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REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Flynn, Kylie	
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
knfgbb@umsl.edu	217-440-1332

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
Beloungea, Charles,F		1897 MI

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: 1958 MI

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Kylie

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service		
From: 1920	To: 1921	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	

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

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: 2-301856401 86

Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s):

Remarks:

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SCREENING NOTES

☒ Reviewed and Nothing Removed KH ☐ Items Removed and User Informed

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items:

☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: BELONGIA, CHARLES F. **DOB:** 9/17/1897

Records checked:

Agency: Commerce 6028	Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Commerce 6029	Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Old Commerce	Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative

AND

Agency: Treasury 2189	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Treasury 2188	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Old Treasury	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative

If Negative:

Agency: Treasury SRCs series 1	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Treasury SRCs series 2	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Treasury SRCs series 3	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Coast Guard SRCs	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative

If Negative:

CMRS: possible CG service	Area: _____	positive	negative
ARCIS: _____	Area: _____	positive	negative

Notes: _____

Form 124.
May, 1915.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Lighthouse Service
[Branch of service or department.]

Whitefish Point Mich.
[Name of city.] [State.]

Sept 3rd, 1920

DECLARATION OF APPOINTEE.

This form must be executed by the appointee before he enters on duty. If the answer to question 6 includes two or more names, and is not IDENTICAL in every respect with answer to similar question in the application, this form must be submitted by the appointing officer for approval before appointment may be authorized. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE PROVISIONS OF LAW AS QUOTED ON ATTACHED FORM. False personation in an examination is a criminal offense, and will be prosecuted accordingly.

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1. What was your age on your last birthday and what was the date of your birth?	22 years. Sept. 17th.
2. Where were you born?	Mackinac Island, Mich.
3. What were the names of the persons who signed the vouchers to your application?	Charles Roe, Frank Lauer, Mr. Swift, Mr. Clark.
4. In what city or town, and in what building were you examined?	P.O. Building Detroit Michigan In doctors office at Harbor Springs Mich.
5. To what position have you been appointed? State the salary. If temporary, so state.	2nd asst. Keeper, 660 per annum

6. Are any members of your family in the U. S. Government Service? Answer "yes" or "no" Yes If so, fill in the following blanks. If additional space is necessary use back of this sheet.

Name.	Post office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Louis Belounger	Cross Village Mich.	Position Keeper Department or office 12th District	Father	Married
Wilbert Belounger	Marquette Mich	Position 3rd Asst. Keeper Department or office 11th District	Brother	Married
		Position Department or office		

7. Have any of the above-named persons entered the Government service since the execution of your application for examination? Yes If so, give the name of each such person Wilbert Belounger

8. Will you inform yourself of and observe the provisions of the civil service law and rules and Executive orders concerning political activity, political coercion, political assessments, use of influence to secure promotion, etc., as quoted on the attached form? Yes

I hereby certify that the answers to the foregoing questions are true in every particular.

Charles H. Belounger
[Signature.]

2nd Asst Keeper, Whitefish Point Light Station, Whitefish Point Mich.
[Give here your present post-office address, city and state, including street and number.]

The officer before whom the above certificate is made is requested to sign the following:

The above certificate was executed before me, in his own handwriting, by the identical person who has reported for assignment to duty.

Was photograph of appointee furnished you? No If so, is it a correct likeness of the person who executed this form?

This is to be signed by an officer of the department or bureau to which the appointee belongs, not by a notary public, and does not need to be sworn to.
The paper should be returned to Chief Clerk of bureau when completed.

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Signature Robert Carlson

Official title Keeper.

Full explanation for question six.
At the time of my last examination Wilbert Belonger was out the service. Having formally been at Round Island Light Station.
But has since then, been reinstated in the Service.

Charles H Belonger

Rec'd SEP 7, 1926

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES
1920 AUG 25 AM 8 46

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Eleventh District
RECEIVED
AUG 26 1920
Detroit, Mich.
DEPT OF COMMERCE

August 23, 1920.

M. Charles F. Belounges,

HEMPA CO CF D C

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, 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. (August 14, 1920)

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No.) issued by the Secretary of the Seventh Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

M Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Alfred Phelps.

Legal Residence Michigan.

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11th

Detroit, Michigan, August 17, 1920.xx

Probationary appointment of:

Charles F. Belounger Michigan

Keeper, (2d Asst) $660. per annum

Whitefish Point Light Station, Michigan. Sal. Kprs. of L.H.

August 14, 1920. x

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Asst.
No. 3 Kpr. 87.8

Richard O. Jenkins, "C" Frank Weber "C"

Alfred Phelps July 31, 1920.

/Resignation.

None
Quarters furnished by Government at station for family of nominee.
Assigned to duty prior to Department authority as services urgently required on account of large amount of work at this important station, especially this season during the continuous operation of the submarine fog signal plant for use as a testing station, which requires constant watch.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Charles F. Belonga

LEGAL RESIDENCE
Michigan

Charles F. Belonga

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Keeper ~~Watchfast~~ Pt. L.S. Mich	$ 660	Dismissed close of April 23, 1921	~~Aug. 14, 1920~~
Keeper Prob. Toledo Harbor	1080.	L.H.	Sept 20, 1924
" Incr " " "	1200	"	Oct 1, 1924
" READJUSTMENT OF PAY ACT-DEC. 6, 1924. " "	1440	"	FEB 1 1925. Cancelled
SERVICES DISCONTINUED.		close Feb 13, 1925	

Form A—16

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Form 73

NOMINATION

AWP:AB

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SEVENTH DISTRICT AUG 18 1920

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 11th DISTRICT,

Detroit, Michigan, August 17, 1920.
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

LIGHTHOUSES 1920 AUG 20 AM 8 4

Action recommended, Probationary appointment of:

Name, Charles F. Beloungea

Legal residence, Michigan

Position, Keeper, (2d Asst)

Salary, $660. per annum

Location, Whitefish Point Light Station, Michigan

Appropriation, Sal. Kprs. HEMPA CHIEF DC

Effective August 14, 1920. (the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.)

Former position, -

Former salary, CHIEF CLERK

Location, -

Rank on eligible list, No. 3 Rating, Asst. Kpr. Percentage, 87.8 1920 AUG 21 AM 11 52 Other eligibles considered:

Richard O. Jenkins, "C" Frank Weber "C"

Previous incumbent, Alfred Phelps Services terminated, July 31, 1920.

APPOINTMENT

Reason, Resignation. 1920 AUG 21 PM 12 56

Members of family in Government Service, None

Quarters furnished by Government at station for family of nominee.

Remarks: Assigned to duty prior to Department authority as services urgently required on account of large amount of work at this important station, especially this season during the continuous operation of the submarine fog signal plant for use as a testing station, which requires constant watch.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the

U. S. Civil Service Commission, AUG 18 1920, 19

108 8/23/20.

D. W. Swanson
Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN AUG 24 1920 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Edw. L. Woodruff
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

AUG 20 1920

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPROVED: 1920 AUG 23 PM 5 05 1920 AUG 20 PM 4 34

E. T. Meredith
Secretary of Commerce

E C Gillette
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 23, 1920.

M. Charles F. Beloungea,

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, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Six Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entend upon duty in the above-mentioned position. (August 14, 1920)

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No.) issued by the Secretary of the Seventh Civil Service District.

CARDED
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ENTERED
AUG 23 1920
DEPT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

C. S. REPORT DATA
ENTERED

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

M Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Alfred Phelps.

Legal Residence: Michigan.

lth (See reverse side.)

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

APPOINTMENTS SEP 14 1920 LIGHTHOUSES

1920 SEP 13 AM 8 47

I, Charles F. Beloungea,

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.

1920 SEP 13 PM

Charles F. Beloungea

(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 6th day of September, A. D. 1920

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Arthur W. LeBlanc

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires MAY 4 - 1924

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper(2d Asst)	$660. p.a.	Whitefish Point Light Station, Mich.
Former - -	-	- -

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

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 11th District

Detroit, Mich. (Address), September 10, 1920. (Date)

ENTERED ON DUTY AUG 14 1920

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on August 14, 1920. (Date)

CARDED

Edw L. Woodruff

(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 on or after the effective 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 superintendent of lighthouses 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 superintendent of lighthouses 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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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CHIEF CLERK

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

1920 SEP 13 PM 2 17

APPOINTMENT SEP 14 19

(To be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon entrance on duty. The statement should be signed by the appointee or employee. If unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness.)

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. Charles Francis Beloungea

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

3. Bureau or Service, place, and district in which employed:

Lighthouse Service	Whitefish Point Light Station, Mich.	11th
Bureau or Service.	Place (city, town, station, or vessel).	District.

4. Position to which appointed Keeper (2d Asst.)

5. Compensation $660 per annum

6. Appropriation from which paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

7. In what manner did the employee enter the service? (Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination, ———, 191—;" or "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ———," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Assistant Keeper Examination, August 5, 1920.

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

Cross Village	Michigan	Emmet	10th
City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

9. When the legal residence given in answer to question 8 differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

None

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

11. Where were you born? Mackinac Island, Mich.

12. When were you born? Sept. 17th. (Month.) Friday (Day.) 1897 (Year.)

13. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out None

14. What is your marital condition? Married

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

Mr. Louis Beloungea	Cross Village, Mich.
Name.	Number and street.
Cross Village.	Michigan
City or town.	State or Territory.

ORDER

REPORT DATE

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

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

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Louis Belounger	Cross Village Mich.	Position Keeper Department or office 12th Dist.	Father	Married
Wilbert Belounger	Marquette Mich.	Position 3rd Asst. Keeper Department or office 11th Dist.	Brother	Married
		Position Department or office		

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

None

18. 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.
		None			

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

None

20. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
28th Aero Squadron	1st Dec. 7th 1917	Apr. 4th 1919	Expiration of term of service
600 Construction	2nd Apr. 4th 1919	Apr. 4th 1920	Expiration of term of service
22nd Balloon Co.			
33rd Balloon Co.			

21. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States other than during war time, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
33rd Balloon Co. 30th Balloon Co.	Apr. 4th 1919	Apr. 4th 1920	Expiration of term of service

22. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No (If answer is "Yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan) None

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service None

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
None	None	None	None

23. 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 18, 19, 20, and 21.)

Mariner

LIGHTHOUSES
1920 SEP 13 AM 8 47

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

Public school, eight grades.

25. 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.")

Boatman,

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

Asst. Keeper. August 5th. 1920

27. 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

Date, Sept. 3rd., 1920

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Charles F. Belanger.

P. O. Address: Whitefish Point
City or town.

Number and street.

Mich.
State or Territory.

(If appointee is to be employed in the field, this form should be reviewed and approved by the proper field officer and need not be signed by an official of the Bureau. If appointee is to serve in the District of Columbia, the form should be reviewed and approved by the proper Bureau officer. When forwarding this form, no letter of transmittal is required.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded September 10, 1920., 191

(Signature) Edw L. Woodruff

(Official title) Superintendent of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
DETROIT, MICH.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

AWP:AB

SUPERINTENDENT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 11TH DISTRICT
POST OFFICE BUILDING
DETROIT, MICH.

May 26, 1921.

Charges preferred against
C.F.Beloungea, 2d A.K.
Whitefish Point Lt.Sta.

APPOINTMENTS

1921 JUN 1 AM 9 07

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D.C.

1921 MAY 31 PM 3 54

1. Charges have been preferred against Charles F. Beloungea, second Assistant Keeper, Whitefish Point Light Station, for violation of Article 476 of Regulations 1918, consisting of leaving the Service without due notice.

2. A copy of the charges preferred under date of May 17, are forwarded herewith. Beloungea's resignation is also forwarded.

3. No reply has been received from Beloungea up to the present, although copy of charges was received by him on May 19, 1921.

4. It is accordingly recommended that he be dismissed effective at the close of April 23, 1921. Recommendation in this case was held in abeyance until the present pending settlement by Beloungea for services of substitute hired at his request for a portion of the time he was absent from the station after the opening of navigation. This employee has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Edw. L. Woodworth
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Inclosures

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
JUN 3 - 1921
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
MAY 28 1921

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

Commissioner

JOS
6/1/21.

APPROVED:

Acting Secretary of Commerce.

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APPOINTMENTS

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DETROIT, MICH.

AWP:AB

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 11TH DISTRICT
POST OFFICE BUILDING
DETROIT, MICH.

REGISTERED MAIL

May 17, 1921.

Charles F. Beloungea,
424 Pine Street,
Marquette, Mich.

Sir:

Referring to your resignation of April 23, 1921, as second assistant keeper of Whitefish Point Light Station, after you had failed to return to duty on the opening of navigation, you are hereby charged with violation of Article 46 of Instructions to Employees 1915, and Article 476 of Regulations for the Lighthouse Service 1918, to the effect that any person who leaves the Service without due notice or offers his resignation and leaves the Service without action thereon on such short notice as to cause embarrassment to the Service, shall be recommended for dismissal unless he can give satisfactory reasons for his action.

You are hereby given three days from the receipt of this communication to submit such reply as you may desire to make.

Respectfully,

EDWARD U. TOUSSEY

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses
Eleventh District
RECEIVED
APR 26 1921
Detroit, Mich.
DEP'T OF COMMERCE

Cross Village, Mich.
April 23rd, 1921.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Sir:

I respectfully inform you, that I am tendering my resignation, as keeper of Whitefish Pt. L. Sta.

Respectfully,

Charles Pt. Belanger.

Fine Man!

June 1, 1921.

Sir:

It having been charged that you tendered your resignation and left the service on such short notice as to cause embarrassment to the service, the Department, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of Keeper of Whitefish Point Light Station, Michigan, at $660 per annum, effective at the close of April 25, 1921.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Charles F. Beloungea,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
JUN 31 1921
ON JOURNAL
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U. S. REPORT DATA
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Form 73

NOMINATION

CHIEF CLERK 680

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES RECD SEP 19 AM 9 11

SEP 19 AM 11 16 CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT SEP 17 1924

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 10th DISTRICT,

Buffalo, N. Y. (City.), Sept. 16 1924 (Date.), 1924

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Third Secretary, 2d. Civil Service District, New York City.

Action recommended, PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SEP 19 1924 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Name, CHARLES F. BELONGA — Legal residence, Michigan

Position, Keeper (1st. Asst.) — Salary, $1080. p.a.

Location, Toledo Harbor Lt. Sta., O. — Appropriation, Salaries, Kprs. of LH.

Effective date of appointment {~~the date he takes the oath of office and enters on duty~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, None — Former salary, --

Location, --

Rank on eligible list, 2 Rating, AK Percentage, 91.4, Other eligibles considered: M. W. Gajkowski (C); Thomas Dewey (C)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NSOPR SEP 22 1924 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Previous incumbent, Harley E. Johnson — Services terminated, date to be reported later

Reason, Resigned.

Members of family in Government Service, None

Date of birth, Sept. 17, 1897.

Remarks: No quarters are provided by the Government for the family of this employee.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, SEP 18 1924, 19

G. O. Parker
Assistant Secretary Second Civil Service District.

Horne
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 19 1924

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

710 Pgmts. P.D.

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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NOT TO BE ACCEPTED AS AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 20, 1924.

r. Charles F. Belonga,
M

the Commissioner of Lighthouses.
Through

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

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. _____) issued by the Assistant Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION SEP 23 1924 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary: SEP 23 1924

Respectfully,

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10th

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

CARDED

Vice: Harley E. Johnson.

Legal Residence: Michigan.

Form A-14 (See reverse side.) 11—6080

Form 111

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1924 OCT 9 PM 4 01
CHIEF CLERK
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
OCT 13 1924
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LIGHTHOUSES

I, CHARLES F. BELONGA

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

Charles F. Belonga
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 6th day of October, A. D. 19 24

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) L. L. Chrisman

(Official title) Notary public

My commission expires April 23 1927

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper (1st Asst.)	$1080 p.a.	Toledo Harbor Lt. Sta., Ohio.
Former [5] None	---	---

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

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 10th District

Buffalo, N. Y., (Address) Oct. 8, 1924. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Sept. 20, 1924. (Date)

CARDED

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

Ronne Hawne
(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 on or after the effective 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 superintendent of lighthouses 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 superintendent of lighthouses 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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STANDARD FORM NO. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

CHIEF CLERK. 1924 OCT 9 PM 4 01

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES 10TH DIST. 1924 OCT 9 BUFFALO, N.Y.

PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

Bureau, division, or office Dept. of Commerce Lt. House Service Buffalo N.Y.

1. Name in full Charles Francis Belonga

2. Legal (voting) residence Mich Mackinaw Mackinac Isl.
(State and Congressional District) (County) (City or town)

3. Where born? Michigan Mackinac Isle When born? Sept 11th 1897
(State or foreign country) (City or town) (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

SEX		MARITAL CONDITION				RACE. (If other, state which)	
Male √	Female	Single	Married √	Divorced	Widowed	White √	Colored

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year

7. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None	Army √	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War Veteran √	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary

Enlisted Dec 11th 1917 Discharged Apr. 4th 1919
Organization 33d Balloon Co.

Enlisted Apr. 5th 1919 Discharged Apr. 5th 1920
Organization 33d Balloon Co.

8.

EDUCATION (Circle number of years)	Common school	High school	College	Degrees, if any
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 2 3 (4)	1 2 3 4	

9. State special qualifications Through knowledge of navigation & handling of all kinds of boats also Mechanical experience

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Louis Belonga (Name) Father (Relationship)

Cross Village Michigan (Post office address)

CARDED

I certify that the foregoing answers are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Chas Belonga
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

Oct. 5th 1924 (Date) Present address 2015 Summit St. Toledo Ohio

Reviewed, approved and forwarded: Buffalo, N. Y., October 8, 1924.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

10—1659

Form 73 LIGHTHOUSES

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1924 OCT 7 PM 12 11 RG

CHIEF CLERK
1924 OCT 3 PM 3 4

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 10th DISTRICT.

Buffalo, N. Y., (City.) Oct. 6, 1924. (Date.) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Increase in compensation

Name, Charles F. Belonga — Legal residence, ~~XXXX~~ Michigan

Position, Keeper (1st Asst.) — Salary, $1200 p. a.

Location, Toledo Harbor Light Station, O. — Appropriation, Salaries, Kprs. of L.H.

Effective Oct. 1, 1924. {the actual date of entrance on duty, or ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~}

RECEIVED COMMERCE OCT 8 1924 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Former position, Same — Former salary, $1080 p. a.

Location, ~~Same~~

Rank on eligible list, -- Rating, Percentage, , Other eligibles considered:

Previous incumbent, -- Services terminated,

Reason,

Members of family in Government Service, --

Date of birth, --

Remarks: See Department approval Sept. 30, 1924, (Bureau File No. 715.)
No quarters are furnished by the Government for the family of this employee.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

10/8/24

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

OCT 7 - 1924

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPROVED:

ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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FORM A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 30, 1924.

Mr. Charles F. Belonga,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1080 per annum to $1200 per annum, effective October 1, 1924.

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,
EDW. J. GARDNER.

OCT 11 1924

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED OCT 11 1924 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

CARDED.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

4. Charles F. Belonga,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In connection with the readjustment of pay of positions in the Lighthouse Service the total compensation of the position occupied by you has been fixed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1925.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

WM. J. GAINER.
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

10 - Toledo Har. L.S. Ohio

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED FEB 7 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Position: Keeper

Salary: $1440 per annum

Appropriations: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
General Expenses, Lighthouse Service.

10th
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CARDED

FEB 6 - 1925

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
P. O. BOX 153
BUFFALO, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 FEB 16 AM 9 14

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 10TH DISTRICT
ROOM 313, OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING
BUFFALO, N. Y.

February 13, 1925.

SUBJECT: Charles F. Belonga, 1st A. K., Toledo Harbor L. H.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. There are transmitted herewith Civil Service application, Form 1025, together with recent correspondence in case of the above employee from which it will be seen that a false statement was made in answer to Question No. 12.

2. The correspondence shows that Mr. Belonga served a term in the State Prison at Marquette, Mich., for a serious offence and denied it in his application.

3. Mr. Belonga has been suspended from duty effective this date, as per copy of letter herewith.

4. Mr. Belonga is still serving under a probationary appointment, and it is recommended that his services be terminated effective at the close of Feb. 13, 1925.

5. Department letter of January 31, 1925, increasing Mr. Belonga's compensation effective Feb. 1, 1925, is also returned herewith for cancellation.

6. The return of the inclosures for the files of this office is requested.

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INCLOSURES:
1. Form 1025
2. Dept. letter Jan. 31, in duplicate.
3. Letter Feb. 9, to State Prison.
4. " " 11, from " " .
5. Copy letter Feb. 13, to Mr. Belonga.
6. Anonymous letter Feb. 5, 1925.

— where is his reply?

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In replying address
Commissioner of Lighthouses

and refer to date of this letter
and file No.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

CHIEF CLERK
1925 FEB 17 PM 3 33

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
FEB 18 1925
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

February 16, 1925.

SUBJECT: 10th Supt. letter, Feb. 13, discontinuance services Charles F. Belonga, (1st asst) keeper, Toledo Harbor.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval, for the reasons stated by the Superintendent. The return of the inclosures is requested, except Department notice of adjustment dated January 31, 1925 returned for cancellation.

(Incr 4 1440. Jno 1/25)

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

CARDED

APPROVED:

ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
ON JOURNAL
MAR 14 1925
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
P. O. BOX 353
BUFFALO, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 FEB 28 PM 3

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 10TH DISTRICT
ROOM 313, OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING
BUFFALO, N. Y.

Feburary 27, 1925.

SUBJECT: C. F. Belonga, 1st Asst. Keeper, Toledo Harbor.

REFERENCE: 10th Supt. letter Feb. 13, 1924.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Inclosed herewith are two letters dated Feb. 21, and Feb. 25, from Mr. Belonga, also two letters dated Feb. 14 and 25, from the Keeper of Toledo Harbor Lt. Sta., in reference to the conduct and efficiency of Mr. Belonga.

2. I have never seen Belonga and so have had no opportunity to judge the man from personal contact, but I appreciate the situation he is facing and believe he is entitled to sympathy and all the encouragement which can be extended to him. The man made a mistake for which he has been severely punished and for which he is still paying the cost. His offense for which he is now being judged is making a false statement in his application papers which he now admits, and pleads the extenuating circumstances.

3. The keeper at Toledo Harbor makes a favorable report on the character, conduct and efficiency of Belonga while serving at Toledo Harbor L. H. and from which it will be noted that Belonga is now married and living with his wife.

4. Attention is invited to the difficulties in keeping Toledo Harbor L. H. manned last season. There were seven different men employed in the two positions of assistant keeper. On one occasion one of the temporary men fell down the lantern stairs sustaining injuries necessitating sending him ashore for treatment. Belonga took the man ashore at 1:30 AM a distance of ten miles and returned at 8:00 AM with report. On this occasion the keeper made the following statement in his reports: "I am pleased to have such a man as Mr. Charles Belonga for 1st Asst."

5. If there is any course by which Mr. Belonga can be permitted to remain in the Service, and given a chance to reestablish his good name, which he evidently desires to do, without at the same time overlooking entirely the fact that he entered the Service on false statements, I am in favor of such action.

6. I believe the least disciplinary action which would be justified is to have his suspension without pay effective until the opening of navigation, and that the Bureau write him a letter calling attention to the gravity of his offense in misstatement and the considerations on which the lenient action taken were based.

7. The return of all papers is requested.

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IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO
LGJ
Incls.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

CHIEF CLERK

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March 3, 1925. PM 4 28

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAR 6 1925
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

SUBJECT: 10th Supt's. letter, Feb. 27. 1925, services Charles F. Belonga, 1st Assistant Keeper, Toledo Harbor L.H.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information, and with statement that the Bureau concurs in the Superintendent's views in the matter, and desires to withdraw its recommendation of February 16, 1925 for the termination of keeper Belonga's services during probation should there be no objection thereto. Should this recommendation be approved the Bureau will address a letter of caution to keeper Belonga in accordance with the Superintendent's view in paragraph 6.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

3-6-25

Why did he answer "no" to question 3 in application for examination? Why did he change his name when he reentered the L.H.S.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES 1925 MAR 19 PM 1 15

LIGHTHOUSES 1925 MAR 31 PM 12 05

March 13, 1925.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department has carefully considered the statements made in the correspondence transmitted with the Bureau's endorsement of March 3, 1925, with reference to the case of Charles F. Belonga, First Assistant Keeper, Toledo Harber Lighthouse, whose discontinuance during probation was recommended by you on February 26, 1925, in view of the false answer made by Mr. Belonga to Question 12 in his application for examination.

To enable the Department to determine the merits of this case, information is requested as to whether or not Charles F. Belonga is the same Charles F. Beloungea who was dismissed from the position of Second Assistant Keeper of Whitefish Point Light Station, Michigan, at the close of April 23, 1921, for violation of Article 476 of the regulations governing the Lighthouse Service.

By direction of the Secretary:

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAR 16 1925

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Buffalo, N.Y.

for report and return.

H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner.

RH-RG.

ADDRESS COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
P. O. BOX 153
BUFFALO, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 MAR 19 PM 1 14

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 MAR 31 PM 12 05

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 10TH DISTRICT
ROOM 313, OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING
BUFFALO, N. Y.

SUPT. OF LT. HOUSE
10TH DIST.
MAR 23 1925
BUFFALO, N. Y.

Supt.
1 A. Supt.
2 A. Supt.
Chf. Clk.
Corres. Clk.
Vchr. Clk.
Depot Kp.
Note
File

March 18, 1925.

SUBJECT: Bureau endorsement dated Mar. 16, 1925, on Appointment Division Letter dated March 13, 1925, relative to Charles Belonga, 1st Asst. Keeper, Toledo Harbor L.H., O.

1. Returned to the Commissioner.

2. I am advised by the Superintendent of the 11th District that the date of birth of Charles F. Beloungea who was employed in that district is Sept. 17, 1897. It is therefore evident that Charles F. Belonga is the same person.

3. It is important that an early disposition be made of this case, so that proper arrangements for the maintenance and opening of Toledo Harbor L. H. can be made. It is expected that navigation will open in that vicinity in the very near future. Telegraphic advice is therefore requested of the action taken.

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Inclosure

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
March 21, 1925.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Buffalo, N. Y. This matter was taken up informally with the Department, as a result of which it appears that a complete statement and explanation by Belonga is necessary in order that the Department may reach a decision. It is suggested that Belonga be communicated with and asked if he was dismissed from the eleventh district and any explanation he may desire to add in the interest of having his record cleared or being dismissed from the Service.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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RH:FAG.

ADDRESS COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
P. O. BOX 153
BUFFALO, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 10TH DISTRICT
ROOM 313, OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING
BUFFALO, N. Y.

March 23, 1925.

COPY
1925 MAR 24 PM 12 05
LIGHTHOUSES

Mr. Charles F. Belonga,
c/o Keeper, Toledo Lt. Sta.,
Toledo, Ohio.

Sir:

Records of the Department of Commerce show that you were dismissed from the position of 2nd Ass't. Keeper, Whitefish Point Light Station at the close of April 23, 1921 for violation of Article 476 of the Regulations govering the Lighthouse Service. Following is a copy of the Regulation referred to:

> 476. NOTICE OF RESIGNATION. - Any person who leaves the Service without due notice or offers his resignation and leaves the Service without action thereon on such short notice as to cause embarrassment to the Service shall be recommended for dismissal unless he can give satisfactory reasons for his action.

You are advised that the Department is now considering the question as to whether you can be reinstated to your position at Toledo Harbor, and in this connection it is suggested that you submit any explanation you may desire in connection with your previous dismissal from the Service.

It is advisable that this matter be disposed at the earliest practical date and if you have any explanation to submit in regard to this matter, please send same in at once.

Very truly yours,

Roscoe House

Roscoe House,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

GPO

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ADDRESS COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
P. O. BOX 153
BUFFALO, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 MAR 31 PM 12 05

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 10TH DISTRICT
ROOM 313, OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING
BUFFALO, N. Y.

SPECIAL

March 30, 1925.

SUBJECT: Bureau endorsement March 21, 1925, on 10th District letter March 18, 1925, relative to Charles Belonga, 1st Asst. Keeper, Toledo Harbor L. H., O.

CHIEF CLERK
1925 APR 1 PM 4 32

Returned to the Commissioner together with the following inclosures:

1. Letter dated March 13, 1925, addressed to the Commissioner of Lighthouses from the Appointment Division.
2. 10th District letter March 23, 1925, addressed to Mr. Belonga. (copy)
3. Letter dated March 28, 1925, from Mr. Belonga, together with a copy thereof.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APR 2 1925
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

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LGJ Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. April 1, 1925.
Incls.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information contained, attention being invited to Department letter of March 13, 1925 in the matter.

J. Cunningham
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

4/2/25

GPO

April 10, 1925.

The Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Transmitted herewith for an expression of the views of the Civil Service Commission is correspondence relative to Charles F. Belonga, Keeper, at the Toledo Harbor Light Station, Ohio, at $1080 per annum.

It is requested the enclosures be returned to the Department after their purpose shall have been served.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Enclosures.

Enclosures in the case of Charles F. Belonga.

1.- Letter date 2/8/25 - Sgd. A resident of Cross Village.
2.- Carbon of letter 2/9/25 to Supt. Marquette St. Prison from Supt. of LtH.
3.- Letter 2/11/25 from Warden, St. House of Correction & Branch Prison.
4.- Exam. papers of U.S. Civil Service Commission including Form 1025.
5.- Letter 2/13/25 to Chas. F. Belonga from Supt. of Lighthouses, Buffalo, NY
6.- Letter to Com. of LtH. from Of. of Supt. 10th Dist. Buffalo, N.Y.
7.- Carbon of letter 3/13/25 to Com. of Lt.H. from Appt. Division.
8.- Letter 2/16/25 from Com. of Lt. H.
9.- Letter 3/3/25 from Com. of Lt. H. (enclosures).
   (a) Letter 2/27/25 from Supt. of Lt.H. Buffalo, N.Y.
   (b) Letter 2/21/25 from Chas. F. Belonga.
   (c) Letter 2/14/25 from H. J. Schroeder, Keeper of Lt.St.
10.- Letter ~~3/10/25~~ 4/1/25 from Com. of Lt.H.
   (a) Letter March 18/25 from Supt. of Lt.H. Buffalo, N.Y.
   (b) Letter 3/13 from Appointment Division, to Com. of Lt.H.
   (c) Letter 3/23/25 to Chas. F. Belonga from Supt. of Lt. H., Buffalo, N.Y
   (d) Letter 3/26/25 from Chas. F. Belonga.
   (e) ~~Letter File of Chas. F. Belongea~~
   (f) ~~File of Chas. F. Belonga.~~

April 22, 1925.

Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Department will appreciate a response to its letter of April 10, 1925, inclosing certain correspondence relative to Charles F. Belonga, Keeper, at the Toledo Harbor Light Station, Ohio, at $1080 per annum, for an expression of the views of the Civil Service Commission.

Mr. Belonga has been suspended from duty pending the disposition of his case and early action is therefore desirable.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

G:S

APR 23 1925

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO

RG-EK
Incl.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

CHIEF CLERK
1925 APR 23 PM 4 17

April 23, 1925.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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ACTION TAKEN
APR 28 1925
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE
APR 24 1925
APPOINTMENT
DIVISION.

Secretary of Commerce.

1. With reference to Bureau indorsement of April 1 on the 10th Superintendent's letter of March 30, relative to the case of Charles F. Belonga:

2. For the Department's information in the case there is inclosed herewith a letter from Keeper Belonga dated April 20, 1925.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Put file

GPO

April 22, 1925.

The Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Department desires to acknowledge receipt of the Commission's letter of April 25, 1925, File A;JB;F, concerning Charles F. Belonga, Keeper at the Toledo Harbor Light Station, Ohio, and to enclose for the further information of the Commission, communication dated April 20, 1925, from Mr. Belonga.

It is requested that the enclosed letter be returned to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APR 2 8 1925

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Enclosure.

COMMISSIONERS

WILLIAM C. DEMING, PRESIDENT
GEORGE R. WALES
HELEN H. GARDENER

HERBERT A. FILER, CHIEF EXAMINER
JOHN T. DOYLE, SECRETARY

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ADDRESS ONLY
"CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION"
IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
FILE A:JB:F
AND DATE OF THIS LETTER

April 25, 1925.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APR 25 1925
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

Chief, Appointment Division,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
APR 25 1925
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Sir:

The Commission acknowledges receipt of your communications of April 10 and April 22, with reference to the case of Charles F. Belonga, Keeper at the Toledo Harbor Light Station, Ohio, who has been suspended from duty pending the disposition of his case by the Commission.

The facts in the case are that Belonga falsified question 12 of his application with reference to previous arrest. Under date of April 15, the Commission wrote this man and gave him an opportunity to present his side of the case and to show cause why he should not be barred from examinations until further notice. When the case is finally disposed of, the Commission will be pleased to advise you of the outcome.

By direction of the Commission.

Very respectfully,

John T. Doyle

Secretary.

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COMMISSIONERS
WILLIAM C. DEMING, PRESIDENT
GEORGE R. WALES
HELEN H. GARDENER

HERBERT A. FILER, CHIEF EXAMINER
JOHN T. DOYLE, SECRETARY

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ADDRESS ONLY
"CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION"
IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
FILE A:JB:F
AND DATE OF THIS LETTER

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 12 1925
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

May 12, 1925.

Chief, Appointment Division,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

With further reference to your communications of April 10 and April 22, concerning the case of Charles F. Belonga, Keeper of the Toledo Harbor Light Station, Ohio, who has been suspended from duty pending the disposition of his case by the Commission, you are informed that Mr. Belonga was given an opportunity to present his side of the matter and has acknowledged that he falsified the question in his application in regard to previous arrest.

In view of his action, the Commission has barred him from Civil Service examinations until further notice,,and it is requested that his services be terminated at once and this office advised when such action is taken.

By direction of the Commission.

Very respectfully,

May 13, 1925.
Respectfully referred to the Bureau of Lighthouses. The correspondence will be returned to the Bureau when received back from the Civil Service Commission.
Incl. No. 52092.

(SIGNED) JOHN T. DOYLE,
Secretary.

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

Ask that the correspondence be returned when done with.
D of A 5/13/25

MAY 13 1925

COMMISSIONERS

WILLIAM C. DEMING, PRESIDENT
GEORGE R. WALES
HELEN H. GARDENER

HERBERT A. FILER, CHIEF EXAMINER
JOHN T. DOYLE, SECRETARY

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ADDRESS ONLY
"CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION"
IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
FILE A:JB:F
AND DATE OF THIS LETTER

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 14 1925
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

May 13, 1925.

Chief of Appointment Division,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Reference is further made to your communications of April 10 and 22 concerning the case of Charles F. Belonga, Keeper at the Toledo Harbor Light Station, Ohio, who has been suspended from duty pending the Commission's action on the case, in view of his false statement as to arrest.

In the Commission's letter of May 12, advising you as to Belonga's debarment from Civil Service examinations, your portion of the file was not returned. It is enclosed herewith.

By direction of the Commission.

Very respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
MAY 15 1925
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

John T. Doyle

Incl. No. 32007.

Secretary.

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May 15, 1925.

The Chief Clerk, Bureau of Lighthouses:

The Department returns herewith the correspondence forwarded by the Bureau in connection with the case of Charles F. Belonga, attention being invited to letter dated May 12, 1925, from the the Civil Service Commission, endorsed to the Bureau under date of May 13, 1925. It will be noted that the examination papers and Form 1025 were not returned. The Civil Service Commission's attention has been called to its failure to return these papers, and if they are returned they will be forwarded to the Bureau.

By direction of the Secretary:

MAY 15 1925

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Enclosure.
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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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P. O. BOX 153
BUFFALO, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 JUN 12 PM 4 08

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 10TH DISTRICT
ROOM 313, OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING
BUFFALO, N. Y.

June 11, 1925.

SUBJECT: C. F. Belonga, (Asst.) Keeper, Toledo Harbor, LH., O.

REFERENCE: Bureau Form 84b, June 3, 1925.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUN 15 1925 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JUN 17 1925 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. In accordance with instructions in reference, it is recommended that the services of C. F. Belonga, (Asst.) Keeper, Toledo Harbor LH be terminated effective at the close of Feb. 13, 1925, which was the date of his suspension as reported in letter Feb. 13, 1925. It is believed the date of effect, May 12, as stated in reference was an inadvertence.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUN 22 1925 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

L. J. Thomson
Chief Clerk.

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J Bureau of Lighthouses, Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C.
June 13, 1925.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval, attention being invited to Department indorsement of May 13 transmitting the Civil Service Commission's authority of May 12, 1925 in the matter.

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPROVED:
6-15-25
ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ADDRESS ONLY
"CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION"
IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
FILE A: JB:MR
AND DATE OF THIS LETTER

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June 12, 1925.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN 18 1925
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Chief, Appointment Division,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Under date of May 12th, this office wrote you as follows:

"With further reference to your communications of April 10 and April 22, concerning the case of Charles F. Belonga, Keeper of the Toledo Harbor Light Station, Ohio, who has been suspended from duty pending the disposition of his case by the Commission, you are informed that Mr. Belonga was given an opportunity to present his side of the matter and has acknowledged that he falsified the question in his application in regard to previous arrest.

"In view of his action, the Commission has barred him from Civil Service examinations until further notice, and it is requested that his services be terminated at once and this office advised when such action is taken."

No reply has been received to date, and the Commission requests that you give this matter your prompt attention, and advise the Commission in order that its records may be completed in regard to this case.

By direction of the Commission.

Very respectfully,

John T. Doyle

Secretary.

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June 17, 1925.

Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

With reference to the Commission's letters of May 12, and June 12, 1925, File A:JB:MR, relative to Charles F. Bolonga, formerly Keeper at $1200 per annum at The Toledo Harbor Light Station, Ohio:

In accordance with the Commission's request, the services of Mr. Bolonga were terminated effective at the close of business on February 13, 1925, on which date he was suspended from duty.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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Chief of Appointment Division.

G:mfc

June 22, 1925.

Mr. Charles F. Belonga,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In accordance with instructions from the United States Civil Service Commission the Department has discontinued your services as Keeper of Toledo Harbor Light Station, Ohio, at $1200 per annum, effective at the close of business on February 13, 1925.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER. JUN 23 1925

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUN 23 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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10TH DIST.
FEB 9 1925
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Superintendent 10th Dist
Buffalo N.Y.

Sirs:- It is impossable for the people of our Village to understand how C. Carles Belonga can hold a Light House position. He has been in Marquette State prison for assaulting a little girl, he is considered a drinking brute and certainly is not fit for this position. Beside refering to the marquette State prison I give you for reference. A.B. Dodge P.O. Glen Wagley. Bill Davis. Jack Keller. Very truly

A resident of Cross Village

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February 9, 1925.

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The Superintendent,
Marquette State Prison,
Marquette, Mich.

Dear Sir:

Please advise this office if Charles F. Belonga of Cross Village, Mich., served a term in your institution. If so state his age, dates of service and give a brief history of his case. This information is desired in connection with consideration of the fitness of this man for employment in the Federal Service.

The inclosed envelope will require no postage if used to cover your reply.

Thanking you for your attention, I am

Very respectfully,

Roscoe House

FEB 9 1925

Roscoe House
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Form G 2000-6-13-24 G.P.C.

State House of Correction and Branch Prison

Marquette, Michigan

February 11, 1925.

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Mr. Roscoe House,
Supt. of Lighthouses,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry regarding Charles F. Beloungea, our No.3102.

Advise that he was sentenced April 28, 1921, from Emmet County for Assault with intent to commit rape and was given a term of two and one-half to ten years, six years recommended. He was paroled December 4, 1922, and was finally discharged from parole April 21, 1924, although his parole term was set at two years. He had a good prison record and was a trusty driving truck prior to his release on parole. I believe he will prove himself worthy of any chance you might give him in the service. So far as our records go he had no previous criminal history. The trial judge states that he served two terms of enlistment and was honorably discharged from both. His age at time of receipt at this institution in April, 1921, was twenty-three.

Very truly yours,

Jas. P. Corgan
Warden.

RH-RG.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
P. O. BOX 153
BUFFALO, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 10TH DISTRICT
ROOM 313, OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING
BUFFALO, N. Y.

February 13, 1925.

Mr. Charles F. Belonga,
P. O. Box 854,
Cross Village, Mich.

It has just been brought to the attention of this office that you served a term in the State Prison at Marquette, Mich., in 1921-2, on a serious charge.

In your application for appointment in the Civil Service of the United States, you made statement under oath, that you had never been connected with any crime or arrested upon any charge.

In view of this false statement in your application you are hereby suspended from duty effective this date, pending further action by the Department.

This suspension shall be with lawful pay and allowances, if you are exonerated of the charges or if they are not found to be sufficiently substantiated to justify suspension without pay; and shall be without pay and allowances if they are sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

REGISTERED MAIL.

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FEB 24 1925

BUFFALO, N. Y.

Surry. Co.,
2-21-25.

Superintendent of Light houses,
Buffalo. N. Y.

Sir:,

I respectfully inform you that your letter of the 13th was received.

As my one mistake in life has been brought to light, by some one, whom envies my determination to make good.

I hereby bare my one fault, with the hope that I may be absolved of blame by men who are able to look both sides of life, and gives me the chance to continue in the service that

I have always loved and studied and strived to learn in order to be efficient.

I pleaded not guilty to the charge preferred against me, which was, Attempt to rape, at the time I was under the influence of liquor, but although I paid the price for my mistake I always maintained that I was not guilty. & I always will until I cease to be no more.

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Respectfully

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10TH DIST.
FEB 27 1925
BUFFALO, N. Y.

Surg. No.
2-25-25.

Superintendent of Light houses
Buffalo N. Y.

Sir;

I respectfully inform you that your letter was received. I would wish to explain that I heartily regret the embarrassment that I have caused at this time.

I wish to ask that the Department take into consideration the fact, that during my service, I performed my duties to the very best of my ability.

That the difficulties encountered at Toledo Hbr. St. during the past year

was met with a willing nerve
to overcome the situation's
for the good of the service,
which was appreciated and
approved by the Department, in
awarding Toledo Hbr. Lt Sta. the
pennant for the year 1913.

I am confident that Keeper
H. J. Schroeder was well satisfied
as to my character & ability.

As my work through life,
has been largely given to
work upon the waters of
the Great Lakes, and other
duties which I have would
fit me for work in the service,

As to my application
which has caused the present
situation, I want to state,
that I only endeavored

to better my conditions, to make good in life, and by doing so I applied for service, so by I could do the most good.

I hand my resignation relief me of further trouble, which I beg the Department to drop for my good intentions and past services.

I respectfully tender my resignation as 1st Asst. Eng. U.S.S. Toledo 4 br. Lt Sts.

I am Very Respectfully

C. F. Belaga

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SUPT. OF LT. HOUSES
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FEB 10 1925
BUFFALO, N. Y.

TENTH DISTRICT

Toledo Harbor Ohio
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feby 14, 1925

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Sir: I herewith acknowledge the receipt of two applecation blanks to be used in securing assistants at Toledo Harbor Light Sta; also copy of letter concerning Mr. Chas Belonga, I will try to locate suitable man and give notice if successfull before March 1st. I am surprised to hear of the Charges against Mr Belonga's Character, and to know that I am to lose His helpfull assistance. I judged Mr. Belonga to be a man of good Character, and in the discharge of His duties at the Light Station he has proven Himself industerious & competent, if possible I would recomend His reinstalement. Mr. & Mrs Belonga visited at my home evening of Feb 12. informing me at that time that they intended to make a visit to Mrs Belonga's home, the address given to me is Mr Chas Belonga, Surry Va & Virginia.

Respectfully Submitted
H. J. Schroeder Keeper

SUPT. OF LT. HOUSES
BUFFALO, N. Y.
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BUFFALO, N. Y.

TENTH DISTRICT

Toledo Harbor Ohio
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feby - 25 -, 1925

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Sir:

In reply to Office Letter of 24th inst. regards to Mr Chas Belonga. I make the following statement, and be it understood that same is not by reason of any personal motive, but in the cause of justice and toleration.

I have never known Mr Belonga previous to the time when He reported to me for duty at Toledo Harbor Ol. Sta. I know very little about his past life, judging from talks we have had together. His life has not been one of dissipation, I believe He has always earned a living by honest endevor. Since I have known him I must say that His conduct has always been above reproche, but at the Station where we receive visitors at times, and also when He visited at my home during my absence. The people with whom Mr + Mrs Belonga made their home here in Toledo speak well of them. As for Mr Belonga drinking liquor it has never come to my notice. I do not think

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TENTH DISTRICT

Toledo Harbor Ohio
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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Feby 25, 1925

Sir: That Mr Belonga would permit him to do so at home and I do know that he has never had any liquor at the station.

I can remember well on one occasion when Mr Belonga refused to accept a drink offered by a fishing party. I remember Mr. Belonga saying at the time that he was a total abstainer and I think he was sincere. I have never known Mr Belonga to speak untruthfully on any matter, in performing his regular duties he is not perfection, but he is reliable, doing the best he knows how. and I have a lot of confidence in him regardless of the serious mistake he made there is just a possible chance of his being a case of miscarriage of justice. I have said all I can for or against Mr Belonga, and am not considering my personal interests in doing so. I must admit - that I favor Mr. Belonga reinstatement if possible.

Respectfully Submitted H J Schroeder Keeper

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SUPT. OF LT. HOUSES
10TH DIST.
MAR 30 1925
BUFFALO, N. Y.

Buffalo, N. Y. March 28th 25.

Superintendent of Light houses
Buffalo N. Y.

Sir:

I respectfully inform you that your letter of March 23rd was received.

In regards to violation of Article 476 of the Regulations governing the Light house service.

In behalf of my honest endeavors, to return to Toledo Hbr. Lt. Sta., I truthfully explain to the office that, during the time that I was awaiting trial in

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March and April of the year 1901. I wrote the keeper to employ a substitute in my place, and also informed the office that I was unable to report for duty at the opening of navigation.

The keeper employed a substitute, as I explained that it was impossible for me to secure a man to take my place. I also informed the office of this fact, and it was approved, and notice forwarded the keeper to hire a substitute in my place, until such time that I could report for duty and remburse

said substitute out of my pay, which was done accordingly.

As my conscience was clear, and I was innocent, which fact I have always maintained, of the charge against me, I firmly believed that after my trial, I would be free to return to my duties in the Lt. House Service.

After my conviction which was not qualified, it was necessary for me to tender my resignation as 2nd Asst Keeper of White Fish, Pt. Lt Sta.

The office then wrote me concerning my resignation

and gave me three days in which to explain why I had resigned.

Due to the fact that I was convicted, I did not received my mail, until said time had expired, & then I considered it useless to make reply.

I wish to state further in behalf of my self that and honest endeavor to continue in the service as an efficient and upright employee. That if the office so choose to investagate my record in life, It will find that I have always lived honestly and upright

up to the time of one
month prior and after it.
If the office wishes
it can find out, that I
have never entered into the
door of any county jail
or court-house, or was
never reprimanded for the
least violation of law,
until my trial in 1921.
I respectfully and
heartily ask the department
to exonerate me of this
charge and reinstate me
in the service, I work
which I have always
taken great pride in,
and I have tried so
earnestly since boyhood
to become efficient in

In my statements on application blanks I only endeavored to cast off the burden that was unjustly placed upon me. I only cry out for an opportunity to continue and make good in my chosen work.

If the department reinstates me I trust that it will do so at soon as possible. As my funds are limited and it will be necessary for me to secure employment I am waiting & hoping that I may return to duties at Toledo Ohio. Etc.

Yours Respectfully,

C. E. Belonga

RH-RG.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 10TH DISTRICT
ROOM 313, OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING
BUFFALO, N. Y.

FEB 16 1925 To Dept.

February 13, 1925.

SUBJECT: Charles F. Belonga, 1st A. K., Toledo Harbor L. H.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. There are transmitted herewith Civil Service application, Form 1025, together with recent correspondence in case of the above employee from which it will be seen that a false statement was made in answer to Question No. 12.

2. The correspondence shows that Mr. Belonga served a term in the State Prison at Marquette, Mich., for a serious offense and denied it in his application.

3. Mr. Belonga has been suspended from duty effective this date, as per copy of letter herewith.

4. Mr. Belonga is still serving under a probationary appointment, and it is recommended that his services be terminated effective at the close of Feb. 13, 1925.

5. Department letter of January 31, 1925, increasing Mr. Belonga's compensation effective Feb. 1, 1925, is also returned herewith for cancellation.

6. The return of the inclosures for the files of this office is requested.

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INCLOSURES:
1. Form 1025
2. Dept. letter Jan. 31, in duplicate.
3. Letter Feb. 9, to State Prison.
4. " " 11, from " " .
5. Copy letter Feb. 13, to Mr. Belonga.
6. Anonymous letter Feb. 5, 1925.

Belonga made misstatement in application re conviction, for which 10th recs discontinues serving probation Rec'd to dept TR 2/16

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Incls.

February 16, 1925.

SUBJECT: 10th Supt. letter, Feb. 13, discontinuance services Charles F. Belonga, 1st asst. keeper, Toledo Harbor.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval, for the reasons stated by the Superintendent. The return of the inclosures is requested, except Department notice of adjustment dated January 31, 1925 returned for cancellation.

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LGJ

February 18, 1925.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Buffalo, N. Y.

1. Referring to your letter of February 13, recommending the termination of the services of Charles F. Belonga, 1st assistant keeper, Toledo Harbor L. H., effective at the close of February 13:

2. Action on your recommendation is deferred pending receipt of Belonga's reply to your letter of February 13. If his reply has not been received and a reasonable time has elapsed, advise the Bureau.

A. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RH-RG.

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BUFFALO, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 10TH DISTRICT
ROOM 313, OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING
BUFFALO, N. Y.

Feburary 27, 1925.

MAR 3 - 1925
Dept.

SUBJECT: C. F. Belonga, 1st Asst. Keeper, Toledo Harbor.

REFERENCE: 10th Supt. letter Feb. 13, 1924.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Inclosed herewith are two lettersdated Feb. 21, and Feb. 25, from Mr. Belonga, also two letters dated Feb. 14 and 25, from the Keeper of Toledo Harbor Lt. Sta., in reference to the conduct and efficiency of Mr. Belonga.

2. I have never seen Belonga and so have had no opportunity to judge the man from personal contact, but I appreciate the situation he is facing and believe he is entitled to sympathy and all the encouragement which can be extended to him. The man made a mistake for which he has been severely punished and for which he is still paying the cost. His offense for which he is now being judged is making a false statement in his application papers which he now admits, and pleads the extenuating circumstances.

3. The keeper at Toledo Harbor makes a favorable report on the character, conduct and efficiency of Belonga while serving at Toledo Harbor L. H. and from which it will be noted that Belonga is now married and living with his wife.

4. Attention is invited to the difficulties in keeping Toledo Harbor L. H. manned last season. There were seven different men employed in the two positions of assistant keeper. On one occasion one of the temporary men fell down the lantern stairs sustaining injuries necessitating sending him ashore for treatment. Belonga took the man ashore at 1:30 AM a distance of ten miles and returned at 8:00 AM with report. On this occasion the keeper made the following statement in his reports: "I am pleased to have such a man as Mr. Charles Belonga for 1st Asst."

5. If there is any course by which Mr. Belonga can be permitted to remain in the Service, and given a chance to reestablish his good name, which he evidently desires to do, without at the same time overlooking entirely the fact that he entered the Service on false statements, I am in favor of such action.

6. I believe the least disciplinary action which would be justified is to have his suspension without pay effective until the opening of navigation, and that the Bureau write him a letter calling attention to the gravity of his offense in misstatement and the considerations on which the lenient action taken were based.

7. The return of all papers is requested.

(COPY) EMF.

Surry, Va.
2-21-25.

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Buffalo, N. Y.

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2-25-25

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Sir:

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I wish to ask that the Department take into consideration the fact that during my service I performed my duties to the very best of my ability.

That the difficulties encountered at Toledo Dbr. Lt. Sta. during the past year was met with a willingness to overcome the situations for the good of the service, which was appreciated and approved by the Department in awarding Toledo Hb. Lt. Sta. the pennant for the year 1925.

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Should my resignation relieve me of further trouble, which I beg the Department to drop for my good intentions and past service.

I regretfully tender my resignation as 1st Asst. Keeper of Toledo Hbr. Lt. Sta., I am very respectfully,

(Sgd.) C. F. Belonga.

(COPY) EMP

Department of Commerce
Lighthouse Service

Tenth District
Toledo Harbor, Ohio.
Feb. 14, 1925.

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Respectfully submitted

(Sgd.) H. J. Schroeder, Keeper.

(COPY) EMF

Department of Commerce
Lighthouse Service

Tenth District
Toledo Harbor, Ohio
Feb. 25, 1925.

Sir:

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Respectfully submitted

(Sgd.) H. J. Schroeder, Keeper.

Dept. phoned as to whether Bu, in view of Belonga's letter of explanation of Mar. 28, still held to its rec of Mar. 3 for Belonga's retention, as recommended by the 10th. As the Bu made no fur. rec. this appears to be the case. The 10th, in submitting Belonga's explanation, apparently considers Belonga's retention still warranted, as he did not modify his former rec.

Belonga's statement of his dismisall (resignation without due notice) would indicate that his action resulted from his conviction. In view of this explanation, it would appear warranted for the Bu to adhere to its concurrence with the 10th in its rec to the Dept. on Mar. 3.

The principal keeper of Toledo Harbor (x 3-keeper station) states: Belonga is reliable, doing the best he knows how and I have a lot of confidence x in him regardless of the severe mistake he made.x

The 10th states: If there is any course by which Mr. Belonga can be permitted to remain in the Ser. and given a chance to reestablish his good name, which he evidently desires to do, without at the same time overlooking entirely the fact that he entered the Ser. on false statements, I am in favor of such action. (If retained, Bu to caution).

OK

TR 4/3

So far as the technicality of failing to make statement of his dismissal in C.S. application this seems intimately bound up with other offense and does not aggravate it. Seems as much reason to remd retention as when such recm was made, Mch 3. WPK 4/3

MGJ
Incls.

March 3, 1925.

SUBJECT: 10th Supt's. letter, Feb. 27. 1925, services Charles F. Belonga, 1st Assistant Keeper, Toledo Harbor L.H.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information, and with statement that the Bureau concurs in the Superintendent's views in the matter, and desires to withdraw its recommendation of February 16, 1925 for the termination of keeper Belonga's services during probation should there be no objection thereto. Should this recommendation be approved the Bureau will address a letter of caution to keeper Belonga in accordance with the Superintendent's view in paragraph 6.

G. R. PUTNAM
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

3/21/25 2d to 10th

March 13, 1925.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department has carefully considered the statements made in the correspondence transmitted with the Bureau's endorsement of March 3, 1925, with reference to the case of Charles F. Belonga, First Assistant Keeper, Toledo Harber Lighthouse, whose discontinuance during probation was recommended by you on February 26, 1925, in view of the false answer made by Mr. Belonga to Question 12 in his application for examination.

To enable the Department to determine the merits of this case, information is requested as to whether or not Charles F. Belonga is the same Charles F. Beloungea who was dismissed from the position of Second Assistant Keeper of Whitefish Point Light Station, Michigan, at the close of April 23, 1921, for violation of Article 476 of the regulations governing the Lighthouse Service.

By direction of the Secretary:

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Previous sentence
Sept 28-19-1

EDW. J. GARDNER.

EG:B

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAR 16 1925
To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Buffalo, N.Y.
for report and return.
H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner.

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March 20, 1925.

Memorandum.

3/21/25 2nd 10th

The fact that the dates of birth of Beloungea and Belonga are the same is already known to the Department, and the 10th's report of this matter does not appear sufficient to settle the case or to get the 10th's recommendation for Beloungea's retention approved by the Dept.

Apparently these two men are the same, and apparently the resignation from the 11th without due notice (for which he was dismissed on April 23, 1921) was due to his arrest.

The Department's letter appears to require a complete statement from Belonga in the matter, as the clearing of his record for his dismissal from the Service is involved. Recommend return to 10th for further report.

Concurred with

OK Think we don't want him

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If Belonga is same man who was dismissed, Dept wants statements: ① why changed name; ② why did not state facts of dismissal on application, etc

RG 3/20

RH-RG.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
P. O. BOX 153
BUFFALO, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 MAR 19 PM 1 14

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 10TH DISTRICT
ROOM 313, OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING
BUFFALO, N. Y.

March 18, 1925.

SUBJECT: Bureau endorsement dated Mar. 16, 1925, on Appointment Division Letter dated March 13, 1925, relative to Charles F. Belonga, 1st Asst. Keeper, Toledo Harbor L.H., O.

1. Returned to the Commissioner.

2. I am advised by the Superintendent of the 11th District that the date of birth of Charles F. Beloungea who was employed in that district is Sept. 17, 1897. It is therefore evident that Charles F. Belonga is the same person.

3. It is important that an early disposition be made of this case, so that proper arrangements for the maintenance and opening of Toledo Harbor L. H. can be made. It is expected that navigation will open in that vicinity in the very near future. Telegraphic advice is therefore requested of the action taken.

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Inclosure

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
March 21, 1925.

House.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Buffalo, N. Y. This matter was taken up informally with the Department as a result of which it appears that a complete statement and explanation by Belonga is necessary in order that the Department may reach a decision. It is suggested that Belonga be communicated with and asked if he was dismissed from the eleventh district and any explanation he may desire to add in the interest of having his record cleared or being dismissed from the Service.

Dep. Comr.
Comr.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 10TH DISTRICT
ROOM 313, OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING
BUFFALO, N. Y.

SPECIAL

March 30, 1925.

SUBJECT: Bureau endorsement March 21, 1925, on 10th District letter March 18, 1925, relative to Charles Belonga, 1st Asst. Keeper, Toledo Harbor L. H., O.

Returned to the Commissioner together with the following inclosures:

1. Letter dated March 13, 1925, addressed to the Commissioner of Lighthouses from the Appointment Division.
2. 10th District letter March 23, 1925, addressed to Mr. Belonga. (copy)
3. Letter dated March 28, 1925, from Mr. Belonga, together with a copy thereof.

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Incls.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. April 1, 1925.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information contained, attention being invited to Department letter of March 13, 1925 in the matter.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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LIGHTHOUSES
1925 MAR 31 PM 12 05

Surry, Va.,
March 28, 1925.

COPY

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Sir:

I respectfully inform you that your letter of March 23rd was received.

In regards to violation of Article 476 of the Regulations governing the Lighthouse Service.

In behalf of my honest endeavors to return to Toledo Harbor Light Station, I truthfully explain to the office that during the time that I was awaiting trial in March and April of the year 1921, I wrote the Keeper to employ a substitute in my place and also informed the office that I was unable to report for duty at the opening of navigation.

The Keeper employed a substitute, as I explained that it was impossible for me to secure a man to take my place. I also informed the office of this fact, and it was approved, and notice forwarded the Keeper to hire a substitute in my place, until such time that I could report for duty and reimburse said substitute out of my pay, which was done accordingly.

As my conscience was clear, and I was innocent, which fact I have always maintained of the charge against me, I firmly believed that after my trial I would be free to return to my duties in the Lighthouse Service.

After my conviction which was not justified, it was necessary for my to tender my resignation as 2nd Asst. Keeper of Whitefish Pt. Light Station.

The office then wrote me concerning my resignation and gave me three days in which to explain why I had resigned. Due to the fact that I was convicted, I did not receive my mail until said time had expired and then I considered it needless to make reply.

I wish to state further in behalf of my heartfelt and honest endeavor to continue in the service as an efficient and upright employee, that if the office so chooses to investigate my record in life, it will find that I have always lived honestly and upright up to the time of one misfortune and after it.

If the office wishes it can find out that I have never entered into the door of any county jail or court-house, or was never reprimanded for the least violation of law until my trial in 1921.

I respectfully and heartly ask the department to exonerate me of this charge and reinstate me in the service, a work which I have always taken great pride in and have tried so earnestly since boyhood to become efficient in.

In my statements on application blanks I only endeavored to cast off the burden that wa s unjustly placed upon me.

I only cry out for an opportunity to continue and make good in my chosen work. If the Department reinstates me I trust that it will do so as soon as possible, as my funds are limited and it will be necessary for me to secure employment.

Trusting and hoping that I may return to duties at Toledo Harbor Light Station, I am

Respectfully,

C. F. Belonga (Signed)

COPY FOR COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES See Bureau endorsement March 21, 1925, on 10th District letter March 18, 1925. (File No.)

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April 10, 1925.

Lighthouse Superintendent Buffalo, N. Y.

1. Referring to your telegram of April 8, 1925, relative to the case of Charles Belonga, 1st Assistant Keeper, Toledo Harbor L.H.:

2. The Bureau has been informally advised that the Department has referred the matter to the Civil Service Commission for decision, which will probably take several days. You will be advised by telegraph in the matter as soon as practicable.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Surry, Va.
April 20, 1925.

4/23/25 note Dept.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I respectfully inform you with permission through the proper channels that my case is now under consideration by the Civil Service Commission, which will decide whether or not I,"Charles F. Belonga" shall be reinstated at Toledo Harbor Light Station.

In my correspondence with the office, which said correspondence was forwarded to the Department at Washington for consideration, I endeavored to the best of my ability to answer the charges pertaining to my suspension from the Service, which took effect February 13, 1925.

Due to the fact that I have devoted a greater portion of my 27 years in trying to learn to be an efficient lighthouse keeper, and in which service my father devoted the best years of his life and also in which service I have three brothers at various stations on the Great Lakes.

I dread being an outcast as the youngest member of the family, through my one and only one misfortune, and to which charge I have always maintained my innocence and to which charge I plead not guilty.

Should my personal appearence at the Department for an interview help in anyway to make matters more favorable for my reinstatement, I will gladly do so.

Trusting that the Department will give me clemency, I am

Respectfully,

(Signed) C. F. Belonga.

original & above to Dept.

RG-EK
Incl.

April 23, 1925.

Secretary of Commerce.

1. With reference to Bureau indorsement of April 1 on the 10th Superintendent's letter of March 30, relative to the case of Charles F. Belonga;

2. For the Department's information in the case there is inclosed herewith a letter from Keeper Belonga dated April 20, 1925.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 10th Dist.

Form 84 RWG.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 10th DISTRICT.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 15, 1925.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Washington, D. C.

No further reply has been received from the Bureau to communication (Letter) from this office dated Feb. 13, 1925 on the subject of Charles F. Belonga, 1st Asst. Keeper, Toledo Harbor LH., O., since Bureau endorsement April 23, 1925, on copy of letter to the Department. Copy of letter from Mr. Belonga dated Apr. 30, 1925, inclosed.

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IGJ Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. May 18, 1925.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Buffalo, N. Y., attention being invited to Bureau indorsement of May 16, 1925 in the matter. You are advised that Mr. Belonga called at the Bureau today desiring a reconsideration of his case. He was advised to take the matter up with the Civil Service Commission with any additional information he may have. You will be advised should the Commission reconsider the case.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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To be forwarded in duplicate. Indicate in blank space inclosed in parentheses character of the communication, that is, whether letter, indorsement, Form 80, Form 97, etc.

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LIGHTHOUSES
1925 MAY 16 PM 3 54

Surry, Va., April 30, 1925.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Sir:

I respectfully inform you that since my suspension from duty which took effect on the 13th day of February, I have been without employment.

It has been quite impossible for me to seek employment, due to the delay in decision pertaining to my suspension from duty.

My case as stated in my correspondence with the office, and other facts also mentioned had been true to the very best of my knowledge, and no one, not even my greatest enemy, although unknown to me, cannot say otherwise.

Respectfully,

C. F. Belonga (Signed)

COMMISSIONERS
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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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"CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION"
IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
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May 12, 1925.

Inclosure Received

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 MAY 14 AM 10 07

Chief, Appointment Division,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

JUN 3 - 1925
Reminder to 10th

Sir:

With further reference to your communications of April 10 and April 22, concerning the case of Charles F. Belonga, Keeper of the Toledo Harbor Light Station, Ohio, who has been suspended from duty pending the disposition of his case by the Commission, you are informed that Mr. Belonga was given an opportunity to present his side of the matter and has acknowledged that he falsified the question in his application in regard to previous arrest.

In view of his action, the Commission has barred him from Civil Service examinations until further notice,,and it is requested that his services be terminated at once and this office advised when such action is taken.

By direction of the Commission.

Very respectfully,

May 13, 1925.
Respectfully referred to the Bureau of Lighthouses. The correspondence will be returned to the Bureau when received back from the Civil Service Commission.

(SIGNED) JOHN T. DOYLE,
Secretary.

Incl. No. 32092. Clifford Harding
Chief of Appointment Division.

MAY 16 1925
Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 10th Supt
Be guided accordingly.

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Lucy, Va.,
7-20-25.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
Washington D. C.

Sir:

I respectfully inform you, with permission through the proper channels that my case is now under consideration by the Civil Service Commission, which will decide whether or not, F. Carlos F. Belonga shall be reinstated at Toledo Harbor Lt. Sta.

In my correspondence with the Bureau, which ended

correspondence was forwarded to the Department at Washington for consideration. I endeavored to the best of my ability to answer the charges pertaining to my suspension from the service, which took effect Feb 12th 1925.

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to make matters more favorable for my reinstatement, I will gladly do so. Trusting that the Department will give me clemency.

I am Respectfully
C. L. Belong

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES

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May 15, 1925.

The Chief Clerk, Bureau of Lighthouses:

The Department returns herewith the correspondence forwarded by the Bureau in connection with the case of Charles F. Belonga, attention being invited to letter dated May 12, 1925, from the the Civil Service Commission, endorsed to the Bureau under date of May 13, 1925. It will be noted that the examination papers and Form 1025 are not returned. The Civil Service Commission's attention has been called to its failure to return these papers, and if they are returned they will be forwarded to the Bureau.

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By direction of the Secretary:

Clifford Harding

Chief of Appointment Division.

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June 3, 1925.

Buffalo, N. Y.

indorsement

May 16, 1925 terminating services of Charles F. Belonga, Keeper, Toledo Harbor Light Station. The Civil Service Commission's decision of May 12, 1925 appears to be final, and you are requested to submit recommendation for the termination of Belonga's services in accordance with the Commission's authority, effective close of May 12.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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P. O. BOX 153
BUFFALO, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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1925 JUN 12 PM 4 08

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 10TH DISTRICT
ROOM 313, OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING
BUFFALO, N. Y.

June 11, 1925.

SUBJECT: C. F. Belonga, Asst. Keeper, Toledo Harbor,LH., O.

REFERENCE: Bureau Form 84b, June 3, 1925.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. In accordance with instructions in reference, it is recommended that the services of C. F. Belonga, Asst. Keeper, Toledo Harbor LH be terminated effective at the close of Feb. 13, 1925, which was the date of his suspension as reported in letter Feb. 13, 1925. It is believed the date of effect, May 12, as stated in reference was an inadvertence.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

L. J. THOMSON

Chief Clerk.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C.
June 13, 1925.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval, attention being invited to Department indorsement of May 13 transmitting the Civil Service Commission's authority of May 12, 1925 in the matter.

H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Approved for
Dept. action
by delegation
dated June 10, 1925

GPO

RG:EMF November 12, 1927.

Secretary of Commerce:

It is requested that the Bureau be loaned the folder of Mr. Charles F. Belonga, who was formerly assistant keeper at Toledo Harbor Light Station, Ohio.

By direction of the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN

Chief Clerk, Bureau of Lighthouses.

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November 14, 1927.

The Hecht Company,
7th and F Sts., N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen: (Attention Employment Office)

1. Referring to your request of November 10 for information regarding the employment in the Lighthouse Service of one Charles Francis Beloungea:

2. You are respectfully informed that Mr. Beloungea was employed as a lighthouse keeper in this Service from August 14, 1920 to April 23, 1921 and from September 20, 1924 to February 13, 1925. His first employment was terminated by dismissal from the Service on account of insufficient notice of his intention to resign. His second employment was terminated through the discontinuance of his services on account of a false statement made in a Civil Service application. According to the records Mr. Beloungea was born September 17, 1897.

3. Your stamped envelope and the accompanying card requesting the above information are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.