proceeded about half way Mr. Silva came out of his gate goming to the light, I spoke and said "Good Morning, Dave" as usual, to which he made no reply, but said. "I want to talk to you." I asked him what was the matter. His reply to me was, " You have ruined my neice." I answered him and asked him what he meant, and he replied "Don't you deny it." Mr. Silva stood with his hand in his right hand pocket and I am sure that he had his knife in his hand and it open. He said to me. You go up and clean up that tower and take the boat and go to town and send me a man and send in your resignation to take effect the first of the month. Will, you do that. I answered him "Yes" as I saw that I was helpless. After breakfast he asked me was I going over to the bay and I told him "Yes". As we had a little work to do on the boat, when I got through I asked him if he wanted me to go on to town then. He said "No" wait untill tomorrow as he wanted to send some mail and that he would go up too. About half way across the Island going back to the Station Mr. Silva said to me. "You can get transferred to Cape San Blas if you want to. I replied, That would be nice, I wonder if I could make the change. Silva said that he would see that the change was made if I wanted it. In a few minutes after our conversation Mr. Silva advised me not to make any official report as it would be very embarrassing to Veo. I told that I would not. In a few minutes later he asked me when I was looking for my wife to come back to the Island and I told him that

I was looking for her on the 20th. His reply to me was "If I were you I would not let her come back to the Station. I asked him why and he replied that his wife had such a temper that it might cause serious trouble and I asked him if he could not controll his wife. He said that he could to a certain extent but that in order to do so that he might have to chop her head off.

That on Thursday, the 15th of May we went to town and after Mr. Silva saw that I submitted to all that he had said he did not seem to be quite so mad. When we got to Apalachicola he had me ring up the Assistant keeper at Cape St. Blas and ask him if it would be agreeable with him to get atransfer to Cape St. George and for me to go to Cape St. Blas. He said that he would let me know in three or four days. I told Mr. Silva what the Assistant keeper at Cape San Blas had said and he replied that that would be all right and also asked me if I had my resignation wrote out, to which I told him Yes. He read the resignation asking for a transfer and signed it himself. On account of I knowing that Mr. Silva had a telephone in his house and knowing that Mr. Silva could find out what conversation I had had with the assistant keeper at Cape San Blas I spoke to the Assistant Keeper at Cape San Blas just as I was advised to By Mr. Silva.

I will state that Mr. Silva had informed me that no communication would be recognized by the Office without his signature was signed and that a copy of all communications would be returned to him for reference. This is why I wrote a personal letter to the office.

I notice in the copy of the charges that Mr. Silva has preferred that he states that he has not seen me since the morning of May 17th. On the 17th Mr. Silva and myself filled the beacons. On Sunday, the 18th we both stayed home all day. About three-thirty Mr. Silva was sharpening a saw, the girl Veo had went out of the yard a short distance to see about a guina nest, I heard Mr. Silva's daughter, Nena ask her papa where was Veo, and he said that she was somewhere and his daughter Nena replied, You had better watch her, and in a few minutes Mr. Silva started out of the gate to look for Veo and at this moment he saw her returning to the house, and when they got in the gate he said to her B"where have you been" and she said that she had been out to the guina nest. He said to her" You stay in this yard-You are fixing to get somebody's Dam brains blown out" I was standing up stairs at my window where I could see him and hear every word that was spoken. I will state on the 15th that J. W. Montgomer (a boy about 12 years of age) went to the Station with us, heard Mr. Silva make this remark. This boy being a very bright lad would be a good one to testify in regard to this matter as he knows more than he has yet told.

I was watching Mr. Silva very close in his movements and actions and he and his daughter was keeping this girl Veo under very close guard and on Friday, the 16th, I got to speak to Veo by crawling about ten or twelve feet and getting behind a house and she was washing and I asked her what was the trouble and she replied " He accused me of being in your house" and they will do anything to get rid of you. I wish to God that I could get away myself as I am scared to death of them.

I told her that when I left the Station to come with me and that I would see that she had a good home and that she would be treated like a white girl. But of course I did not know then just when I would leave the Station. On Sunday night I watched Mr. Silva's house about all night. I did not sleep scarcely any as I felt very uneasy, knowing Mr. Silva's reputation., I could not help feeling uneasy as I was alone.

On Monday morning, the 19th, about ten minutes to four after I had just drank a cup of coffee, and as there was some reflection from the tower and just at the break of day, when I saw Mr. Silva step from his back steps in a creeping and peeping posture as he was trying to locate me. And me being in the dark I could see Mr. Silva very plainly, he would make a step or two and then peep to see as if looking to locate either me or something, I did not know what. He kept this up until he got just behind the wash house, there he remained for a period of possibly a minute, finally I saw hsi head stick out next to the gate and still peeping into my window, Finally he stepped to the back gate and lent over the fence where he could better see both ends of my dining table. I had been watching Mr. Silva very close to see if he had a gun or a weapon of any kind but did not see any. But have always felt sure in my own mind that he did certainly have some kind of a weapon concealed on his person during this time.

At this moment I decided to let him know that I was watching him and I cleared my throat which seemed to excite him very much. At this moment he called out (Gad) which is my given name, and at the same time I stepped to the back door and answered him. He said that He had just got a telegram from the Inspector yesterday (which was Sunday)saying that the boat would be in at the Station on Tuesday and that we would go to town and get back early. I asked him why he did not tell me yesterday or last night, and he said that he had forgotten it. I asked him where the telegram was sent from and he said that he had forgotten but that he would lookn and see but I told him not to bother to put himself to any trouble. This put me on my guard more in regard to his action toward me and that I will state that some time during the afternoon of the 19th that his daughter Nena did telephone to Apalachicola to her mother that the Government steamer would be in during the next day as the reason why her father could not come to town. As soon as I caught Mr. Silva he made up this yarn for there had been no chance for him to have gotten a telegram as there was no visitors to the Station during Sunday. As soon as I got to town I enquired at the telegraph office and found out that it was absolutely a false report.

I will ca ll back to the time that Silva was at the gate and I told him that I would be ready at any time that he never had to wait on me. I said that you can not put out the light until after sun up so I watched every move Silva made, I could see him peeping out of his windows and coming to his kitchen door as I was standing up stairs where I could see from two different ways. At twenty minutes after sunrise Silva went to the tower and seemed to be worried as he did not know whether I had gone or not. From what I had seen I decided that I had better get away from the Station or until I had someone with me, and in fact I did not feel safe to be around him any longer. I had made up my mind in full to ask the girl if she wanted to leave the Station and that if she did that I would carry her away. And I think that if the girl could be taken away where she could be interogated that she would cer-

tainly tell a straight and truthful facts of the whole affair , and I am sure that she would be able to tell that my accuser would do anything or make any kind of a report in order to get me away from the Station.

When I started to leave the Station this girl Veo was coming from the toilet and I walked out and met her and told her that I was going to town to stay until this matter was settled and that if she wanted to go with me for her to come on and that I would see that she got a good home and would see that she was treated right. The girl having on no shoes or stockings and otherwise very shabbily clad started with me without another word, as we had only got a short piece from the Station Mr. Silva saw us and at this time began raving and with threats of shooting both of us and blowing out our brains , I told the girl not to make any reply but to get off the reservation, as he would not attempt to bother either of us when off the reservation. When he, Mr. Silva, kept up the hollowing and cursing, saying Veo, where are you going. The girl answered him and said that she was going to town, calling him Papa, at this moment Silva's daughter, Nena, came over the hill calling for Veo to come back and saying "He wants to take you to town to make a hoar and prostitute out of you. I replied: Dam you, I have never made a hoar or prostitute out of a girl in my life. At the same time I ~~asked~~ said to Silva that it was a nice step that he was taking to get me off the Island, to use a poor motherless child as a tool. He replied that the girl had admitted it. I replied that he was prepared to make any of his family admit anything that he desired them to admit. As I have been in close touch with him for two years past, I would not be surprised at anything that any of his family would admit. As soon as I reached Apalachicola I turned over the keys of the boat house also the boat to Mr. Walter Roberts and have his receipt for same. This was agreed to by Mr. Silva over the telephone. Mr. Roberts could not go down on Tuesday the 20th on account of he having been taken sick. On Thursday, the 22nd, I secured Mr. Myers to go to the Island as Mr. Roberts could not go Mr, Silva saying that Mr. Myers would be all right with him since Roberts could not come.

I wish to say in conclusion that I have and do emphatically deny in full the charges as preferred against me by Mr. Silva, and I wish to say that I ask that a full and complete investigation be made of this affair. I also wish to ask that the girl Veo in some way be gotten away from under the influence of Silva, and that she be allowed to testify in this matter seperate from when under Silva's influence. I would like to be allowed to ask her several questions before the Inspector and where Silva is notpresent and I am sure that if she can be removed from under the influence that she will testify to facts.

I feel myself too much of an honorable man to submit to the charges as preferred without a protest on my part and I demand a thorough and complete investigation.

Respectfully submitted.

Sworn to before me This 24 day W G Barmore
of June A.D. 1919.
W.G. Chandler Notary Public

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August 12, 1919.

Mr. William G. Barmore,
Apalachicola,
Florida.

1. Referring to your letter of August 7th, you are informed that you were paid up to and including May 17th. It is noted that you do not claim to have remained at the station on the night of the 18th. Therefore, in accordance with your own statement, this office could only pay you for the 17th.

2. You are also advised that you were given an opportunity to answer the charges preferred against you in accordance with the Regulations. You had every opportunity to present any evidence of other persons as to the charges preferred against you. The matter is now closed so far as this office is concerned.

E.S.K.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES AUG 9 1919 NEW ORLEANS

Apalachicola Fla, August 7 th, 1919,

Superintendent in charge of Lighthouses,

New Orleans La,

Dear sir-:

I wish to acknowledge reciept of check for $ 55.82, I do not accept this ammount as full payment for my services from May the 1st to May the 18 th inclusive, as I have stated in a previous letter, I stood my watch nn the night of the 17 th, and on the day following, put out the light, and did the usual duties of tne station on the day of the 18 th, I note that Mr,Silva had stated to you that he had not seen me since the morning of the 17 th on that day he and I attended the beacons together as the crewof the Camelia can testify, on sunday as I have stated I did my usual work on the Station, Mr. Silva was at my kitchen door on that day to bring me some fish that Col, W.P.Dodd and Mr,PAUL Snelgrove had given him to divide with me which he did bringing me the fish while those two men were in my house, I am inclosing a statament from Mr, Meyers who looked on the watch book to be sure that I was correct, I was waiting to get this statement from Mr, Meyers before I wrote you,

I am also inclosing a statement from Mr Osceola Bragdon to whom Mr,Silva expressd himself concerning myself, Mr, Silva stated in his communnication that he had always treated me as a friend we were never friends for I could not approv of the violations of the rules and regulations which went on, I was given to understand by Mr Silva the rules an degulations lain down in the book he gaveme to follow were to be observed, when I would object to any violations, he would not like it, But as you stated to me in a privious letter that none of the sta ements I made against Mr,Silva were worth taking action on(except te distilling of whiskey on the station) I can under stand , but would like to know why the book of rules and regulatoons

are printed and given to the employees to observe if nohe of the violations I reported were worthy of notice,

I urged~~fly~~ you to make an investigation of my case, or if you would not give me a fair show in the case, to accept my resignation, which you did not do but dismissed me from the service with no other proof than Mr, Silva' word, I sent you names of responsible men who would have been glad to have made stetements, but you did not notice them, Mr, Knickermeyer at Cape San Blas could have helped me in this case as heknows well Mr, Silva's caracter, having served, with him, I do not consider I have been fairly dealthwith or t have had any show what so ever in the case, " carefhl consideration"from the office without outside investigation is of no avail, Mr Silva has made absulutely false statements, and I ~~hppe some to~~ hope some time you will find ~~itout~~ it out,

Yours Respectfully,

W. G. Barmore

This is to certify that the watch book of Cape St,George Light Statbon shows that W.G.Barmore signed up on the morning of May 18 th 1919.

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Apalachicola Fla, July,19th 1919.

This is to certify that I have known Capt David D, Silva,Keeper of Cape St George Light Station, for three years, before Capt W.G.Barmore went to the Station as assistant Keeper,

I did hear Capt Silva say, a few days after Capt Barmore went to the station, that he had rather see any one else sent to the station than Capt Barmore,

Osceola Bragdon

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June 26, 1919.

Mr. William G. Barmore, Asst.Kpr.,
U.S.Lighthouse Service,
Apalachicola, Florida.

1. Referring to that portion of your letter of June 24, 1919, regarding your personal effects now at the Cape St. George Light Station:

2. You are hereby authorized to go in person or to have your wife go to the station to get any of your property whenever you desire to do so pending the final decision on the charges preferred against you.

3. A copy of this letter is being sent direct to David D. Silva, Keeper, with instructions that you or your wife shall be given every facility to carry out this authority, and this office has not the least doubt that the Keeper will not molest you in any way.

(Signed) E.S.LANPHIER,
First Assistant Superintendent in Charge.

Copy for information and guidance of David D. Silva, Keeper, Cape St. George Light Station, Apalachicola, Florida. You will give every facility to Mr. Barmore or his wife for the removal of his personal effects from the station, and you will see to it that neither your wife or any member of your family will have any communication whatever with Mr. Barmore or his wife and you will only have such conversation as may be necessary in carrying out these orders.

Be guided accordingly.

First Assistant Superintendent in Charge.

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June 25, 1919.

Mr. William G. Barmore,
Asst. Keeper, U.S.Lighthouse Service,
Apalachicola, Florida.

1. In answer to your letter of the 21st instant, you are informed that your previous communications and communications of David D. Silva, Keeper, Cape St. George Light Station, were given careful consideration and ~~you are informed that~~ the charges preferred by the Keeper will first have to be disposed of before the matter of your transfer can be taken up, and, unless you are exonerated, you cannot be transferred to another station.

2. The salary of Lawrence F. Meyer, temporary additional keeper, who entered on duty at Cape St. George Light Station on May 22, 1919, will be paid by this office at the proper time, and it is therefore suggested that you recover any money which you have paid Meyer from personal funds.

3. Receipt, dated May 31st, for $29.50 paid to Mr. Meyer, is herewith returned.

(Signed) E. S. LANPHIER,

First Assistant Superintendent in Charge.

Copy furnished David D. Silva, Keeper, Cape St. George Light Station, Apalachicola, Florida, for his information and the station files.

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First Assistant Superintendent in Charge.

COPY (MCC) Recd. 9 a.m., June 23, 1919.

JUNE 14 --

May 31st, 1919.

RECEIVED from Capt. W. G. Barmore twenty-nine dollars & fifty cents ($29.50) in full for nine days in month of May.

(Sgd.) L. F. MEYER

(Memo: Please return this receipt.)



Apalachicola Fla, June 21st, 1919,

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

New Orleans La,

Dear Sir-:

On the 13th of this month I wrote you a letter, asking you to advise me as to the transfer to Cape San Blas, exchanging with the assistant there, The assistant there being willing to make the change,

As I have stated, the Keeper at Cape St, George made the arrangements over the telephone, with the Keeper at Cape San Blas, all were agreed as to the change, Please advise me if this change can be made or whether you have accepted my resignation, or whether there is an opening any where else, I have not yet recieved my check for the month of May, I am inclosing you receipt from Mr, Meyers who is at Cape St, George as my substitute, showing where I have paid him in full for nine days in the month of May,

The Keeper at St George was surprised that I did not get my check, as the checks always came together, so Mr Meyers told me,

AS I stated to you in my letter of the 13th, my house hold stuff most of mine and my family' wearing clothes, a supply of groceries etc, are on the station at St George, I did not want to move them until I heard from the office, But it seems I will have to do so, I am not working, Mr, Meyers is getting my full salary in full,

Superintendent, for fifty years in Franklin county, I have been a law abiding citizen, I am atrue american, there fore I feel like I deserve an answere to my letters and questions,

Ther is no need for me to go into more details, as you have letter, with facts, and request for investigation, Please advise me at once,



Hoping you will answer this communication at an early date,

I beg to remain yours respectfully,

W. G. Barmore Assistant Keeper Cape St, George,

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OF NEWARK, N. J.



Apalachicola, Fla. May 19th, 1919

Capt. B.B. Dorry,
New Orleans, La.
Dear sir:-

On last Wednesday I made application for change of position and forwarded to you through the Keeper as I was advised that such matters would be refered to the Keeper as well as any other matters pertaining to the conduct of the station. I am writing to you personally, and not an official letter, to explain to you my reasons for applying for a change.

On the night of the 13th at 2:25 A.M., during my watch, I head the Keeper's daughter call one of his Nieces that lives with him and repeat the call several times hurriedly; thinking some one was sick I went to my window and asked what was the matter, right at this moment I heard the girl that was being called answer out at the edge of the yard; at that Moment Capt. Silva called out to this girl "Come out of there" with an oath added. I called to him and asked what was the matter and he answered "that is all right, I have caught up with you; dont you date come to my house any more".

The following day and at different times since then he has acted the part that I had induced this girl to my house (my wife being absent from the city) for immoral purposes and that I had accomplished her ruin, etc. He has arbitrarily took this position without hearing my statement or without permitting me and the girl to face him together as th the matter. Positively the girl was not at my house; I had never made an improper proposial to her; had never had an occasion where I could have taken advantage of her and had never seen any action on her part that would justify makeing an improper proposial to her.

It was clear to me at the time, and is equally clear to me now, that this was and is a "frame up" to force me to resign my position at Cape St. George. His son-in-law, Conley J. Rayford, tried to get papers for Assistant Keeper; I do not know If he got them but know, or rather, have reason to, that his plan was to install his Son in Law as his Assistant. The Keeper's son in law and daughter came to the keepers home on June 1st, 1917 and remained there until November of the same year; Mr. Bragdon, the Sheriff of this County, asked me to state to Capt. Silva if he did not have these visitors leave his residence at the Light that he would report him and that it would likely send the Keeper and myself to the penetemury." From this time this made the Keepers daughter mad with me. I might add that the Keeper intertained visitors at the Station from July 1st to July 10th 1918 and on one occasion placed one of them in a room at my house while I was at the hospital and this can be verified by the substitute in my place while I was away.

I wish to state further that Capt. Silva, the Keeper, has made or manufactured whiskey on the Government Reservation at Cape St.

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George and if you will go about 100 yds North of the Asst.Keepers house; about 30 feet from a little chicken house under a clump of little oaks you will find the furnace and about West of the Asst.House in a outhouse you will find the pipe or"wirm"as he called it(this pipe reduced at one end)that he used in makeing whiskey. The pot is not kept on the furnace. I have never been present when he made whiskey there but his son and himself have told me that he made it there. I asked how he kept from being caught. He said he kept a Watcher out all the time and led people away from that place.

To my personal knowledge he has given his son twenty or twenty five gallons of Gas to make trips to and from the Island;of course I dared not make any report of this. I will swear we have been useing one third kerosine oil mixed with our gasoline since I have been at the station.

Capt.Silva has the reputation of a "Bully"and doubtless deserves this reputation in a measure;people fear to run cross with him and he is an autocrat in his family and will not brook opposition from any one that he can bulldoze in any way. He has been noted as a great"Moonshiner"and a murderer and he has laid in jail two or three years,accused of murder,but evidently escaped on account of sympathy of people for his poor old father and mother. He told me that he was the man who broke the jail here once and let some prisoners out. I remember the circumstance. Capt.Silva is a rabid Socialist and has voted that ticket for twelve years,can prove that this is his main talk by such persons as Mess.Bragdon,Roberts,Knickmeyer ,Barnard Porter and myself. Any of these people will tell you he is a Socialist. He has repeatedly stated in my presence that ours was a Capitalistic Government and that the recent war was a Capitalistic war.

He has repeatedly stated to me that you yourself was a very ~~crxxkxd~~ strict and crabbed officer and if for any reason you were to discharge him or ask him to send in ~~/his~~ resignation that he would kill you before you got off the station.I told him that I had never met you but once and that you seemed very nice. He said that was all right that I did not know you like he did that he had been in the service for twelve years.

Now Capt.Dorry if you desire I would like to submit a sworn statement from my wife as to the domineering conduct of Capt.Silva to me since I have been on the Station;his conduct has been tyranical at all times with me as well as others under his control. This can be verified by Mess.W.A.Roberts,W.J.Knickmeyer and Ex*Keeper Reese and lastly myself; this covers the list of Keepers and Assistants that he has been associated with.

Capt.Silva is filthy in some respects;to my knowledge he has not cleaned out his Closet(toilet)in two years and said that he would not clean a closet;every thing around the premises is neglected till about the time when he expects you around for inspection then he will clean up some around the premises. Mr.J.M.McNiel who filled my place at the station while I was in the hospital will tell you that he would not

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let him clean a Lense or any thing around the station during the period he was on duty there. During this time Capt.Silva would lie around and read papers and this has been true continuously since I have been associated with him.

He has been Keeper for over two years and has never provided himself with a keepers uniform and to my knowledge one concern offered to make him a uniform on the installment plan but he stated that he could get off if the question was raised with his assistants uniform. Right after I was appointed Assistant I was preparing to order my uniform but he told me to wait six months because I might not be accepted as Assistant keeper.

I will state that Capt.Silva has phoned Keeper Knickmeyer and his assistant relative to makeing the change and having me sent to Cape San Blas and sending the Cape San Blas Assistant to Cape St.George; I am consenting to a change for the reason that I do not wish to be in business or offical contact with Capt.Silva nor to associate with or under him. I will state further that Capt.Silva and myself were both raised here and both of us have spent most of our lives here. If you should care to do so I would like to have you investigate our lives,standing and reputation among the people in this County and then I am sure you will readily see which of us are to be believed or trusted. It would not do for me to remain at the Station with him and any one else knowing him would do as I have done. My wife will arrive home tomorrow night and the Keeper told me not to let her return to the Station as he feared if she went there he would be unable to control his wife and there would be trouble,etc.etc.

I am not writing this as an official complaint and would not want this communication refered to the keeper;have stated it thus at length so that you could in a small way know of the kind of Keeper I have had to serve with and from which you can judge what manner of man he is. But there is not one word I have written you that can not be proven and many other things of like character that I do not care to burden you with. The girl that he is useing as a "stool pigeon"in this matter fears him and like each member of his family is under his control and he could make her swear any ones life away if examined in his presence and influence but away from him and where he would not know what she said she would tell any one that the Keeper was only trying to run me away from the station as she told me in the one minute that I had to speak to her privately.

He makes the date for filling the lamps on the Beacons on Sunday and he does not believe in a God nor any religeon and when I stated to him that the Government did not expect us to do any thing but the necessary work on Sunday he stated that If I didnt like it there were others who did. When one of the Beacon lights would be out then he was ready to say that sone one had stolen the oil out of the resorvoir., the only exception to this practice was the past two weeks he went to

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the beacons on Saturday becuase the Government boat was working on the beacons near there.

If you wish to talk with me personally as to any detail of this statement and desire me to do so I will come to New Orleans at any date you suggest; or if you should come here and care to look into these matters I will be glad to furnish you with names of such persons as ~~xx~~ know any matters about which I have written. Knowing the Keepers disposition and disregard of law is the only reason that I do not care to make this official as a reference of this communication to him would simply mean that he would want to kill me and would doubtless lead to trouble, and probably very serious trouble, between us.

I am yours very respectfully,

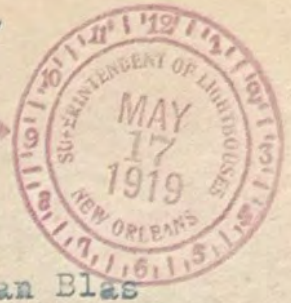
W G Barmore

Asst. Keeper Cape St. George Light Station.

Apalachicola, Fla. May 15, 1919

B. B. Dorry, Supt.,
U. S. Lighthouse Service,

New Orleans, La.



Dear Sir:

If agreeable with keeper and assistant at Cape San Blas Light, and if consistent with your regulations, I here by apply formexchange in stations from Cape St. George to Cape San Blas. If the above exchange cannot be effegetd, I would be pleased to make other exchange. If neither can be had, my resignation, or relief is requested, and that my application beplaced in waiting until other vacancy may occur.

Very respectfully,

Asst. Keeper St. George.

W. G. Barmore

David D. Silva

Keeper Cape St George

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Apalachicola Fla, June, 12 th, 1919,

Superintendent of Light Houses,

New Orleans La,

Dear Sir-:

On May 15th, Iwrote you,asking for a transfer to Cape San Blas, exchanging with the assistant there, Capt Silva Making the arrangments with the Keeper and the assistant there, over the telephone, In this same letter I asked for my resignation to be accepted in case the transfer couldnot be made, however Capt Silva told me the assistant was willing to make the change, this letter Capt Silva forced me to write, and also made me leave the Station and send a man down in my place,

I had to leave the Station and all my household goods, also a lot of groceries, which by this time are for the most part spoilt, When the substitute arrived on the Station the Keeper Capt Silva seemed much suprised and told him he expected me back, that we had had a little trouble but he did not intend to make any report of it, Capt Silva told me before I left not to make any report of it, But I did so in a letter to Superintendent Dorry, (I have since learned that he has been transfered to another district),

I wrote Capt Dorry the condition of things on the Station at Cape St.George I could not make this letter official, for I would not have dared let Capt Silva know I was doing any thing like that,

Now Superintendent, I have been away fron the Station since May 19th

My effects have not been moved, Pending advice from the office, I have not heard any thing yet, I have not recieved my check for the month of May, the substitute looks to me for his pay, I am paying him the same as I was getting, I would like to know how I stand, I also asked in my letter, the one that Capt Silva Made me write that I be open to the next vacancy, in case the exchange to Cape San Blas could not be arranged,

I have spoken with the assistant at Cape San Blas and he is willing to exchange, If Possible advise me at an early date, as to what I can depend on, also would like you to make a thorough investigation of the affair, I can prove what I have told you, and can refer you to responsible people that what I have said is true, I do not want to have any more to say to Capt Silva personally, as it wold lead to serious trouble,
Please advise me as early as you can, so I can remove my effects, having left hurriedly they need attention,

Respectfully yours,

W. G. Barmore Assistant Keeper,

Cape St, George Light,

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Apalachicola Fla, May,39, 1919.

Capt,B.B.Dorry,

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

New Orleans La,

Dear Sir,

Iwrote you on the 15th of May,regarding an exchange of positions with the assistant keeper at Cape San Blas, or my ~~resignas~~ resignation, the same to take effect on the first of June, As I was forced to do this by the keeper, Capt Silva, and was advised by him to leave the Station at once and send a man in my place, which I did later, and left all my personal effects on the Station, They are there now and Iwish to get them away,but do not wish to do so until I hear from you, On the morning of the 14th, Capt Silva told me he would have me transferred to Cape San Blas, if I would go,

He has made all the arrangements, with the Keeper and Assistant at Cape San Blas, and reccomended me as a very good man, these being

ade over the telephone, He also stated to Mr.Lonny Meyers, who is in my place at Cape St,George,that we had a little trouble, but that he did not mean to make any report of it, but did not know what I had done, and stated to Mr, Meyers that he expected me back on the Station, this after he had ordered me to leave and send a man in my place, Isaw in Apalachicola the Assistant keeper of Cape San Blas, he statéd to me that if it caused me to go out of the service, that he would make the axchange, other wise he did not care to make the change, Capt Dorry, does it seem reasonable if I were guilty of the charge he has made against me, thet he would be so anxioys to get me another place,

Sinse I have been on the Station, Capt Silve has given me to understand that his log book could not be disputed, and that it hadb to be taken as authority, that there could be no chance for doubt, and that any communications concerning himself would be forwarded on to him, no one knowing Capt Silve, would dare to make any official report aginst him, that would cause any investigation and stay around him,if they valued their lives,

On the 19th,when I left the Station, I wrote you a personal letter, stating to at length, the kind of a man the keeper is, All that has been told you in that letter, can be proven, I ask you to make these

investigations for your self, I do not wish to have any communication with Capt Silva or to see him again, I wish to move my effects from the Station, but await your orders,

Hoping for an early reply,

I beg to remain,

Yours Respectfully,

Assistant keeper,

Cape st, George Light

W. G. Barmore

Confidential

Apalachicola Fla, May,39.1919.

Capt,B.B.Dorry,

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

New Orleans La,

Dear Sir,

My husband Capt, W.G.Barmore, has informed me of the charge brought against him by Capt Silva of. Capa St, George Light, I would ask yourattention to make a statement,

I wish to say that I have been married ti him thirty three yeers, and have never known him to make any improper advances to any woman, we have entertained in our home young girls agood many times, as wek have live for many years on Islands and isolated places where we were had visitors to spend weeks and months with us, and often these visitors were young women and girls, and not one of these girls would say that he ever said a word to them but which was made in a gentlemanly mannyr, he is not that sort,

The girl in question is watched every moment, I once asked Mrs Silva

keped her so close, and she said she came of bad stock on her farthers father s side, and she had to keep her under her eyes constantly,

I do not know of a mother, any one that we know that would hesitate to trust her daughter with my husband,

Our life on Cape St,George has been very disagreeable, I was afraid to go there to live I had heard so much of the family, but as we had heard he had given up drink, thought we might be able to live in harmony with them, we tried every way, but as we found out they wanted the place for Mr,Raiford thier son in law, we took many thing Mr, Raiford was not eligible for the position for he knew nothing of boats, or engines, still he applied for papersl while in Capt Silva s house with his full knowledge, I told my husband some time ago that they had tried every way to drive us away, that I did not know what thwy would try next, I would be afraid for my husband to go after our household effects, for I feel sure he would go with his life in his

we have made arrangements for a friend to go for them

when we have heard from you, I am willing to make a statement at

any time you wish, and swear to the same,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. W. G. Barmore

EP-MCC

June 17, 1919.

David D. Silva, Keeper,
Cape St. George Light Station,
Apalachicola, Florida.

1. In accordance with your letter of June 2, 1919, you are informed that charges of conduct unbecoming a keeper have been preferred against William G. Barmore, Assistant Keeper, Cape St. George Light Station, and you are hereby required to substantiate the charges as set forth in your letter, above referred to, by submitting affidavits sworn to before a notary public or justice of the peace and signed by yourself, your daughter, and your wife's niece, the three persons whom you report as having knowledge of the incident referred to in your letter. This evidence should be forwarded to this office at the earliest practicable moment.

First Assistant Superintendent in Charge.

EP-MCC

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

June 17, 1919.

Mr. William G. Barmore,
Apalachicola,
Florida.

1. Replying to your letter of June 12, 1919, you are advised that the correspondence forwarded by you to this office marked "personal and confidential" has been given careful consideration. Your letter of May 19, 1919, contained only one matter, in addition to the reason which you gave for leaving the station, of sufficient importance to warrant action by this office. That matter was the charge that the Keeper of Cape St. George Light Station, David D. Silva, had illicitly manufactured whiskey on the Lighthouse Reservation. This phase of your letter was promptly reported to the Government Department having jurisdiction over such violations of law and has, no doubt, received proper attention.

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First Assistant Superintendent in Charge.

United States Post Office

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

July 2, 1919.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES NEW ORLEANS

IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE REFER TO

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FIRST CLASS

Officer in Charge,

Office of the Light House Inspector,

New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir:-

I herewith hand you communication received at this office, addressed to the First Assistant Superintendent in Charge, New Orleans, La., and which was opened by my office. From the contents of the letter I am of the opinion that it probably relates to some matter under investigation relative to the Light House Keeper at Apalachicola, Florida. If it does not relate to your office, will you kindly return it direct to W. G. Sharit, Notary Public for the State of Florida, at Apalachicola, Fla., so that it can be returned to W. G. Barmore.

Respectfully,

Charles Jaeuis

Postmaster.

Enc.- envelope containing
affidavit of Mrs. W. G.
Barmore.

Apalachicola Fla, June 30th, 1919.

First Assistant Superintendent in Charge,

New Orleans, La,

Dear Sir-:

I note in looking over the copy of the letter in which Capt Silva has preferred chargges against, Capt W.G.Barmore, my husband, he stases that the girl in question said, W.G.Barmore had been talking immorally toher ever since he had been on the Station, Now, I wish to make this sworn statement,

I lived on the Station fromAugust 1917, until March 1919. and solemnly swear that during that time I never saw one opportunity that W.G.Barmore had to have five minutes private conversation with the girl, they watched her so closely, She never went any where unless some member of the family went with her, The only person I ever saw her with alone was Capt Silva, as she helped him with all his work, in hauling, wood, or other thinghs, across the island, some times the boy, Capt Silva's son was with them some times not, This I swear, as I bepieve in a God,

I have heard Capt Silva and his wife say numbers of times, that they would not take Veo's word for any thing, as she was "an awful liar", (Veois the girl in question.) I know also that she will tell what is not so, at any time with out scruple,

I can not swear as to what took place on the Station after I left ~~the Station after I left~~, but knowing the family as I do, and knowing the way they watched her on all occasions, I am sure it is a well laid plot, between Capt Silva and his daughter to ruin my husband, for there was never any opportunity that any plans could have been laid to carry out the vile thing that has been plotted against my husband,

The whole trouble is that My husband and my self protested against visitors coming on the Station during the prhibited time, and other things that were not permitted in the rules and regulations,

As it is simply my husband's word against Capt Silva's, The only way is to investigate the reputation of both men, in the community wherethey have lived, and judge which of the two men would be likely to be telling the truth, Capt Silva states in his letter that he always treatdd my husband as a friend, I wish to state in this sworn statement that he treated both my husband and allowed his family to treat me., with every insult, that they could think of,

when we would protest against the disobedience of the rules, his answer wouldbe to"report and be damned that he could send a letter in to the office that would straighten it" ITseems as if he can do just that,

I told My husband six months ago that it seemed as if they had tried every thing to drive us away, and from the talk Mrs Silva had to me about Veo, and the talk Capt Silva had about her to My husband, that she would be the next thing that would be tried,

I hope this will be taken notice of and lookedinto, it deserves to be for a great injustice has been done,

I am yours respectfully,

Mrs. W. G. Barmore

Sworn to before me this the 30th day of June A. D. 1919.

W. G. Sharit

Notary Public, State of Florida at Large.
My commission expires July 8th, 1922.

(SEAL)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 6 1919
NEW ORLEANS

Apalachicola Fla, June,27 th,1919.

First Assistant Superintendent in charge, Lighthouses,

New Orleans La,

Dear Sir-

In answer to your letter of June 25 th would say, I mailed a letter to you on the 26 th, which is a sworn statement of the case in detail, from the night of the night of the 13 th to the morning of the 19th when I left the station, Capt Silva, has made no report of the threats, or what he made me submit to, from the night of the 13th to the morning of the 19 th, when I left the station, There is three against one, this is a plot made up between the keeper and his daughter to make me leave the station, by being with CaptSilva two years and hearing him tell how he could scheme, and work any plot and no one be the wiser, I readily see how this plot was concocted, I note in Capt Silva:s letter he states that he had not seen me since the morning of the 17 th, the log will show that on the saturday night the 17 th was my watch, he was in the tower, on sunday night the 18 th, he states that he wasin the tower when I started to leave , which was the morning of the 19 th, If he makes a mistake of two days, out of four, he is apt to make other mistakes,
I see he is using this girl, all theway through, as I have stated , I deny the charge , and would die before I would submit to any such charge, I am innocent, and for fifty years have lived a respectible, life, which you, can verify if you will investigate far enough, I demand that this investigation take place, it is the only way that I can be exonerated,as it is my word or his, as he is my superior officer I can see every thing leans in his favor,

It looks hard that a man like this, who has caused trouble with every keeper he has served with, should be allowed to continue. I urge you to communicate with Capt Knickermeyer, as to the treatment he endured from him, and all others who have served with,him,

If you do not feel disposed to investigate , this to my satisfaction and justice, I would ask you to accept my resisignation, as I have no other way to exonerate myself, as you cannot help but see, I have never been discharged from any position, I do not wish to have it happen now, after thirty years of honerable,work, Please advise me as quickly as possible, as to what steps you will take, Please advise me also why, my salary has been with held, I left the station monday morning , May the 19th I have recieved the letter giving me the assurance that myself of wife can recover our effects, in safty, this letter can be used any way you like, it was through fear of Capt Silva that I did not wish the letter I wrote first, to fall into his hands, knowing him as I do,

Yours respectfully,

W. G. Barmore

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

Oath of Office

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
NOV 20 1918
HOUSES

November 19, 1918.

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NOV 23 1918
New Orleans, La.

Mr. William G. Barmore,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Nine Hundred dollars per annum, effective November 1, 1918.

By promotion from assistant keeper at $660 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position, (By increase in compensation.)

Legal Residence: Florida.

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Cape St. George
F. S. I. Co.

COPY (MCC) Recd., 9:30 a.m., Dec. 4, 1918. D.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, William G. Barmore,

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.

(Sgd.) WILLIAM G. BARMORE
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 29th day of November, A. D. 191 8.

(Affix official seal here)

S(HARRY G. FANNIN
E(NOTARY PUBLIC
A(STATE OF FLORIDA
L(AT LARGE.

[4](*Name*) (Sgd.) HARRY G. FARRIN,

(*Official title*) Notary Public

My commission expires Dec. 15, 1919.

OFFICIAL TITLE	RATE OF PAY	NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.
Present Keeper in the Light-house Service	$900 p.a.	Cape St. George Light Station, West Pass Cut Range, Sand Island Cut Range, and St. George Lights, Florida.
Former Asst.Keeper inthe Lighthouse Service	$660 p.a.	do.

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

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~, Eighth DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., Dec. 4, 1918.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on November 1, 1918.
(Date)

(Signature, followed by title) SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

[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, a chief clerk in the office of a lighthouse inspector or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has 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, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of lighthouse inspectors and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.
[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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2 inclosures

November 25, 1918.

W. G. Barmore, Assistant Keeper,
Cape St. George Light Station,
Apalachicola, Florida.
(Through the Keeper)

Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated November 19, 1918, promoting you to the position of Keeper in the Lighthouse Service and increasing your salary to $900, effective commencing November 1, 1918.

Subscribe to inclosed "Oath of Office" before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths and return same promptly, as no compensation can be paid you under this appointment until the oath is received in proper form.

(Signed) B. B. DORRY,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished David D. Silva, Keeper, Cape St. George Light Station, Apalachicola, Fla., for his information and the station files.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

LIGHT
APR 24 1917
HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 23, 1917.

Mr. William G. Barmore,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Six Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. - - - -) issued by the local Civil Service Board for the Eighth Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: David D. Silva.

Legal Residence: Florida.

(See reverse side.)

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APR 24 1917

Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

LIGHT HOUSES APR 20 1917

New Orleans, La., April 17, 1917
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, William G. Barmore. Legal residence, Florida.

Position, Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $660 per annum.

Location, Cape St. George L.S., West Pass Cut Rge., Sand Island Cut Rge., and St. George Lights, Florida. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective May 1, 1917, {~~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, 88, Other eligibles considered:

Chester M. Curry, C.; Frank C. Anderson, C.

Previous incumbent, David D. Silva. Services terminated, March 31, 1917.

Reason, Promoted to position of Keeper at Cape St. George L.S., etc., by Department letter of March 22, 1917.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: William G. Barmore has never served under any branch of the Department of Commerce. Quarters are provided at this Light Station for the family of the Assistant Keeper. Capt. Wm. C. Eagon was also considered for above position, but not selected owing to the amount of boating required at this station.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission April 17, 1917

E. A. Curry
Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

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Inspector.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 20 1917

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner

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

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William G. Barmore

William G. Barmore INACTIVE

LEGAL RESIDENCE.
Florida

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Asst. Kpr. Cape St. George L.S. Sta Fla	660.	L. H.	May 7, 1917
Keeper " Increase	900	"	Nov 1, 1918
Removed close May 17, 1919			
INACTIVE			

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Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., April 17, 1917
(City.) (Date.)

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Ed Kenney
Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

Inspector.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 20 1917

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 23, 1917.

Mr. William G. Barmore,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Six Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. - - -) issued by the local Civil Service Board for the Eighth Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: David D. Silva.

Legal Residence: Florida.

(See reverse side.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED APR 23 1917 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Lighthouse Inspector MAY 4 1917 New Orleans.

Lighthouse Inspector MAY 10 1917 New Orleans.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, William G. Barmore,

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.

William G Barmore
(Appointee signs here)

LIGHT MAY 12 1917 HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK, MAY 17 1917

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 8th day of May, A. D. 1917

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) W. G. Shariet

(Official title) Notary Public, State of Florida
My commission expires July 11, 1918

My commission expires .....

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present: Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service	$660 p.a.	Cape St. George Light Station, West Pass Cut Range, Sand Island Cut Range, and St. George Lights, Florida.
Former [5]: Probationary appointment.		

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

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., May 10, 1917.
(Address) (Date)

CARDED.

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on 7th May 1917
(Date)

R R Doorly
(Signature, followed by title) Inspector.

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
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Lighthouse Inspector
MAY 4 1917
New Orleans.

Lighthouse Inspector
MAY 15 1917
New Orleans.

Lighthouse Inspector
MAY 26 1917
New Orleans.

Lighthouse Inspector
JUN 4 1917
New Orleans.

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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

MARCH 6, 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.

William C. Redfield
Secretary.

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.)

CARDED.

1. What is your full name? (State whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. and spell out names in full, including middle name or names. Example: Mr. John Richard Roe. If name itself is merely a letter, it should be so stated.)

Mr William G. Barmore William Gad Barmore

2. How do you intend to write your name on the pay roll? (**This should agree with signature to your oath of office.**) William G. Barmore William Gad Barmore

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

Apalachicola	Fla	Franklin	Third
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? Chattahoochee Florida

6. When were you born? May 8th 1864
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. W. G. Barmore Apalachicola Fla

Name. Number and street.

City or town. State or Territory.

8. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? .....

(If answer is "Yes," give in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.)

yes Name. John M. Barmore Relationship. Brother Department. Commerce Bureau or Service. Lighthouse Position. carpenter

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.)

~~Department of Commerce Lighthouse Service~~ ~~Asst Foreman~~ Through assistant Lighthouse keepers examination September 7th 1916

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

~~Corrected by glasses~~ Eyesight defective corrected by glasses

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.
no					

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.
no			

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

Relationship (widow or orphan) no

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service .....

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.)

Superintendent of game Preserve

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.)

Comon 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.")

Black Smith & Engineer

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

Light house Keeper Sept- 1th 1916

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

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. aug May 8th 1917

Witness:

(Signature) William Jd Barmore

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: apalachicola Fla
City or town.

Number and street.

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 June 7 - - - - - - - - , 1917.

(Signature) R R Dorry

(Official title) Inspector, 8th Lighthouse District.

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PART II.

(Part II should be executed by the executive officer of the Bureau of the Department to which the employee is assigned or by some authorized 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 St. George Light Station, Fla. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel) ; Eighth (District.)

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

3. State the date of appointment. April 23, 1917.

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

Date of entrance upon duty.

5. State the date of the oath. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ May 8, 1917. 1917

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. May 7, 1917.

7. What is his salary? $660 per annum

8. From what appropriation is he paid? ~~Civil Service and Lighthouse Service~~ Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

9. Is the position excepted, competitive, or unclassified under the civil service rules? ~~yes~~ Competitive.

10. If classified, state the date of classification. ~~Oct~~ May 6, 1896.

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.)

From Assistant Lighthouse Keeper Examination.

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.

Apalachicola (Franklin Co.), Florida.

14. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out. Not foreign born.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) [signature]

(Official title) Inspector, 8th Lighthouse District.

Date: June 7, 1917.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 19, 1918.

Mr. William G. Barmore,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Nine Hundred dollars per annum, effective November 1, 1918.

By promotion from assistant keeper at $660 per annum.

CARDED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,
(Signed) Clifford Hasson
Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION INTERIOR NOV 21 1918

FOR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE LETTER DATED 11-15-18 IN FILE OF 1096-8

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Now position, (By increase in compensation.)

Legal Residence: Florida.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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I, William G. Barmore,

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.

William G Barmore
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 29 day of November, A. D. 191 8.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Harry G Ranner

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires Dec 15 1919

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present	Keeper in the Light-house Service	$900 p.a.	Cape St. George Light Station, West Pass Cut Range, Sand Island Cut Range, and St. George Lights, Florida.
Former	Asst.Keeper inthe Lighthouse Service	$660 p.a.	do.

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

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

Office of ~~Lighthouse Inspector~~, Eighth District

New Orleans, La., Dec. 4, 1918.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on November 1, 1918.
(Date)

CARDED

B B Doorly
(Signature, followed by title) SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

[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, a chief clerk in the office of a lighthouse inspector or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has 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, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of lighthouse inspectors and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.
[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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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
June 28, 1919.

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9 inclosures
BY REGISTERED MAIL

William G. Barmore,
charges

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. A letter dated May 15, 1919, was received from David D. Silva, Keeper of Cape St. George Light Station, Florida (copy inclosed), stating that William G. Barmore, Assistant Keeper, requested a transfer to another station or, failing to secure it, his resignation would be tendered, and that it was impossible for him, the keeper, and the assistant keeper to remain on the same station.

2. A long letter dated May 19, 1919, was received from Mr. Barmore, which Barmore stated was written personally and was not an official complaint and in which he explains his reasons for desiring a transfer to another station. Barmore denied in that letter the incident later charged against him by the keeper under date of June 2, 1919, and stated that the keeper illicitly manufactured whiskey on the reservation, that he was a bully and a moonshiner and was once accused of murder.

3. On May 24, 1919, this office wrote to Keeper Silva replying to his letter of the 15th, directing him to submit report by return mail giving reasons for his statement that it was impossible for the Assistant Keeper and himself to remain on the same station and that if he had any charges to prefer he would be expected to substantiate them. On the same date, May 24th, a letter was written to the Collector of Internal Revenue, New Orleans, giving the information contained in Barmore's letter of May 19th relative to David D. Silva, Keeper, illicitly manufacturing whiskey on the Lighthouse reservation. No reply having been received from the Internal Revenue Office, advice was requested June 16th as to the results of the investigation and by letter of June 17th the Collector of Internal Revenue stated that the matter had been referred to the Revenue Agent at Atlanta, Georgia, and that his office knew nothing further of the matter at that time.

4. Inclosed is letter of June 2, 1919, from David D. Silva, Keeper, Cape St. George Light Station, making grave charges against William G. Barmore, the assistant keeper. Copy of letter of June 17th to Barmore transmitting copy of Keeper's letter, above referred to, and preferring charges against the assistant keeper, giving him three days from the date of the receipt of letter to submit his reply; reply of June 24th from assistant keeper Barmore to the charges preferred against him, are also inclosed. There are also transmitted three statements, each sworn to before a notary public under date of June 25th, by the Keeper, David D. Silva, by the Keeper's daughter, Mrs. Conoly J. Raiford, and by the niece of the Keeper's wife, Victoria Ingram.

5. Referring to Barmore's defense in his letter of June 24, 1919, that the girl, Victoria Ingram, was forced to make the statement she did, in view of her sworn statement before a notary public and the sworn statements of the Keeper and the Keeper's daughter, the dismissal of William G. Barmore, keeper, Cape St. George Light Station, effective at the close of May 17, 1919, the date Barmore left the station as reported by the Keeper, is recommended, the charges having been sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action.

6. William G. Barmore has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate.

7. The inclosed supplemental letter of June 26, 1919, was received from assistant keeper William G. Barmore after the foregoing report and recommendation had been written. The letter tends to confirm the charges preferred by the Keeper and, for the first time, Mr. Barmore has referred to his attempt to take the girl in question, the niece of the Keeper's wife, away from the station with him, which, in itself, is reprehensible. The allegation of Mr. Barmore, that the Keeper has concocted the charges using a member of his family as an innocent victim, is inconceivable. The attempt of the Keeper to have Barmore transferred and the matter quieted is perfectly natural. Barmore's evidence is not considered worthy of serious consideration.

Lanphier.
First Assistant Superintendent in Charge.

McC. Bureau of Lighthouses, July 11, 1919.
Set inclosures.
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending that Barmore be dismissed from the Service, effective at the close of May 17, 1919.

Approved.
William Redfield
Secretary.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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BY REGISTERED MAIL

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
June 17, 1919.

SUPPLIES

Mr. William G. Barmore,
Apalachicola,
Florida.

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1. Attached hereto is a copy of a letter dated June 2, 1919, from David D. Silva, Keeper of Cape St. George Light Station.

2. In view of the contents of the letter referred to above, you are hereby charged with conduct unbecoming a keeper in the Lighthouse Service and are hereby directed to submit such reply as you may deem fit within three (3) days from the date of receipt of this letter.

3. Should these charges be sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, your dismissal from the Lighthouse Service will be recommended.

4. Inasmuch as you wrote this office a letter under date of May 15, 1919, asking for transfer to another station and stating that if the transfer could not be effected your resignation was tendered, and as on May 17th you left the station and reported in a "personal and confidential" letter that the keeper accused you of immoral conduct; your assertions of innocence in your "personal and confidential" letter, which was written prior to any charge having been made against you by the Keeper, and the fact that you did not remain at the station, but left without authority from this office and expressed anxiety to get away, do not tend to corroborate your version of this affair.

(SIGNED) LANPHIER

First Assistant Superintendent in Charge.

Cape St. George

June 19



Lighthouse Supt.

New Orleans La.

This is to Certify, that on the Morning of May the 14th 19 at 2 A.M. I being suffering With severe tooth Ache I got up out of bed to hunt both Ache drops but Could not find them in my room, I Went into the room of My Mothers Niece to see if they Were in her room, Not seeing the Niece in room nor bed I made search for the Niece but Could not find her No Where on the place

then I went to my Fathers room and Notifies him of the Girls absence from room he, My Father got up at once and We Father and I together Went out of the house. My Father advises me to call the Girl, Which I dis, I Called Very loud (3) three Times but dis not get any answer. What ever, in a very few Moments after calling the Girl I saw her Coming out of back part of Asst. Rupps house, My Father seeing

her as she came from the house Walked over and caught her by the arm and led her back to the Keepers dwelling, I heard My Father the Keeper of Station ask her how long that things of this kind had been going on, she stated to him Not very long. My Father asked her if she Went With him her own Wishes or did he persuade her in to going, She the Child answers To him that he, Mr. Barmore

persuaded her in to
Coming over to his house.
Later on the Girl While
talking to me states that
Mr. Barmore has been
talking that kind of talk
every since he has been on the station
and has on many occasions
promising her Mommy and
him Clothing also
promising to take her to
Town., on the Morning
of May the 17th-19 While
My Father Was in the
Tower attending his station
duties & hears My Father
Call to Me, & hurriedly went

out to see what the trouble
was, & saw Mr. Barnow
armed With double
Barrel shot Gun and in
Company With him the above
Mentioned Girl on their
Way to Town & Calling
to the Girl to Come back
but she did not Come
at once, My Father Calls
to her the second time also
tells Barnow not to take
that Girl off of the Station
in turn Mr. Barnow
Pretends Gun shot Gun
in a Threatning Manner

and days My Father
to Come down from
Town, My Father tells
him in reply that if
he didnt leave the Fire
alone and Evacuate the
Station at once, that he
Would Come down and
get his Gun, and at that
Time the Fire hallowing
to My Father not to
Come down that she
Would return to the
station house, in
Turn Mr. Barmore
tells Me that a has been

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Watching him very
since I has been on station,
I told him in reply
that such Characters as
he Was needs Watching.
he also used language
that Was Verry unbecoming
to a gentleman in the
presence of Ladies.

Signed
Mrs. Sonoly J. Rayford

State of Florida
Franklin County } Before me the undersigned
authority, personaly came Mrs Conoly J
Rayford who being duly Sworn says
the forgoing is true -
Witness my hand and seal
25th day of June A.D. 1919
Harry G. Langston
Notary Public

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 27 1919
NEW ORLEANS

Lighthouse Superintendent
New Orleans. La.
Sir. I hereby certify that
the fowlowing statement
made by Mrs. Victoria Ingram
nee of. Mrs David D. Silva
to be the truth. Refering to
W. G. Barnow. asst Keeper
of Cape st George L.s.
treatment of me. on the
night of. May 14th 1919.
W. G. Barnow. persuaded
me to come over to his
house about 2 Oclock. and
have sexual Intercourse
with him. he Barnow

LIGHT
HOUSE

has been talking that
kind of talk to me in a
persuasive way ever since
he has been on the station
and promised me money
and clothes and wanted
to take me to town with
him the morning he
left the station
he. Barnow. is the first
and the only man that
ever Broached me with
such an act and that is
the first time I ever did
such a thing

X mark) Victoria
Ingram

State of Florida,
County of Franklin,

Before me the undersigned authority personally came Victoria Ingram, who bein duly sworn says the forgoing statement is true,

Witness my hand and official seal this 25 day of June 1919.

Harry G Ramsey
Notary Public, State of Florid
my commission expires 12/15/19

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JUN 27 1919
NEW ORLEANS

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape St George La
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

June 24, 1919

LIGHT
JUL 1 1919
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Lighthouse Superintendent
New Orleans. La-

Sir. Enclosed is statement relative to asst. keeper. W. G. Barnes. and my wifes niece. Victoria Ingram. on the morning of May 14th. 1919. My Daughter. Mrs Conley Raiford who is home on a visit. was suffering with a very severe toothache. and she got out of bed to hunt tooth drops. and could not find them. she went into the room of my wife niece to see if she could find the tooth drops. and not finding the girl in bed. she. my Daughter made search for the girl. and could not find her no where on the place. then my Daughter come in my room and notified me. I got up at once and myself and Daughter went out of the house. and I told my Daughter to call her the girl. and my Daughter called very loud three times. and did not get any answer. I was standing by the wash

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house. and saw the girl coming out of asst. Keepers. W. G. Barmores house. the back part of house. I ran and caught the girl and asked her how long that thing had been going on. and she told me not long afterwards she the girl. told me that he Barmore. had been talking that kind of talk to her ever since he had been on the station. Barmore wife and my wife were absent from station when this happened. This girl is illiterate has had no schooling. although she is sixteen years old she is not very Bright. and to think a man 55 years old and him married would take the advantage of the girl in such a way. The girl says he. Barmore persuaded her to come over to his house and have sexual Intercourse with him after treating a motherless girl in such a way. I could not stay on the same station with him. My wife raised this girl from

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a small child. and she was allright
until he. Barnon came on the station
the morning he left I was in the town
and he. Barnon. tried to get her to leave
the station with him. but I saw them
from the town. and called her back. and
he. Barnon. tried to get her to go on with
him. then I told him if he took that
girl to town with him. I would have
him arrested. and he shook his gun
at me in a threatining way. and dared
me to come down. and I told him if
he did not leave this station at once I
would come down and get my gun
and one or the other would surely die
as patience had ceased to be a virtue
with me. Respt. David. D. Silva keeper
Cape St George L. H.

State of Florida,
Franklin County,
Before me the undersigned authority personally came David D.
Silva, who being duly sworn says the forgoing is true.

6/25/19

Harry G. Cannon
notary Public

LIGHT HOUSES JUL 1 1919

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES JUN 26 1919 NEW ORLEANS

Apalachicola Fla, June 24 th, 1919.

First Assistant Superintendent of Lighthouses,

New Orleans La,

Dear sir-:

I have just recieved your letter of the 17 th inst, and in reply wish to state that the charges preferred against me are absolutely untrue, The girl in question was taken into a room by Capt Silva and kept there about two hours, while the letter was being written, so Mr, Meyers told me, he did not even admit his wife in the room, I am sure the girl made this statement through fear of him, and at his dictation,
You say in your letter that I made my report "personal and confidential", I did this through fear of Capt Silva for I knew any report going in about him would cause him to kill me, as he had told me a number of times that he would kill any one who reported him,
Capt Silva did not want any report made of this affair at all, he told me not to make any report of it, that I could go to Cape San Blas, that he would see that the transfer was made, he later making the arrangements with the keeper and assistant over the telephone, I made my reqest for the transfer, or my resignation, at his request, and dictation , whish he signed As for me leaving the station without authority,he told me to take the boat and go to town and send a man in my place, I did so the substitute meeting with his approval,

I intended to stay though a few days until my wife came , but on the morning I left,about four o'clock, I was sittind in my kitchen, in the dark, I had been awake all night, for I did not like the way he was acting the day before, I saw him come creeping down his steps, he crept alnng peeping in my windows, I saw to it that he had no gun, so I made a noise so he would know I was awake, he immediatly began to call me by name and

and seemed excited, I asked him what was the matter, he said he had gotten a telagram the day before that the steamer would bein the next day, and wanted to go to town, I told him all right, but that we could not go before the light was put out, I found out when I got t town that he had no telagram at all, I saw I had no business on that station any more, knowing the reputation of the man, you can also find out if interested from people in Apalachicola how dangerous a man he is reputed to be,

That is why I wasanxious to get away, I am positively afraid of the man,

Now, My effects are still on the station, My wife wants her things and, is afaid to go there, as Capt Silva said he would not be fesponsible for his wife if My wife went on the station, I would like some assurance from you that she will be safe in going to get our things,
That we dread this family, is because of what we have endured at there hand since we have been on the station,
I would like you to know from the County Judge H.W.Johnston,

the Post master Crawford Henry, ex Marshall Lewis Hall, the kind of man I have been serving under, and others of Apalachicola, who have known him for many years, all I ask of you is a thorough investigation, and as I have no evidence on my side.but if in a court of justice , Iam sure

my word or oath would be taken before the Silva family,
He has had trouble with every keeper he has been associated with, and threatened killing them, this I have been told by the parties themselves, I left the Station on monday morning May the 19 th, I sent Mr, Meyers to take my place, he going down on the 22nd, I have paid him in full up to the 1st of June, and sent the reciept to the office, up to this time I have not recieved my chack for the month ofMay, I would like to know the cause of this, I would like to talk with you in per son, all I can do now is to leave this on your handd, this girl was forced to make this statement for she was ~~not in my house~~ not in my house, nor hadI ever made any improper ~~keeper~~

proposals to her, as it my word against theirs I ask you to make a thorough investagation,

I would like to know what I am to expect, I am not at work, and want to know what you will do in the case, I am an american citizen and expect to get justice, from the government that I have been serving as faithfully as I was allowed to, as the other letter I wrote as "confidential and personal" you can take this as offocial, and forward it on to Capt Silva, but expect protection from you in the matter, I have had numbers of good citizens of this county who have been told of this case, to watch him for he works in the dark, and employs methods of doing things, suchaas he employed in this case, Please answer this as early as possible,

Respectfully,

W G Barnes

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JUN 5 1919 SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES NEW ORLEANS

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Capt St George La. 2
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

June 2nd 1919

LIGHT HOUSE 1910 HOUSES

Lighthouse Superintendent
New Orleans, La-

Sir, Recived your letter dated. May 24, 1919
Refering to my letter of may 15th. 1919
stating it was impossable for asst. K. D. Bamore
and myself to stay on the same station, I
will submit Report and give Reasons as
directed, this is the Reason
at 2 oclock on the morning of may 14th. 1919
my Daughter. who is home on a visit was
suffering with severe toothache got out of
bed to hunt toothache drops and could
not find them, she went into the room
of my wifes niece to see if she could find
them and not finding the girl in bed. she
my Daughter made search for the girl and
could not find her no where on the place
then she came in my room and notified
me, I got up at once. and myself and my
Daughter went out of the house, and I told
my Daughter to call the girl, and my Daughter

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called her very loud 3 times, but did not get any answer, I was standing by the washhouse, and saw the girl coming out of asst Keeper Barmores, house the Back part of house, I ran and caught the girl and asked her how long that thing had been going on, and she told me not long afterwards she the girl told me that, Barmore had been talking that kind of talk to her every since he had been on this station Barmores, wife and my wife were absent from the station at the time this happened this 16 year old girl is Illitirate has had no schooling and is not very Bright, and to think a man 55 years old, and him married, would take the advantage of the girl in such a way, the girl says, Barmore persuaded her to come over to his house and have sexual Intercourse with him under these conditions, I could not stay on the same station with him

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES JUN 5 1919 NEW ORLEANS

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after treating a motherless girl in such a way, my wife raised this girl from a small child, and she was allright until he, Barnon came on the station the ~~last~~ morning that he left the station I was in the tower, and he, Barnon tried to get the girl to leave the station with him, but I saw them from the tower and called my Daughter and she had the girl to come back, Barnon used some very bad language to my Daughter and under these conditions I could not stay on the same station with him I have not seen him since the morning of May 17th-1919, and I dont want to see him any more, I have allways treated him as a friend, I have submited you the truth in this matter Regardless of what he says,

Respt.

David. D. Silva) Keeper

Cape St George La.

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May 24, 1919

David D. Silva, Keeper,
Cape St Geroge Light Station,
Apalachicola, Fla.

1. Referring to your letter of May 15th, in which it is stated that it is impossible for the Assistant Keeper, W. G. Barmore, and yourself to stay on the same station, you are directed to submit report by return mail giving the reason for the abovementioned statement.

2. If you have any charges to prefer against the Assistant Keeper, they should be forwarded immediately and you will be expected to substantiate them; therefore full deatils should be forwarded in order that this matter may be given the proper consideration . Submit prompt reply.

(Signed) DORRY

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape St. George
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

May 15 Th., 1919

Light House Superintendent

8 Th. Dist, N Orleans La

Sir asst Keeper Barmore is asking for
Transfer June the 1th 1919

and if there is no chance for Transfer he Wishes to
Tender his Resignation to take effect on 31 Th May 1919
and i pray that you will except it his resignation
as it is impossible for asst Barmore and My Self
to Stay on the one and Same Station
if i am authorized by you i can get Temporary Man in
Apalachicola to act in asst Keeper Barmore Place
and i pray you will act on this as soon as possible

Respectfully.

David D. Silva.

Keeper Cape St. George. Fla.

July 15, 1919.

Sir:

The Department has given careful consideration to the charges of conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service preferred against you by the Superintendent of the Eighth District under date of June 17, 1919, and to your response thereto; and being convinced that the charges have been sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, it has, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, removed you from the position of Keeper at $900. per annum, to take effect at the close of May 17, 1919.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. William G. Barmore,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 17 1919 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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