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REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Burns, Andrew	4563213
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
afbfg4@umsl.edu	636-415-7353

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
Bement, Joseph, F.		

MILITARY SERVICE

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

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

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

Date & Place of Death:

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (CT/NJ/NY) 3rd District	From: 1916	To: 1917
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: C-0W848987

Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s):

Remarks: BSS3

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- ☐ Items Removed and User Informed

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
32 DIST.
NOV
19
1915
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

MARCH 5, 1913.

To the CHIEFS OF BUREAUS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE:

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

William C. Redfield
Secretary.

1913 Joseph W. Bennett

PART I.

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

1. What is your full name? (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.)

Joseph W. Bennett

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

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

City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.
East Setauket	New York	Suffolk	1st Dist.

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

5. Where were you born? New York City

6. When were you born? October 11th 1867

Month.	Day.	Year.
October	11th	1867

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

Mrs Joseph Bennett 24 Calhoun St
Name. Number and street.

Warrington Conn
City or town. State or Territory.

8. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? No

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

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.

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

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by Examination at Post-Detached/ State Not Known

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

Operation on for Hernia No effects.

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
No					

12. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.) No

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

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

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

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

15. 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) ——

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service ——

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

"Lawyer," or "Civil Engineer," or "Translator," or "Interpreter," or "Draftsman," or "Carpenter.")

Annapolis Md State

19. What, if any, civil service examinations have you passed? (Give names and dates as near as you recollect.) None

In addition my

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

Yes

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. November 16th, 191 5

Witness: (Signature) Joseph M. Bennett

P. O. Address: 24 Jefferson St

City or town. Annapolis

Number and street.

State or Territory. Md

In case signature is by mark.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded May 19, 191 5

(Signature)

(Official title) Clerk

11—1434

To the SECRETARY OF COMMERCE:

SIR: I acknowledge receipt of a copy of Department Circular No. 253, of December 5, 1913, relating to political activity of officeholders, and fully understand its purport.

Joseph M. Bennett
(Name.)

Additional Keeper
(Position.)

Light House Service
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

Date, November 16th 1915

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. NOV 19 1915 RECEIVED PATCHOGUE, L.I., N.Y.

Date, November 16

question shall state briefly the nature of your service indicated in answer to questions 11, 12, 13, and 14.)

Iron Worker Land clearing rough Carpenter Work

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

Public School

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

Ironworker by trade

19. What, if any, civil service examinations have you passed? (Give names and dates as near as you recollect.) None as above only

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

Yes

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. November 16th, 1915

Witness:

(Signature) Joseph M. Bennett

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: 24 Calhoun St
City or town.
Farrington
Number and street.
Conn
State or Territory.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Nov 19, 1915

(Signature)

(Official title)

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PART II.

(Part II should be executed by the executive officer of the Bureau of the Department to which the employee is assigned or by some authorized official who can give the information desired. If unable to answer any question, indicate that fact.)

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

L.H. Service (Bureau or Service.) | At Large (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) | 3 (District.)

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

3. State the date of appointment. Oct 29, 1915

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

5. State the date of the oath. Nov 9, 1915

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. Nov 4/15

7. What is his salary? 456 per a.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries Keepers

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

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

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

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12. Is the employee required to give bond?

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

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department. (Signature)

(Official title)

Date: ——, 191

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OUR MOTTO--Full Measure, Full Weight, Full Value

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J. H. McDowell

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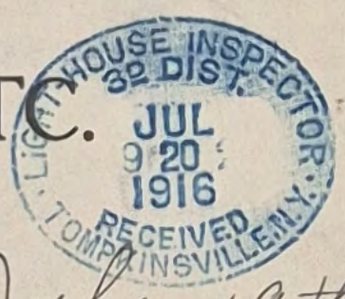

Was 1st A.E. of West Bank, resigned June 30, 1916. Last known address 641 North Main St. Torrington, Conn.

East Setauket, L. I., July 19th 1916.

U.S. Light House Inspector.

Dear Sir:

Would like to know if you have a man in your district named Joseph Bement. He owes me a grocery bill amounting ~~to~~ $30.00. He has never made any effort to pay me since he left here. Would you kindly see about this matter as I am in need of money to pay my own bills.

Please let me know in regards to this information & thanking you for your trouble,

I remain,

Respectfully Yours

Jas. H. McDowell.

FWO-WJL

July 20,1916.

Mr.J.H.McDowell,
East Setauket,L.I.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of July 19th 1916 requesting information as to whether or not there is a man in this district named Joseph Bement.

You are informed that Joseph Bement was formerly 1st assistant keeper of West Bank Light Station. He resigned June 30th 1916. The last known address of Mr. Bement is 641 North Main Street, Torrington, Conn.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

Respectfully,

Raymond Haskell

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Form 93 JHG

LETTER TRANSMITTING RESIGNATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., June 15, 1916 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted the resignation of the following-named employee:

Name, Joseph F. Bement Position, 1st assistant keeper

Legal residence, New York Station, West Bank Light Station, N.Y.

Salary, $516.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of June 30, 1916

This employee has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Remarks:

ASPINWALL
BUTLER
GAVIGAN

J T YATES

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4623

C O P Y

West Bank Light,

June 13,1916

Inspector

Please except my resignation to take effect the first of July. As I have done my duty while in the Light House Service I would like to have a recommendation discharge.

Joseph F. Bement,
1st Asst.Keeper,
West Bank Light
Tompkinsville,N.Y.

Millard Caler,

Keeper.

JHG

Joseph F. Bement, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
West Bank Light Station,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

June 15,1916

Your letter dated June 13,1916 resigning your position as 1st assistant keeper of West Bank Light Station, has been received and forwarded to Washington, with recommendation that same be accepted, effective at the close of June 30,1916.

J T YATES

Inspector

LIGHT
JUN 20 1916
HOUSES

June 17, 1916.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation, dated June 13, 1916, as first assistant keeper of West Bank Light Station, New York, at $516 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, to take effect at the close of June 30, 1916.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) W. S. GILCHRIST

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Joseph F. Bement,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
3d DIST.
JUL 5 1916
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

West Bank
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 1st, 1916

Inspector

Sir

Joseph F. Bement left this Station June 30th at 10 a.m. for good.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 2ND DIST. MAY 22 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

West Bank Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 21st, 1916

Inspector I herewith Submit list of Stations I wish to be transfered to as Keeper

- X Bridgeport Harbor
- X Harton point
- X Lloyd Harbor
- X Morgan point
- X Old field point
- X Becks Ledge Light 1st asst Keeper or asst Keeper
- X Penfield Reef
- X Stratford Point
- X Stamford Harbor
- X South West Ledge N H
- X Throgs Neck

J. F. Bernard

Resigned 6/30/16 JFB

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTORS 3d DIST. MAY 22 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

West Bank Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 21th, 1916

Inspector

I herewith Submit List of Stations I wish to be transfred to as Keeper

Bridgeport Harbor Light
Horton point
Lloyd Harbor
Morgan point
Old field point
Keeper as - asst Keeper — Becks Ledge Light 1th asst
Penfield Reef
Stratford Point
Stamford Harbor
South West Ledge N H
Thrugs Neck

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. MAY 22 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

West Bank Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 21th, 1916

Inspector

I enclose a list of Stations I wish to be transfered to as it does not agree with me at West Bank I have not been well since coming here if there is a vacancy for asst Keeper at Becker Ledge I wish to be Considered for same

Joseph M. Bennett
1st asst keeper
West Bank Light

Willard Cole
Keeper

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. APR 19 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Avert Bank Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 12th, 1916

A Becon.	Keeper	
Barnegat		
Bonnertuil		
Bristor ferry		
Cape May	X	
Cape Henlopen	X	
Castle Hill		
Canonicut Island		
Coney Island		
Cedar Island		
Conover Beacon		
Dutch Island		
Gould Island		
Great Capt. Island		
Herford Inlet		
Harbor Point		
New Port Harbor		

North Dumpling	Keeper	
New London Harbor	X	
North Brothers Island		
Old field Point		
Princess Bay		
Point Judith		
Point Comfort Beacon		
Plum Island		
Rose Island		
Stratford Point		
Sanzerties		
Sands Point		
Say Brook Break Water		
Stoney Point upper Lt. Sta.		
Sucker Beach		
Throgs Neck		
Wickford Harbor		
Warwick		
Watch Hill		
Woonsocket		

Joseph Wm Bennett 1st assist Keeper

New list received May 22-1916

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Robert Bank Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 19th, 1916

Ab Becon.
Barnegut
Beavertail
Bristol ferry
Cape Ann
Cape Henlopen
Castle Hill
Connecticut Island
Coney Island
Cedar Island
Conanicut Beacon
Dutch Island
Gould Island
Great Capt. Island
Hereford Inlet
Harbor Point
Ludlum Beach
Morgan Point
New Port Harbor
North Dumpling
New London Harbor
North Brothers Island
Old field Point
Princes Bay
Point Judith
Point Comfort Beacon
Plum Island
Rose Island
Stratford Point
Sangerties
Sands Point
Say Brook Break Water
Stoney Point upper Lt Sta.
Wicker Beach
Wrogs Neck
Rockford Harbor
Warwick
Watch Hill
Waackaack

Joseph W. Bennett 1st assist. Keeper

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. APR 19 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Swart Bank Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 19th, 1916

Inspector

Sir I respectfully wish to Submit a transfer list which I would accept transfer to in Event of a Vaccancy as Keeper

Joseph W. Bennett
1st Assist. Keeper

Millard Caler
Keeper

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(75)

JHG

Robert Bucke, Keeper, March 28,1916

West Bank Light Station,

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

The probationary period of employment of Joseph F. Bement, 1st assistant keeper of West Bank Light Station, will expire on May 8, 1916. Advise this office by return mail if his services have been satisfactory, and whether or not, in your opinion, he is a suitable and competent man to receive a permanent appointment in his present position.

J T YATES

Inspector

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 32 DIST. MAR 31 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

West Bank Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 29th, 1916

Inspector -

referring to the services of Joseph F. Bennett, first assistant Keeper of this Station, I wish to state, he is a suitable and competent man to receive a permanent appointment in his present position, as in my opinion his services have been very satisfactory.

R. G. Busha
Keeper

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 2ND DIST. FEB 18 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE

(73)

REQUEST

West Bank Light Station, Feb 12th, 1916
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 6 days of shore liberty or leave, from 10 am Jan 15th to Noon Jan 21st, inclusive, 191 . I have had 6 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

~~Joseph W Bennett Sub. Not required~~ ~~24 Calhoun Street~~
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

24 Calhoun Street, Harrington, Conn
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

Joseph W Bennett
(Applicant's signature.)

1th asst
(Title.)

Keeper in charge.

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT, Feb.18,1916, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for six days, from Jan. 15th to Jan. 20th, inclusive, 1916.

Substitute Not required be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

J. T. Yates

Inspector, Third Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 10 a M. Jan 15th, 1916.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At Noon M. Jan 21, 1916.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 6 1/12 days.

Period charged: 6 1/12 days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

Robert T Rusher
Keeper in charge.

Joseph W Bennett
(Applicant's signature.)

1th asst - Keeper
(Title.)

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JHG

Joseph F. Bement, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
West Bank Lt.Sta.,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Feb. 15,1916

Referring to your letter dated February 14,1916 requesting leave of absence from January 15th to 21st and February 6th to 12th,1916.

You are informed that all requests for leave of absence must be submitted on Form 76, as previously instructed. Submit Form 76 to cover above leave, by return mail.

J T YATES

Inspector

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

West Bank Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

New York, Feb 14, 1916

Inspector

As the keeper misunderstood your circular letter dated November 10th I did not send in my request for my leave of absence for 6 days beginning Jan 15th ending Jan 21 also for febury 6th to feb 12. 1916 I hope my neglect in this case will be overlooked. if necessary please send me 2 copys of form 76 and I will fill out same

Joseph M. Bement
1st assistant keeper
West Bank
N.Y.

Through the Keeper

Robert Bunker

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. JAN 6 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

West Bank Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

January 4th, 1916

Inspector -

Mr Joseph T. Brument has reported this day for duty as 1st Assistant of this Station

R A Bucker,

Last day as Additional Keeper Jan 3-'16
E.O.D as 1st Asst Keeper West Banks. Jan 4-'16

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR. K.
2D DIST.
JAN
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TOPOGRAPHY

Stratford Shoals Lt. Sta. N.Y.

Jan 2nd 1916.

Inspector.

Additional Keeper Bennett left the Sta at 1:00 P.M. today to report for duty as 1st Asst K. of West Bank Lt Sta.

De Strong
Keeper

JHG

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Joseph F. Bement, Add'tnl Keeper, Dec. 27,1915
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.,
Port Jefferson, N. Y.

Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated December 23,1915 appointing you to the position of 1st assistant keeper of West Bank Light Station, N.Y., and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to proceed to the station named and enter on duty as 1st assistant keeper on January 1,1916. Transportation will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the keeper which will be his authority for assigning you to duty. The Keeper's name and address are, Robert Buske, Tompkinsville, N.Y.

YATES

Inspector

Tompkinsville, N.Y.,
Dec. 27,1915

Copy to keeper of Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta. for his information.

Report to this office promptly by mail the last day of service of Bement as Add'tnl Kpr. at Stratford Shoal.

YATES

Inspector

Tompkinsville, N.Y.,
Dec. 27,1915

Copy to keeper of West Bank Lt.Sta., for his information. Report to this office promptly by mail the date on which Bement enters on duty as 1st Assistant Keeper. Communicate at once with Mr.Bement informing him when and where to meet the station boat.

Inspector

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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LIGHT HOUSES DEC 24 1915

December 23, 1915.

Mr. Joseph F. Bement,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

~~First Assistant Keeper~~

in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~

at a salary of ~~Five Hundred and Sixteen~~ dollars per ~~annum~~,

effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By transfer from additional keeper at $456 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Ellsworth J. Smith.

Legal Residence: New York.

11—3692

DEC 35 DIST. LIGHT HOUSE

JHG

Joseph F. Bement, Additional Keeper, Dec. 20,1915
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
Port Jefferson, N. Y.

You are informed that you have to-day been nominated for appointment to the position of 1st assistant keeper of West Bank Light Station, with pay at the rate of $516 per annum, and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to hold yourself in readiness to proceed to that station as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be appointed to this position your services will probably be required about ~~December 27th,1915~~ Jan. 1-1916.

YATES

Inspector

Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Dec. 30, 1915, 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Joseph F. Bement

Position, 1st Asst.Keeper

Location, West Bank Light Station, N.Y.

Effective January 1,1916 / December 27,1915 { the actual date of entrance on duty, or / as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Legal residence, New York

Salary, $516.00 per annum

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Former position, Additional Keeper

Location, At large, 3rd District.

Former salary, $456.00 per annum

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

Previous incumbent, Ellsworth J. Smith Services terminated, December 21,1915

Reason, Transferred

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks: Mr.Bement entered the service on November 4,1915, and since that date has been detailed to Stratford Shoal Light Station,N.Y. His promotion is recommended as it is considered that his experience at Stratford Shoal will make him competent to fill the position at West Bank. The vacancy to which promotion is proposed could not be foreseen at the time Mr.Bement was appointed. No other employee of District desired transfer to this position.

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Joseph F. Bement, Additional Keeper, December 2,1915
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
Port Jefferson, N. Y.

Referring to your letter dated December 1,1915 requesting six days leave of absence, beginning on or about December 10th,1915. You are informed that this is granted, provided you fill out the two copies of Form 76 enclosed herewith, and return same to this office.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

HASKELL

Superintendent

Tompkinsville, N.Y.,
Dec. 2,1915

Copy to keeper of Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.
You are directed to see that in future requests for leave of absence are submitted on the proper form (76), and not submitted in the form of a letter endorsed by you.
In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

HASKELL

Superintendent

Stratford Shoal Light Dec. 1th 1915



Inspector

I respect.- request leave of absence to commence on or about December the 10th 1915- for 6 days

Joseph W. Bennett
Additional Keeper

Respectfully forwarded
Theodore D. E. Strong
Keeper

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
2d DIST.
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Stratford Shoals Light Station,
Port Jefferson L.I.N.Y.
Jan 28th 1916.

Inspector:-

In reply to your letter of Jan 14th '16. concerning the absence of Additional Keeper Bement from 7.30 AM. on Dec. 17th to 7.00 AM. on Dec 28th 1915. I beg to submit the following explanation concerning the several circumstances connected with this case.

On Dec 17th I and the Additional Keeper left the Sta. on duty for the purpose of getting mail, some supplies, and I took some plate glass for the lantern ashore for the purpose of getting it cut to its proper size as I have never had any success in the cutting of such heavy glass.

It was not intended that I or the Additional Keeper were to remain away more than a few hours on this occasion - and after attending to the business for which we went ashore, we started for the Sta. but when we reached the Port Jefferson Breakwater the engine in the Power boat gave out and we were obliged to row back to Port

Jefferson as the sea was rough and a storm approaching.

On the following day I made an attempt to come back to the Sta. but could find no one who would tow me out.

I however on Sunday 19th I found a man who launched a large and expensive Power boat that had been hauled out of the water for the winter, and we started for the Sta with the disabled Star Boat in tow. The sea was rough and dangerous to travel in, but we kept on going but when we had reached a point about one mile from the Light it was getting so rough and dangerous that we were obliged to put back to Port Jefferson for we could never have landed at the Light. Moreover there was a strong likelyhood that we would not reach Port Jefferson safely. We did finaley get back but it so doing we had an experience which all of us will remember. The sea kept rough and nothing could be done except to wait for good weather. On 20th of Dec it was still blowing and there was no telling when we could get back to the Sta.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
3d DIST.
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TOMPK'S COVE, N.Y.

As the Assistant Keeper had been granted 6 days leave by the Office I told him to go home on the morning of 20th as he might just as well be there as walking up and down the shore waiting for good weather as he was under expense for his home was in Torrington Conn. 60 miles distant, and as he was to go on leave as soon as we returned to the Sta. it was thought to be a saving of time and advantageous to the service to do so, under the circumstances. It was arranged that I would send a boat for him on 24th of Dec. It was impossible to do so on a/c. of the weather. On 21st I sent 2nd Asst Keeper Watrous for Bement The Power boat again got out and they could not get back to the Sta until 28th so then they came back rowing the disabled Power boat the entire distance (7 miles)

On 22nd I got the same man who tried to bring me out to the Sta on the previous Sunday, and he towed me back to the Light.

Concerning the failure on my part to return form 76. I beg to state that I intended to

return this form when I returned to the Sta but it was mislaid and could not be found; and there was no letter on the Sta to send

I had never seen form 76 previous to the two copies you sent me, and when it was noted that these forms were required I made a requisition for them. This was in my last requisition which included Papeterie supplies &c &c. All the articles asked for on that requisition have been rec'd except 50 form 76 & 12 envelopes for quarterly, these last named articles have not reached me & I request that you look into this matter & send same to me.

Concerning delay in answering your letter on this subject will say that I rec'd no mail from 8th to 26th inst - in acct of storm, no Boat out.

It is hoped that the above explanation will be satisfactory.

Yours Truly
De Shong
Keeper

✡ More sent 1-29-16 by Morris

✡ Sent 12/15

JHG

Theo. DeShong, Keeper, January 14,1916

Stratford Shoal Light Station,

Port Jefferson, N. Y.

Referring to letter from this office dated December 2,1916 to Joseph F. Bement, additional keeper, relative to request for six days leave of absence, copy of which letter was transmitted to you by endorsement of same date. The letter referred to stated that leave was granted, "provided you fill out the two copies of Form 76 enclosed herewith, and return same to this office".

In your monthly report, Form 65, for December you state "Bement was granted 6 days leave by office left Port Jefferson at 9 a.m. on 20th returned to station with Waterman on 28th".

The two copies of Form 76 have never been received at this office, and you are directed to submit explanation as to why same was not returned, and also as to why you permitted Bement to take said leave without submitting said Form 76.

YATES

Inspector

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Jos.F.Bement,
Keeper at Large,
(Through the Keeper,)
Stratford Shoals Light Station,
Port Jefferson, L.I., N.M.

November 17th, 1915.

The personal sheets sent you along with your oath have not yet been received at this office.

It is necessary that they be filled out and returned without delay, answering each question in part one.

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Stratford Shoals Lt. Sta.
November 4th 1915.

Inspector:

Mr. Joseph F. Bennett reported for duty as Additional Keeper at 10.00 AM. today.

D. E. Strong,
Keeper.

E. O. D. Nov. 4-1915.

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Theodore DeShong, Keeper, November 1,1915

Stratford Shoal Light Station,

Port Jefferson, N. Y.

Referring to copy of letter forwarded to you to-day addressed to Joseph F. Bement, directing him to report for duty as Additional Keeper at Stratford Shoal Light Station.

You are informed that Mr.Bement is one of two men who have been appointed to the position of Additional Keeper at large in the Light-house Service, with pay at the rate of $456 per annum. The intention is to have such men gain a varied experience before receiving appointment to a specified station. It is with this object in view that he has been assigned to Stratford Shoal Light Station. He is to be considered in every respect as a regular assistant keeper, except that his title is Additional Keeper. You are instructed to furnish Mr. Bement with full and complete information about all apparatus at your station, and afford him every facility for gaining practical experience; give him full instructions as to the use of all blanks pertaining to light stations, and impress upon him the importance of Him familiarizing himself with the Regulations. Mr.Bement will be transferred from Stratford Shoal when his services are required at some other station.

The foregoing instructions will also apply in the cases of the successors of Mr.Bement who may hereafter be temporarily assigned to duty at your station.

YATES

Inspector

JHG

Joseph F. Bement,

24 Calhoun Street,

Torrington, Conn.

November 1,1915

You are informed that you have been appointed to the position of Additional Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to report for duty at Stratford Shoal Light Station, N.Y., promptly upon receipt of this letter. Transportation will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the Keeper, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty.

The Keeper's name and address are Theodore DeShong, Port Jefferson, N.Y.

Your assignment to duty at Stratford Shoal Light Station will continue until such time as your services are required at some other light station in this District.

YATES

Inspector

Tompkinsville, N.Y.
Nov.1,1915

Copy forwarded to Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station, for his information. Report to this office promptly by mail the date on which Bement enters on duty as Additional Keeper.

YATES

Inspector

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT HOUSES OCT 30 1915

October 29, 1915.

Mr. Joseph F. Bement,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Additional Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

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

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: New position.
Legal Residence: New York.

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Torrington Oct 29th 1914

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Mr Yates

Dear Sir

I received your

letter with Ins Information

Yours truly

Joseph F Bennett

24 Calhoun St

Torrington

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Mr. Joseph F. Bament, Oct. 26,1915

24 Calhoun Street,

Torrington, Conn.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter dated October 24,1915 stating you were willing to accept the position of Additional Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

You are informed that you have to-day been nominated for appointment to this position, and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to hold yourself in readiness to report for duty as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be appointed to this position, your services will probably be required about November 10,1915.

Respectfully,

YATES

Inspector

JHG

Secretary, 2nd C.S.District, October 26,1915

Custom House,

New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Referring to nomination forwarded to-day recommending the probationary appointment of Joseph F.Bement to the position of Additional Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

John H. Schulze who declined this position, has requested that his name be removed from the register until Jan.1,1916. His name has therefore been temporarily removed this date.

Louis Harm who declined this position, has requested that his name be removed until May 1,1916. His name has therefore been temporarily removed this date.

The names of John V.Marshall and Roger J.Kane have been removed from the eligible list on account of failure to reply to letter sent them in regard to this position.

Respectfully,

YATES

Inspector

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NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) October 26, 1915 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Through Sec'y, 2nd C.S.Dist.)
Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, **Joseph F. Bement**

Legal residence, **New York**

Position, **Additional Keeper**

Salary, **$456 per annum**

Location, **At large.**

Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses**

Effective **November 10, 1915** { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position,

Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, **Keeper** Percentage, **82.0**, Other eligibles considered:
John H. Schulze D. Louis Harm D. John V. Marshall PR. Roger J. Kane PR.
George H. Tooker C. Joseph H. Royle C.

Previous incumbent, New position (Department authority of April 14, 1915) Services terminated,

Reason,

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: After appointment this employee will be detailed to an off shore station where no family quarters are provided. Nos. 1 to 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 to 16 and 19 on eligible list will not accept appointment to stations where no family quarters are provided. Nos. 5, 7, 9, 11, 17 & 18 are not eligible for appointment to this position.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission. , 191

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Joseph F. Bement,
24 Calhoun St.,
Torrington, Conn.

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DIST.,
Tompkinsville, N.Y., Oct. 22, 1915, 191

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)
for assignment to duty at such stations in the 3rd L.H.Dist. at which your services may be required, but for the present assignment to duty will be made either to Race Rock or Stratford Shoal Lt.Stas., both of which stations are off shore in Long Island Sound.

Salary: $456.00 per annum per annum.

Quarters: are provided for keepers. (See attached Note A)
(State whether or not quarters are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Fuel: 10 tons of coal and 1 cord of wood per year at Stratford Shoal, and 11 tons of coal and 1 cord of wood per year at Race Rock.
(State allowance of fuel for domestic purposes, if authorized.)

Rations: Allowance 30¢ daily. (See attached Note B)
(State facts concerning rations for this position.)

This position is also offered to other eligibles, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? Yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? No

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

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NOTICE TO ELIGIBLES

NOTE A - Keepers must provide their own furniture except stoves, bedding, kitchen utensils and dishes. No quarters are provided for families of keepers at this station, but family quarters can probably be rented at Fishers Island for Race Rock and Port Jefferson for Stratford Shoal

NOTE B - Ration allowance of 30 cents per day will be paid by check, and the employee must provide himself with all necessary provisions. Keepers are not required to board assistant keepers.

If selected for this position, how soon could you report for duty? As soon as notified

(Signature) Joseph F. Bement

Date, October 24. (Post-office address) 24 Calhoun St
Torrington Conn

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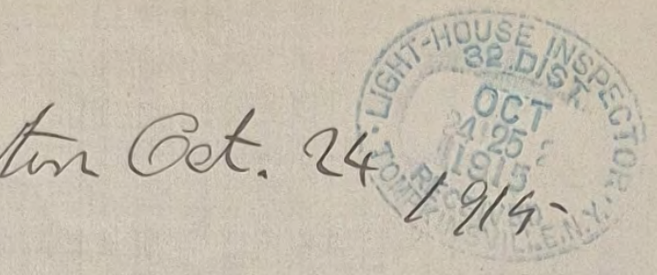

My
Warrington Oct. 24 1914

Mr Bates

Dear Sir

I would like Stratford Shoal Light the best as my home is still in East Setauket it would save me all the expence of moveing. Since making my app, I have been running to Baker of Gas Engines Woodpecker & Hawk and Vermont 7 Hawk and I am ready to take position when notified

Yours truly
Joseph W Bennett
24 Calhoun Street
My Warrington
Conn

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LETTER TO ELIGIBLES



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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Joseph F. Bement,
279 Brightwood Ave.,
Torrington, Conn.

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DIST.

Tompkinsville, N.Y., June 25, 1915 .191

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

2nd Asst.Keeper of New London Ledge Lt.Staa,off shore opposite New London,Conn.

Salary: $456.00 per annum.

Quarters: are provided for keepers. (See attached Note A)
(State whether or not quarters are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Fuel: 11 tons of coal and 1 cord of wood per year for 3 keepers.
(State allowance of fuel for domestic purposes, if authorized.)

Rations: Allowance 30¢ daily. (See attached Note B)
(State facts concerning rations for this position.)

This position is also offered to other eligibles, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? Yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? Yes

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes.

Do you wish ...

NOTICE TO ELIGIBLES

NOTE A - Keepers must provide their own furniture except stoves, kitchen utensils and dishes. No quarters are provided for families of keepers at this station, but family quarters can probably be rented at New London, Conn.

NOTE B - Ration allowance of 30 cents per day will be paid by check, and the employee must provide himself with all necessary provisions. Keepers are not required to board assistant keepers.

If selected for this position, how soon could you report for duty? 10 days

(Signature) Joseph F. Bement

(Post-office address) 24 Calhoun St
Torrington Conn

Date, ...

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LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

LIGHT 2nd DIST. INSPECTOR. JUN 28 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Joseph F. Bement,
279 Brightwood Ave.,
Torrington, Conn.

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DIST.,
Tompkinsville, N.Y., June 25, 1915, 191

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(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

2nd Asst.Keeper of New London Ledge Lt.Staa,off shore opposite New London,Conn.

Salary: $456.00 per annum.

Quarters: are provided for keepers. (See attached Note A)
(State whether or not quarters are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Fuel: 11 tons of coal and 1 cord of wood per year for 3 keepers.
(State allowance of fuel for domestic purposes, if authorized.)

Rations: Allowance 30¢ daily. (See attached Note B)
(State facts concerning rations for this position.)

This position is also offered to other eligibles, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,
YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? Yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? Yes

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." No If yes, state how many ; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position Department or office		
		Position Department or office		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

My reasons for declining the position tendered me are as follows:

(Signature) Joseph F. Bement

(Post-office address) 24 Calhoun St
Torrington Conn

Date,

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Torrington June 27 1915

Mr. O. Yates

Dear Sir

I have received the papers and I have signed both of them as New London Ledge is the nearest to me I would prefer that but I am willing to take whichever I am appointed to. I am in the employ of the Torrington Ice Co. and have agreed to give them one weeks notice hoping I may be lucky enough to get an appointment I remain Respect Yours

Joseph H. Bennett

24 Calhoun St

Torrington Conn.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, DIST. 3rd

Joseph F. Bement,
279 Brightwood Ave.,
Torrington, Conn.

Tompkinsville, N.Y., June 26, 1915.

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

RECEIVED JUN 28 1915 TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat)

2nd Asst.Keeper, Race Rock Lt.Sta., off shore in Long Island Sound

Salary: $456.00 per annum.

Quarters:
(State whether or not quarters are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at the station mentioned, or whether quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)
are provided for keepers. (See attached Note A)

Fuel:
(State allowance of fuel for domestic purposes, if authorized.)
11 tons of coal and 1 cord of wood per year for 3 keepers.

Rations:
(State allowance, if any, authorized for this position.)
Allowance 30¢ daily (See attached Note B)

This position is also offered to other eligibles, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? Yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time?

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

NOTICE TO ELIGIBLES

NOTE A - Keepers must provide their own furniture except stoves, kitchen utensils and dishes. No quarters are provided for families of keepers at this station, but family quarters can probably be rented at Fishers Island, N.Y.

NOTE B - Ration allowance of 30 cents per day will be paid by check, and the employee must provide himself with all necessary provisions. Keepers are not required to board assistant keepers.

If selected for this position, how soon could you report for duty? 10 days

(Signature) Joseph F. Bement

(Post-office address) 24 Calhoun St
Torrington Conn

Date, ...

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, DIST. 3rd

Joseph F. Bement,
279 Brightwood Ave.,
Torrington, Conn.

Tompkinsville, N.Y., June 25, 1915

RECEIVED JUL 28 1915 TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

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(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat)

2nd Asst.Keeper, Race Rock Lt.Sta., off shore in Long Island Sound

Salary: $456.00 per annum.

Quarters:
(State whether or not quarters are provided by the Government for the family of the keeper at this station, or whether quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)
are provided for keepers (See attached Note A)

Fuel:
(State allowance of fuel for domestic purposes, if authorized.)
11 tons of coal and 1 cord of wood per year for 2 keepers.

Rations:
(State briefly conditions governing issue of rations.)
Allowance 30¢ daily (See attached Note B)

This position is also offered to other eligibles, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

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YATES

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Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? .....

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

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Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." No If yes, state how any .....; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position ..... Department or office		
		Position ..... Department or office		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

My reasons for declining the position tendered me are as follows: .....

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(Signature) Joseph F. Bement

(Post-office address) 24 Calhoun St
Torrington Conn

Date, ...

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NOMINATION

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SECOND U. S. CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT. REC'D OCT 27 1915

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) October 26, 1915 (Date.) 191

LIGHTHOUSES OCT 28 1915

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Through Sec'y, 2nd C.S.Dist.)
Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, **Joseph F. Bement**

Legal residence, **New York**

Position, **Additional Keeper**

Salary, **$456 per annum**

Location, **At large.**

Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses**

Effective **November 10, 1915** [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position,

Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, **Keeper** Percentage, **81.0** , Other eligibles considered:
John H. Schulze D. Louis Harm D. John V. Marshall FR. Roger J. Kane FR.
George H. Tooker C. Joseph H. Royle C.

Previous incumbent, New position (Department authority of April 14, 1915) Services terminated,

Reason,

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: After appointment this employee will be detailed to an off shore station where no family quarters are provided. Nos. 1 to 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 to 16 and 19 on eligible list will not accept appointment to stations where no family quarters are provided. Nos. 5, 7, 9, 11, 17 & 18 are not eligible for appointment to this position.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission. OCT 27 1915 , 191

Secretary, SECOND *Civil Service District.*

YATES

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

OCT 28 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
OCT 30 1915
HOUSES

October 29, 1915.

Mr. Joseph F. Bement,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Additional Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Fifty-six dollars

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

duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

Nov. 4, 1915

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: New York.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 21 1915

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Dec. 20, 1915 (City.) (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Joseph F. Bement

Position, 1st Asst.Keeper

Location, West Bank Light Station, N.Y.

Effective January 1, 1916 { the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Legal residence, New York

Salary, $516.00 per annum

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Former position, Additional Keeper

Location, At large, 3rd District.

Former salary, $456.00 per annum

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

Previous incumbent, Ellsworth J. Smith Services terminated, December 21,1915

Reason, Transferred

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks: Mr.Bement entered the service on November 4,1915, and since that date has been detailed to Stratford Shoal Light Station,N.Y. His promotion is recommended as it is considered that his experience at Stratford Shoal will make him competent to fill the position at West Bank. The vacancy to which promotion is proposed could not be foreseen at the time Mr.Bement was appointed. No other employee of District desired transfer to this position.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. , 191

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 21 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 24 1915

December 23, 1915.

Mr. Joseph F. Bement,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

First Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and Sixteen dollars per annum,

effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By transfer from additional keeper at $456 per annum.)

EOD Jan 4, 1916

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Ellsworth J. Smith.

Legal Residence: New York.

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LIGHT
JUN 20 1916
HOUSES

June 17, 1916.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation, dated June 13, 1916, as first assistant keeper of West Bank Light Station, New York, at $516 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, to take effect at the close of June 30, 1916.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) W. S. GILCHRIST

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Joseph F. Bement,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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JUN 30 1916