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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
Bunting, Orlando, M.		1877 DE

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: 1946

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (CT/NJ/NY) 3rd District	From: 1920	To: 1934
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

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

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Appointment Time and Date:	Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No
CMRS Service Request Number: C-00082391 26	Attendant Signature:
CMRS Search Request Number(s): Civilian Archival Search 9/28	Remarks:

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ORLANDO M. BUNTING.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSES
1926 JAN 8 AM 8 5

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

January 7,1925

SUBJECT: Assistant Keeper Mason.
REFERENCE: Previous correspondence.

1. You are advised that the confusion and recent correspondence concerning the matter of the absence of Assistant Keeper Mason, is due largely to the unsatisfactory manner in which you handled the matter. By telephone message of Nov.30,1925 and your letter of Dec.1,1925, you reported the assistant keeper ill, but in neither case furnished any information as to the nature of his illness or probable duration of absence and permitted him to leave the station without applying for leave. Instead of furnishing information and explanation concerning the alleged illness and absence, your report was principally criticisms of the assistant keeper. When this was brought to your attention you subsequently forwarded a letter of complaint against the assistant keeper, which pertained to alleged occurrences prior to his illness, and which, if based on fact, should have been reported at the time of occurrence instead of being withheld. These complaints are denied by the assistant keeper. You also reported that the assistant keeper had gone to New York on several occasions while on watch and that you personally saw him in New York on two occasions, but state that you are unable to give the dates.

2. Your action as keeper in ignoring or condoning such alleged conduct on the part of the assistant keeper in direct violation of the regulations, plainly shows neglect of duty on your part, and gives further evidence of the inefficient manner in which you have handled the affairs of the station. You are hereby cautioned that unless you hereafter demonstrate that you are able to handle the duties of your position in a satisfactory and efficient manner without voluminous and unnecessary correspondence, and also direct the work of the assistant keeper and see that he properly performs the duties of his position, it will be necessary to take action with the view of your removal from the position of keeper.

3. The fact that you have been cautioned will be made a part of your official history in the Lighthouse Service.

J. T. Yates
Superintendent

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

Jan. 7,1926

SUBJECT: Orlando M.Bunting,Keeper,Governors Is.L.S.,caution.
REFERENCE: Letter of this date to Bunting.

OK FMM Jan 8

1. Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained. A further report in regard to Mr.Bunting will be made at the expiration of six months.

J. T. Yates

Treasure

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JAN 13 1926

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner

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Engr. Distr.
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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

Commissioner of Lighthouses;

abvobs ECH June 17

June 15,1926

Continued by Supt. Rels. OK and copy to Supt. Rec'd 6/17

SUBJECT: Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper, Governors Is.Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Endorsement of Jan. 7,1926 to Bur. fwdg. copy of letter of caution of same date to Bunting.

1. Referring to endorsement of this office dated Jan.7,1926 forwarding copy of letter of caution of same date to Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper of Governors Island Light Station; the Bureau is advised that this office has had no further difficulty with Mr.Bunting and it is therefore recommended that no further action be taken in his case.

J. T. Yates

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUN 18 1926

Returned approved.

G. R. PUTNAM
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUN 18 1926

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

G. R. PUTNAM
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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23. TO THE EMPLOYEE: Describe in detail the work you do. Put each distinct duty, task, or process in a separate paragraph. Explain first those that require most of your time. Explain occasional duties last. In the column at the left opposite each paragraph enter the approximate percentage of your time devoted to the work described in that paragraph. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO COMPOSE THIS STATEMENT WITHOUT FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS OF P. C. B. FORM NO. 15.

Percentage of working time	
24 hours Watches	Reporting for Duty at 9 A.M & Signing Journal 3/0. Going for the Mail Watching the Weather for any Fog Doing any necessary Repairing Cleaning or Painting Should Fog Show Up at any time Start the Sirenes at Both Sta's There & Stay at Same time When Our Observation object can be Seen Stop Sirens Then Clean & Wipe & Rebil Motors Recording Same as to Time in Form 302 first, - - -

PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 14—FIELD QUESTIONNAIRE
(To be filled out in accordance with the instructions given in P. C. B. Forms Nos. 15 and 16)

Bureau No. Lt. 572 Sheet No. S(b)47

Space reserved for the use of the Board

1. Bunting, Orlando M.
(Surname) (Given name) (Initial)

2. Department Commerce.
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field station Governors Island Light Station
(b) Subdivision Third District
(c) City or town Staten Island State N.Y.

6. Pay roll title Light Keeper
7. Customary office title Keeper
8. Present administrative allocation $1560-1680
9. Present gross rate of pay $ 1680.00
10. Deduction for allowances $ None
11. Net rate paid in cash $ 1680.00

12. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box or boxes the kind of allowances, if any, received by the employee:
☐ House ☐ Room { ☐ Furnished ☐ Unfurnished } ☐ Heat ☐ Light ☐ Fuel ☐ Laundry ☐ Uniform ☐ Subsistence or rations in kind Meals per day: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3

13. Describe any other allowance, privilege, or perquisite of value

14. If any special equipment or a bond is required by law or regulation to be furnished at the employee's expense, state kind and annual cost

15. (a) Regular hours of work: From 8:00 a.m. to 10a.m. (b) How many hours per week excluding unusual or irregular overtime work?
Summer Winter (c) If not a full time and all-the-year-round position, state number of hours per day;
number of days per { week / month / year } (d) If certain hours of availability for duty, outside of regular working hours, are required, state hours and type of such duty

16. (a) Rate of pay for overtime None (b) Amount of overtime pay in last 12 months None

17. (a) Does the employee in any way direct or supervise other employees? Yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering)
Supervises the work of one assistant keeper.
(c) How many? One

18. If the employee supervises other persons through immediate contact, give the name and the sheet numbers of such persons. (For such of these as may not be covered by questionnaires, give number and kinds by occupations.) If the employee exercises supervision through section or division heads, give the title of such sections or divisions and the names and sheet numbers of their heads.

Stephen Bayus, S(b)46

16a. Not specified; average eight or less hours per day: Sundays operation of light and fog signal engines only.
Stands watches; work evenly divided.

19. (a) Is the employee in any way directed, supervised, or instructed, or his work reviewed? Yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering.)
The station is a considerable distance from District Headquarters and this employee works to a considerable extent upon his own responsibility. He performs his duties in accordance with regulations and special instructions received when the station is periodically inspected by the Superintendent or an Assistant Superintendent.

20. What is the name, official position, and sheet number of the employee's immediate superior?
J. T. Yates, Lighthouse Superintendent, S(a)1.

21. Employee's education: Strike an "X" over the number representing the highest grade or year completed in each type of school:

Elementary							High				Normal				College				Postgraduate or professional			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	X	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4

(Kind)

Other education (describe):

22. What length and kind of experience or other training did the employee possess upon original entrance into this position which was most qualifying or pertinent?

Orlando M. Bunting Keeper

I was born at Selbyville, Del. near the Fishing Waters of Del & Md Bays. Had the experience of a waterman & when a young man after my schooling went to the Panama Canal then to Morse's Shipyards in Brooklyn N.Y. then to U.S.C.G. then to my present position U.S.L.H. Dept.

Orlando M. Bunting - keeper.

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LIGHTHOUSES
1930 DEC 5 AM 9:07

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third Dist.
Governors Island, N.Y.

12/9/30 wrote 3d.

December 1st, 1930

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Dep. Comm.
Commissioner

To the Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Staten Island, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of November 28,1930 received this A.M. in reference to my Leave of Absence. It will be absolutely impossible for me to take it at the understanding of me paying my substitute as I have no money for it. So cancel same. But it seems very hard that I cannot have the time off that Is allowed every six months for keepers and assistants Keepers, and also my salary being 3 years behind as to the specified raises, Regardless of the Welch Bill. I wish your office would give these matters your attention as to my part, as I've everything to buy here.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Orlando M. Bunting

Keeper

Bus has approved account $1000 Rec advice 3rd to grant leave if now pdict

APR 12/5

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3rd Lighthouse District

Staten Island, N.Y.
Dec. 2, 1930

1. Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained. The above letter has reference to disapproval, due to lack of funds, of application for leave with the understanding that substitute would be paid by the Government.

Superintendent

December 9, 1930.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N. Y.

Leave for Keeper Orlando M. Bunting, your indorsement of December 2.

An additional allotment of $1000 under this appropriation has been made to your district and this leave may therefore be granted now if practicable.

W. P. HARMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:DC

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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1934 JAN - 19 - AM 9 : 05

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

1/22/34 mailed

Jan.17,1934

Commissioner of Lighthouses;

SUBJECT: Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper, Governors Island Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

1. The following papers are enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

a - Copy of phone memo of Oct.18,1933.
b - Copy of phone memo of Oct.18,1933.
c - Letter from U. S. Public Health Service of Oct. 27,1933.
d - Letter from Keeper Bunting of Nov.1,1933.
e - Monthly Report of Keeper Bunting (Form 65) for Oct.
f - Letter from New York Police Department of Nov. 15,1933.
g - Letter from City Magistrate's Court of Nov.20,1933.
h - Copy of phone memo of Nov.21,1933.
i - Letter from Police Department and enclosure of Dec.14,1933.
j - Copy of letter of charges to Keeper Bunting dated Dec.16,1933.
k - Letter from Keeper Bunting of Dec.20,1933.

2. Mr.Bunting's letter of Nov.1st,1933 states that on October 16,1933, around 9 A.M.,he was on a step ladder in the bathroom at his home (Governors Island), and fell cutting his scalp and face, and in his monthly report he states that he left the station on Oct.16th at 8 A.M. on account of illness, whereas after having been arrested for intoxication he was not released by the Magistrate's Court in Brooklyn until about 11 a.m. on Oct.16th. The letter and monthly report are not consistant as to time, and both are evidently a misrepresentation of fact. According to Mr.Bunting's letter the Assistant Kee per was on watch from 8 a.m. Oct.15th to 8 A.M. Oct.16th, and accordingly the keeper was due to go on watch at 8 a.m. Oct.16th. The Keeper's reply offers no explanation as to the charge re false and misleading reports concerning the date of Oct.16th, but makes an extended statement concerning watches etc. on Oct.14th and 15th, which while aside from the subject, discloses that the watch book records are incorrect, which is stated to be due to force of habit.

3. The charge of conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service, and the Police Department and Court record speak for themselves since the records referred to establish the fact of arrest and conviction, although sentence was suspended, notwithstanding the statement submitted by Keeper Bunting in explanation of the occurrence of his arrest for intoxication and inability to care for himself.

4. An important feature, in case retirement on account of disability should later be applied for, is Mr. Bunting's report of Nov.1st that he was injured in his home, (Not Lighthouse Service property but located on Governors Island), scalp and face cut, on Oct.16th around 9 a.m.,whereas he was in an injured condition when arrested for intoxication in Brooklyn at about 12:30 a.m. on Oct.16th and according to Police Records was treated for laceration of forehead and head by a Norwegian Hospital Doctor.

5. It is considered that the charge of submitting false and misleading reports is amply proven, and that such reports were deliberately made with the view of covering up the true facts to shield the keeper from embarrassment, with the expectation that full facts would not come to the knowledge of this office. While the keeper submits an extended statement as to incidents leading up to his going into a speakeasy for drinks, and subsequent loss of memory, it is not considered to be a satisfactory explanation of the charge of conduct unbecoming an employee.

6. The charges are considered to be proven to a sufficient degree to justify serious disciplinary action, and it is recommended that Orlando M. Bunting be demoted from Keeper of Governors Island Light Station at $1740 per annum, to the position of Assistant Keeper at that station at $1500 per annum. Nomination for the demotion of Keeper Bunting from Keeper to Assistant Keeper, and the promotion of Asst.Keeper Stephen Bayus from Assistant Keeper to Keeper of Governors Island Lt. Station, are enclosed.

7. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

D.C.

Submitted in view of difference of opinion bet. Mr. Flood and myself

WPH
1/25

Concur with Supt that Bunting shd not be continued as Mgr. anywhere. But I also agree with Flood that solution proposed is not a good one, & Bunt. shd be transferred when demoted

Mr. Flood

Do you have any further suggestion?

WPH 1/24

A.A.

No further suggestion than as heretofore stated.

Pers

Let us have 3rd or 4th but advise Pers if desired to this action as to Flood's suggestion

WPH 1/24

Research. There are only two keepers at Governors Island, & under circumstances would concur with Supt as to proposed action, although appreciating Mr Flood's standpoint

WPH 1/25

Copies are sent most favorable dial stations from

Memo

Re

Mr Harman:

Kpr Bunting in L.H.S. since 1920. Was "warned" in 1925 for careless-ness, etc, Supt. submitted report in 6 mos. and recommended that no further action be taken.

Think Bunting should be punished in present case, but think demotion to asst. Kpr at Gov. Isld and promotion of asst Kpr. Bayne (in L.H.S since 1926) at same station not best method of handling case.

Bunting not charged with drunkenness at sta. nor with habitual drinking. Think, however, that charge of making false and mis-leading report is sufficiently sub-stantiated.

Think reduction in pay for 6 mos., with reprimand and further report at end of six mos. would be sufficient in the interests of the L.H.S.

If demoted think Bunting should be transferred to another sta.

Concur with T.F. as to Bayne for the present at Gov. Isld

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES

1934 JAN 24 AM 9:04

January 22, 1934.

JAN 23 1934 AM

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.

1. In reference to your recommendation of January 17, in regard to Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper of Governors Island Light Station:

2. While the Bureau concurs with your office as to the need for strict disciplinary action in this instance, it is doubted that the proposed exchange of rank between Keeper Bunting and the Assistant Keeper at the station is the best method of procedure, and your report is requested as to reprimanding Keeper Bunting and reducing his pay in his present position for a period of six months, in lieu of the proposed action of interchanging the two keepers.

3. In case Bunting's demotion to Assistant Keeper is deemed required by the circumstances, the Bureau considers that he should be transferred to another station.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

RG-MK

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FWO-JHG 3d Lighthouse Dist., Staten Is., N.Y.
Jan. 23, 1934.

1. Returned to Commissioner.

2. It was realized that the action recommended while not customary practice and not all that might be desired, was the best disposition considering all circumstances. Due to the misrepresentation of fact, erroneous reports, etc., the continuance of Mr. Bunting as Keeper in charge of any station is not desirable or justified. His entire period of service as assistant keeper and keeper has been at Governors Island Lt. Sta., one of the easiest stations in the district, where the equipment is comparatively simple and no quarters to care for, and he having had no experience at other stations would not be well fitted for transfer to some other station. In view of the foregoing the interchange of the two keepers was recommended as the best disposition of the matter under the circumstances.

J. T. Yates

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

Mr. is not Bunting's first offense Was cautioned in Jan 1925 WPH

Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N.Y. (City) Jan. 17, 1934 (Date), 19....

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Demotion

Name, Orlando M. Bunting

Position, Keeper (Asst.)

Location, Governors Is.Lt.Sta. & Governors Is.Extension Lt., N.Y.

Effective, February 1st, 1934

Legal residence, Delaware

Proposed salary, $1500 p.a.

Proposed range ($1380-1740)

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

Former position, Keeper

Location, Governors Is.Lt.Sta. and Governors Is.Extension Lt., N.Y.

Former salary, $1740 p.a.

Former range, $1560-1920

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

(Lt.#1573)

Previous incumbent and his pay, Stephen Bayus Services terminated, Jan. 31, 1934

Reason, Promoted (Salary $1500 p.a.)

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: See separate letter of this date to the Bureau.

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

....
Secretary, Civil Service District. J. T. YATES
Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

January 30, 1934

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, for the reasons shown in the Superintendent's letter of January 17 and its inclosures hereto attached, the Bureau concurring with the Superintendent that Mr. Bunting is unsuitable for retention as keeper in charge. In addition to his demotion it is also proposed to consider his transfer as assistant keeper to another station upon the occurrence of a suitable opportunity.

W. P. HARMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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February 3, 1934.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.

1. In reference to your indorsement of January 23, regarding the proposed demotion of Orlando M. Bunting from Keeper at Governors Island Light Station to Assistant Keeper there:

2. The Bureau has approved your recommendation for the demotion of Keeper Buting to assistant keepership of Governors Island Light Station, etc. and the promotion of Stephen Bayus as Keeper of the same station, as being apparently the most feasible arrangement for the present. It is not, however, considered a satisfactory solution, and the Bureau desires consideration be given at the first suitable opportunity for the transfer of Bunting to another station as assistant keeper; or in lieu of that the transfer of Bayus to some other station and assignment of another keeper at Governors Island. The statement in your indorsement that Bunting would not be well fitted for another station because he has had no experience at other stations is not considered an important objection to his transfer because new men are commonly assigned to station who have had no previous experience in the Service at all. The Bureau's view in this matter has, of course, the general morale of the Service in mind and that as a matter of policy it is undesirable to reverse the status of a Keeper and an Assistant Keeper at a station as in the present instance. If no opportunity for the transfer requested above should develop after a reasonable time and the relations of the two men should continue satisfactory after the interchange in their status, and the station efficiency maintained, you may submit for consideration the continuance of Bunting at his present station in case his attitude and work are satisfactory to your office.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

FEB 23 PM

February 20, 1934.

Mr. Orlando M. Bunting,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty (by change of duties).

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,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1740 per annum.

To: $1500 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1934 MAR - 12 - AM 9:08

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

March 10,1934

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: Effective date of changes in personnel in 3rd District.
REFERENCE: Department letter of May 19, 1918.

1. The Bureau is advised that the effective dates of recent changes in the personnel of the Third Lighthouse District, are as follows:-

Name	Position	Salary	Nature of Change	Letter Date	Effective Date
Orlando M. Bunting	K	$1500	Demoted	2-20-34	3-9-34

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

MAR 12 1934

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

August 30, 1934

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Exam for

SUBJECT: Demotion of Orlando M. Bunting from Keeper to Assistant Keeper at Governors Island Light Station.

REFERENCE: Bureau's letter of February 3, 1934.

The Bureau is advised that there have been no suitable opportunities for transfer since the demotion referred to above. Since the position of the two keepers at Governors Island Light Station was reversed, they have worked together in harmony; the present keeper reports that Assistant Keeper Bunting is performing satisfactory service without complaint or showing any feeling of dissatisfaction, and in view of this condition it is recommended that these two keepers be continued in their present positions.

Rec OK -

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

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WPH
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Rec. OK. as per 3rd ind. to Bur. ltr. dated Feb 3, 1934

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
September 5, 1934.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y., approved.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

FWO-JHG

Commissioner of Lighthouses: April 16,1937

SUBJECT: Charges, Orlando M. Bunting, Asst.Keeper, Governors Is.Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

1. The following correspondence is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

a - Letter of March 8,1937 from Keeper Bayus.
b - Letter of March 14th from " "
c - Copy of letter of charges dated Mar.18th to Asst.Kpr.Bunting.
d - Letter of March 22nd from Mr.Bunting.
e - Letter of Mar.25th from Mr.Bunting.
f - Copy of letter of Mar.30th to Keeper Bayus
g - Letter of April 2nd from Keeper Bayus.

2. Mr. Bunting's reply to charges of March 22nd states that part of the charges are admitted, but not all of them; that he took a drink when in medical need; and requests that he be given another chance.

3. In his letter of Mar. 25th, a second reply to charges, he denies charge "a" that he was drunk on March 6th, claiming illness, and raising question as to the keeper verifying a condition of drunkenness as reported in the Keeper's letter of March 14th. Mr. Bunting makes no explanation of his failure to notify the keeper of the cause of his absence.

4. As to charge "b" he denies intoxication on March 8th, but admits he took a drink of whiskey mixed with hoarhound. He does not deny haranguing the keeper with insulting and boisterous language, but states that he protested the accusation of drunkenness.

5. As to charge "c" Mr. Bunting admits that he had been in New York and had drank some, and brought a half-pint with him, from which he offered the keeper a drink which was refused. He also admits that the keeper took him home in his car.

Amur 4/2-37

More personnel troubles from 3rd Dist. There are several matters which could be followed up further but concur that sufficient is developed considering particulars previous record to warrant dismissal & concur in that action.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Commissioner of Lighthouses: April 16,1937

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J. T. Yates

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Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

April 23, 1937

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce. After careful consideration and in view of Mr. Bunting's previous record, the Bureau concurs with the Superintendent and recommends approval of the action proposed in paragraph twelve above.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman,
Administrative Assistant

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Commissioner of Lighthouses: June 15,1937

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
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For the Commissioner:

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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June 30, 1937.

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The Honorable
The Secretary of Commerce
Attention: Chief, Division of Personnel

Sir:

7/15/37 wrote Dr. Sterner

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By direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully,

L. A. Moyer,
Chief Examiner

Bunting was dismissed from the Service at close of June 13, 1937.

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July 13, 1937.

Copy transmitted to the Bureau of Lighthouses.

By direction of the Secretary:

Chief, Division of Personnel.

Form 3178
Jan. 1936

U. S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
Service Record and Retirement Division
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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REPORT OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION FOR CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT

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NO RECORD OF CLAIM IN RETIREMENT SEC. TIME 3 45 DATE JUN 25 P.M. SEARCHED BY E.F.D.

U.S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION JUN 23 1937 RECD. A.M. P.M. & F.

U.S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION JUN 23 1937 RETIREMENT-CHIEF

Name: Orlando M. Bunting Claim No. R-

Civil-service Position: Ass't Lighthouse Keeper, Governors Island Light House, N.Y.City

Applicant makes the following statement as to origin of disability: States he cannot work on account of weakness and nervousness of about 6 weeks duration. Hemorrhoids, 4 years duration; nocturia (3 - 4 x) and burning urination, 1 years duration.

Present complaints:

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION

Birthplace: Selbyville, Delaware Age: 51 yrs. Height: 67 in. Weight: 133 lbs.

Color eyes: blue Color hair: gray Complexion: plethoric Marks or scars not described below: None Present employment, if any: Asst Light House Keeper

FINDINGS ON EXAMINATION

Pulse rates: (Sitting 78 (Standing 78 (After ex: 80

Respir: (Sitting 18 (Standing 18 (After ex: 18

Temperature: 37. C

Blood pressure (Systolic: 130 (Diastolic: 80

General Appearance: Good Nutrition: Good Muscular Devel: Good Posture: Good Gait: normal

(The examiner will make full report on each complaint or disability that is alleged, or found on examination. See also instructions in Form 3135)

Applicant presents a good appearance, is rational and alert. No abnormalities about head. His color is good. His eye motions are normal. Pupils are equal and regular and react normally to light and accommodation. Vision 20/40 in each eye. His ears and nose are normal. No sinus tenderness. His tongue protrudes in midline without tremor, atrophy or coating. All teeth except two are missing. Throat and tonsils normal. (no plates) No goiter or adenopathy.

Chest, symmetrical; Respiration, equal and regular. Lungs clear and resonant. No rales.

Heart- Size, shape and action are normal. No enlargement. No murmurs. Good exercise tolerance. Pulses equal and synchronous. Vessels normal. Blood pressure 130/80

(Over)

July 15, 1937

Dr. B. L. Sterner
United States Marine Hospital
Stapleton, New York

Dear Doctor Sterner:

Your report on Civil Service Form 3178 covering medical examination by your hospital on June 12 of Orlando M. Bunting has been forwarded to this office by the Civil Service Commission.

It appears from the form used that the medical examination was made for retirement purposes. Mr. Bunting was dismissed from the Lighthouse Service effective at the close of June 13, 1937, and this matter is reported for your information in the event Mr. Bunting appears for further examination in this connection.

Respectfully,

C. A. Park,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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LIGHTHOUSES

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Commissioner of Lighthouses: Aug. 2,1937

SUBJECT: Orlando M.Bunting, former keeper.
REFERENCE: Bureau letter of July 15,1937 to Marine Hospital, Staten Island.

1. On June 1,1937 Orland M. Bunting, Assistant Keeper at Governors Island Light Station, New York, was notified that his dismissal from the service would be effective at the close of June 13, 1937. On June 11th an undated letter was received from Mr.Bunting stating "Iam near 52 years old and am disabled for work. Please help me get a pension of say 55 or 60 per mo. I'll go to any Doctor & be examined of which will prove my present statement". This statement being the equivalent of a request for medical examination with a view of retirement on account of disability, and there being no known grounds that would justify disapproval of such request, Mr.Bunting was furnished with the necessary instructions for reporting at the Marine Hospital, Stapleton, Staten Island, New York for examination, and at the same time the Marine Hospital was advised that Mr.Bunting would call for examination, and Form 9a was furnished to the Marine Hospital for making report in his case. A report not having been received the matter was taken up with the Marine Hospital, and it was found that Mr.Bunting reported for medical examination on June 12th, and the Marine Hospital forwarded a report to the Civil Service Commission, Washington on Civil Service Form 3178, which report was subsequently forwarded to the Bureau by the Civil Service Commission. As Mr.Bunting's dismissal was effective June 13th, and as the medical examination of the Marine Hospital discloses no conditions that indicate disability that would warrant retirement, it does not appear that further action in the matter is necessary.

This previously came to attention of Bur. See folder, slipped

Concur and suggest so advise. JHM 8/4

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. OCKENFELS
Asst.Supt.

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August 6, 1937.

3d Supt's. letter Aug. 2, 1937, Orlando M. Bunting, former keeper, regarding medical examination for disability retirement.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y., the contents of the attached letter having been noted and the Bureau concurring in your view that no further action in the matter is necessary.

For the Commissioner:

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Orlando M. Bentzig (Name) — New York (Legal Residence)

STATUS

11—8040

DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper-		$840	Light House. Gouverneur Isl. New York	Oct. 23, 1920
"	Ready of pay.	1,080	" " "	July 1, 1924
"	" Act. Dec. 6, 1924	1,260	" " "	Feb. 1, 1925
"	" " "	1,440	" " "	May 16, 1925
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	1,500	" " "	July 1, 1925
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Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

WM. E. GARDNER

Chief, Division of Personnel.

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J. T. YATES
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
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For the Commissioner:

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THIRD DISTRICT

Governors Island, New York.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 8, 1937

To the Superintendent of Lighthouses
Staten Island, New York.

Dear Sir:

Please be informed that when I arrived at the Island to report for duty I found the Assistant, Mr. Bunting had been drinking again while on duty. He was supposed to report for duty Saturday, Mar. 6, 1937 but did not show up. I went down to his house and his wife told me he was (spl) sleeping off a drunk although its not very likely his wife will confirm this statement. This is not the first time I have found him drunk or drinking on duty. I have tried to help him but lately when on or off duty and when under the influence of liquor he would come down to the station and nag and heckle me. When I asked him not to drink in the station he replied by saying "I can drink any where I please" and he became belligerent when I asked him to go home and leave the station. I had to go to the M.P. office to ask them to help me get him out. They did not arrive, so I had to leave the station and returned sometime later to find the place

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in a mess - spit on the floor, coal hod upturned with the coal strewn all over the floor. I stayed away long enough for him to calm down and then I took him home.

Further, he does the work required here in a lax and sloppy manner. Lens should be cleaned every day, yet I ask him to do it every day and even then he neglects to do them. He says he cleans them, but upon inspection they have not been touched. Three inspection reports will confirm this. Other work he is asked to do, isn't done or done in such a manner that it has to be done all over.

Although he tells me I had nothing to do with his demotion yet he is always bringing up the fact that he has been done out of $540. and that he didn't get a fair deal. I mention this only to show his attitude. I believe it is this that is responsible for his laxity and neglect.

These charges could have been preferred against him much sooner, but the welfare of his wife and child has deterred me from making or pressing them before. I have tried in every way to help him my tolerance of his actions have made me

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It is obvious the man does not wish to work with me at least not with cooperation.

These charges are not made impulsively, I have tried in every way to change his attitude toward his work, I have overlooked his deliberate contrary actions until now. To me, this appeal to you is my last resort.

Respectfully yours
Stephen Bayne
Keeper.

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Governors Island, N. Y.
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March 17, 1937

To the Superintendent of Lighthouses
Staten Island, New York.

Dear Sir;

Please be informed that the Assistant Keeper Wm. Bunting has deliberately violated the rules and regulations governing lighthouse employees, by not reporting for duty because he was drunk, by drinking and getting drunk on duty, and by getting drunk off duty, coming to the watch house and being disrespectful, insulting and annoying.

On March 6, 1937, Bunting was to have had reported for duty at 9 A.M. He did not report nor did he try to get word to me giving his reasons for his absence. Later that day about 4:00 P.M. I went to his house to find out what happened to him. He was in bed, and though I did not see him I could hear him shouting and raving. I suspected he was drunk and his wife confirmed my suspicion, she further told me he could not report for duty so I was compelled to do his watch. He reported for duty next day March 7, at about 8:30 A.M. he appeared sober so I left the station and went home.

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On Monday March 8, 1937 I arrived on (the) Governors Island on the 900 A.M. boat. At about 910 A.M. I was at the Post office and the Assistant Mr. Bunting was there also. I addressed him several times but he ignored me. I noticed he was unsteady on his legs and it was obvious he was drunk. He had not yet been relieved because I had not yet reported at the station, going directly to the Post office from the boat. I arrived at the station a few minutes ahead of him and when he came in I remarked to him about drinking on duty, at first his defense was that he was relieved at 900 A.M. and I told him he was not properly relieved until I reported at the station. Then he tried to tell me he took just one drink and that it was 9:15 A.M. when he did take that drink. I arrived at the station and was in the watch house at 9:15 A.M. He came in not more than four minutes later, - I rode - he walked, from the Post Office yet he claims that he had only one drink and that one drink affected him in such a short time. I told him it didnt make any difference how many drinks he had, if it was one drink that made him drunk, he was drunk on duty.

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He could see I was'nt much impressed by his unlikely tale so he began to harangue and harass me. I asked him to leave, that he was relieved from duty for the day but he remained at the watch house until 11:45 A.M. and during that time he was insulting, boisterous, annoying and interferring with the performance of my duties. That morning I was at work on Form 30 for the Extension station until I decided to report his behavior.

His behavior in the morning of March the 8th was only a repetition of his behavior on Feb. 11, 1937. He was relieved that morning and he left. Later in the day, about three o'clock he stumbled into the watch house. He was so drunk he could hardly stand. I thought if I kept silent he would leave but it didn't work. He took off his hat and coat, pulled a bottle of whiskey from his pocket, staggered to the work bench and then began to drink. I told him to put the (wors) whiskey away and to go home, he replied that he would drink any damn place he pleased and would leave the watch house when he got good and ready. At first, I was not the object of his harangue. he kept shouting about the dirty deal he got, that

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he was being cheated out of $70, of course he was talking about his demotion. Then he began to pick on me, telling me my eyes got sharp since I was put in charge, call me a down Connecticut Yankee, make fun of me by asking me if the Comm. baby wanted his condensed milk, say that I wasn't pulling for him and that I was trying to make trouble for him. I tried to ignore him but some of the things he accused me of made me angry. I left the watch house and went to talk to his wife about getting him home but she was glad to have him any place but home so I returned to the watch house. When I got there I found the place in a mess, the coal had been upturned, the coal was strewn on the floor and it looked like deliberate action, newspapers where thrown about and on the floor near the chair on which he was sitting was a pool of tobacco juice. I was getting desperate, but I waited until I put my lights on, then I went to the Military Police office and asked the sergeant to send two men with the truck to take him home. I returned to the watch house and waited for them but they did not arrived. He continued his harassing so I was forced to

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leave the watch house for fear I should do him bodily harm. I staid away for sometime and when I returned he was more tractable and finally took him home. He left the watch house around seven o'clock.

Next morning, (Mar) Feb, 12 1937 he reported for duty at 900 A.M.. The first thing he did when he came into the watch house was to apologies for what he had said to me the day before. His wife evidently took him in hand and told him what he was had been calling me the day before.
Up to that time I was determined to report his behavior to you and informed him of my determination. He promised never to touch another drop of (liquor) liquor again, and that he didn't know what he was doing and didn't mean to (me) hurt me.
I relented but not because of him, I was thinking of his wife and child, it was (their) welfare that concerned me and so I dropped the matter.

That same day (Mar) Feb, 12 1937 was the day we had set for scrubbing the tower at the Extension station. It was badly in need of scrubbing but at that time I had a very bad

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cold, and a sore throat. I did not think that scrubbing the tower in such a condition would be wise so I got a young man to help Mr. Bunting scrubbed the tower. He was more than willing to do it with the help of the young man just to smooth out that occurrence of day before. They started to scrubbed the tower at about 10 A. M. I helped to get things started by putting up the boards. After they got started I returned to the watch house to clean up and change my clothes and then leave for home. But before leaving I decided to go down to the Extension station to see how they were getting along. I got down there after lunch time, about 12:30 P.M.. Both were at work, but I noticed that the job wasn't as good as it should have been. The barrel of the tower was streaky and the sides didn't look much better, I also noticed that Mr. Bunting was unsteady and kept dropping the scrub brush, that he could hardly hold the brush against the tower let alone move any dirt from it. I called his attention to it and he started to make excuses — the tower was too dirty — the weather was too cold and the water was too cold, I suggested that he get more hot water and he went home for some, I followed him

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and as I entered the back porch I caught him drinking gin and he was already on the verge of being drunk. I found that bottle of gin, which he had hidden and gave it to his wife. He didn't have much to say to me but had it it been for the work of the young man that tower would have had to have another scrubbing in a week or so. The tower wasn't finished until 4 P.M that day. Usually it (has) takes the Assistant and me 2½ hours to do the job. But of course he doesn't run home for hot water every five minutes when he is working with me. When he finished I went to his house with him and he began to argue with his wife because she wouldn't give him the bottle and he on duty. He was still a little groggy so I told him to stay home that I would work for him that night. I was afraid to let him stay on duty lest he become completely drunk from beer he could buy at the Post Exchange since his wife would not give him the bottle of gin. And this sir, only several hours after he promised to keep away from the liquor. He reported for duty the following morning at 900 A.M. and again we tried to come to some

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understanding. He made promises and he made me worry for I was afraid I would become involved due to his shortcomings. The events that followed on Mar. 6 + 8, which have already been mentioned gave me no choice in the matter without jeopardizing my position.

Further more even when sober his work is done in a lax and sloppy manner. When he mops the floor of the watch house, the wash boards need scrubbing and the compression tank needs polishing. He dirties them doing it. When he dusts off the brass, he first cleans oil drippings with the piece of waste he uses and then smears up the brass with it. He chews tobacco and when he spits he splatters the wall, when I tell me to clean it, why he says my eyes are getting sharp.

I tell him not to forget to clean the lenses, next day when I go up to clean them, I know they have not be cleaned, when I tell him about it, he calls me a dam liar. I have looked at lenses he claimed to have cleaned, half hour after he said he cleaned them and I would find them covered with dust and dirt.

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Sir, I beg you to understand that this report is not made in a vindictive, malicious or vengeful mood. I have tired in every way to help Mr. Bunting change his attitude toward me and his work. But I fear that should I have continued to cover him up any longer I ~~too~~ would become a the victim of his utter lack of responsibility and self control. As I stated before his disrespect for me, his shiftlessness was not tolerated by me because I wished to shirk my duty but (rather) ~~to~~ because I wished to give him every opportunity to prove himself and because of his family.

I beg to remain,

Respectfully Yours
Stephen Bayes
Keeper

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March 18,1937

Orlando M. Bunting, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with:-

a - Inability to perform duty due to intoxication, in that you failed to report for duty at 9 A.M. on March 6,1937, at which time you were due to go on watch, and also failed to notify the keeper of the reason for your absence, it appearing that at about 4 P.M. on March 6th when your home was visited for the purpose of ascertaining the cause of your absence from duty, you were in bed in an intoxicated condition and unfit to report for duty.

b - Intoxication when on duty, in that at 9:15 A.M. on March 8th,1937, when relieved from duty by the keeper you were in an intoxicated condition, and instead of leaving the watchhouse when relieved you remained there until about 11:45 A.M., and in the interim harrangued the keeper with insulting and boisterous language and interfered with the performance of his duties.

c - Conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service, in that at about 3 P.M. on Feb.11th, 1937, although not on watch, you entered the watchhouse in an intoxicated condition and proceeded to drink liquor from a bottle carried in your pocket, and when asked to leave the watchhouse you refused to do so and addressed insulting and improper language to the keeper, and remained in the watchhouse until about 7 P.M., when the keeper took you home; during the day while in the watchhouse, you made yourself very objectionable by harranguing the keeper, upsetting

the coal hod, and expectorating on the floor.

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d - Neglect of and inability to properly perform duty, in that at about 12:30 P.M. on February 12,1937 while engaged in scrubbing the tower at Governors Island Extension Light it was found that the work was not being properly done, that you were unsteady, repeatedly dropped the scrubbing brush, and was hardly able to hold the brush against the tower to be cleaned. It appears that you went to your home for hot water, and while there you were observed drinking liquor; finally at about 4 P.M. on February 12th, due to your unreliable condition caused by the use of intoxicants your watch was taken over by the keeper.

2. In connection with the foregoing charges, attention is invited to paragraphs 2, 6, 120 and 121 of Instructions to Employees of the United States Lighthouse Service.

3. You are directed to submit any statement you may desire to make, through official channels, within three days from the receipt of this letter. Any statement made must be couched in temperate language, free from countercharges, and confined to the point at issue. If you desire to make no statement you will so state in writing.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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March 22d, 1937

To The Supt of Lighthouses.
Staten Island. N.Y.

In Answering your Letter of 18th Inst
Reed. Sat. 20th Thru the Keeper. Will
Say Part of the Charges are Admitted.
But not all of them. Owing to
My Many Troubles & Being Sick
I took a Drink When in
Medical Need of Same. & then Death
of My Mother But give me Another
Chance —

Respectfully Yours

Orlando H. Dunning
Asst Keeper.

Through the Keeper
Stephen Bayus

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Governors Island N. Y. 3/26th 1937

To The Supt of Lighthouses
Staten Island N.Y.

Dear Sir. Not Guilty

In Answering to My Charges that
You Recd Against Me.

A. What Do Did My Boys have to Jerw Jne
On Mch 6th. Inst. I Was Not Drunk
But Sick in Bed. from Fri Eve 3/5th until
Sunday Am at 6.00 Am 3/7th. I My Wife & Daughter
Will Verify. But Went on Duty at 900 Am.
3/7th. then how Could he Verify I Was drunk.

Q.

On 8th. I Was Not Intoxicated. But from
the Cold. I had for 4 Days. I took 1 Drink of a
Whiskey Mixed With Some Hot around a Friend
of Mine Gave Me. & he Came in at 9.15 Am.

late & Smelled My Breath. &
Accusing Me. of Being Drunk. & I
Objected. Very Strongly. of Course. he
Kept this up. & Me Being Not guilty I
Certainly Protested. & as Far as him Being
Interfered from his Duties, thats Not
So. & Besides I With Several Cans of
Evaporated Milk. Putting it in a
Bucket. & on 1 Side of My Bicycle
Rode home. of Which no Man Can Do
in and Intoxicated Condition

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& Conduct. of Good & Bad. on Feb 11th.
Admitting I had Been over in Town
& had Drank Some & Bringing 1/2 Pint
Over With Me. & I Offered him a Drink
But no he Refused. & Started Abusing Me.
the Man that Learned him all he Knows of
this U. S. C. H. Business. of Course Being
of A Human Me I Came Back. But
he Said All ok. Drinking I'll take You
home in My Car. that Part he did

But this Part of upsetting the Coal Bucket & Spilling on the Floor is and Untruth.

D.

Neglect & this & that on Feb. 12th. this is Great, he had Several Irons hired Substitutes for me to Work With a Covering the Tower. Well the Engaged John Monsette. of 193 Chauncey St. Kelp N.J & he is Young & Very Chauncey But. We Scrubbed the Tower & had it done. All about the Box Covering the Bell House When he Came Back. then he Put his hands upon his Hips & Says So & So. & I Said. D. But Kept to My Work & Me I'd Moved all the Boards from the Tower & Piers Down. Now I Was Coved. & Be Intoxicated & Falling Against the Tower. When it Was Done & We Were on the Bell House & had the top of it Done When he Came Back here.

and Needing Some More Hot Water
I Went Over to My house to get Some
& Being Well Cold Drunk I Drink & he
Walking Right in the Back Door
Without Any invitation Saw me
& me Wet & Cold & if this is his Training
from the Schooling ^(Lyrs.) of Which I gave him
the Chance. this ! By the Heavens . I Was
Trained absolutely Wrong & as far
My Being Drunk on this Day & So & So
is / of the Most Untruthful I Can Prove
By Mr Worrell C. 193 Chauncey (his letter & accounting two drunks) St Elgin N.J.
& My Wife & Daughter that he Claimed I Was
not fit for Duty. But had Walked Right
in My home & Saw me. Drink When he had no
Right to Do & it Better not Be Done Again.
from him. he has for the last yr or 2
Kept nagging at the / Whome Learned him.
No Matter how Well I Perform my
Work. he is the Same. Nagger.
Besides He Told. Mr Norman Hutchens

Dagsboro Del. R.F.D. #2.

When he Left off Duty Last Dec. 15th. 1936
that he Was a going to Sneak Back & Watch
& Watch me. he Says. to him I Want Snooting on
Hunting if I Can. Ill Report him. & then
on Feb. 12th. he took Mrs. Mouzette from
my house to the Court & Remarked to him
Ill get Hunting yet. & I'd of had him thrown
Out Long Ago. Only. for the Sake of my Wife
& Daughter. Now. I am Working just to
Call in Mr. Gunnell the Electrician & See
if Mr. Bayne. Treats me Just. & if Mr.
Bayne. is a Square Detective all I Want
is a Thoro. Investigation. & Square
Deal. & a Show. As this Fellow is not
With you People. Very long at Most now.
But. I Will be. if Treated ½ Just.

Yours Very Truly

Orlando M. Dunton

Post Script.

Mrs Yates.
This is the Thanks I've got from
Mr. Sayers. After Working the Watches
So he Could go to School. 6 yrs. daytime
& also seeing that he got a Loan of $100
from the Personal Loan Co. 206 B Way N of City
last Fall. — Call them up & Cry yourself, 2 yrs Ago.
& him Going Over to the Cafeteria here.
& Saying. I am Keeper now notice C. Right here
the Labels. on my this Coat (16) Write Mr Earl
Bunyea the Baker here. Write Mr Mouzette B'klyn
Mr. Hitchens of Dagsboro, Del. & See Mr. Gunnell.
is open to. C. My Past Record here. & Invite Gatson all I
Want is a Square Deal. this Man has treated
me So I Wanted to get Out of the Service almost. 2 mos Ago. You
Try & See Capt. Larsen & Mr. H.L. Blair.
I think they'l tell you. I've Been Disgusted. With this
young man. & With a little Boost he's Unbearable almost.
& With his much Schooling greets me. as Orrie & Never
Mrs Dunting & I Many yrs. his Sr. & this is Just. J. How.

P. S. 2d.

So. then I Was Absolutely Framed Wrong & A new Deal. has Come into Effect the Old Settlers of 2½ Centuries Ago & left their Blood upon the Ground into the In- -Defence. for American Soil. has to, Bow Down to. this Ill Treatment. Ill Keep the Letter of 3/18th. from your Office Regrtd. to Stephen Gaynor of Foreign Birth of his Parents. U.S. Orlando M. — Bunting Asst. Keeper of the U.S.L.H. at Governors Island N.Y. What follows is Absolutely from Your Office. If a Fair & Square Deal is Performed by your Office. I'll Take the Consequencies.

Yours Very Truly

Orlando M. Bunting.

Asst Keeper

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

March 30,1937

Stephen Bayus, Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Assistant keeper Bunting.
REFERENCE: Letter of charges March 18th.

Enclosed herewith is copy of letter dated March 25,1937, received from Mr.Bunting, which copy is forwarded for your comment and report as to the various statements made therein by Mr.Bunting in reply to charges .

/s/ J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

To The Superintendent of Lighthouses
Staten Island New York.

Subject: Assistant Keeper Bunting

Governors Island New York.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 2, 1937

Your letter dated March 30 1937 requesting comment and report as to the various statements made by Mr. Bunting in his letter dated March 25 1937 in reply to charges, is hereinanswered.

A. No doctors determined Mr. Buntings condition of drunkeness on March 6 1937. It was his ravings and shouting which led me to believe he was intoxicated and the fact that he did not report for duty, plus his wifes statement that he was drunk. I dont believe Mr. Bunting can prove a doctor determined his illness to be so bad that he could not come and tell me he was too ill to go on duty.

B. On March 8, 1937. If staggering and using vile abusive language are the effects of, other than a drunken condition, then I am learning something more from him that "learned" me. I still maintain he was drunk and interferred with the performance of my duties.

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C. On Feb. 11 1937, he admits drinking. The fact is he was sloppily drunk. He placed a pint bottle on the work bench not a half pint. Before he left the watch house he consumed the whole pint. It was I who cleaned up the coal and spit from the floor.

D. Conduct as of Feb. 12 1937 is confirmed by Mr. John Mussette. 193 Chauncey St. Brooklyn, N. Y. by a letter herein enclosed. As for my nagging him that is an absurd and ridiculous accusation. Whenever I did find fault with his work rather than tell him, because everything he did was right. I would undo his work and do it myself. Not that Mr. Bunting is absolutely incompetent, he just tried to make everything as difficult as he could for me.

I believed in performing my duties to the best of my ability but it seems farfetched to think I should travel over one hundred miles on the chance I may catch Mr. Bunting drunk on duty as Mr. Bunting states through Mr. Norman Hitchens.

It was Mr. Bunting who asked me to consider his wife and child when I told him I feared was going to report him

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conduct after the Feb. 11 1937 incident. No such statement was made to Mr. Mouzette. I am not a teetotaler, I have taken a drink occasionally, but I have never been drunk on this (Governors) Island in my, almost, eleven years service here.

To mention Mr. Gunnell, I am willing to let him pass judgment on my sobriety or on my treatment of Mr. Bunting.

The length of my continued employment with the Lighthouse Service is still unknown to me. Perhaps Mr. Bunting does know how long I shall continue in service, I don't.

Post Script.

Mr. Bunting did concede to my wish, to work a 12 hour shift to enable me to go to school four hours a day, but with the understanding that I help him paint his quarters, wash his windows, help plow his garden, carry stones out of his garden and any such work as with which he needed help. However, the watch book records show that from Feb 3 1930 to May 12 1930 a 12 hour watch was in effect and again from Oct. 3, 1935 to Feb. 3, 1935, a total of seven months. Obviously, 6 years is a gross exaggeration.

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As for the loan I made at the Personal Loan Co., Mr. Bunting only recommended that office to me. He neither signed nor appeared for me in obtaining it. He made a loan there previously, and I fail to see any connection between the loan and Mr. Bunting obtaining it for me except that (men) employees of the Lighthouse Service are a good risk upon their consideration.

As for Mr. Earl Buyea, Mr. Bunting's pal, it was about a month ago he was tried for being drunk and disorderly and again for blowing up the boiler in his charge while drunk. He is barred from the Post Cafeteria where they sell beer, so too is Mr. Bunting for drunken and disorderly conduct. Confirmation of this, can be had by writing to the Post Exchange Officer, or the Post Exchange Steward, Post Exchange Fort Jay, Gov. Island N.Y. This man, Mr. Buyea is ready to swear to the grossest lie, such as the one Mr. Bunting states, upon Mr. Bunting's request. I believe this man's influence, upon Mr. Bunting, more than anything else is responsible for his behavior. Though I had heard Mr. Bunting was barred from the Post Cafeteria I was unable to ascertain the true facts until yesterday April 1 1937, when, I told him Post Exchange Steward was pressed for the facts, he condescended

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to talk to me

On the several occassions that somebody was hired by me to help Mr. Bunting scrub the Extension tower, I give two reasons. One was and is that Mr. Bunting would not scrub the tower alone, secondly I was in such state of health that getting wet would result in hospitalization. The first time occurred when Mr. Bunting was in charge, some four years ago. At the time I was advised by a doctor of the Marine Hospital, Hudson + Dey Sts, New York City, to keep my hands out of strong soap or alkaline water, to avoid aggravating a rash condition of my body, arms + legs. The rash was accompanied by a violent itching which almost drove me to distraction.

On another occassion a deep cut on my hand would have resulted in serious trouble had I used it.

On Feb. 12, 1937 I was suffering from a severe cold, as stated in my letter of March 5, 1937. I didnit think it wise to get wet feet and legs in that condition. The reason I was anxious to have the tower scrubbed on Friday, Feb 12, 1937 is that Army inspection is on Saturdays, and I didnit ~~(not)~~ wish to have it reported to your office by the Commandant that the Lighthouse was (be) dirty. The tower was not too dirty, but I did not wish to take a chance on the Commadants judgment. He makes allowances where army men are concerned (by) but civilians on the Post live up to the letter of rules or else incurr his sharp reprimand.

Now let me state that I have scrubbed the Extension tower alone, in spite of the fact Mr. Bunting thinks its too much work

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for one man.

Finally, since Mr. Bunting wishes a thorough investigation I refer you to Colonel Williams, Post Commander, Fort Jay, Gov. Island, N.Y. to give you the details of a scrape he got into sometime ago which resulted in a warning from the Commadant to Mr. Bunting that further involvement in any fracas on Mr. Bunting's part would be cause for his removal and debarrment from Governors Island. I don't know the details, Mr. Bunting himself told me about this warning.

I cannot refrain from commenting on the foreign birth of my parents, Both my parents were foreign born. I am an American by birth.

In closing I beg to remain

Respectfully yours
Stephen Baynes
Keeper.

April 1 1937
Brooklyn,
New York

To whom it May Concern

This is to confirm Mr.Bayus; statement that Mr. Bunting was drunk while working,scrubbing the Lighthouse tower,on Feb.12 1937.He keRt dropping t the scrub brush and would start scrubbing over again parts which I had already scrubbed and rinsed. When Mr. Bayus came down to see how we were getting along he saw the part was done and said it was not so hot and wanted to know what the matter was.Mr. Bunting said that the dirt would not come off and so Mr.Bayus picked up a brush and the dirt seemed to come off alright for him I could see Mr. Bayus was angry because Mr.Bunting was drunk but he didnt say much except that Mr. Bunting should get some hotter water,Mr. Bunting said that the water was not hot enough.Mr. Bayus had a very bad cough and when Mr. Bunting went home for hot water he asked Mr.Bayus to come in and get warm.When the job was done he again asked Mr.Ba Bayus to come in and by that time Mr.Bunting was pretty bad.

John Mousette

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March 10,1934

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: Effective date of changes in personnel in 3rd District.
REFERENCE: Department letter of May 19, 1918.

1. The Bureau is advised that the effective dates of recent changes in the personnel of the Third Lighthouse District, are as follows:-

Name	Position	Salary	Nature of Change	Letter Date	Effective Date
Orlando M. Bunting	K	$1500	Demoted	2-20-24	3-9-34

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

February 20, 1934.

Mr. Orlando M. Bunting,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty (by change of duties).

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,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1740 per annum.

To: $1500 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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February 19, 1934.

Memorandum for Mr. Gardner:

I discussed this case of the demotion of Orlando M. Bunting with Assistant Secretary Mitchell, and told him that I did not believe the action proposed is sufficiently severe and that I was inclined to the removal from the service of Bunting. Mr. Mitchell requested that I leave the papers with him for review, stating that he would return them to me with any suggestions he might have if he did not concur in the recommendation. As he has not indicated any change in the punishment meted out to Bunting I have approved of his demotion.

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1934 JAN 19 AM 9:05

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FEB - 5 1934 APPOINTMENT DIVISION 10:28

Staten Island, N.Y. (City) Jan. 17, 1934 (Date), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Demotion

Name, Orlando M. Bunting

Position, Keeper (Asst.)

Location, Governors Is.Lt.Sta. & Governors Is.Extension Lt., N.Y.

Effective, February 1st, 1934

Legal residence, ~~Delaware~~ N.Y.

Proposed salary, $1500 p.a.

Proposed range ($1380-1740)

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

Former position, Keeper

Location, Governors Is.Lt.Sta. and Governors Is.Extension Lt., N.Y.

Former salary, $1740 p.a.

Former range, $1560-1920

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

(Lt.#1573)

Previous incumbent and his pay, Stephen Bayus Services terminated, Jan. 31, 1934

Reason, Promoted (Salary $1500 p.a.)

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: See separate letter of this date to the Bureau.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN FEB 21 1934 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

J. T. YATES
Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

January 30, 1934

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved., for the reasons shown in the Superintendent's letter of January 17 and its inclosures hereto attached, the Bureau concurring with the Superintendent that Mr. Bunting is unsuitable for retention as keeper in charge. In addition to his demotion it is also proposed to consider his transfer as assistant keeper to another station upon the occurrence of a suitable opportunity. THIS IS A CIVIL SERVICE POSITION

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1934 JAN 19 AM 9:05

GENERAL DEPOT

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Jan.17,1934

Commissioner of Lighthouses;

SUBJECT: Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper, Governors Island Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

1. The following papers are enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

a - Copy of phone memo of Oct.18,1933.
b - Copy of phone memo of Oct.18,1933.
c - Letter from U. S. Public Health Service of Oct. 27,1933.
d - Letter from Keeper Bunting of Nov.1,1933.
e - Monthly Report of Keeper Bunting (Form 65) for Oct.
f - Letter from New York Police Department of Nov. 15,1933.
g - Letter from City Magistrate's Court of Nov.20,1933.
h - Copy of phone memo of Nov.21,1933.
i - Letter from Police Department and enclosure of Dec.14,1933.
j - Copy of letter of charges to Keeper Bunting dated Dec.16,1933.
k - Letter from Keeper Bunting of Dec.20,1933.

2. Mr.Bunting's letter of Nov.1st,1933 states that on October 16,1933, around 9 A.M.,he was on a step ladder in the bathroom at his home (Governors Island), and fell cutting his scalp and face, and in his monthly report he states that he left the station on Oct.16th at 8 A.M. on account of illness, whereas after having been arrested for intoxication he was not released by the Magistrate's Court in Brooklyn until about 11 a.m. on Oct.16th. The letter and monthly report are not consistant as to time, and both are evidently a misrepresentation of fact. According to Mr.Bunting's letter the Assistant Kee per was on watch from 8 a.m. Oct.15th to 8 A.M. Oct.16th, and accordingly the keeper was due to go on watch at 8 a.m. Oct.16th. The Keeper's reply offers no explanation as to the charge re false and misleading reports concerning the date of Oct.16th, but makes an extended statement concerning watches etc. on Oct.14th and 15th, which while aside from the subject, discloses that the watch book records are incorrect, which is stated to be due to force of habit.

(COPY:HR)

Marine Hospital on phone says Governors Island called and said Keeper Bunting was in hospital at Governors Island and they want him removed to Marine Hospital. Advised we would look up and advise him, Dr. Snavely.

/s/ J.T.Y.

Oct. 18, 1933
10 A.M.

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10:15 A.M. Oct.18,1933

1st Asst.

Called up Governors Island (Whitehall 4-8010) and talked with Colonel Morris in regard to O. M. Bunting Keeper of Governors Island Lt.Sta.

Colonel Morris stated that on Monday Mrs. Bunting brought her husband to the hospital on Governors Island, and asked he be given treatment. He was found to be quite badly cut and beaten up, and with a concussion of the brain. Mrs. Bunting explained his injuries by stating they went to Brooklyn on Sunday to visit some friends, and that Bunting went out for a walk. She said that probably through an error he entered a house where he did not belong, and was taken for a burglar by the occupants, beaten up and thrown into the street. He was locked up by a policeman, but was permitted to go on Monday morning. The Doctor stated he was liable to be laid up for some time, and requested he be removed from their hospial as soon as practicable, as their facilities were limited. Told him we would take the matter up with the Marine Hospital and have him removed as soon as possible.

JHG

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10-25 A.M.,Oct.18th

Called up the Marine Hospital, Hudson St.,N.Y., (Barclay 7-6150) and explained the case to the Medical Officer in Charge. He stated he would get in immediate tough with Colonel Morris on Governors Island, and if Bunting's condition was such he could be moved, they would send an ambulance for him and take him direct to the Marine Hospital on Staten Island. Said he doubted, however, they could move him safely, if the concussion of brain was very serious. Asked us to send him official request for medical treatment, and in the meantime he would take immediate steps to do whetever was necessary.

JHG

...NG ADDRESS:
...FICER IN CHARGE
...S. MARINE HOSPITAL
BAY STREET
STAPLETON, N.Y.

Press

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

STAPLETON, N.Y.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 27 1933
THIRD DISTRICT
NEW BRIGHTON, N.Y.

October 27, 1933.

Mr. J.T. Yates, Superintendent of Lighthouses,
3d District, Staten Island, New York.

Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper, Governors
Island Light Station

Sir:

In response to your request of October 24, 1933 you are advised that the above captioned is being treated in this hospital for contusions of the face and scalp.

It is believed that 5 to 7 days further hospitalization will be necessary.

By direction of the Medical Officer in Charge.

Respectfully,

R. B. Snavely

R. B. SNAVELY, P.A. Surgeon, USPHS.,
Executive Officer.

RBS:S

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Governors Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov. 1st, 1923

To The Supt. of Lighthouses.
Staten Island N.Y.

Dear Sir
On Oct 16th. 1923 I Was on a Stepladder Around 9 A.M. into My home into the Bath Room. & I Fell from it Hitting My Head & Face. Cutting My Scalp & Face. I Was Taken here to the Army Hospital. But Was Transferred to the Marine Hospital on Staten Island on Oct 18th. & Was Treated there until yesterday Oct 31st then Discharged & Came home. & today Am on Duty. Enclosed you will find the Hospital slip for your Information

Yours Very Truly
Orlando M. Smith
Keeper.

MONTHLY REPORT OF LIGHT STATION, DEPOT, OR LIGHTSHIP

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SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT
NOV 12 1913
RECEIVED

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FROM Governors Island Extension LIGHT Station, FOR MONTH OF Oct, 1913

Below is submitted my report showing the condition of the above light station, depot, or lightship, with notes regarding necessary repairs, or other matters requiring official attention, and a list of the absences of employees during the above month.

1. LIGHTHOUSE, TOWER, OR VESSEL: Good

2. ILLUMINATING APPARATUS: Good

3. FOG-SIGNAL APPARATUS: Good

4. RADIO APPARATUS: ?

5. OTHER BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, OR HULL AND MACHINERY: Good

6. BOATS, AND MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS (state boat numbers): None Here to Report

7.

Supplies on hand will last No. of DAYS shown below.	
Water	
Coal	
Provisions	
Kerosene	
Gasoline	
Fuel oil	
Lubricating oil	

Sunset 6-
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CITY OF NEW YORK
CITY MAGISTRATES' COURTS
9th DISTRICT, BOROUGH OF Brooklyn

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November 20th, 1933.

Mr. J.T.Yates,

Superintendent of Lighthouse Division,

Staten Island, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Relative to your letter of Nov. 16th, 1933, beg to say, that one Olando Bunting was arraigned in this court on the 16th day of Nov.1933 on a charge of public intoxication, at about the hour of 11 P.M.

Any further particulars relative to his condition could be obtained from officer Yurko of the 64th precinct

Yours resp.,

Carl J. Cummings
Clerk of court

10:45 A.M., Nov.21,1933
Called up Mr.Cummings in reference to above, and he stated that Mr.Bunting was arranged at 11 A.M. on Oct.16th, instead of 11 P.M. on Nov.16th, the errors having been made in copying the record. Said they had no record of his physical condition.
JHG

POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF NEW YORK

Asst.Supt.

11:00 A.M., Nov. 21,1933

Called up the 64th Precinct Police Station in Brooklyn (Phone ShoreRoad 5-6200) and spoke to the desk Sargeant in reference to Orlando Bunting. He stated the Station blotter showed Bunting was booked at 12:30 A.M. on Oct.16th, having been arrested on account of intoxication and unable to take care of himself. He stated the arrest may have been made before midnight, which would make in the night of Oct.15th. Said they had noted on the blotter that Bunting was suffering from "lacerations of head and forehead".

JHG

POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF NEW YORK

67-8 H.D.1.

December 14, 1933.

Mr. F. W. Ockenfels,
Assistant Superintendent,
Department of Commerce,
Lighthouse Service,
3rd District, Staten Island, N.Y.

In re: Orlando M. Bunting

Dear Sir:

With reference to your communication of November 23, 1933, the Police Commissioner directs me to forward you copy of report received from the Commanding Officer of the Tenth Division, to whom the matter was referred for investigation.

Very truly yours,

Thomas F. Gilligan
Acting Secretary
to Police Comm'r.

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C.I. 15102
D.C.I. 5469
Div. 1920

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TENTH DIVISION

December 6, 1933.

From: Commanding Officer, 10th Division.

To: Deputy Chief Inspector, Brooklyn.

Subject: REQUESTING IFNROAMTION RELATIVE TO ARREST OF ONE OLANDER M. BUNTING.

1. Records at 64th Precinct show the following:-

Arrest #M-487. October 16, 1933.

At about 12:30 A.M. October 16, 1933 Ptl. Michael Yurko, #6613, 64th Precinct, arrested Orland Bunthing, Governors Island, male, 45, white, married, inspector, charged with Intoxication, under the influence of some alcoholic agent, unable to care for self.

Place of occurrence:- 86th Street and 5th Avenue.

2. Above named defendant was attended by Dr. Percy, Norwegian Hospital for laceration of forehead and head, said injuries having been sustained in some unknown manner.

3. Arraigned in 9th District Court, October 16, 1933. Sentence suspended by Magistrate Hughes.

James Dufficy

Inspector, 10th Division.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

THIRD DISTRICT
GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Dec. 16,1933

Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with making false and misleading reports and with conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service, in that by your letter dated Nov. 1,1933, you reported to this office that:- "On October 16th 1933 I was on a stepladder around 9 a.m. into my home into the bath room and I fell from it hitting my head and face cutting my scalp and face"; also in your monthly report on Form 65 for the month of October 1933, and dated Nov.1,1933, it was reported that you left the station on Oct.16 at 8 a.m., whereas it appears from public records that you were arrested at 12:30 a.m. Oct.16,1933, at 86th Street and 5th Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., and received medical attention for laceration of forehead and head, and arraigned in the City Magistrate's Court, Brooklyn, at about 11 a.m. on October 16,1933, on a charge of public intoxication.

2. You are directed to submit any statement you may desire to make, through official channels, within three days from the receipt of this letter. Any statement made must be couched in temperate language, free from countercharges , and confined to the point at issue. If you desire to make no statement you will so state in writing.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Asst.Supt.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

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so I asked my friend for a drink but he said he didn't have any .
I was begining to feel ill and from past experience I knew that a good drink would make me feel better.Therefore my friend directed me to a place where I could get one and I left for the place alone.
I found the place and I had two drinks and no more and started to talk to a man near me and that was all I remembered up to the time I was in the hospital on Governor's Island.I had no idea of the date and when the Asst. came up to visit me he told me it was Tuesday which was Oct.17th.
I don't remember being in court,I don't remember getting back to the Island and I don't know when I got home although my wife tells me I got home Monday morning the 16th.My wife further informed me that I tried to help her,which I do not remember and that at one time during the morning I fell in the bath room and she had to help me to my bed. She attended me during the day but at about 9 P.M. my condition became so alarming to her she notified the Post Hospital and I was taken there.From there I was taken to the Marine Hospital on Wed. morning and from what I have heard since I was still delirious most of the time.
Now whether or not I obtained my injuries completely in Brooklyn or when I fell at home I can only repeat from other sources.My wife tells me that I had court plaster on my head.I did not know and do not know that a doctor had treated me previously.I must have been treated by someone no doubt,but I do not remember it.
If my conduct was unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service it was not due to the fact that I was drunk but rather to the fact that I was an injured

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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and sick man for which no one can be condemned. Another fact to be considered: I was not in uniform when this accident occurred to me.

The cause of all this trouble I can only explain by saying that I must have been doped by the person or persons selling me the drinks with the motive of robbery, for when I got home my wife dicovered that all my money, a watch and a fountain pen was gone. The amount of money I had was about $20.

To say that I made a false report regarding my actions during the period under discussion would be unfair, rather let it be said that I did not make a complete report, which I am now doing.

If I have been the unfortunate victim of some unscrupulous man or men I should not be condemned. But rather let it be pointed out to me so that in the future I may avoid such an unpleasant experience.

I have tried to carry out my duties faithfully and to the best of my abilities. And so far have done so. And I hope this incident, which occurred to me while I was off duty, will not lessen your faith in me as an employee of the Lighthouse Service.

Kindly review this reprt with commiseration and understanding for it is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Respectfully yours

C. A. Dunton
Keepers.

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

December 30, 1930

Mr. Orlando M. Bunting

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 1, 1931.

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.

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1680

To: $1740

Service and grade: Range $1560-1920

Appropriation (unit): Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

3d District.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ENTERED ON JOURNAL
JAN 10 1931
SHEET NO. 2922
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

January 18, 1929.

Sears, Roebuck and Company,
4640 Roosevelt Boulevard,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 12, 1929 (file 160"MA"ELS), requesting certain information concerning Orlando M. Bunting, an employee of this Department.

Mr. Bunting was appointed keeper of Governors Island Light Station, New York, at $840 per annum on October 23, 1920, in which position he is still serving. His present salary is $1680 per annum. The other information you request, with the exception that he is white, cannot be furnished as it is not of record.

The stamped envelope which accompanied your communication is returned herewith as postage is not required in the transaction of official business.

Yours very truly,

JAN 21 1929

(SIGNED) E. W. LIBBEY,

E. W. LIBBEY
Chief Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN 14 1929
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
CLERK

Jan. 12,
160*MA*ELS
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Dept. of Commerce of U. S.
Washington,
D. C.

1929 JAN 14 AM 9 04

Dear Sir:

We have an order from one of your employees,

Orlando M. Bunting, Governor Island, N. Y.
~~If you will be~~ good enough to answer the questions below, it will be an accommodation to your employee, as well as to us. We assure you that this information will be appreciated and treated in strict confidence.

Yours very truly,

SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO.
Philadelphia, Pa.

What position?_____

How long in this position?_____

Any prospect of sudden change? ____Race___

Steadily employed?_____Weekly income $___

Worthy of credit amounting to $ 85.00
payable in monthly installments of $ 6.00

Any further information?_____

Enc S.E.
ML 27307

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(Please sign here)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

M r. Orlando M. Bunting,

Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses;

Sir.

You are advised that under the Welch Act your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective July 1, 1928.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1560

To: $1680

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Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

January 1, 1927.

Mr. Orlando M. Bunting,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 1, 1927.

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,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1500 per annum.

To: $1560 per annum.

JAN 12 1927

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JAN 13 1927 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPROVED BY THE ACTING SECRETARY 1/11/27

FILE 1093/1

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

JUN 10 1926 5

General Depot
Office Supt. of Lighthouses
3d Dist., Staten Island, N.Y.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper, Governors Is. Lt.Station.
REFERENCE: Indorsement of June 7, 1926 to Bureau forwarding copy of letter of caution of same date to Bunting.

Referring to indorsement of this office dated January 7, 1926 forwarding copy of letter of caution of same date to Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper of Governors Island Light Station; the Bureau is advised that this office has had no further difficulty with Mr. Bunting and it is therefore recommended that no further action be taken in his case.

(Signed) J. T. Yates.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUN 18 1926

Returned approved.

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

File

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUN 18 1926

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

G R Putnam

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

General Depot
Office Supt. of Lighthouses
3d Dist., Staten Island
January 7, 1925

Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station - 3d.
Governors Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Assistant Keeper Mason
REFERENCE: Previous correspondence.

1. You are advised that the confusion and recent correspondence concerning the matter of the absence of Assistant Keeper Mason, is due largely to the unsatisfactory manner in which you handled the matter. By telephone message of Nov. 30, 1925 and your letter of Dec. 1, 1925, you reported the assistant keeper ill, but in neither case furnished any information as to the nature of his illness or probable duration of absence and permitted him to leave the station without applying for leave. Instead of furnishing information and explanation concerning the alleged illness and absence, your report was principally criticisms of the assistant keeper. When this was brought to your attention you subsequently forwarded a letter of complaint against the assistant keeper, which pertained to alleged occurrences prior to his illness, and which, if based on fact, should have been reported at the time of occurrence instead of being withheld. These complaints are denied by the assistant keeper. You also reported that the assistant keeper had gone to New York on several occasions while on watch and that you personally saw him in New York on two occasions, but state that you are unable to give the dates.

2. Your action as keeper in ignoring or condoning such alleged conduct on the part of the assistant keeper in direct violation of the Regulations, plainly shows neglect of duty on your part, and gives further evidence of the inefficient manner in which you have handled the affairs of the station. You are hereby cautioned that unless you hereafter demonstrate that you are able to handle the duties of your position in a satisfactory and efficient manner wit out voluminous and unnecessary correspondence, and also direct the work of the assistant keeper and see that he properly performs the duties of his position, it will be necessary to take action with the view of your removal from the position of keeper.

3. The fact that you have been cautioned will be made a part of your official history in the Lighthouse Service.

(Signed) J. T. Yates
Superintendent.

1-14-26

CROSS REFERENCE

SEE FILE--464/16/ D#1

NAME Bunting, Orlando Jr. POSITION Keeper

BUREAU BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES STATION 3rd Dist

CIRCULAR #11----9/15/23

BASE PAY	Bonus	Total	Allowances			As Classified for estimate purposes			Recommendations regarding differential from standard rates		
			Items	Value	Aggregate	Service	Grade	Pay	Is differential recommended	Amt. per annum to be Added	Subtracted
840	240	1080	CR	164.25	1244.25	LHS	3	1260			

CIRCULAR #13----11/13/23

approv $1260

GRADE RECOMMENDED 5

RANGE OF COMPENSATION RECOMMENDED FROM $1260 TO $1500

Kind of equipment [illegible]; annual cost, $

17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)

(a) Elementary school; years ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4 ☐5 ☐6 ☐7 ☐8

(b) High school; years ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4

(c) Business school; years ☐½ ☐1 ☐1½ ☐2 ☐2½ ☐3

(d) College: Name ; years ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4

(e) Post graduate work: Kind ; years ☐1 ☐2 ☐3

(f) Correspondence courses: Kind ; number of lessons ; number completed

18. Description of work. (Describe the various tasks performed, making the description of each as detailed as space will permit. Use a paragraph for each task and number the paragraphs. In the column at the right state the estimated percentage of the total time—in the course of a day, month, or year—given to each task.)

Percentage of total time given to each task

Assisting in operating illuminating apparatus and fog signal engines; keep apparatus clean and in efficient working order; care for buildings, keep them clean and in order, including painting and minor repairs. 100

18a. Not specified; stand watches, work equally divided; average 8 or less hours per day; Sundays, operation of light and fog signal engines only.

CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 1
(Filled in accordance with detailed instruction sheet, Form No. 2)

Sheet No. 54

2—12758

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

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Bunting (Surname) Orlando (Given name) M. (Initial)

2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field Service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field Station 3rd Lighthouse District
   (b) Subdivision Governors Is. etc. Lts.
   (c) City or town Governors Island State N. Y.
6. Pay-roll title Keeper
7. Customary office title Assistant Keeper

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day see 18a; per week 7 days
   (b) If this is not a full-time position, state percentage of time employed per day ---; or per week ---
   (c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From Sunset to Midnight or Midnight to sunrise
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year ---
   During what months ---
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation ---
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus $840.00 per annum; bonus, $240.00 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $840.00 per "; bonus, $240.00 per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate ---
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: ☐ Quarters; ☐ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; ☒ Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; ☒ Fuel; ☒ Light; ☒ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum
    Subsistence $164.25 per annum
16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:
    Kind of equipment None.; annual cost, $
17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
    (a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8
    (b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3
    (d) College: Name; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (e) Post graduate work: Kind; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
    (f) Correspondence courses: Kind; number of lessons; number completed

18. Description of work. (Describe the various tasks performed, making the description of each as detailed as space will permit. Use a paragraph for each task and number the paragraphs. In the column at the right state the estimated percentage of the total time—in the course of a day, month, or year—given to each task.)

	Percentage of total time given to each task
Assisting in operating illuminating apparatus and fog signal engines; keep apparatus clean and in efficient working order; care for buildings, keep them clean and in order, including painting and minor repairs.	100
18a. Not specified; stand watches, work equally divided; average 8 or less hours per day; Sundays, operation of light and fog signal engines only.	

19. Does employee work under immedi[illegible] supervision, or to a large extent upon his own responsibility? (Describe fully.)

Works under the supervision of the Keeper.

20. Do the duties involve direction or supervision of the work of other employees? No.
If so, describe the nature of the direction or supervision and give the number and classes of employees directed or supervised.

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? 5 years.

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

JUN 20 1923, 1923. J. T. Yates Superintendent.
(Date) (Signature of Preparing Officer) (Title)

23. I have read the foregoing and I agree to it except as follows:

Impracticable to obtain signature on account of delay that would be involved.

(Signature of Employee)

THE FOLLOWING TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE HEAD OF THE FIELD OFFICE OR STATION

24. Indicate by an "X" in the proper spaces below the qualifications and personal traits considered important for the satisfactory performance of the duties of this position:

	High Degree	Average	Not Essential
Judgment		X	
Accuracy		X	
Initiative (originality and resourcefulness)	X		
Trustworthiness (dependability)	X		
Speed (quickness)		X	
Physical Qualities (strength and endurance)		X	

EDUCATIONAL TRAINING		
	Essential	Desirable But Not Essential
College		
High School		
Common School	X	

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent

Experience: If essential, kind and extent Lighthouse apparatus, boating, gasolene engines, oil engines, painting.

25. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 1320 to $ 1440

JUN 20 1923, 1923. J. T. Yates Superintendent.
(Date) (Signature of head of field office or station) (Title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12758

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN 14 1926
NAVAL DISTRICT

Jan. 7, 1926

SUBJECT: Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper, Governors Is. L.S., caution.
REFERENCE: Letter of this date to Bunting.

1. Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained. A further report in regard to Mr. Bunting will be made at the expiration of six months.

J. A. Ayres

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Inclosure

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JAN 13 1926
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner

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Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 25, 1925.

M Fe Orlando M. Bunting,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1440 per annum to $ 1500 per annum, effective July 1, 1925.

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.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 23 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CARDED.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUN 20 1925 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

June 18, 1925

CHIEF CLERK 1925 JUN 20 AM 11 14

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: Effective date of changes in personnel in 3rd District.
REFERENCE: Department letter of May 19, 1918.

1. The Bureau is advised that the effective dates of recent changes in the personnel of the Third Lighthouse District, are as follows:-

Name	Position	Salary	Nature of Change	Letter Date	Effective Date
Orlando M. Bunting	Keeper	$1440	Promotion	5-8-25	5-16-25
" Arthur W. Blish	do	1320	Transfer	5-8-25	6-1-25
" Leonard J. Clark	do	1620	do	5-23-25	6-11-25
" Charles E. Sherwing	do	1440	Promotion	5-22-25	6-11-25
" Thomas J. Burns	do	1500	do	5-23-25	6-11-25

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(not written up as Stationed at Stratford Shoal L.S. Dated June 24

J. A. Lee

CARDED

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUN 19 1925

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 8, 1925.

Mr. Orlando M. Bunting,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1260 per annum to $1440 per annum, effective May 11, 1925, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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,

MAY 12 1925

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAY 11 1925 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT

CHIEF CLERK

Staten Island, N.Y., May 1, 1925, 19
(City.) (Date.)

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COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, promotion

Name, Orlando M. Bunting — Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper — Salary, $1440 P.A.* (Pay Range, $1440 to $1680 p.a.)

Location, Governors Is.Lt.Sta. and Governors Is.Ext.Lt., N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective May 11, 1925 (~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.) such dt

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $1260 p.a.

Location, Governors Is.Lt.Sta.& Governors Is.Ext.Lt., N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, Lars E. Larson — Services terminated, May 1, 1925

Reason, Died (Salary $1500 p.a.)

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks: *This amount includes commutation of rations at 45¢ per day payable from General Expenses Lighthouse Service.

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

5/8/25

Secretary, Civil Service District. J. T. Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON
MAY 7 1925

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPROVED:
J. Walter Drake
ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

M. Orlando M. Bunting,

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,

LEW. J. GARDNER.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED FEB 4 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Position: Keeper.

Salary: $1260.

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

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(CROSS REFERENCE)

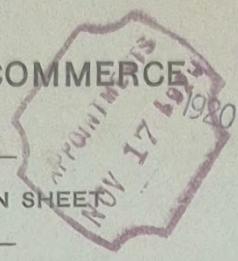
Bunting, Orlando, Jr. In accordance with authority of the Director of the Budget dated June 27, 1924, the salary is re-adjusted to $ 1080, effective July 1, 1924.

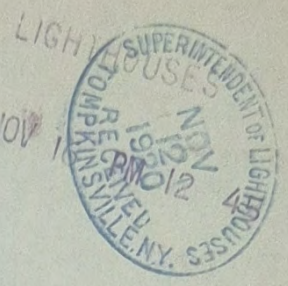
For authorization see letter dated AUG 2 0 1924 File No. 1095/21.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET





This form shall be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon entrance on duty.

The information called for in Part I shall be filled in by the Bureau or Office to which the employee is assigned, after which the form shall be transmitted to the employee for answers to the questions in Part II. The completed form shall be indorsed by the proper Bureau officer and forwarded to the Department for file.

CHIEF CLERK

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PART I.

1. Name of employee: Orlando M. Bunting

2. Position to which appointed: Keeper

3. Bureau or Service: Lighthouse Service, District: Third

4. Place of duty: Governors Is. and Governors Is. Extension Lt. Sta., N.Y.
(City, town, station, or vessel.)

5. Salary: $840 per annum

6. Appropriation from which paid: Salaries, Keepersof Lighthouses

7. Manner of appointment. (Examples: "From stenographer and typewriter examination, ———, 19—;" "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ———," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known).

By examination for keepers, Oct. 22,1920

PART II.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EMPLOYEE:

The statement should be signed by the employee, or, 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, so state.)

Orlando Merill Bunting

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

Orlando M. Bunting

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

New York (State or Territory.) Kings (County.) Brooklyn. (City or town.) 8. (Congressional district.)

4. If the legal residence given in answer to question 3 is not the same as that stated in the certificate of appointment, the difference should be explained.

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

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6. Where were you born? at Selbyville. Del.

7. When were you born? Nov. (Month.) 26 (Day.) 1886 (Year.)

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

9. What is your marital condition? (Answer "single," "married," "widowed," or "divorced.") Married

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

My Wife = Helen J. Bunting (Name.) 579 = 46th St (Number and street.)

Brooklyn (City or town.) N.Y. (State or Territory.)

11. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") no If so, state 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.
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		

12. Have you any physical disabilities? (Answer "yes" or "no.") no If so, describe fully. (If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.) none

13. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (Answer "yes" or "no.") no If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.

14. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (Answer "yes" or "no.") no If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

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

~~Was employed on a Shipyard. Worker at Bunting.~~

15. 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.

16. Have you ever held any other position in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") yes If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
U.S. Coast Guard		Surfman	70.00 Per Mo.	June 10 - 1920.	Oct. 20 - 1920

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17. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service.	Relationship to you.

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

18. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States 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 13, 14, 15, and 16.)

N. S. Coast Guard. Previus to this Acetylene Burner in Shipyard

19. What education have you received? (State the grades of schools you have attended, and, if 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., 1910; Columbia University, LL. B., 1913.)

only Common & High School

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

as a Acetylene Burner

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

~~none only this Hotel Physical for the N. S. Service~~ Keepers - Oct 22 - 1920

22. Were the answers to the foregoing questions written by you? (Answer "yes" or "no.") Yes. If not, state the name and address of the person who wrote them for you.

Date, Nov 10, 1920

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Orlando M. Bunting

(Present address) 579 = 46th St. (Number and street.)

Brooklyn (City or town.) N Y (State or Territory.)

INDORSEMENT.

(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 Nov 13 1920

FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

(Signature)

(Official title) 1st Asst. Superintendent

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES NOV 13 1920 APPOINTMENTS

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I, Orlando M. Bunting Orlando M Bunting

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.

CHIEF CLERK

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Orlando M. Bunting

(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 10th day of November, A. D. 1920

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) G. A. Roberg

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires March 1, 1921.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$840 p.a.	Governors Island & Governors Island Extension Light Stas., N. Y.
Former [5]		

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

CARDED

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (Address), Nov 13-1920 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Oct. 23, 1920 (Date)

FOR AID IN THE ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

[illegible] Superintendent

(Signature, followed by title)

[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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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 2, 1920.

Mr. Orlando M. Bunting,

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 Eight Hundred and Forty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered (October 23, 1920) upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) H. M. CROSS

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Ross B. Cranmer.

Legal Residence: New York (See reverse side.)

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U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. 1920 OCT 30 AM 8 36 Oct. 25, 1920, 19
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Thr.Secdy 2nd C. S. Dist.)
Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

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Name, Orlando M. Bunting — Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper — Salary, $840 per annum

Location, Governors Is. and Governors Is.Extension Lt.Stas., N.Y. — Appropriation, 1920 NOV 1 PM 2 45 Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective Oct.23,1920 — {'the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

APPOINTMENTS

Former position, — Former salary,

Location, — 1920 NOV 1 PM 3 53

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 83.6, Other eligibles considered:

None

Previous incumbent, Ross B. Cranmer — Services terminated, Sept.30,1920

Reason, Resigned

Assignment to duty Oct.23,1920 was necessary for the reason it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: No employee of District desired transfer to this position. There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station.

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Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, October 29, 1920 19

For and in the absence of the Supt.

Assistant Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

1st Asst.Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

OCT 30 1920

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 13 1920
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

This form shall be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon entrance on duty.

The information called for in Part I shall be filled in by the Bureau or Office to which the employee is assigned, after which the form shall be transmitted to the employee for answers to the questions in Part II. The completed form shall be indorsed by the proper Bureau officer and forwarded to the Department for file.

PART I.

1. Name of employee: Orlando M. Bunting
2. Position to which appointed: Keeper
3. Bureau or Service: Lighthouse Service, District: Third
4. Place of duty: Governors Is. and Governors Is. Extension Lt. Sta., N.Y.
   (City, town, station, or vessel.)
5. Salary: $840 per annum
6. Appropriation from which paid: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses
7. Manner of appointment. (Examples: "From stenographer and typewriter examination, ———, 19—;" "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ———," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known).
   By examination for keepers, Oct. 22, 1920

PART II.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EMPLOYEE:

The statement should be signed by the employee, or, 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, so state.)
   Orlando Merrill Bunting
2. How do you intend to write your name on the pay roll? (This should agree with signature to your oath of office.)
   Orlando M. Bunting
3. What is your present legal residence? (Give State or Territory, county, city or town, and Congressional district.)
   New York (State or Territory.) Kings (County.) Brooklyn (City or town.) 8 (Congressional district.)
4. If the legal residence given in answer to question 3 is not the same as that stated in the certificate of appointment, the difference should be explained.
5. What is your race? (Answer "white," "colored," or "Mongolian.") White

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6. Where were you born? at Selbyville Del

7. When were you born? Nov. (Month.) 26 (Day.) 1886 (Year.)

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

9. What is your marital condition? (Answer "single," "married," "widowed," or "divorced.") Married

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

My Wife. = Helen T. Bunting (Name.) 579 = 46th St (Number and street.)

Brooklyn (City or town.) N.Y. (State or Territory.)

11. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state 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.
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		

12. Have you any physical disabilities? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, describe fully. (If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.) none

13. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.

14. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
~~Was Employed as a Shipyard Worker at Bunting~~			

15. 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.

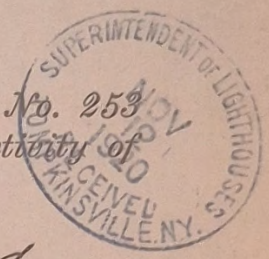
Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

16. Have you ever held any other position in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") Yes If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
U.S. Coast Guard		Surfman	70.00 per mo.	June 10-1920	Oct 20-1920

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I acknowledge receipt of a copy of Department Circular No. 253 (second edition), of September 22, 1914, relating to political activity of officeholders, and fully understand its purport.



Orlando M Bunting
(Name.)

1. Asst Keeper
(Position.)

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Date, November 10/1920

(This acknowledgment should be forwarded to, and filed in, the bureau or office to which appointee is assigned.)

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

as a Acetylene Burner

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

~~none only this I & I Other Prepared for~~
~~N.L. Service~~ Keepers Oct 22-1920

22. Were the answers to the foregoing questions written by you? (Answer "yes" or "no.") Yes. If not, state the name and address of the person who wrote them for you.

Date, Nov 10, 1920

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Orlando M Bunting

(Present address) 579 - 46th St.
(Number and street.)

Brooklyn N.Y.
(City or town.) (State or Territory.)

INDORSEMENT.

(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 Nov 12, 1920

FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

(Signature) F. W. Ockenfels

(Official title) 1st Asst. Superintendent

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17.-Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service.	Relationship to you.

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

18. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States 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 13, 14, 15, and 16.)

N. Coast Guard. as Surfman Was Employed as a Shipyard Worker, Previous to this Actylene Burner in

19. What education have you received? (State the grades of schools you have attended, and, if 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., 1910; Columbia University, LL. B., 1913.)

only Common ~~High~~ School

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

as a Acetylene Burner

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

~~none only this + P.I. Other Pharmacal for~~ ~~N.S. Service~~ + Keepers Oct 22-1920

22. Were the answers to the foregoing questions written by you? (Answer "yes" or "no.") Yes If not, state the name and address of the person who wrote them for you.

Date, Nov 10, 1920

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Orlando M. Bunting

(Present address) 579 - 46th St.
(Number and street.)

Brooklyn N.Y.
(City or town.) (State or Territory.)

INDORSEMENT.

(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 Nov 13, 1920

FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

(Signature) F. W. Ockenfels.

(Official title) 1st Asst. Superintendent

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

FWO:HR

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

August 30, 1934

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: Demotion of Orlando M. Bunting from Keeper to Assistant Keeper at Governors Island Light Station.

REFERENCE: Bureau's letter of February 3, 1934.

The Bureau is advised that there have been no suitable opportunities for transfer since the demotion referred to above. Since the position of the two keepers at Governors Island Light Station was reversed, they have worked together in harmony; the present keeper reports that Assistant Keeper Bunting is performing satisfactory service without complaint or showing any feeling of dissatisfaction, and in view of this condition it is recommended that these two keepers be continued in their present positions.

J. T. Yates

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
September 5, 1934.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y., approved.

For the Commissioner:

W P Harman

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

FWO:HR

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Superintendent.

ANDREW J. LYNCH
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
GEORGETOWN, DEL.

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July 13th. 1934.

J. T. Yates, Esq.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 28th. 1934 to Orlando M. Bunting, Assistant Keeper, Governors Island, Light Station, Governors Island, New York, has just been shown me by Mr. Bunting, together with a copy of the letter sent you by John L. Smith, dated June 25th. 1934, relative to alleged indebtedness. In reply thereto, will say that the statement of Mr. Smith is absolutely false. I prepared a lease of lands for a little farm of Buntings wife to Smith some years ago. Smith took possession of the property, virtually ruined the house and failed or refused to till the land so that Bunting got no financial returns from the lease and was injured greatly besides. I happen to be familiar with all these facts. Smith did afterwards present a bill to Bunting for work he claimed to do on the farm but as I was convinced that the same was not true the account was never allowed.

I am writing this letter to say that I am personally acquainted with Smith. I know that he is a worthless fellow and simply sticks up whereever someone will let him have a house to live in.

Mr. Bunting has directed me to bring an action of slander against Smith but I do not deem it wise to do so, for the reason that any judgment obtained against him would be worthless, as Smiths reputation is such that he cannot be of any injury to Bunting in these parts where Bunting is well known. The only harm that Smith can do is to write such letters as he has written to you.

Trusting this will be of some assistance to you in this matter, I am

Yours truly,

Andrew J. Lynch.

FWO:ECL

July 2, 1934.

John L. Smith,
Georgetown, R.4,
Delaware.

SUBJECT: Alleged indebtedness of Orlando M. Bunting, Asst. Keeper, Governors Island Light Station.

Reference: Your letter of June 25, 1934.

Sir:

The matter referred to was taken up with Mr. Bunting, who claims that he is not indebted to you, but rather that you are indebted for unpaid rent. In any case, your claim as referred to in your letter is one for disposition by legal process. It may be stated that this office cannot be made a collection agency for debts that may have been contracted by employees, since there are no means whereby an employee may be compelled to pay his personal debts, or provision for making deductions from pay due employees on account of personal debts contracted.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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JUN 30 1934

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Governor's Island N.Y.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 29 1934, 193

To the Superuntendent of Lighthouses
Staten Island N.Y.

Dear Sir;

Your letter and the copy of John L.Smith's received.

His charge of indebtedness is unfounded and is the result of malice and spite.

I shall present the facts to you and you may verify them.

John L.Smith leased my property or rather my wife's property for a term of five years at the rate of six dallars a month,with conditions that the rent was payable every six months and that he was to cut all underbrush and weeds out so that the land would be arable.It was because of this cleaning that he was to receive so low a rental rate.

He never occuppied the property but sublet it to a Mrs.Dickerson. He collected the rent from her but was unableto pay me the rent due after the first six months period.Further he nor his wife never fulfilled the stipulation of cleaning Since he had violated the contract first by non-payment and again by not cleaning the property I had my attorney Andrew J.Lynch of Georgetown,Del.notify him of his breach of contract.I intended to sue him for the rent but it would have been hopeless since he is very poor,so I dropped the matter.

The party who sublet the property from Smith was notified of this action and since she was a satisfactory tenant,Iinstructed her to remain and hereafter pay me the rent.

Dispossess notice was given to Smith by James H. Jester,Justice of Peace in Ellendale Del.

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TENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

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To further show the maliciousness of Smith; when he was served the dispossess notice he tried to evict Mrs. Dickerson and went so far as to fire a shot gun at the house in order to frighten her away.

These are the facts and you may verify them by writing to the persons mentioned.

Yours Respectfully

Orlando Bunting
Asst Keeper

Through the Keeper Stephen Bayers

FWO:ECL

June 28, 1934.

Orlando M. Bunting, Asst. Keeper,
Through Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Alleged indebtedness.

1. This office has received a letter from Mr. John D. Smith of Georgetown, Del., dated June 25th, copy enclosed, indicating that you are indebted to him to the extent of some four hundred dollars.

2. You are requested to advise this office whether this is a just and proper debt, and if so you will state definitely what action you propose to take in the matter.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

Copy:ECL

June 25, 1934.

Dear Sir:

Your letter received and glad to hear from you, in regards to Mr. O. M. Bunting he does owe me money he owes me about four hundred dollars for manual labor me and my wife has work it out grubbing out bushes 6 to 18 ft. heigh. We clean half the farm up, and repairing his house. He got me to do the work and claimes the place belongs to his wife. I would sold the place long ago but he claimed the place belongs to his wife, claimed he rented me the place. But I give the place up in time and have got witness to it. I lived on a farm near his farm and I never lived on his place not one minute and he told me to go ahead and clean and fix the place up and he would pay me for it. I thought he was a nice man. I find out he is a regular crook. If you people dont watch him he will have Governors Island moved down to his brother in law in a few years. And have wrote him several letter am willing to settle at most any reasonable rate. I would not worked for him if I didnt need the money. I will thank you if you will make him pay me.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) John L. Smith,

Georgetown, Del.

R 4.

June 25, 1934.

Dear Sir

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If you nice make
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your very truly,
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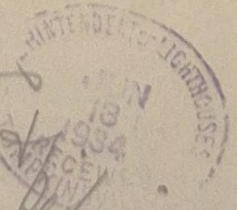
governor Island
General manager
army



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Dear Sir, There is a man on governor Island owes me some money Please advise me your regelur name and address. O. M. Bunting the light house man owes me some money. Please advise your name and address

This letter was recd at this Dist and this man not being under our jurisdiction, letter is therefore transmitted to your Office for such action as you might necessary—



man that works for
the governor treasurer
is going to pay his bills.

yours very truly

Please advise soon.

John G. Smith.

Georgetown

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HQ. 2nd CORPS AREA JUN 12 1934

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WJL:TM

June 13, 1934.

John
~~George~~ L. Smith,
Georgetown, R. 4,
Delaware.

SUBJECT: Claim against Orlando M. Bunting, Assistant Keeper, Governors Island Light Station.

Sir:

Your letter without date addressed to the General Manager, Governors Island, Federal Service Man, has been forwarded to this office. It appears from your letter that Mr. Bunting is indebted to you. If such is the case it is requested that you state for what he is indeb ed to you and the amount.

Respectfully,

J. T. Yates,
Superintendent.

By:
W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

March 10,1934

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: Effective date of changes in personnel in 3rd District.
REFERENCE: Department letter of May 19, 1918.

1. The Bureau is advised that the effective dates of recent changes in the personnel of the Third Lighthouse District, are as follows:-

Name	Position	Salary	Nature of Change	Letter Date	Effective Date
Orlando M. Bunting	K	$1500	Demoted	2-20-24	3-9-34

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

JHG

Chief Clerk

Nov. 22,1933

Voucher Clerk

Salary of Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper, Governors Island Lt.Sta.is not be be paid for the period Oct.15th to 31st,inclusive, until receipt of further orders.

Salary payments to him may be resumed for period effective beginning Nov.1,1933.

Asst.Supt.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 10 1934
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Governors Island N.Y.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
March 9th. 1934.

To The Supt of Lighthouses.
Staten Island
N.Y.

Dear Sir
This Will inform you that I have this Day Turned the Sta. 8 over to Mr. Stephen Bayer as the Head Keeper here.

Yours very Truly
Charles M Stanley

Last day as Keeper 3-8-34
& OD as Asst Keeper 3-9-34

Noted 3/12/34

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Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper,
Governors Island Lt.Sta.,
Governors Island, N. Y.

March 7,1934

SUBJECT:- Charges.
REFERENCE: Previous correspondence.

1. You are advised that the matter of charges preferred against you, and your reply thereto, have been given careful consideration, and it has been decided that the charges were proven to a degree sufficient to justify serious disciplinary action, and accordingly you have been demoted from the position of Keeper to that of Assistant Keeper at Governors Island Lt.Sta.,and there is enclosed herewith Department notice of February 20,1934 changing your rate of pay from $1740 per annum to $1500 per annum. This change in status will be effective at the close of March 8,1934. It may be stated that while consideration was given to both the matter of your dismissal from the service as well as transfer to the position of assistant keeper at some other station, in view of your length of service and the fact that your entire employment in this service has been at Governors Island Light Station, it was finally decided that you be demoted to the position of Assistant Keeper at your present station, this with the expectation that you will in the future so conduct yourself and so perform your duties that there may be no further occasion for disciplinary action, the matter of your retention as assistant keeper at Governors Island or as assistant keeper at some other station being dependent upon your future conduct.

2. Stephen Bayus, Assistant Keeper of Governors Island Lt.Sta., has been selected to succeed you as Keeper, and you will accordingly turn over to him at the close of March 8th, the station and all Government property under your charge, taking his receipt therefor in triplicate on Form 30, one copy of which should be forwarded to this office. Three copies of Form 30 are attached hereto. Advise this office by letter of the date on which you turn the stations over to Mr.Bayus.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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March 3,1934

Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Call at office.

1. Please call at this office for interview on some day during the week commencing March 5,1934.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Here 3/6/34 and saw Supt who talked to him re recent changes and his elevation -

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Form A-88

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

February 20, 1934.

Mr. Orlando M. Bunting,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty (by change of duties).

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,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1740 per annum.

To: $1500 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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FWO:HR

February 10, 1934

O. M. Bunting, Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

Returned herewith is Watch Book and Record of Absences belonging to Governors Island Light Station.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. LAWTON,
Chief Clerk.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

FEB 6 1934 AM

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES STATEN ISLAND N.Y.

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February 3, 1934.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.

1. In reference to your indorsement of January 23, regarding the proposed demotion of Orlando M. Bunting from Keeper at Governors Island Light Station to Assistant Keeper there:

2. The Bureau has approved your recommendation for the demotion of Keeper Bunting to assistant keepership of Governors Island Light Station, etc. and the promotion of Stephen Bayus as Keeper of the same station, as being apparently the most feasible arrangement for the present. It is not, however, considered a satisfactory solution, and the Bureau desires consideration be given at the first suitable opportunity for the transfer of Bunting to another station as assistant keeper; or in lieu of that the transfer of Bayus to some other station and assignment of another keeper at Governors Island. The statement in your indorsement that Bunting would not be well fitted for another station because he has had no experience at other stations is not considered an important objection to his transfer because new men are commonly assigned to station who have had no previous experience in the Service at all. The Bureau's view in this matter has, of course, the general morale of the Service in mind and that as a matter of policy it is undesirable to reverse the status of a Keeper and an Assistant Keeper at a station as in the present instance. If no opportunity for the transfer requested above should develop after a reasonable time and the relations of the two men should continue satisfactory after the interchange in their status, and the station efficiency maintained, you may submit for consideration the continuance of Bunting at his present station in case his attitude and work are satisfactory to your office.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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IN REPLYING ADDRESS
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
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For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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IN REPLYING ADDRESS
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

January 22, 1934.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.

1. In reference to your recommendation of January 17, in regard to Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper of Governors Island Light Station:

2. While the Bureau concurs with your office as to the need for strict disciplinary action in this instance, it is doubted that the proposed exchange of rank between Keeper Bunting and the Assistant Keeper at the station is the best method of procedure, and your report is requested as to reprimanding Keeper Bunting and reducing his pay in his present position for a period of six months, in lieu of the proposed action of interchanging the two keepers.

3. In case Bunting's demotion to Assistant Keeper is deemed required by the circumstances, the Bureau considers that he should be transferred to another station.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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FWO-JHG 3d Lighthouse Dist., Staten Is., N.Y.
Jan. 23, 1934.

1. Returned to Commissioner.

2. It was realized that the action recommended while not customary practice and not all that might be desired, was the best disposition considering all circumstances. Due to the misrepresentation of fact, erroneous reports, etc., the continuance of Mr. Bunting as Keeper in charge of any station is not desirable or justified. His entire period of service as assistant keeper and keeper has been at Governors Island Lt. Sta., one of the easiest stations in the district, where the equipment is comparatively simple and no quarters to care for, and he having had no experience at other stations would not be well fitted for transfer to some other station. In view of the foregoing the interchange of the two keepers was recommended as the best disposition of the matter under the circumstances.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N.Y. (City) Jan. 17, 1934 (Date), 19----

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Demotion

Name, Orlando M. Bunting

Position, Keeper (Asst.)

Location, Governors Is.Lt.Sta. & Governors Is.Extension Lt., N.Y.

Effective, February 1st, 1934

Legal residence, Delaware

Proposed salary, $1500 p.a.

Proposed range ($1380-1740)

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

Former position, Keeper

Location, Governors Is.Lt.Sta. and Governors Is.Extension Lt., N.Y.

Former salary, $1740 p.a.

Former range, $1560-1920

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Stephen Bayus Services terminated, Jan. 31, 1934

Reason, Promoted (Salary $1500 p.a.)

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: See separate letter of this date to the Bureau.

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

J. T. YATES
Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Jan.17,1934

Commissioner of Lighthouses;

SUBJECT: Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper, Governors Island Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

1. The following papers are enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

a - Copy of phone memo of Oct.18,1933.
b - Copy of phone memo of Oct.18,1933.
c - Letter from U. S. Public Health Service of Oct. 27,1933.
d - Letter from Keeper Bunting of Nov.1,1933.
e - Monthly Report of Keeper Bunting (Form 65) for Oct.
f - Letter from New York Police Department of Nov. 15,1933.
g - Letter from City Magistrate's Court of Nov.20,1933.
h - Copy of phone memo of Nov.21,1933.
i - Letter from Police Department and enclosure of Dec.14,1933.
j - Copy of letter of charges to Keeper Bunting dated Dec.16,1933.
k - Letter from Keeper Bunting of Dec.20,1933.

2. Mr.Bunting's letter of Nov.1st,1933 states that on October 16,1933, around 9 A.M.,he was on a step ladder in the bathroom at his home (Governors Island), and fell cutting his scalp and face, and in his monthly report he states that he left the station on Oct.16th at 8 A.M. on account of illness, whereas after having been arrested for intoxication he was not released by the Magistrate's Court in Brooklyn until about 11 a.m. on Oct.16th. The letter and monthly report are not consistant as to time, and both are evidently a misrepresentation of fact. According to Mr.Bunting's letter the Assistant Kee per was on watch from 8 a.m. Oct.15th to 8 A.M. Oct.16th, and accordingly the keeper was due to go on watch at 8 a.m. Oct.16th. The Keeper's reply offers no explanation as to the charge re false and misleading reports concerning the date of Oct.16th, but makes an extended statement concerning watches etc. on Oct.14th and 15th, which while aside from the subject, discloses that the watch book records are incorrect, which is stated to be due to force of habit.

3. The charge of conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service, and the Police Department and Court record speak for themselves since the records referred to establish the fact of arrest and conviction, although sentence was suspended, notwithstanding the statement submitted by Keeper Bunting in explanation of the occurrence of his arrest for intoxication and inability to care for himself.

4. An important feature, in case retirement on account of disability should later be applied for, is Mr. Bunting's report of Nov.1st that he was injured in his home, (Not Lighthouse Service property but located on Governors Island), scalp and face cut, on Oct.16th around 9 a.m.,whereas he was in an injured condition when arrested for intoxication in Brooklyn at about 12:30 a.m. on Oct.16th and according to Police Records was treated for laceration of forehead and head by a Norwegian Hospital Doctor.

5. It is considered that the charge of submitting false and misleading reports is amply proven, and that such r reports were deliberately made with the view of covering up the true facts to shield the keeper from embarrassment, with the expectation that full facts would not come to the knowledge of this office. While the keeper submits an extended statement as to incidents leading up to his going into a speakeasy for drinks, and subsequent loss of memory, it is not considered to be a satisfactory explanation of the charge of conduct unbecoming an employee.

6. The charges are considered to be proven to a sufficient degree to justify serious disciplinary action, and it is recommended that Orlando M. Bunting be demoted from Keeper of Governors Island Light Station at $1740 per annum, to the position of Assistant Keeper at that station at $1500 per annum. Nomination for the demotion of Keeper Bunting from Keeper to Assistant Keeper, and the promotion of Asst.Keeper Stephen Bayus from Assistant Keeper to Keeper of Governors Island Lt. Station, are enclosed.

7. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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Justification for Filling Vacancy under
Authority of the Act approved
June 30,1932.

Bureau or Office:	Third Lighthouse District.
Position:	Keeper.
Compensation:	$1560 p.a.
Location:	Governors Island Lt.Sta. & Governors Is.Extension Light, N.Y.
Appropriation:	Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Date of Vacancy:	January 31,1934. (By demotion of Orlando M.Bunting, Keeper)
Date to be filled:	February 1,1934.

Justification:

A keeper and one assistant are employed to maintain Governors Island Light Station (including two lights and the power fog signal), and Governors Island Extension Light, (including the light and 1st class reed horn). It is necessary that watches be maintained throughout the 24 hours of the day, and this, together with the operation of the lights and fog signals, requires the services of two men. To permit one position to remain vacant the work involved would be beyond the capacity of the remaining man, which would affect the reliable and efficient operation of the station which would be detrimental to navigation and the safety of shipping, and in order to safeguard life and property, authorization for the filling of the position is recommended. The needs of the service require the filling of this position immediately upon receipt of approval.

APPROVED

Recommended by:

Secretary of Commerce.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

FWO-JHG

Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island,N.Y.

Dec. 28,1933

SUBJECT: Record of Absences.

1. You are directed to forward to this office by return mail Record of Absence Book, Form 303, for Governors Island Light Station. This book will be returned to you in due course.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Governors Island N.Y.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec 26th, 1933.

To The Supt of Lighthouses.
Staten Island
N.Y.

Dear Sir—
Your Letter of the 22d. Recd. Today
Asking for the Watch Book.
am making it at Once.
under your Instructions
Yours Honorably
M. Dunlap
Keeper

FWO-JHG

Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

Dec. 22,1933

SUBJECT: Charges, etc.
REFERENCE: Your letter Dec.20,1933.

1. You are directed to forward to this office by return mail Watch Book for Governors Island Light Station. The Watch Book will be returned to you in due time.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Form 3806 (Rev. Sept., 1932) 36158 (POSTMARK)

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Charges against

Orlando Bunting — Keeper

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

Dec. 16,1933

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with making false and misleading reports and with conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service, in that by your letter dated Nov. 1,1933, you reported to this office that:- "On October 16th 1933 I was on a stepladder around 9 a.m. into my home into the bath room and I fell from it hitting my head and face cutting my scalp and face"; also in your monthly report on Form 65 for the month of October 1933, and dated Nov.1,1933, it was reported that you left the station on Oct.16 at 8 a.m., whereas it appears from public records that you were arrested at 12:30 a.m. Oct.16,1933, at 86th Street and 5th Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., and received medical attention for laceration of forehead and head, and arraigned in the City Magistrate's Court, Brooklyn, at about 11 a.m. on October 16,1933, on a charge of public intoxication.

2. You are directed to submit any statement you may desire to make, through official channels, within three days from the receipt of this letter. Any statement made must be couched in temperate language, free from countercharges , and confined to the point at issue. If you desire to make no statement you will so state in writing.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Asst.Supt.

FWO-JHG

Police Commissioner,
Police Department,
240 Center Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dec.15,1933

Sir:-

SUBJECT: Orlando M. Bunting.
REFERENCE: Letters from this office Nov.23rd and Dec. 14th, and your letter Dec.14,1933.

1. Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of your letter dated December 14,1933, in reply to our letter of November 28,1933, relative to Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper of Governors Island Light Station, and in view of the information furnished in your letter, kindly disregard our letter of December 14th,1933 in connection with this matter.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

(COPY:HR)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CITY OF NEW YORK

December 14, 1933.

Mr. F. W. Ockenfels,
Assistant Superintendent,
Department of Commerce,
Lighthouse Service,
3rd District, Staten Island, N. Y.

In re: Orlando M. Bunting

Dear Sir:

With reference to your communication of November 23, 1933, the Police Commissioner directs me to forward you copy of report received from the Commanding Officer of the Tenth Division, to whom the matter was referred for investigation.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Thomas F. Gilligan
Acting Secretary
to Police Comm'r.

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Dec. 14,1933

Police Commissioner,
240 Center Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

SUBJECT: Orlando M. Bunting.
REFERENCE: Our letter Nov.23,1933.

1. Enclosed is copy of letter dated Nov. 23,1933, reply to which has not yet been received, it being presumed that the original letter was lost in the mails. The information requested would be appreciated in order to complete the records of this office and also for the protection of the Government since Mr.Bunting has claimed he was injured at his light station on Governors Island, whereas available information indicates he was injured before being taken into custody by the Police.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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P.C. 191032
C.I. 15102
D.C.I. 5469
Div. 1920

TENTH DIVISION

December 6, 1933.

From: Commanding Officer, 10th Division.

To: Deputy Chief Inspector, Brooklyn.

Subject: REQUESTING INFORMATION RELATIVE TO ARREST OF ONE ORLANDO M. BUNTING.

1. Records at 64th Precinct show the following:-

Arrest #M-487. October 16, 1933.

At about 12:30 A.M. October 16, 1933 Ptl. Michael Yurko, #6613, 64th Precinct, arrested Orlando Bunting, Governors Island, male, 45, white, married, inspector, charged with intoxication, under the influence of some alcoholic agent, unable to care for self.

Place of occurrence:- 86th Street and 5th Avenue.

2. Above named defendant was attended by Dr. Percy, Norwegian Hospital for laceration of forehead and head, said injuries having been sustained in some unknown manner.

3. Arraigned in 9th District Court, October 16, 1933. Sentence suspended by Magistrate Hughes.

/s/ James J. Fitzpatrick
Inspector, 10th Division.

FWO-JHG

Police Headquarters,
240 Center Street,
New York, N. Y.

Nov.23,1933

Sirs:-

SUBJECT: Orlando M. Bunting.

1. Orlando M. Bunting, who is employed as a Lighthouse Keeper in this Service, was arrested by an Officer of the 64th Precinct, Brooklyn, about 12:30 A.M. on October 16,1933, for intoxication and being unable to take care of himself. He was arranged in the City Magistrate's Court, 9th District, Brooklyn, at about 11 A.M. Oct.16th, with the result that sentence was suspended. Will you have the kindness to furnish this office with a copy or extract from the blotter record of the 64th Precinct covering Mr.Bunting's arrest as to his condition at the time he was taken into custody, particularly as to injuries that were evident. It is understood that before being placed under arrest Bunting was involved in a fight or difficulty of some kind with unknown persons, with the result that he was beaten up and badly cut before he was placed under arrest.

Respectfully,

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. OCKENFELS
Asst.Supt.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Police Headquarters,
240 Center Street,
New York, N. Y.

Nov.23,1933

Sirs:-

SUBJECT: Orlando M. Bunting.

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Respectfully,

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. OCKENFELS
Asst.Supt.

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Nov.21,1933

Commanding Officer,
64th Police Precinct,
5th Ave. & 86th Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:-

SUBJECT: Orlando Bunting.

1. Orlando Bunting, who is employed as a Light-house Keeper in this Service, was arrested about 12:30 A.M. on October 16,1933, for intoxication and unable to take care of himself, at 86th St. & 5th Avenue, and was arranged in the City Magistrates Court, 9th District, Brooklyn, at about 11 A.M. Oct.16th, with the result that sentence was suspended. Will you have the kindness to furnish this office with a copy or extract from the blotter record covering Mr. Bunting's arrest as to his condition at the time he was taken into custody, particularly as to injuries that were evident. It is understood that before being placed under arrest Bunting was involved in a fight or difficulty of some kind with unknown persons, with the result that he was beaten up and badly cut before he was placed under arrest. It is understood from telephone conversation with your office that the blotter makes reference to lacerations of face and forehead.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Nov.21,1933

Commanding Officer,
64th Police Precinct,
5th Ave. & 86th Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:-

SUBJECT: Orlando Bunting.

1. Orlando Bunting, who is employed as a Lighthouse Keeper in this Service, was arrested about 12:30 A.M. on October 16,1933, for intoxication and unable to take care of himself, at 86th St. & 5th Avenue, and was arranged in the City Magistrates Court, 9th District, Brooklyn, at about 11 A.M. Oct.16th, with the result that sentence was suspended. Will you have the kindness to furnish this office with a copy or extract from the blotter record covering Mr. Bunting's arrest as to his condition at the time he was taken into custody, particularly as to injuries that were evident. It is understood that before being placed under arrest Bunting was involved in a fight or difficulty of some kind with unknown persons, with the result that he was beaten up and badly cut before he was placed under arrest. It is understood from telephone conversation with your office that the blotter makes reference to lacerations of face and forehead.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

1st Asst.Supt.

11:00 A.M., Nov. 21,1933

Called up the 64th Precinct Police Station in Brooklyn (Phone ShoreRoad 5-6200) and spoke to the desk Sargeant in reference to Orlando Bunting. He stated the Station blotter showed Bunting was booked at 12:30 A.M. on Oct.16th, having been arrested on account of intoxication and unable to take care of himself. He stated the arrest may have been made before midnight, which would make in the night of Oct.15th. Said they had noted on the blotter that Bunting was suffering from "lacerations of head and forehead".

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CITY OF NEW YORK

CITY MAGISTRATES' COURTS

9th District, Borough of Brooklyn

November 20th, 1933.

Mr. J. T. Yates,
Superintendent of Lighthouse Division,
Staten Island, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Relative to your letter of Nov. 16th, 1933, beg to say, that one Orlando Bunting was arraigned in this court on the 16th day of Nov. 1933 on a charge of public intoxication, at about the hour of 11 P.M.

Any further particulars relative to his condition could be obtained from Officer Yurko of the 64th precinct.

Yours resp.,

/s/ Paul J. Cummings
Clerk of Court

10:45 A.M., Nov. 21, 1933

Called up Mr. Cummings in reference to above, and he stated that Mr. Bunting was arraigned at 11 A.M. on Oct. 16th, instead of 11 P.M. on Nov. 16th, the errors having been made in copying the record. Said they had no record of his physical condition.

JHG

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Nov. 16,1933

City Magistrate's Court,
Mr. Paul Cummings, Clerk,
5th Avenue & 23rd Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:-

SUBJECT: Orlando M. Bunting.

1. At 12:30 A.M. on October 16,1933, Orlando M. Bunting, who is employed as Keeper of Governors Island Light Station, was arrested for intoxication, and unable to take care of himself, at 86th Street and 5th Avenue, Brooklyn, in connection with which sentence was suspended. Will you have the kindness to advise this office of the date and hour when his case was disposed of in Court, and also furnish any available information as to whether this man was in an injured condition at the time. It is understood that before being placed under arrest Mr.Bunting was involved in a fight or difficulty of some kind with unknown persons, with the result that he was beaten up and badly cut, which subsequently necessitated hospital treatment, and it is desired to obtain all practicable information concerning his physical condition at the time he was in custody in order that the records of this service as to the occurrence may be complete.

2. If this case did not come up in your Court, it would be appreciated if you would refer the matter to the proper Magistrate's Court.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Nov. 16,1933

City Magistrate's Court,
Mr. Paul Cummings, Clerk,
5th Avenue & 23rd Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:-

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2. If this case did not come up in your Court, it would be appreciated if you would refer the matter to the proper Magistrate's Court.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

CITY OF NEW YORK

Nov. 15, 1933

J. T. Yates, Esq.,
Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N. Y.

Dear Sir: Your file FWO-JHG:

Replying to your recent letter, beg to advise that our records show the following under the name of Orlando Bunting:

"12:30 AM., October 16, 1933 - Orlando Bunting, Occupation Inspector - U. S. Government Lighthouse, Governors Island, N. Y. arrested - for intoxication - unable to take care of himself - at 86th Street and 5th Avenue - Sentence suspended."

Very truly yours,

/s/ John O'Brien
Chief Inspector
Per AM

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JHC

Nov. 2nd, 1933

Chief Clerk
Voucher Clerk
Time Clerk

Salary may be paid Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper of Governors Island Lt.Sta., for the period from Oct. 1st to 14th, inc.

Hold up any further salary pay for October until receipt of further notice.

Returned to duty Nov 1st

FWO-JHG

Police Headquarters,
240 Center Street,
New York, N. Y.

Nov. 2,1933

Sirs:-

SUBJECT: Orlando M. Bunting.

1.It is understood that Orlando M. Bunting, who is employed by this service as Keeper at Governors Island Light Station, was involved in some difficulty in Brooklyn on Sunday, October 15th, in connection with which he was locked up by the police, and on Monday, October 16th, released from custody. Will you have the kindness to furnish this office with such information as may be practicable as to the particulars connected with the case and the disposition made.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Governors Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov. 1st, 1933

To the Supt. of Lighthouses,

Staten Island, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

On Oct. 16th, 1933 I was on a stepladder around 9 A.M. into my home into the Bath Room and I fell from it hitting my head and face, cutting my scalp and face. I was taken here to the Army Hospital but was transferred to the Marine Hospital on Staten Island on Oct. 18th and was treated there until yesterday Oct. 31st, then discharged and came home and today am on duty. Inclosed you will find the hospital slip for your information.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Orlando M. Bunting
Keeper.

(COPY:HR)

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

In rep ing address:
Medical C Charge UNITED STATES
U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. P. H. S.—Form 1918
March, 1925

CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE

No. 45069

From U. S. _____ (Marine hospital or relief station) At _____

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Burkina (Surname) Orlando (First) 10-31-33 (Middle) was treated in the _____ (Hospital or dispensary) as a _____ patient from 10-18-33 (Date of admission) to 10-31-33 (Hospital or out-) (Date of discharge), 19

Class of beneficiary L.H.S. Condition on discharge Recovered

Reason for discharge No further hospitalization necessary, 19

Certified service on last vessel 10-14-33 Name of vessel Lighthouse Tender

DESCRIPTION

Nativity U.S.A.
Date of birth 11-3-1895
Color W.
Complexion Med.
Height 5 ft. 7 in.
Eyes Blue gray
Hair Brown

REMARKS:

NOTE.—Retain copy for station files.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—3035

Approved by _____ Medical Officer in Charge.

_____ Asst. Surg. P.H.S. Surgeon.

(Signature of patient)

RBS:S

(COPY:HR)

In replying address:
Medical Officer in Charge
U. S. Marine Hospital
Bay Street
Stapleton, N. Y.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

STAPLETON, N. Y.

October 27, 1933

Mr. J. T. Yates, Superintendent of Lighthouses,
3d District, Staten Island, New York.

Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper, Governors
Island Light Station

Sir:

In response to your request of October 24, 1933 you are advised that the above captioned is being treated in this hospital for contusions of the face and scalp.

It is believed that 5 to 7 days further hospitalization will be necessary.

By direction of the Medical Officer in Charge.

Respectfully,

/s/ R. B. Snavely
R. B. SNAVELY, P.A. Surgeon, USPHS.,
Executive Officer.

RBS:S

FWO-JHG

Oct. 24,1933

Medical Officer in Charge,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Marine Hospital No.21,
Stapleton, S. I., N. Y.

SUBJECT: Orlando M. Bunting, keeper.

Sir:-

1. Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper of Governors Island Light Station, has been a patient in the Marine Hospital since October 18th, and it would be appreciated if you would advise this office as to the nature of his injuries, and the probable date on which he will be able to resume his duties.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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Form 65 MONTHLY REPORT OF LIGHT STATION, DEPOT, OR LIGHTSHIP

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FROM Governors Island Extension LIGHT Station, FOR MONTH OF Oct., 19 33

Below is submitted my report showing the condition of the above light station, depot, or lightship, with notes regarding necessary repairs, or other matters requiring official attention, and a list of the absences of employees during the above month.

1. LIGHTHOUSE, TOWER, OR VESSEL: Good

2. ILLUMINATING APPARATUS: Good

3. FOG-SIGNAL APPARATUS: Good

4. RADIO APPARATUS:

5. OTHER BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, OR HULL AND MACHINERY: Good

6. BOATS, AND MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS (state boat numbers): None here to report

7.

Supplies on hand will last No. of DAYS shown below.	
Water	
Coal	
Provisions	
Kerosene	
Gasoline	
Fuel oil	
Lubricating oil	

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8. Report of Absences of Employees During Above Month: 75

Name of Absentee	Left Station		Returned to Station		State Purpose or Necessity of Absence
	Date	Hour	Date	Hour	
O. M. Bunting	10/16	8 am	Nov. 1st	8 am	Illness at hospital.

To Superintendent of Lighthouses,

at Staten Island, N. Y.

(Sign here) /s/ O. M. Bunting
(Keeper or Master)

Date, Nov. 1st Governors Island, N. Y.
(Post office address)

1933

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This form should be carefully made out by keepers of light stations, lighthouse depots, and by masters of lightships, and sent to the superintendent on the first day of each month.

2. In reporting the condition of your station or lightship under the different headings you will use the words "Excellent," "Good," "Fair," or "Poor."

3. You are directed to report repairs which in your opinion seem urgent, or any other matter requiring official attention, and to briefly and clearly describe the difficulty.

4. If more room is needed than is provided for any subject, you may use a blank sheet of paper and attach same to the form.

5. Masters of lightships and keepers of light stations should complete Paragraph 7 by filling in the number of days and adding any other article of supplies which will soon be needed, and give the number of days for each item so added.

6. Absence on account of illness should also be reported under Paragraph 8.

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Marine Hospital on phone requested and said Keller, Bunting, men in hospital at Gloucester, and they want him removed to Marine Hospital, advised me would get in touch with and acquaint him Dr. Smedley.

OCT 18 1933
10 am

10:15 A.M. Oct.18,1933

1st Asst.

Called up Governors Island (Whitehall 4-8010) and talked with Colonel Morris in regard to O. M. Bunting Keeper of Governors Island Lt.Sta.

Colonel Morris stated that on Monday Mrs. Bunting brought her husband to the hospital on Governors Island, and asked he be given treatment. He was found to be quite badly cut and beaten up, and with a concussion of the brain. Mrs. Bunting explained his injuries by stating they went to Brooklyn on Sunday to visit some friends , and that Bunting went out for a walk. She xxx said that probably through an error he entered a house where he did not belong, and was taken for a burglar by the occupants, beaten up and thrown into the street. He was locked up by a policeman, but was permitted to go on Monday morning. The Doctor stated he was liable to be laid up for some time, and requested he be removed from their hospial as soon as practicable, as their facilities were limited. Told him we would take the matter up with the Marine Hospital and have him removed as soon as possible.

JHG

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10-25 A.M.,Oct.18th

Called up the Marine Hospital, Hudson St.,N.Y., (Barclay 7-6150) and explained the case to the Medical Officer in Charge. He stated he would get in immediate tough with Colonel Morris on Governors Island, and if Bunting's condition was such he could be moved, they would send an ambulance for him and take him direct to the Marine Hospital on Staten Island. Said he doubted, however, they could move him safely, if the concussion of brain was very serious. Asked us to send him official request for medical treatment, and in the meantime he would take immediate steps to do whetever was necessary.

JHG

Form 207
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG (READ AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.)

APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT OF SICK OR DISABLED EMPLOYEES IN THE LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE, AT PLACES WHERE THERE IS A RELIEF STATION OF THE U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

Third Lighthouse, ... District.
(Name of vessel, station, etc.)

Staten Island, N. Y.
(Place.)

Oct.18,1933, 19

To the Medical Officer in Charge,

U. S. Public Health Service,

Hudson St.,N.Y.City

Sir:

You are hereby requested to examine Orlando M. Bunting
(Name and title of person to be examined.)
in the U. S. Lighthouse Service, attached to the station or vessel above named, and, if in need of medical treatment, to furnish him with such medical treatment as the case may require. The signature and description of the applicant appear below. This person is ~~is not~~ entitled to free treatment by the Public Health Service.

Signature of person named above .....

Title Keeper, Governors Island Light Station

Nativity, Delaware Age, 47 years. Height, ... feet ..... inches.

Color of eyes, ... Color of hair .....

Distinguishing marks, ...

*Date of original appointment in the Lighthouse Service, Oct.23,1920

†Date of certificate by the Public Health Service that person named passed physical examination, Oct.28,1920, 19 .

J. T. YATES
(Title of officer signing request.)
Superintendent

*Fill in only if person to be examined is a light keeper or assistant light keeper.

†Fill in only in case of light keeper or assistant light keeper when the date of original appointment in the Lighthouse Service is subsequent to August 27, 1916.

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Per

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Phone Mess

OCT 18 1933
12½ PM

Asst Kpr Geo D Slater Keeper Bunting has been taken to the Marine Hospital -

Didn't know what happened to Bunting, except he had been in some kind of an accident.

Says Bunting last worked Sat & that he (asst) came on duty Sun morning -

Told asst a man would report tomorrow for duty as sub-Keeper -

Ada

Chief Clerk
Time Clerk
Voucher Clerk

Oct.18,1933

Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper, Governors Island has been absent from duty on account of illness from on or about October 15th. Hold up his October pay until receipt of further orders.

1st Asst.

getting some rest. Now the next day I was booked to be on duty but the Asst. showed up at 8 A.M. Sun. the 15th and worked in my stead which gave me Sun. 15th free and off duty. From force of habit I signed the Watch Book whereas the Asst. should have signed it and to avoid any erasure I let it stand. I practically did a 48 hr. shift and so did the Asst. but the Book does not show it because of a force of habit. I trust that this explanation will clear me of what you call misleading reports.

Now let me recount the incidents leading up to the time I went into a speakeasy for a couple of drinks.

Sunday morning my wife and daughter and myself left the Island at noon to visit a friend of mine and his family. We had Sunday dinner there and remained for supper. After supper I felt uncomfortable and my kidneys started to bother me so I asked my friend for a drink but he said he didn't have any. I was beginning to feel ill and from past experience I knew that a good drink would make me feel better. Therefore my friend directed me to a place where I could get one and I left for the place alone. I found the place and I had two drinks and no more and started to talk to a man near me and that was all I remembered up to the time I was in the hospital on Governor's Island. I had no idea of the date and when the Asst. came up to visit me he told me it was Tuesday which was Oct. 17th.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
THIRD DISTRICT

Governor's Island, N.Y.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec. 20, 1933, 193

To the Superin tendent of Lighthouses

Staten Island, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

This is a reply to your letter of the 16th inst.

There is an explanation in the apparent conflicting dates concerning my being on or off duty on the 16th of Oct.

On the Watch Book on Sat. 14, I am off duty from 8 A.M. to the 15th Sun. 8 A.M. I come on duty the 15th at 8 A.M. Sun. Sat. 14, when I was going off duty the Asst. asked me to return on duty at 7 P.M. that evening for he wished to go some place or other of great importance to him and that in return he would report for duty the next morning and work my shift.

I agreed to it and returned to duty Sat. 14 at a bout 7 P.M. after getting some rest. Now the next day I was booked to be on duty but the Asst. showed up at 8 A.M. Sun. the 15th and worked in my stead which gave me Sun. 15th free and off duty. From force of habit I signed the Watch Book whereas the Asst. should have signed it and to avoid any erasure I let it stand. I practically did a 48 hr. shift and so did the Asst. but the Book does not show it because of a force of habit. I trust that this explanation will clear me of what you call misleading reports.

Now let me recount the incidents leading up to the time I went into a speakeasy for a couple of drinks.

Sunday morning my wife and daughter and myself left the Island at noon to visit a friend of mine and his family. We had Sunday dinner there and remained for supper. After supper I felt uncomfortable and my kidneys started to bother me so I asked my friend for a drink but he said he didn't have any. I was beginning to feel ill and from past experience I knew that a good drink would make me feel better. Therefore my friend directed me to a place where I could get one and I left for the place alone. I found the place and I had two drinks and no more and started to talk to a man near me and that was all I remembered up to the time I was in the hospital on Governor's Island. I had no idea of the date and when the Asst. came up to visit me he told me it was Tuesday which was Oct. 17th.

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I don't remember being in court, I don't remember getting back to the Island and I don't know when I got home although my wife tells me I got home Monday morning the 16th. My wife further informed me that I tried to help her, which I do not remember and that at one time during the morning I fell in the bath room and she had to help me to my bed. She attended me during the day but at about 9 P.M. my condition became so alarming to her she notified the Post Hospital and I was taken there. From there I was taken to the Marine Hospital on Wed. morning and from what I have heard since I was still delirious most of the time.

Now whether or not I obtained my injuries completely in Brooklyn or when I fell at home I can only repeat from other sources. My wife tells me that I had court plaster on my head. I did not know and do not know that a doctor had treated me previously. I must have been treated by someone no doubt, but I do not remember it. If my conduct was unbec oming an employee of the Lighthouse Service it was not due to the fact that I was drunk but rather to the fact that I was an injured and sick man for which no one can be condemned. Another fact to be considered: I was not in uniform when this accident occurred to me.

The cause of all this trouble I can only explain by saying that I must have been doped by the person or persons selling me the drinks with the motive of robbery, for when I got home my wife discovered that all my money, a watch and a fountain pen was gone. The amount of money I had was about $20.

To say that I made a false report regarding my actions during the period under discussion would be unfair, rather let it be said that I did not make a complete report, which I am now doing.

If I have been the unfortunate victim of some unscrupulous man or men I should not be condemned. But rather let it be pointed out to me so that in the future I may avoid such an unpleasant experience.

I have tried to carry out my duties faithfully and to the best of my abilities. And so far have done so. And I hope this incident, which occurred to me while I was off duty, will not lessen your faith in me as an employee of the Lighthouse Service.

Kindly review this report with commiseration and understanding for it is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Respectfully yours,
/s/ O. M. Bunting, Keeper.

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Cross-file UNIT..... Number 75

Letter from D. J. Yates, Jr. Correspondence

Date 10-18-33

Subject Donation of Orlando M. Bunting

Gov Dk. Changes brought against him

Referred as Keeper by Stephen Bayne

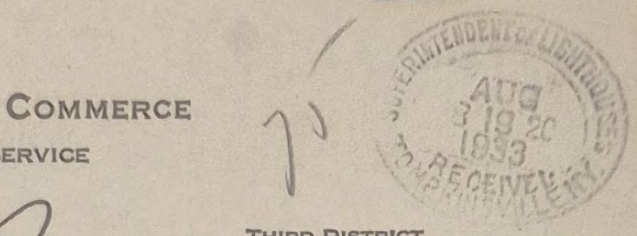
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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Governors Island N.Y.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 18th, 1933

To The Supt of Lighthouses
Staten Island
N.Y.

Dear Sir
As I Applied for a Leave of Absence on Aug 4th. & Read your Letter of Aug 5. & noted Same. — & Cancel then I had too much Expencies to go on a Leave at this Time. Even if the Money Was Affected. By the Government, for a Sub. therefore Please Cancel Same — Now this Sub that's Serving for the last Mrs Baynes here. Will I Put in a Time Slip. for his Pay this your Office. or Let Mrs Baynes. Pay him this has own Money at the End of his Time of Aug 22d. Inst. Please advise By Return Mail —

Yours Very Truly
O. M. Rudwig Keeper

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O. M. Bunting, Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, New York

Aug.19,1933

SUBJECT: Pay of substitute keeper.
REFERENCE: Your letter Aug.18,1933.

1. Leave of absence was granted Assistant Keeper Bayus with the understanding the substitute employed was to be paid by him, therefore it will not be necessary for you to forward a Time Sheet of his employment to this office. The substitute should be paid by Mr.Bayus as soon as his services are terminated.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Jan 24
435 am,

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To Supt.

Sir,

I see, Phone Message from Foreman Crawford Municipal Ferry Dock, reporting Red light on South Side of Governors Island was out, I notified Keeper Cask Keeper Bayer thereupon Officer in charge, at 437 am,

Cask Keeper Bayer reports that light was burning at 410 Am when he passed it, at 430 am he noticed it was out in turning key to open lamp lock, key broke in lock and he had to find a hack saw to saw off lock to replace light, He relit light at 500 am, He reports Light being off from 430 Am to 500 am,

M. Breene
Watchman

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THIRD DISTRICT

Governors Island N.Y.
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Jan. 24th., 1933

To The Lighthouse Dept
Staten Island N.Y.

Dear Sir-

This Will Notify you as to the Phone Call this Am. / Jan 24th. as to the Light Being Out. as the Asst Keeper Informs me That he Found the Extn. Light Was Out at 430 Am. But he Saw it Burning Brighly at 410 Am. & he after finding it Out at 430 Am. Went Immediately down to the Extn Sta to Remedy the Trouble & in doing so found the Lens. Lock Jammed. and had to Saw the Lock Off. in Order to Get the New Bulb into the / that Was Burned Out. in the Meantime your Office Called up About the Trouble. But the Light Was Burning all O.K. at 500 Am. Here's hoping this Will Explain this Matter.

Yours Obedient,

Stephen Baynes.
Asst. Keeper.

O. M. Bunting
Keeper

FWO-JHG

Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

July 17,1931

SUBJECT: Pay.
REFERENCE: Your letter July 16,1931.

1. You are advised that you have been receiving pay at the rate of $145.00 per month since January 1,1931. Since that date no change in your pay has been made or contemplated.

2. There are no grounds for your understanding that the pay of Keepers is raised automatically every six months.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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To The Supt of Lighthouses.
Staten Island
N.Y.

Dear Sir
As I Was given a Letter Notice on Dec. 30th 1930 that my Compensation had been Changed. from $1680 per yr. to $1740 per yr. = 145 per Mo. But this for Some Cause Was Overlooked & I Did not get that $5.00 per Mo. Raise until July 6th. Last making it 6 Mo's Over Due. = 30.00 of Which I Should of had the Raise of $5.00 Since Jan 1st 1931. and as I understand the Raises are Every 6 Mo's Automatically My Pay Now Should be $150. per Mo. Will you please have this Adjusted for me. and Oblige

Yours Very Respt.
Orlando M Benting
Keeper.

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

December 30, 1930

Mr. Orlando M. Bunting

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 1, 1931.

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,

W. P. HARMAN

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1680

To: $1740

Service and grade: Range $1560-1920

Appropriation (unit): Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

3d District.

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IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
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December 9, 1930.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N. Y.

Leave for Keeper Orlando M. Bunting, your indorsement of December 2.

An additional allotment of $1000 under this appropriation has been made to your district and this leave may therefore be granted now if practicable.

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:DC

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July 26,1930

Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Leave of absence.
REFERENCE: Our letter July 22, your letter July 25,1930.

1. As stated in letter of July 22,1930 you are advised there are no funds available for the purpose of granting leave to keepers with the understanding that the substitute is to be paid at Government expense, and it is therefore not practicable to grant you leave of a bsence for five days with the understanding the substitute is to be paid at Government expense.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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July 25th 1930

To The Supt of Lighthouses.
Staten Island N.Y.

Dear Sir —

your Letter of 7/23rd Read. of the Subject of Leave of Absence of Me Not Approved only by me Using My Sick & me Playing Time During My Leave of 15 Days from Aug 8th to Aug 22d 1930 is Just a bit hard. Owing to the Fact that Ive had no time Off only My Sleeping Time Since Aug 1928. if Being 4 Times I in all Justice Should of Been given My 15 Days off With Pay. The Excuse of Funds Not Being Available is Certainly not My Fault, as I Try to live up to the Book of Rules to the Letter & more. So it to Be Denied 4 Times a leave of Absence With a Free Hand. Makes me Feel Very Sad. as I Do all in my Power to.

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Make these 2 Sta: S that they should be. also My Wages has Not been Raised in Some years. Now I know I am Poor. yet the Poorest of all My Family & given Practicaly all My young Days to My Country. Now I Wish you & your Office Would give me My Seven 15 Days. Off With Pay & Pay My Sub. From Aug 16. to Aug 22 Inclusive So that I Can Visit My People. Hoping they Will be Approved. & Ill Fill up a new Form. of 76. I Beg to Remain

Yours Obedient Servant

D. M. Bunting

Keeper

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Governors Island N.Y.
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June 18th 1930.

To The Supt of Lighthouses
Staten Island
N.Y.

Dear Sir—

Your Letter Read this Aft. of the offer of a Transfer to the Light of Tarrytown N.Y. Will Say I do not Wish this Sta. Because its off Shore & the Salary Very much lower than this Sta's Salary. then—in Aiew to the Next Question of Children I have one a Little Girl of 11 yrs old. but I Will Transfer to Some on Shore Sta. near a Town or School. Norton's Point I'd Consider When there's a Vacancy.— but at this Season of the yr I do Not Wish to Transfer. As I've a Fine Garden here that I've Made all Myself at odd Times also. My Quarters by doing the Same. But Sometime this Fall &

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Winter Should Come on Short Sta. he With Quarters & Grounds to be Available for me with the Salary as Much or more than this Sta. is then I would Like to have a Chance of Such as I think I am Entitled to it as here on and Army Post there's Quite a lot of Army dictating to a L.H. Keeper as to Work that Should Look at their own door-steps First But it Takes 2 to make a Quarrell or even and Argument, So I go ahead & do all I can to Please them & Say Nothing as its the Meek that Inherit. - I Beg to Remain - Your Humble Keeper

Orlando M Duncan

FWO-JHG

Feb.15,1930

Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, New York

SUBJECT: Increase in pay.
REFERENCE: Your letter Feb.13,1930.

1. In reply to your letter of February 13,1930 you are advised there are no funds available at this time for the adjustment of any keeper's pay.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Governors Island N.Y.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
February 13th 1930

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To The Supt of Light Houses.
Staten Island
N.Y.

Dear Sir
As to my Salary of 140.00 per mo. and I have not been Raised for 20 yrs. only of 6.00 of the Welch Bill. Can you not see your Office clear into giving me a little more Money so I am in need of more Money for my Loving Expences. - and Due to Fact I am Notany - where near the Maxamm Pay for this Station. Besides I've been here almost 10 yrs. & have given the Service the Best that in my Body hoping to Be Considered Favorably as to this. I Beg to Remain

Yours Humble Keeper
Orlando M Bunting

Asst Supt

12-21-29

Vacancy in position of Keeper of Governors Island Light Station.

(Vice Bunting to be trans. to Customs Service)

Requests for transfers;

Elva Lekites, 2nd Asst. at Shinnecock, EOD in present position Jan. 16, 1927. Record O.K. Efficiency rating 93%.

R.M. Fitton, Keeper, Stamford Hbr., entered service Oct. 31, 1924. Previously at Orient Pt. and Little Gull. Cautioned while at Little Gull for light being extinguished. Efficiency rating 93%. Recently transferred

If all, would see for Asst rather than Kpr → correspondence

The Asst. Keeper at Governors Is. is Stephen Bayus who EOD in present position on May 20, 1926. Record OK Efficiency rating 87%.

Only applicant for transfer to position of Asst. Keeper at Governors Is. is R.M. Fitton - see above.

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Promote Bayus +

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Nov. 8th, 1929

To The Supt of Lighthouses
Staten Island N.Y.

Dear Sir
your Letter of Nov 7th recd. & noted. now in regards to the Transfering of me to Long Beach Bar Light Sta. it does not Suit for me to do it, as the Salary is too Low & the Mkt. School & Etc too far away. in fact its not a Place I Care for now. as Salary & Bettering my living Conditions is What I am Trying for.

yours Very Truly
Orlando M. Gilchrist
Keeper

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November 7, 1928.

O. M. Bunting, Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Transfer.

1. Your letter of November 6 in regard to the matter of transfer to the Custom Service has been noted. It is possible that there may be a vacancy in the near future in the position of Keeper of Long Beach Bar Light Station, which station and position is on your list of of those to which you would accept transfer in the event of a vacancy. In view of your application for transfer to the Custom Service, please advise whether or not you wish to be considered for transfer to Long Beach Bar Light Station in the event of a vacancy.

2. A prompt reply is requested.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

FWO:FM

November 6, 1929.

Office of the Collector,
District No. 10,
United States Customs Service,
New York, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Transfer of Orlando M. Bunting from the position of Keeper Governors Island Light Station to that of customs guard.

REFERENCE: Your letter November 6, 1929.

You are advised that this office has no objection to the transfer referred to provided this Service is given sufficient advance notice so that another person may be appointed and available to enter on duty as Keeper of Governors Island Light Station at the time that Mr. Bunting is transferred to the Customs Service.

J. T. YATES,

Superintendent.

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Nov 6th, 1929

To The Supt of Leighthouses
Staten Island
N. Y.

Dear Sir

As I am Trying to Better Myself as to Salary I am Inclosing you here my letter With the Appointments Clerk's of the Custom Service.
now there Will be Sometime yet Before the Actual Appointment time Comes My Way I am Informed. and During this time I Wish to Still be here With your Service as Keeper by giving you 15 Days Notice of my going Out Previous to leaving here. Now if the Custom Dept asks your Office of My Record here give it to them Just as you have found me. for Six years My Best to wards my Duties here and Should I Seperate from your Dept to theirs I Still can hold My Rtes. & I

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Will help your Men into any duty
I Can. here at Anything & at Anystand I
am home & off the Custom Duties.
as I Shall always have a favorable
Feeling towards the Lighthouse Dept
& of my Salary here. Where More & Etc.
I Should not be Trying for the Future
Position. but Sue Sederal More Examinations
yet to Comply With before I am Apptd.
Hoping You Will Give me a good
Record to Mr Elting. I Beg to Remain
Your Humble Keeper
Orlando M Lentney

OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR
DISTRICT No. 10
ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE
TO THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS
NEW YORK, N. Y.
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November 6, 1929.

Superintendent,
Lighthouse Service,
Department of Commerce,
Staten Island, N. Y.

Sir:

This office desires to recommend the transfer of Orlando M. Bunting, from the position of Lighthouse Keeper, Governors Island, N. Y., to that of Customs Guard here.

If you have no objection to his transfer, it is requested that you please forward your consent as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

J. Lesie Robb

Appointment Clerk.

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Governors Island Light Sta. S
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October 17th 1929

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To The Supt of Lighthouses
Staten Island
N. Y.

Dear Sir
As the Season is Rolling around to the Wintertime & as you Know I have to Buy Coal & Pay for My own Electric Light at My Quarters there as to the Circumstances of this Case. I am asking your Official if you Cannot Raise My Pay. as Ive been here Several Yrs & have not been Raised into My Pay Since Jan 1- 1927. only three the Welsh Bill of only 5.00 Per Mo. Now I only Wish fair treatment into this Salary. as the Instruction Book Says Consideration Will be given Every 6 Mo's Then the Salary for these Sta.S - is 1680.00 per yr. before the Welsh Bill Was even Passed. and My Salary Now at Present being only $140- per Mo. or $1680. per yr. this being a long Ways off from Maximum of the old Rate. Even before

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The Welch Bill Was Passed. I think I am Entitled to a Consideration on this Salary Question as my living Expences gets larger all the time & We need a new Stove new Winter Clothing & other odds & ends. I Wish your attention to this. besides Buying my own Paint for the Bldg. I am doing in & Still have to Buy more for the Roof yet and it all Costs the Cold Cash. Can you not Co Operate With me in Order to lessen My Financial Burden &. hoping You Will see Favorably into this Request. I Beg to Remain

Your Humble Keeper

Orlando M Dunning

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Oct. 18,1929

Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors, Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Pay.
REFERENCE: Your letter Oct.17,1929.

1. In reply to your letter of October 17,1929 relative to increase in pay, you are advised there are no funds available for the adjustment of any Keepers pay.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels

Asst.Supt.

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Letter per

Governors Island Light Sta N.Y.
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Nov. 23rd, 1928

To The Supt of Lighthouses
Staten Island
N.Y.

Your Letter & Form 76 Recd of the 21st Inst. will say please Cancel the Leave as I am unable to take the leave of Absence as my Financial Conditions at Present does not Warrant Such at the Expence of the Sub. Falling upon Me.

Yours Very Truly

Orlando M. Dunting
Keeper

THIRD DISTRICT

November 21, 1928.

Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper,
Governor Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Application for leave.

REFERENCE: Your letter and form 76 dated November 19, 1928.

Your application for 15 days leave commencing December 8 with the understanding that a substitute be furnished at the Government's expense cannot be approved due to the fact that there are no funds available to pay the wages of a substitute during the absence of yourself or any other keeper on leave. Your application for leave has been approved with the understanding that if you take the leave it will be necessary for you to furnish a substitute at your own expense, this being the only means whereby leave could be granted for the reason statedabove.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Governors Island N.Y.
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Nov. 19th, 1928

To The Supt of Lighthouses.
Staten Island
N.Y.

Dear Sir-

As I am Inclosing here. 2 Forms 76. of which I Wish and Absence of 15 Days. For Which I Desire to Visit My Mother Whome is a Very Sick Woman at this Time. now this Can be proven by the P.M. at Selbyville Del. or any Living there. I also am not Financially able to Pay My Substitute. therefore I Wish the Godernment to do this for me. as I'd Wish My Leave of Absence if the Conditions of My Mother Was not as they are at this Present Time. Hoping to Be granted this Favor for Which I thank You Very Very Much in advance for.- I Beg to Remain

Your Humble Keeper
Orlando M Bunting

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P. A.

Now Mr Supt. I Want this Favor granted me. so I May never See My Grand Old Mother Alive Again as She has been and Invalid these last 4 yrs. Sick is getting Worse all the Time. So I am. Wishing to See her. & Stay With her there Coming Few days. (Now. living it Alone.) I am not Wanting to go on a Skylarking Trip. as in the first Place. I am Too Poor. My Family & Me need. Our Wages as fast as I Can get it. & the living Expencies is getting More all the Time. therefore I appeal to you to help Me. on these Points. Financially. as I give My Whole life to the Service Nearly here. at all times I can nearly always here Again. I thank you. For this favor.

Your Humble Keeper

Orlando M Bunting.

REQUEST

Governors Island N.Y. Nov. 15 1928
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 15 days of shore liberty or leave, from Dec. 8th 1928 to Dec 22d, inclusive, 1928 I have had 15 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:

Benjamin Dalway 1692 Pilgrim Ave Bronx N.Y.
(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:

Sellersville R.F.D.1 Del.
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

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

Orlando M Gunthig
(Applicant's signature.)

Stephen Burgus
Keeper in charge.

Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT, November 21, 1928.

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for 15 days, from December 8 to December 22, inclusive, 1928 with the understanding that a substitute is furnished at your own expense.

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

J. T. YATES,

Inspector, Third *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At ..... M. ....., 191 .
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: ..... days.

Returned to duty: At ..... M. ....., 191 .
(State nearest hour.)

Period charged: ..... days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

.....
(Applicant's signature.)

Governors Island N.Y. Nov 14, 1928
(Station.)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd. DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 15 days of shore liberty or leave, from Dec. 8th 1928 to Dec. 22d, inclusive, 1928. I have had 15 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:

Benjamin Halliday, 1639 Pilgrim Ave Bronx N.Y.
(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:

Selbyville R.D. 1, Del.
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

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

Stephen Bayliss
Keeper.

Orlando M Gunning
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, Third DISTRICT, November 21, 1928

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

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent, Third *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At ..... M. ....., 19 .
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: ..... days.

Returned to duty: At ..... M. ....., 19 .
(State nearest hour.)

Period charged: ..... days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper.

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(Title.)

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Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

Feb. 20,1928

SUBJECT: Increase in pay.
REFERENCE: Your letter Feb.18,1928.

1. Increases in pay are made in accordance with plan as stated in District Circular Letter No.346, dated Jan. 21,1927. There will, however, be no increases during the current fiscal year owing to the fact that there are no funds available for the purpose.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Range 1440-1880
His salary is now $1560
He was due for a raise
on Jan 1, but did not
get same on a/c
lack of funds

Governors Island N.Y.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb 18th, 1928

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The Supt of Lighthouses
Staten Island
N.Y.

Dear Sir

It is Respectfully Requested that I be given Consideration as to a Raise into Salary as I have not had and Increase Since Jan 1- 1927 over 13 Mo's ago. Besides my Conditions here Has to Buying My Own Coal & Etc. also. Shade not had but 2 Raises. Since ive been the Keeper here. of Which you Know. Kindly give me a little Consideration as to this Salary Min. & Max. as I Certainly need & can use more Salary & I think I Well Deserve it.

Your Humble Servant
Orlando M Dunting
Keeper

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

Donated to Keeper 3-9-94

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Governors Island Light Sta. N.Y.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan. 18th., 1928

List of Sta's I Wish a Transfer to as Keeper

Chapel Hill	N.J.	
Conover Beach	N.J.	
Coney Island	N.Y.	
Coxsackie	N.Y.	
Dutch Island	R.I.	
Elm Tree	N.Y.	
Gowed Island	R.I.	
Hereford Inlet	N.J.	
Horton Point	N.Y.	
Long Beach Bar	N.Y.	
Ludlam Beach	N.J.	
New Dorp	N.Y.	
Nth. Brg. Is.	N.Y.	
Old Field Point	N.Y.	
Point Comfort	N.J.	
Princess Bay	N.Y.	
Sands Point	N.Y.	
Sea Girt	N.J.	
Stuyvesant	N.Y.	
Throgs Neck	N.Y.	
Wapatack	N.J.	
Wickford Harbor	R.I.	
Whitehill Point	N.Y.	

Yours Respectfully
Wm. O'Connell
Keeper
Governors Island
N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Governors Island Light Sta N.Y.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 18th, 1915

List of Sta's I Wish to Transfer as Keeper

Chapel Hill N.J. as Keeper
Conover Beach N.J. - - -
Coney Island N.Y. - - -
Cox Ladkie N.Y. - - -
Dutch Island R.I. - - -
Elm Tree N.Y. - - -
Gould Island R.I. - - -
Hereford Inlet N.J. - - -
Horton Point N.Y. - - -
Long Beach Bar N.Y. - - -
Loudlam Beach N.J. - - -
New York N.Y. - - -
Nth Bro. Is. N.Y.
Old Field Point N.Y. - - -
Point Comfort N.J. - - -
Princes Bay N.Y. - - -
Sands Point N.Y. - - -
Sea Girt N.J. - - -
Stuyvesant N.Y. - - -
Throgs Neck N.Y. - - -
Wadsack N.J. - - -
Westford Harbor R.I. - - -
Windmill Point N.J

Governors Island N.Y.

Per
Letter applied for
Leave & send
him circular
new transfer list

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Sent him circular
re transfer list
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, New York

Jan. 16, 1928

SUBJECT: Transfer.
REFERENCE: Your letter Jan. 16, 1928

1. Your letter dated January 16, 1928 relative to transfer, is returned herewith and your attention called to Paragraph 69 of Instructions to Employees, 1927, which states that official paper only shall be used for official correspondence, and also that writing must be confined to one side of the sheet. Your attention is also called to instructions previously sent you (copy attached) relative to filing in this office a list of the stations and positions to which tranfer would be accepted. This list should be in duplicate, and the positions, as well as stations, to which transfer would be accepted, should be given.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Asst Supt
For

Dear
Sir and Mad

Governors Island Light Sta N.Y.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 18th, 1928

To The Supt. of Lighthouses
Staten Island
N.Y.

Dear Sir

Your Letter of 16th Inst recd. With the Instructions to Follow as to Transfer have. done So. and Am Enclosing Same as I Want to do the Service my best. for their Benefit. But I Wants no Other Station on a Military post. as I have Cleaned up this Corner of the Island & made it Presentable & a Fine Garden Spot made. Very Fertile. Besides buying My Fuel & doing My Own repairing & Furnishing First the Carpentering & Material to Make the House Comfortable & to be Without Water Sometimes from 5 to 7 Weeks. & asking me. Questions Regarding My Authority for the House & Etc. I am Sick of it. When Proof Can be Verified by Several Officers that it Was Assigned to Me & Even Moved from the Castle Jd. down to the Present Sights. but I Would Like to Stay here. if I Was let alone in Peace. Peace. I Wish. as I've done all this for My own Benefit. Now Some 1. is Jealous of My Place. as I Can't

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~~with their Offices~~, 1922

even find any Record of. Which I a Copy ~~now~~ had. of My Authority of Having the Bldg. ~~now~~ anyone. ~~with half~~ Since. Would Know. I Could not have Moved over from Brooklyn here. ~~first.~~ in 1922 Without having and Authority then Col. Penn. ~~in Nov.~~ in 1923 Directed it to Be Moved Out from the ~~Castle~~ Yard. then Col Gearhardt gave Me the Present Light. With Geil Bullard along. With him. telling Me to Clear Out. all Stones Trash & Manure ~~it~~ all I Cleared & have Me a Nice Garden & Lawn around the House. but at My own Expence of Repairing the Bldg. this I have done. Now. if there is any Way that I can Secure Permanently from having to Move Out. Why Kill Me & the Transfer Sta'd Void. but While I am in Doubt let them Stand as to a Transfer. if I Can Accomplish it in any Way to My Benefit of Staying Permanently here Will let your Office Know. -

Yours Very Obedient
Orlando W Quinting
Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO:FM

September 14, 1927.

W. B. Morris Sr.,
Bishopville, Maryland.

SUBJECT: Alleged Indebtedness of Mr. O. M. Bunting, Keeper of Governors Island Light Station.

REFERENCE: Your communication September 3, 1927.

Sir:

In reference to your claim against Mr. Bunting, you are advised that there are no means whereby an employee of this Service can be compelled to settle any debts he may have contracted nor can deductions be made from an employee's salary to settle debts. Where it is proven that an employee declines to pay just and honest debts, charges may be preferred against him with the view of dismissing him from the Service, but this ordinarily would not result in the settlement of the claim. It may be stated however, that the matter of your claim was taken up with Mr. Bunting and he advises that he expects to settle the account in two payments to be made in the course of the next two months.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Governors Island N.Y.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept. 10th, 1927

To The Supt of Lighthouses.
Staten Island
N.Y.

Dear Sir
Your Letter of Sept 8th recd & noted.
Concerning the Bill I owe Mrs W.D Morris Sr.
of Bishopville Md. in acct to same this
day I do Owe Mrs Morris this Bill. he Sd
Claims. I Wish to Pay it with 2 Payments
$15.00 this Next Pay day & the Bal. on Nov. 1st Payday
I'll assure him he shall his money every D. by
Nov. 10th. — but he is very much mistaken
as to me Not Acknowledging the Claim. Sir
Never done Such. & Can Prove. I told him I'd
Pay him Soon as I Could. for Ive been
Paying My Old Bills for these last 12 yrs.
to this fact Can be Proven by H. D. Johnson.
W. R. McCabe. C L McCabe. W. R Tubbs.
all of Whom I owed at My Old home Town
of Selbyville Del. also. Ex Governor Townsend
of Selbyville Del. I Now Owe. but Whom

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

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(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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Know that Ill pay asoon as I Can for its a Job to Pay off Bills When anyone gets Everything Ruined Out as I did even my Clothes got Ruined up at the Sound Farm. in 1917 & I had to start new in this life & Work out & Pay for Old Bills I created on this Farm. When I Came from the Panama Canal, this these Peoples Names. Ive given here will Certify, & Mr. Morris Showed of Whole me That he Was So. Pressed for Cash. instead of Writing to your Office, I am. Poor But & Bill I owe Honest Ill pay her. Soon as I Can. as and Honest Bill never gets Out of Date With me. for Ill Wear Ragged Pants & Coats in Order to Do So. and Investigation of My Previous Dealings. With Large Bus. People. Will I think Prove this.

Yours Very Obedient
Orlando W. Bunting
Keeper

Etc.

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No orders issued
on this offer
for fertilizer for S.I. Lt.

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Very truly,

W B Morris

9/6/27 Refers to Superintendent of Lights & Buoys, Staten Island N.Y.

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Superintendent, 4th Lighthouse District

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Mr. O. M. BUNTING. 1927

Governors Island New York, N.Y.

To W. B. Morris, Sr., Dr.

DEALER IN FERTILIZERS

GROWING OF FANCY TRUCK A SPECIALTY

Shipping Station, Selbyville, Del. Phone No. 35 R 11

1917.

For fertilizer. $31 20

The above named party has failed to acknowledge this bill and I would appreciate your efforts in helping me collect same.

Very truly,

W B Morris

9/6/27 Refered to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island N.Y.

Superintendent, 4th Lighthouse District

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Advance Print, Berlin, Md.

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Advance Print, Berlin, Md.

...ESTER COUNTY, To wit:
THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

On the 3rd day of Sept, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County, personally appears W. B. Harris and makes oath in due form of law that the account, as stated, is just and true, and that to the best of h knowledge and belief, no part or parcel of the same has ever been, either directly or indirectly, paid, satisfied or secured, except the credits given.

SWORN before

Joseph L. Moore
notary public

to acknowledge the claim referred to.

2. It is requested that you advise this office whether or not the claim referred to is a just and proper one and if so you will state what action you propose to take in the matter.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

C. H. Bunting, Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

September 8, 1927.

SUBJECT: Alleged Indebtedness.

1. This office has received a claim against you from Mr. W. B. Morris Sr., of Bishopville, Md., in the amount of $31.20 for fertilizer, it being stated that you have failed to acknowledge the claim referred to.

2. It is requested that you advise this office whether or not the claim referred to is a just and proper one and if so you will state what action you propose to take in the matter.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

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Governors Island Light Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
N.Y.
July 15th, 1927

Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

July 16,1927

SUBJECT: Increase in pay.
REFERENCE: Your letter July 15,1927.

1. In reply to your letter of July 15,1927 relative to increase in pay, you are advised that Paragraph 6 of District Circular No.346, dated Jan.21,1927, reads as follows:-

> "Effective Jan.1 and July 1 of each year consideration will be given to an advance of one step in range of pay in the case of keepers and assistant keepers having not less than nine months continuous service without promotion in rank or advance in range step x x x"

2. As you will note above quoted paragraph states that consideration will be given to an increase in pay when no increase has been granted in nine months. As your pay was increased from $1500 to $1560 per annum on January 1,1927, you would therefore not be aligible for another increase at this time.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Governors Island Light Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel) N.Y.
July 15th, 1927

To The Supt of Light Houses.
Staten Island
N.Y.

Dear Sir
As I noticed my Asst here Mr. Bayne got a Consideration of a Raise into his Salary some days ago of $5.00 per Mo. and also that Keepers & Asst Keepers were to be given a Consideration as to Raise into Salary Every 6 mo. until the Limit of Salary was granted. Now I think I should have a Consideration of the Raises, as my Present Salary is only $1560- yearly and is quite a Distance from the Limit of $1860.- allowed for this Sta. owing to the fact I give almost my Whole Time to this Service, to make this Sta. of the Best. Kindly Look into this for me Please as Living Expences are just as high for me as any other Man and my Salary is

THIRD DISTRICT

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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very Meagre as to these times
of Existing. Hoping to hear from
you With a favorable Reply.
I am Yours Obedient Servant

Orlando F. Bunting

Keeper.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses; June 15,1926

SUBJECT: Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper, Governors Is.Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Endorsement of Jan. 7,1926 to Bur.fwdg.copy of letter of caution of same date to Bunting.

1. Referring to endorsement of this office dated Jan.7,1926 forwarding copy of letter of caution of same date to Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper of Governors Island Light Station; the Bureau is advised that this office has had no further difficulty with Mr.Bunting and it is therefore recommended that no further action be taken in his case.

J. T. Yates

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

Commissioner of Lighthouses;

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J. T. Yates

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUN 18 1926

Returned approved.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

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Governors Island Light N.Y.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 21, 1926

Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

May 22,1926

SUBJECT: Watches at Governors Is.Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter May 21,1926.

1. In reply to your letter of May 21,1926, you are advised that watches at a light station are arranged by the Keeper of the station. In this connection your attention is invited to Paragraph 112 of Instructions to Employees, pertaining to watches.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Dear Sir
Yours of May 21st Received and contents noted. Will Introduce Mr. Stephen Young to you. Mr. Ward I have had Conference with you on the Subject of Changing the Watch here now. I am willing to do anything that I can Work By him. he seems like a fine Obedient Young Fellow. and anything that O.K. with you People is O.K. With me. as I Stay here all the time Anyway I can Instruct him I think to Make a fine Keeper in the near Future he Wants to Stay on all the Evenings from 7 P.M. until 7 A.M. Daily now the Present Watch Was from 9 A.M. until 9 P.M. This Change up to you people I am Willing to help this young Man. Yours Obedient Keeper Orlando M. Bunting

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Governors Island Light Sta N.Y.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 21, 1926

To the Supt. of Lighthouses.
Staten Island. N.Y.

Dear Sir

This Will introduce to you Mr. Stephen Haynes. now. this young man Wants to have and Interview With you. on the subject of changing the Watch here.- now. I am Willing to do. anything that is Fair With By him. he Seems like a fine Obedient young Fellow. and anything that's O.K. With you People is O.K. With me. as I stay here all the time Anyway. & Can. Instruct him I think to. Make a fine Keeper in the near Future. he Wants to. Stay on all the Evenings from 7 P.M until 7 A.M Daily now the Previous Watch Was from 9 A.M. until 9 A.M.. this Change is up to you People. I am Willing to help this young Man.- Yours. Obedient.

Keeper Orlando M. Duntung

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Governors Island Light Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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Sent 3/23/26

To The Supt of Lighthouses.
Staten Island
N.Y.

Dear Sir
Will you please send a List of Stations of this Dist. Typewriter as the asst here Wants a list of same as he wishes a Transfer closer to his home.

Orlando M. Dunning
Keeper

FWC-JHG

Jan. 7,1926

SUBJECT: Orlando M.Bunting,Keeper,Governors Is.L.S.,caution.
REFERENCE: Letter of this date to Bunting.

2. Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained. A further report in regard to Mr.Bunting will be made at the expiration of six months.

J.T. Yates

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Governors Island Light Sta. N.Y.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 5th, 1926

To The Supt of Lighthouses
Staten Island N.Y

Dear Sir
Your letter of Dec. Came this Afternoon. will Say the Reason or Reasons I did not Sign the Post. S letter. Was That he Told me When he Reported for Duty that day Dec 22d. that he Had Orders from you People that there Was to Be No More Arguments. Out of me. in any Case & That if I Violated it he Was to Report it at Once. So I let him answer for himself. but I Was not a going to Put My Name to it Something that I Knew Was and untruth. of his answer to the Complaint. — Yours Very Truly

Orlando M Benting
Keeper

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



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THIRD DISTRICT

Governors Island Light Sta. N.Y.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec 4th., 1925.

To The Supt of Lighthouses.
Staten Island
N.Y.

Your letter of Dec 2 recd. in Reference to getting a Substitute here during the Absence of the asst. here. Will Say I got in Touch with Mr Iversen. He reported for duty at 1045 a.m. Dec 3rd. and. Was Certainly Welcomed. as I Was Without Sleep Since Sunday Night. but after a good Bath. a good nights rest. I feel very good this a.m.

Yours Obedient

Orlando M. Dunting
Keeper.

P.S.
The Address & Name is
Peter Iversen
845 = 3rd Ave
Brooklyn.
N.Y.

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June 12, 1925.

Major Ward,
Headquarters, Fort Jay,
Governors Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT : Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper, Governors Island Light Station.

REFERENCE: Telephone conversation of June 9, 1925.

Sir:-

The representative of this office who was sent to confer with you on June 9, 1925 concerning information indicating that Keeper Bunting had stolen Government property in his posession, has submitted report in reference to the matter, from which it appears that no property that could be identified as Government property was found in this keeper's posession. In view of this fact this office has no grounds to proceed against Keeper Bunting, unless you subsequently discovered additional information or evidence, in which event this office will be pleased to be further advised in the matter.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES,

Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Maj Ward, Headquarters 6/9/25

Fort Jay Governors Island
he has info that leads him to believe
that the keeper has in his possession
supplies from the Quartermasters dept.
Said there had been burglaries etc
& asked if he could handle the light
house personnel preferably with a
report. L H S. Told him OK & would
send a rep to Gov. Is the afternoon.
Asked him the nature & the matl
& he said principally clothing material

Ingram sent 6/9

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

June 10, 1925.

Supt. of Lighthouses:-

SUBJECT: Complaint of Army Officials re Keeper of Governors Island Light Station.

1. Proceeded to Headquarters, Fort Jay, Governors Island, N. Y., June 9th, 1925, where the Commanding Officer informed me, word had been received that Keeper Orlando M. Bunting had stolen Government property which was in his posession, and that they desired to search his premises. In company with Captain Gillfillan and two men proceeded to the Keeper's house. This house is on the extreme south end of the Island and is the property of the U. S. Army, being loaned to Keeper Bunting in which to live.

2. Keeper Bunting was advised by the Captain of the charges against him and of his rights, and proceeded to search with the following results:-

(a) On two beds were found five blankets made of army material and style but not marked as Government property. Their condition was very good. Keeper stated he had purchased these blankets during the late war at Morse Dry Dock while he worked there in 1918.

(b) Among the Keeper's clothing was found about:-

20 Olive Drab Flannel Shirts
6 Olive Drab Handkerchiefs
4 Pairs Grey Wool Socks
5 Dungaree Jumpers
1 Pair Army Shoes
2 Rain Coats or Slickers
3 Mattresses) Left from rooming house wife main-
4 Pillows) tained during War in Brooklyn.
6-Gallon Can Paint (Spoiled-recovered from dump)
2 Pails (1 Fire and one Galvanized Water - Condemned - Holes in bottom).

All of this material was in a worn or poor condition and though made in similar Government materials and patterns, had no army stamp or Government marks except one old worn O. D. Shirt which was marked "G. D. 5679" and one slicker which was new. These two items were seized and taken to Headquarters. The keeper stated

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Respectfully,

C. V. Ingram,

Asst. Superintendent.

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

June 10, 1925.

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Respectfully,

C. W. INGRAM,

Asst. Superintendent.

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Orlando M. Bunting, Asst.Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

May 13,1925

SUBJECT: Promotion.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office dated May 6,1925.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated May 8, 1925 appointing you to the position of Keeper of Governors Island Light Station, and in accordance therewith yourare directed to enter on duty in that position on May 16,1925.

J.T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form A-21

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 MAY 12 PM 2 05

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 8, 1925.

Mr. Orlando M. Bunting,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1260 per annum to $1440 per annum, effective May 11, 1925, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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FWC-JHG

Orlando M. Bunting, Asst.Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

May 6,1925

SUBJECT: Promotion to position of Keeper.
REFERENCE: Your letters May 2nd and 4th,1925.

1. Referring to the death on May 1st of Keeper Larson; you are advised you have to-day been nominated for promotion to the position of Keeper of Governors Island Light Station, with pay at the rate of $1440 per annum. You will be advised later of the effective date of your promotion. Two copies of Form 30 are enclosed herewith. Fill out same to shownall the Government property at Governors Island, sign the Certificate C on Page 28, and return one copy to this office.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

1st Asst. May 4,1925

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Vacancy in position of Keeper of

Governors Island Light Station:-

Applicants for transfer;

Nicolai Jensen, Keeper of Conimicut Lt.Sta. Entered service April 23,1906 as Asst.Keeper at Romer Shoal. Has also been employed at Staten Is.Lt.Sta. Efficiency rating 95%. Record OK

Arthur W.Blish, Asst.Keeper, Robbins Reef. Entered service in that position on March 1,1924. Efficiency rating 80%. Record OK

Blish also is willing to accept position of Asst.Keeper at Governors Is.,for which there are no other applicants.

Applicants for transfer to Conimicut;

Only applicant is Andrew Zuius,Sr.,Keeper of Romer Shoal Lt.Sta. Entered service Jan.21,1924 as Additional Keeper at that station. Was later promoted to 2nd and 1st and Keeper. Record O.K. Efficiency 85%

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Orlando R. Bunting, the Asst.Keeper at Governors Island, entered the service in that position on Oct.28,1920. Record O.K. Efficiency rating 90%

JHG

Promote Bunting to Keeper Gov. Is
Get new Asst Keeper
Ord 5/5/25

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Bunting

FWO-JHG

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. (City.) May 1, 1925 (Date.), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, promotion

Name, Orlando M. Bunting

Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper

Salary, $1440 P.A.* (Pay Range, ($1440 to ($1680 p.a.

Location, Governors Is. Lt. Sta. and Governors Is. Ext. Lt., N.Y.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective May 11, 1925 {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper

Former salary, $1260 p.a.

Location, Governors Is. Lt. Sta. & Governors Is. Ext. Lt., N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, Lars E. Larson

Services terminated, May 1, 1925

Reason, Died (Salary $1500 p.a.)

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks: *This amount includes commutation of rations at 45¢ per day payable from General Expenses Lighthouse Service.

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

J. T. Yates

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

VCB 5/14/25

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

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. May 1 1925, 19
(City.) (Date.)

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VC 5/13/25

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FWC-JHG

Orlando M. Bunting, Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, New York

Jan. 7,1926

SUBJECT: Correspondence of Assistant Keeper.
REFERENCE: Your letter Jan.5,1926.

1. Your reply to endorsement of this office and explanation of January 5th, is not satisfactory. Section 7 of Paragraph 55 of Instructions to Employees, with which you should be thoroughly familiar, plainly specify the procedure to be followed by a keeper in handling correspondence submitted by an Assistant Keeper, and you are directed to see to it that these instructions are strictly adhered to in future, in order that unnecessary correspondence due to your disregard of instructions, may be avoided.

J. T. Yates

Superintendent

FWO:CFG

August 4th, 1923.

O.M.Bunting,Asst.Keeper,
(Through the Keeper),
Governors Island Lt.Sta.,
Governors Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT : Permission to occupy quarters, etc. on Governors Island.
REFERENCE: Your letter dated August 3rd, 1923.

1. You are advised that this service does not plan on furnishing quarters, etc. for the keepers at Governors Island Light Station and, therefore, no action will be taken in reference to the matter referred to in your letter of August 3rd.

2. In this connection you are directed to forward all future correspondence addressed to this office through the Keeper of the station, as required by the regulations.

J. T. Yates
Superintendent.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Governors Island N.Y.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 3rd, 192

To The Supt of Lighthouses.
Tompkinsville S.I.
N.Y.

Dear Sir
as I Wish to Call your Attention to this Inclosed letter. Since my living here On the Island. the Army People have Made Several Changes. So. that I am being Involved. As to the Building being Moved Out from the Castle yard. but the Officer of the Commandant. Says. all there need to be Done is for. my Supt. to Ask of the War Dept to grant a Spot for this Building to be moved upon. this I hope you Will do. as I Try to do my best for the Service and by my living here I think its been a great help to the Service.. now. all Arrange for to move the Building at my Own Cost. after I have the Approval of Some place to Put the Building on the

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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Said Island. Hoping You Will ask
this Favor for Me for Which
I thank you in Advance for
I Remain
Your Humble Servant
Orlando M. Bunting
Asst. Keeper

Commanding General,
2nd Corps Area,
Governor's Island.N.Y.

(Thru Commanding Officer,Fort Jay,N.Y.)

1. The undersigned is quartered at present in the old Red Cross Cottage in the yard of the Disciplinary Barracks,under permission given several years ago by the then Commanding Officer of Fort Jay,N.Y..

2. The Commandant,Atlantic Branch,United States Disciplinary Barracks,has directed that the said cottage be demolished or removed from the Barracks yard,but has consented to my removing the cottage to another location.

3. It is therefore requested that I be permitted to occupy a site for this building somewhere on Governor's Island until such time as the ground may be needed for a site for building or other military purpose.

RECEIVED HEADQUARTERS JUL 25 1923 FORT JAY, N.

O. M. Bunting

O. M. BUNTING,
Asst Lighthouse Keeper.

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x201.Bunting,O.M.

1st Ind. FFR-PLS

HQ. FT. JAY, N. Y., August 1, 1923. To Mr. O. M. Bunting, Asst. Lighthouse Keeper, Governors Island, New York.

Disapproved. This permission cannot be granted without the authority of the Secretary of War.

For the Commanding Officer:

Frank R Williams

FRANK R. WILLIAMS,
Adjutant.

Lars C. Larson
Keeper in charge.

1. ~~Of~~ allowers invited to 1st Ind. dated Aug. 1, 1923.

2. It is requested that the matter of this building being moved to another site on Governors Island, N.Y. be taken up with the Secty of War.

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Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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REQUEST

U.S. Governors Island N.Y. 7/20th, 1923
(Station.)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 15 days of shore liberty or leave, from August 10th to August 24, inclusive, 1923 I have had None 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:

P. Iversen 658-51st St Brooklyn N.Y.
(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:

Route 1 Selbyville Del
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

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

Orlando M. Bunting
(Applicant's signature.)

Lars E. Larson
Keeper in charge.

Asst. Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 3rd DISTRICT, July 23, 1923, 19

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for Fifteen days, from August 10th to August 24th, inclusive, 19 23

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

J. T. YATES

Superintendent, Third *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 9 a M August 10th 1923.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 9 a M August 25th 1923.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: Fifteen days.

Period charged: Fifteen days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

Lars E. Larson
Keeper in charge.

Orlando M. Bunting
(Applicant's signature.)

Asst. Keeper
(Title.)

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Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Hatfield A.R.K.

REQUEST

Governors Island, N.Y. July 24, 1922
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 15 days of shore liberty or leave, from August 10th to Aug 25th, inclusive, 1922. I have had Nil 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:

Peter Iversen (Name.) 658 - 51. St Brooklyn N.Y. (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:

Selbyville (Street or R. D. Route.), Selbyville (City.), Del (State.)

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

Lars E. Larson
Keeper in charge.

Orlando M. Bunting
(Applicant's signature.)

1st Asst Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT, July 28, 1922, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for Fifteen days, from August 10th to August 24th, inclusive, 1922.

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

J. T. YATES

Inspector, Supt. 3rd Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 9 A.M. August 10th, 1922
(State nearest hour.)

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(State nearest hour.)

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Period charged: 15 days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

Lars E. Larson
Keeper in charge.

Orlando M. Bunting
(Applicant's signature.)

asst Keeper
(Title.)

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SUPERINTENDENT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

Pur Harfield

THIRD DISTRICT

Governors Island Light Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 25th, 1922

To The Supt. of Lighthouses.
Tompkinsville . N.Y.

Dear Sir.
the Asst. Keeper Orlando M. Bunting has.
Returned to duty this Day Aug. 25th at 9 Am
being his Alotted Time of Leave of Absence.
of 15 Days. . also. have. Discontinued. the
Service of Substitute. Peter Iversen. from.
Aug 10. 9 Am to Aug 25. 9 Am. Same has
been. Checked up on the. Form. 46.
Which is Inclosed.

Lars E Larson
Keeper

FWC-JHB

July 28,1922

Lars E. Larson, Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Leave of absence of Asst.Keeper Bunting.
REFERENCE: His letter and Form 76 dated July 24,1922.

1. Form 76, dated July 24,1922, submitted by Orlando M.Bunting, Assistant Keeper of Governors Island Light Station, requesting leave of absence for fifteen days from August 10th,1922, is returned herewith, approved.

2. You are authorised to employ Peter Ivensen for fifteen days beginning August 10th, to perform the duties of assistant keeper during the absence of Mr.Bunting, with total pay at the rate of $103.50 per month. The substitute will make suitable arrangements for his subsistence at his own expense, as the rate of pay stated above covers the full amount allowed.

3. Upon the return to duty of Assistant Keeper Bunting at expiration of leave granted, you will fill out the enclosed time sheet (Form 46), putting an "X" in each column of date on which the substitute worked and is entitled to pay, and forward same to this office. Upon the receipt of this form, check for salary due the substitute will be promptly forwarded.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

THIRD DIST.

Governors Island N.Y.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 24th, 1922.

To. Supt of Lighthouses.
Tompkinsville
N. Y.

Dear Sir
I Respectfully Wish a leave of Absence Starting Aug 10. of 15 Days. as I have had no days off Since Last yr. hoping this will be Granted me & Thanking you in Advance for it. I am
Your Very Truly

Orlando M. Bunting 1st Asst. Kpr.

Lars E Larson
Keeper

July 25,1922

Orlando M. Bunting, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N.Y.Harbor,N.Y.

SUBJECT: Leave of absence.
REFERENCE: Your letter and Form 76 dated July 24,1922.

1. Form 76 requesting leave of absence for 15 days from August 10th,1922, is returned herewith as you have omitted to fill in the name and address of the substitute you propose to furnish, and also your address during absence if leave is granted.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

August.

Voucher Clerk

Peter Ivensen, 658 - 51st Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. was employed at Governors Island Light Station during the absence of Asst.Keeper Bunting on leave, from August 10th to Aug.25th,1922, with pay at the rate of $103.50 per month. Pay him amount due for services, 15 days, from 9:00 A.M., August 10th to 9 A.M. August 25th,1922.

Chief Clerk

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Gooernors Island N. Y.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 22d, 1921

To. The Supt of Light Houses.
Tompkinsville
N. Y.

I Wish a Leave of Absence of 15 days as I Wish to Visit my People Some Distance from here. and I do not Know of any Substitute I Can place in My Place. While absent from this Post, also We have no Quarters for anyone to Board or Lodge here hoping to Be granted this Privilege & Thanking you for the Same I Remain

Your Humble Servant

Orlando M Denning
1st Asst Keeper.
Lars E Larson Keeper

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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REQUEST

Governors Island July 11 1921
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd. DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 10 days of shore liberty or leave, from Aug. 8th to Aug. 18th, inclusive, 1921. I have had two 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:

_____, _____
(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:

579 - 46th St. Brooklyn N.Y.
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

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

Lars E. Larsen
Keeper in charge.

Orlando M. Bunting
(Applicant's signature.)

1st Asst Keeper.
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, _____ DISTRICT, _____, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for _____ days, from _____ to _____, inclusive, 191 .

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

_____

Inspector, _____ Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At _____ M. _____, 191 .
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At _____ M. _____, 191 .
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: _____ days.

Period charged: _____ days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

_____
(Applicant's signature.)

_____
Keeper in charge.

_____
(Title.)

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July 26th, 1921.

Lars E. Larsson, Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

O. M. Bunting, 1st. Asst. Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N.Y.
(Through the Keeper)

SUBJECT: Leave of absence.

REFERENCE: Your letter and Form 76 dated July 22nd, 1921.

1. You are advised that it will be necessary for you to obtain a substitute to perform your duties before it will be possible for this office to take action on your application for leave. Under present conditions little difficulties should be experienced in obtaining a man to act as substitute.

2. When applying for leave, form 76 should be prepared in duplicate and both copies forwarded to this office in accordance with paragraph one of instructions printed on the reverse side of form.

J. T. YATES

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

FWO-JHG

Governors Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

August 1, 1921

Lars E. Larsson, Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Leave of absence, Asst.Keeper Bunting.
REFERENCE: Form 76 dated July 30th.

1. Referring to Form 76 dated July 30,1921 from Assistant Keeper Bunting, requesting leave of absence for ten days from August.8,1921.

2. The Form 76 is returned herewith approved, for period stated.

3. You are authorized to employ James Tallman from August 8th to August 17th, inclusive, to perform the duties of assistant keeper during the absence of Assistant Keeper Bunting, Tallman's rate of pay to be at the rate of $103.50 per month. The substitute will make suitable arrangements for his subsistence at his own expense, as the rate of pay stated above covers the full amount allowed.

4. Upon return to duty of Assistant Keeper Bunting on August 18th you will promptly advise this office of the time and date on which the substitute was assigned to duty, and the time and date on which his services were discontinued. Upon receipt of this information check for the salary due the substitute will be promptly forwarded.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F.W. Ockentels

1st Asst.Supt.

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

AUG 19 1921 RECEIVED U.S. LIGHTHOUSES TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Per

Governors Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 18th, 1921

The Supt of Lighthouses.
Tompkinsville.
N. Y.

Dear Sir
on Writing to you. the Asst Keeper Bunting has Returned to his Duties & I have discontinued the Services of James Tallman. this Ass. Now She has Served. from Aug 8th. 8 A.M. until Aug 18th 8 A.M. according to My Instructions. I am

Yours To Serve.
Lars. E. Larson Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

REQUEST

Governors Island N.Y. July 30th, 1921
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 10 days of shore liberty or leave, from Aug 8. to Aug 18 th., inclusive, 1921 I have had none 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:

James Tallman (Name.) 465 - 46th St Brooklyn N.Y. (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:

R.F.D. 1 (Street or R. D. Route.), Lebbyville (City.), Del. (State.)

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

Lars E. Larsen
Keeper in charge.

Orlando M. Bunting
(Applicant's signature.)

1st Asst Keeper.
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT, Aug. 1, 1921, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for ten days, from August 8th to August 17th, inclusive, 1921.

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

For ~~and in~~ the absence of the Supt.

1st Asst. ~~Inspector~~, Supt. 3rd *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 8 A.M. Aug 8th, 1921.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 8 A.M. 18th, 1921.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 10 days.

Period charged: 10 days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

Lars E. Larson
Keeper in charge.

Orlando M. Bunting
(Applicant's signature.)

Asst Keeper.
(Title.)

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August 19,1921

Voucher Clerk;

James Tallman was employed as Laborer at Governors Island Light Station, to assistax the keeper during the absence of the assistant keeper, from 8 A.M. August 8th to 8 A.M. August 18th,1921, with pay at the rate of $103.50 per month. His address is 865 - 46th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Chief Clerk

A to C

Bunting

MAR 17 1921.

Mr. P. Schrumpf:

Receipts for Transfer of Property from Governors Island & Extension ~~is~~ are correct.

GSK's Office.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHS

THIRD DISTRICT

Governors Island Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 17th 1921

March 17, 1921

Lars E. Larson, Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Probation of Orlando M. Bunting, Asst. Keeper.

1. The probationary period of employment of Orlando M. Bunting, Assistant Keeper of Governors Island Light Station, will expire on April 22, 1921. 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. If you do not consider him competent, state fully in what respects he is incompetent.

J. T. YATES.

Lars E. Larson Keeper

per

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THIRD DISTRICT

Governors Island Lt Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 19th, 1921

Superintendent of Light House

In regard to Orlando M Bunting Assistant Keeper of Governors Island Light Station his Services have been satisfactori to mi and in ma Opinion hi is a suitable and Competent man to receive a permanent appointment in his present position

Lars E. Larson Keeper

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Orlando M. Bunting, Asst.Keeper, Nov.10,1930
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Record of Physical Examination.

1. Form 206, Record of your Physical Examination, is returned herewith, a copy of same having been made for the files of this office.
For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockentels
1st Asst.Supt.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Governors Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov. 8th, 1920

to The Supt of 3rd Dist Light Houses.
Tompkinsville N. Y.

your letter recd. Thru the Keeper in Reference to my letter to the Supt of 5th Dist. Will Say it was Thru Ignorance of My Part I Wrote Without the Official Signature of My Keeper here. Will Ask pardon for So doing Wrong. As I Assure you & the Service I and to do My Duty to the Utmost. I Nevertheless Was Trying to get to Some Point in the South Where I Could Be Benefitted With Quarters and A Warmer Climate for My Family. Also Trying to Better My Financially Conditions of Adoing the High Rentage of the Present Circumstances. I am

Your Humble Servant
Orlando M. Dunning Asst Keeper
Governors Island
N.Y.

Lars E Larson Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE.

Fifth Dist.
Baltimore, Md.

HDK-MEM.

Mr. Orlando M. Bunting,
Asst. Keeper. Governor's Island L.S.
(Thro. Supt. of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville N.Y.)

SUBJECT: Transfer 5th Dist.
REFERENCE: Your letter Nov. 2nd, 1920.

1. Replying to your letter of Nov. 2, you are advised that the proportion of light stations with family quarters in this district is very small. As there are usually a number of applicants who have served in this district for a considerable period, no assurance can be given you of favorable action on your request, especially in view of the fact that you have but just entered on duty at your present station.

2. If you still desire trnafer to this district at that time, there will be no objection to your renewing this application about April 1, at which time such consideration as practicable will be given you .

(SGD.) H. D. KING.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

WJL/MBM. November 9, 1920.

1. Forwarded to Orlando M. Bunting, assistant keeper, Through the keeper, Governor's Island Light Station, New York.

For and in the absence of the Supt.

F.W. OCKENFELS.

1st. Ass't. Supt.

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Mr. H. A. Traynor, P. A. Surgeon,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Marine Hospital,
Stapleton, N. Y.

Nov. 6,1920

SUBJECT: Record of physical examination of O.M.Bunting.

1. Form 206 - Record of Physical Examination of Orlando M. Bunting, assistant keeper of Governors Island Light Station - is returned herewith, with request that you affix the seal of the Public Health Service, in space designated on page 3, and return form to this office.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst.Supt.

JHG

Orlando M. Bunting, Asst.Keeper, Nov. 5,1920
Through the Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Letter to Supt.5th Lighthouse District.
REFERENCE: Your letter Nov. 2,1920.

1. Your letter dated November 2,1920 addressed to the Superintendent of the 5th Lighthouse District has been referred to this office. In this connection your attention is invited to the fact that all official correspondence should be forwarded through the keeper of the light station, as required by Section 6 of Paragraph 55 of Instructions to Employees.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

F. W. Ockentels

1st Asst.Supt.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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HDK-MEM

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

November 4, 1920.

1. Forwarded to the Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N.Y. for remark and return. This letter should apparently have been sent through your office in the first place.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

JBG

Office of Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.
Tompkinsville, N. Y.,
Nov. 5, 1920

1. Returned to Superintendent, 5th Lighthouse District.

2. Mr. Bunting entered on duty as assistant keeper at Governors Island Light Station on October 23, 1920, and on account of his short period of service it is not practicable at the present time to make any comment as to his ability or efficiency as a Lighthouse Keeper.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockentels
1st Asst. Supt.

COPY

Brooklyn, N. Y.,

Nov. 2, 1920

Mr. Hon., Supt. of Lighthouses, Dist. No. 5,

Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:-

As I am an 1st asst. Keeper at Governors Island, N.Y. of Light-houses, I am writing to you for and application as I want to get into your Dist. somewhere where there is quarters for my family. The rent here in Brooklyn is too much for me to pay, then again I was borned in Selbyville, Del. and desire to be a little bit more near my home. I would gladly like Assateague or Chincoteague, Va. Kindly help me a bit if you please as I want to stay in the service but want to live and let live and another thing I am and American thruout for several generations back. This you can find out of my from my home town and I will promise you the best of service from me. Kindly send me papers & etc. I will gladly accept some station in your District with quarters as I have 1 child besides my wife and I would like to make the change sometime in April next. Kindly write me the prospects by that time if you please. I am 35 years old and understand both fog and engines as to fog signals. Excuse my long letter but I wish to be with my kind of people in preference to some in these parts. Answer me a letter confidential. Thanking you in advance for these favors, I beg to remain?

Yours very truly,

Orlando M. Bunting,

579 - 46th St.,

Brooklyn, N.Y.

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE LIGHTHOUSES 75/8

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

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November 2, 1920

Mr. Orlando M. Bunting,

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 Eight Hundred and Forty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered (October 23, 1920) upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) H. M. CROSS

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Ke... La...

Vice: Ross B. Cr...

Legal Residence: New ...

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Respectfully,

(SIGNED) H. M. CROSS

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Ross B. Cranmer.

Legal Residence: New York

3rd

(See reverse side.)

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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Oct. 28, 1920.

Orlando M. Bunting, Ass't. Kpr.
Through the Keeper.
Governor's Island Light Station,
Governor's Island, N.Y.

Enclosed is Form 206 "Record of Physical Examination of Light-Keeper or Assistant Light Keeper", addressed to the United States Public Health Service, requesting that you be given a physical examination, for the purpose of determining whether or not you are entitled to medical relief without charge at hospitals and other stations of the Public Health Service, pursuant to the Act of Congress, approved August 28, 1916. A copy of the provision contained in said Act is quoted in District Circular Letter No.187, dated May 21,1917.

Under the terms thereof it will be necessary for you to submit to said examination and be found physically qualified before you will be entitled to the benefits provided for by the Act of August 28,1916. As said benefits will be solely to your personal advantage it is to your interest to give this matter attention at the earliest opportunity.

After you have been given a physical examination by the medical officer designated on attached Form 206, said Form 206 will be returned to you by the medical officer. You will then send it to this office so that it may be recorded, after which it will be returned to you. The original copy of Form 206 will then be your property, and you are directed to preserve it and keep it in your possession for future reference.

The Assistant Keeper is to sign Form 206 where marked "A", and the keeper to sign where marked "B".

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

PLACE, Tompkinsville, NY. Oct. 28, 1920.

To the MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
U. S. Public Health Service,

DATE, Oct. 28, 1920., 191

Stapleton, N.Y.

SIR:

Please examine Orlando M. Bunting, Ass't. Kpr. Governor's Island. Lt. Sta.

nativity, U.S.; age 64; height, 5 feet, 7 inches;

weight 145 pounds; color of hair, Black; color of eyes, Blue

distinguishing marks O M B on left forearm.

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

When the examination has been completed the findings should be recorded on this blank and the blank returned to the applicant.

Respectfully,

J.T. YATES.
Superintendent 3d *Lighthouse Inspector.*

(Signature of applicant:) A Orlando M. Bunting

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.) Witness BLars E.Larson Kpr. Governor's Island Lt.Sta.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, U. S. Marine Hosp., N. Y.

DATE, Nov. 4, 1920, 191

To LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,

SIR: This certifies that I have this day examined the eyesight, hearing, and physical condition of Orlando M. Bunting, and find him physically {~~disqualified~~ qualified*} in accordance with rules approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce, respecting the treatment by the Public Health Service of light keepers and assistant light keepers of the Lighthouse Service pursuant to the Act of Congress approved August 28, 1916.

He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.

H. A. Traynor

P.A. *Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.*

* If qualified, strike out the word "disqualified" and the paragraph following.

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REPORT OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, Stapleton, N. Y.

DATE, Nov. 4,1920, 191

Name of applicant, Orlando M. Bunting

Eyes: Color, Blue; exophthalmus, No

chronic inflammation, No; other abnormality, None

Eyelids: Ptosis, No; condition of conjunctiva on eversion, normal

other conditions, Negative

Eyesight:

Vision of right eye, without glasses, 20/30; with glasses, ---

Vision of left eye, without glasses, 20/30; with glasses, ---

Is applicant partially or wholly color-blind? No

If color-blind, state which color he confuses ---

Were candidate's eyes tested with lantern, woolen skeins, or both? Woolen skeins

Ears:

Abnormalities, None; shape, Normal

Position, Normal; condition of drums Normal

Evidence of mastoid disease, No

Hearing: (When testing hearing, the eyes and the opposite ear must be closed.)

Distance conversational speech can be heard: Right ear, 30 feet; left ear, 30 feet.

Distance whispered speech can be heard: Right ear, 15 feet; left ear, 15 feet.

Lungs: Negative

Heart: Negative

Defects noted which, in the opinion of the medical examiner, will not materially interfere with the discharge of the duties of light keeper or assistant light keeper:

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Reasons for certification of disqualification:

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PLACE FOR SEAL OF THE U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

(Signature of applicant:) Orlando M. Bunting

(To be signed in the presence of the medical examiner.)

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Form 78

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JHD

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.) Oct. 25,1920 (Date.), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, (Via Secty 2nd C. S. Dist.) Probationary appointment.

Name, Orlando M. Bunting

Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper

Salary, $840 per annum

Location, Governors Is. and Governors Is.Extension Lt.Stns.,N.Y.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective Oct.23,1920 { 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, 83.6 , Other eligibles considered:

None

Previous incumbent, Rose E. Cranmer

Services terminated, Sept.30,1920

Reason, Resigned

Assignment to duty Oct.23,1920 was necessary for the reason it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: No employee of District desired transfer to this position. There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station.

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

For and in the absence of the Supt.

F. W. Ockentels

NC&S

Secretary, Civil Service District.

1st Asst.Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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Brooklyn N.Y. Oct. 22-1920.



Mr. Hon Supt.

Dear Sir

your letter Recieved and noted I Will
Thank you for the Appointament at
Governors Island. I have visited it today
& Will Report for Duty tomorrow at 8 A.M.
I met the Asst Keeper today & he
has Shown me the Duties and I
Promise that I Shall Fulfil them
to the Best of My Ability. Again
Thanking you. I am

Yours Obedient Servant.

Orlando M. Bunting

CROSS - REFERENCE SHEET

Cross-file UNIT Personnel Number 73

Letter from P. E. Larson Keeper - Governors Island Sta

Date Oct 23rd 1920

Subject Orlando M Bunting reported for duty Oct 23rd 1920

Original filed under

Unit Operations Number 601

FWC-JHG

Orlando M. Bunting,
573 - 46th Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Oct.21,1920

SUBJECT: Position as Asst.Keeper at Governors Is.Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter dated Oct.20,1920.

1. Referring to your application filed in this office for the position of keeper or assistant keeper, and to your letter of October 20,1920 stating you were willing to accept the position of assistant keeper of Governors Island Light Station.

2. You are advised you have been selected for this position, and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to report for duty at that station at the earliest possible date after receipt of this letter. Transportation charges 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 Lars E. Larsen, Governors Island, N.Y. Advise this office by return mail of the date on which you expect to report for duty. Certificate of Discharge from the Coast Guard Service, forwarded with your application, is returned herewith.

3. Since writing you on Oct.19th in regard to above position, the base pay has been increased from $55 to 70 per month. This, including the ration allowance of 45 cents per day and the temporary increase of $20 per month, makes the total monthly pay $103.50.

J. T. YATES.

Superintendent

Copy forwarded for his information, to keeper of Governors Is.Lt.Sta. Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which Bunting reports for duty as Assistant Keeper.

J. T. YATES.

Copy forwarded, for his information, to Walter Gill, machinist, C/O Keeper, Governors Is.Lt.Sta. As soon as the new assistant keeper reports for duty, you will resume your duties at this depot.

J. T. YATES.

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Brooklyn. N. Y Oct 20 ~~1920~~

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 21 1920
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Mr Hon. Supt.

Dear Sir
in Referance to your letter Will State I Will Accept this as I do not Want to Be out of Work. But I Will Ask you for a Favor Sir & get Me a Place down South as I am a married Man With 1 little Child and I have to Pay $40.00 per Month Rent here. now I Will Pledge My Whole Soul & Honor to do My duty. I Would Prefer a light down South Where there is Horse land & Etc. in Some Other District But at Present Will accept this One. I am

Yours Obedient Servant

Orlando M. Dunting

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

Oct. 19, 1920.

Orlando M. Bunting,
579 - 46th Street,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Position as Keeper or Assistant Keeper.
REFERENCE: Your letter Oct 18th, 1920.

Sir:-

1. As requested there is enclosed herewith application blank, together with two circular letters which will give you full information, in regard to the position of Keeper or Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. If you will fill out and return the application to this office, your name will be given consideration for any vacancies which may occur.

2. There is at present a vacancy in the position of Assistant Keeper of Governor's Island Light Station, located in New York Harbor. The total monthly pay is $88.50 per month, consisting of base pay at the rate of $55.00 per month, a ration allowance of 45¢ per day, which is paid in cash at the end of each month, and a temporary increase of $20.00 per month. No quarters are provided for the keepers or the families of keepers at this station.

3. Advise this office by return mail, whether or not you would like to be considered for this position, and state how soon you could report for duty, if selected. Return the application blank, properly filled out, with your reply.

Respectfully,

J. T. Yates

Superintendent.

Over.

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J.T. YATES.

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Brooklyn N.Y. Oct. 18- 1920.

Mr. Hon Supt. Dear Sir

As I have Been into the U.S.
Coast Guard Service at.
Ft Hancock. Sta No. 97. I desire
to. Make Application for a
Job as Keeper or Assistant
on the Coast. Where I Can have
my Family of 2 With me. if
you have Such a Place Kindly
let me Know. & Send me application
Papers. I am 35 yrs of Age. &
Wish a Place Where there is Some mainland
to have a Garden &. Etc. Kindly let Me
hear from you. I am

Yours Very Truly

Orlando M. Bunting
579 = 46th St
Brooklyn N.Y.

P.S. over.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

I will give you as to My Reference.

Mr. Lozen Tilton U.S.L.H. Keeper

Ft Hancock. N.J

also. your Keeper Mr. Locke at

Ft
Sandy Hook Hancock.

N.J

GOVERNORS ISLAND LIGHT STATION

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Record of Absences

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Watch Book 13

Waterbook

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written over erasure of "Bunting"

Arbuckle
15 Allen
16 Main
17 Reed

Memo

Phone Reports Oct 16 - 10 am

Oct. 16th to the Govs To Hosp.
18th " Main "

27 - Man Hosp says being treated for contusions of face & scalp.

Nov 1 - retd to duty

Nov 1 - Hosp letter freeze stipulated etc on Oct 16 - at or about 9 am.

Police Dep 11/15 — 12:30 am Oct 16 - arrested - intox - unable to take care of self

Mo. Report - Left Sta Oct 16 - 8 am -

Magistrate 11/20 — Arr in court about 11 am Oct 16

Police Dep - 64 Precinct record — about 12:30 am 10/16 arrested - intox - under influence of some alcoholic agent - unable to care for self - attended by Dr Percy Morris Hosp for laceration of forehead and head -

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Summary —

Makes an extended statement concerning Oct 14 and 15 apparently in connection with the charges of making false & malicious reports, which statement is aside from the subject since the charges has reference to this portion of the Oct 16 - This statement

~~Chief Ranger's disclosure the fact that~~ discloses the information that the water book records for Oct 14 & 15 are incorrect as follows =

Water Book shows:

Oct 13, 8 am to 8 am 14th — Bunting
" 14, 8 am to 8 am 15th — Bayne, and Kpr
" 15, 8 am to 8 am 16th — Bunting.
" 16 8 am to 8 am 17 — Bayne
" 17 8 am to 8 am 18 — Bayne*

*Had been signed "Bunting" which has been partially erased and Bayne signed over the erasure —

Waters stood, according to Kprs statement.

Oct 13, 8 am to 8 am 14th Bunting.
Oct 14, 8 am to 7 PM 14 — and Kpr
Oct 14, 7 PM to 8 am 15th — Bunting.
Oct 15 8 am to 8 am 16 — and Keeper

It is believed that the statement re Oct 14 & 15 is intended to justify the keeper's absence from 8 am Oct 15 to about noon

Oct 16, since according to the watch
book signed by him he was on watch
from 8 am Oct 15 to 8 am Oct 16, whereas
now claims that he
he left the Star sometime earlier morning
Oct 15, and as he was arraigned in Magistrate
Court Brooklyn at about 11 am on Oct 16
it was probably around noon by the time he
arrived at his station.

Bunting –

Oct 18 – 10 am. Mar Kosp says in Kosp on Stors Dr.

10 45 am Col Morris, Stors Dr. says Mrs B brought him to Kosp. Badly cut & beaten up. Some of blood. She said he was taken for burglar in Allen & beaten up, & was locked up by police.

10 25 am Called Mar Kosp. Physician go after him if his condition permit. Morning.
(He was in Mar Kosp Oct 18 to 31)

Police Dept Nov 15 – says. 12 30 am Oct 16 – arrested – intoxication – unable to take care of himself 864 5 av Allen. Sentence suspended –

Magistrates Court Nov 20 – says arraigned charge public intox 11 am Oct 16 –

Police Dept Dec 14 – 6 am Precinct record – arrested 12 30 am Oct 16 – intoxication – under influence of some alcoholic agent – unable to care for self – attended by Dr Percy Kensington Kosp for laceration of forehead & head –

Bunting – Nov 1. says on Oct 16 was on step ladder around 9 am in his home in bathroom – fell hitting head and face cutting my scalp and face –

Mrs. Bpark. absence – Oct 16, 8 am to Nov 1, 8 am – Flower & Hospital –

Pay of Keeper + Asst K at Governors Is.

O. Jr. Bunting K — $1740 (1560-1920).

Stephen Bayus AK — 1500 (1380-1740)

If they exchanged positions their pay would be:—

Bayus — K — $1560 (1560-1920)

Bunting — AK 1560 ⊕ (1380-1740)

⊕ As K, he received $180 above minimum of range. If given $180 above minimum of range as AK his pay would be the same as the K. His pay could be made any rate between $1560 and $1380.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Governors Island Lt Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 23th, 1920

The Superintendent of Lighthouses

I inform you at Orlando M Bunting reported at Station for duty at this day.

Lars E. Larson Keeper

I also inform you dat I gived One application to ey Soldyer who get Dischargyed from servis October 25th his name and address Morris Campbell
459 W 30 St Newyork

Bunting E O D Oct. 23-1920

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

Mr. Orlando M. Bunting,

Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses;

Sir.

You are advised that under the Welch Act your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective July 1, 1928.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1560

To: $1680

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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January 1, 1927.

Mr. Orlando M. Bunting,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.
Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 1, 1927.

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,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1500 per annum.
To: $1560 per annum.
Service and grade: Field.
Appropriation (unit):

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 9031

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 25, 1925.

M F. Orlando H. Bunting,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1440 per annum to $ 1500 per annum, effective July 1, 1925.

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.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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LIGHTHOUSES
1925 FEB 4 PM 3 15

January 31, 1925.

Mr. Orlando N. Bunting,

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,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Position: Keeper.

Salary: $1260.

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

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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HEADQUARTERS, FORT JAY MILITARY POLICE,
Office of the Provost Marshal.

August 5, 1937.

PERSONNEL FILE

Superintendant of Light Houses,
3rd District,
Staten Island, New York.

Dear Sir:

It is requested that you give me what information you can concerning Mr. Bunting, formerly lighthouse keeper at Governors Island, New York. Specifically, the following information is desired:

Has Mr. Bunting been completely separated from the Lighthouse Service?

Is he still retained on list for re-appointment, and, if so, when can he expect such re-appointment?

What is the status of the house on Governors Island now occupied by Mr. Bunting's family? Has the Lighthouse Service any claim on the house, or is it the property of the War Department, at the disposal of the Commanding Officer, Fort Jay?

In addition, I would appreciate any information you can give me concerning Mr. Bunting's dismissal. What was the reason, and who furnished the information or made the complaint.

Very Truly Yours,

Allen D. Raymond, Jr.

ALLEN D. RAYMOND, Jr.,
Captain, 16th Infantry,
Provost Marshal.

Captain Allen D. Raymond, Jr.,
16th Infantry,
Provost Marshal,
Fort Jay,
Governors Island, N. Y.

Aug. 7,1937

Sir:-

SUBJECT: Orlando M. Bunting.
REFERENCE: Your letter August 5,1937.

1. In reply to your letter of August 5,1937 you are advised that Orlando M. Bunting is no longer connected with the Lighthouse Service, he having been dismissed for misconduct on June 13,1937. He is not listed for reappointment.

2. The house that has been occupied by Mr. Bunting does not belong to the Lighthouse Service, and this office has no information as to its ownership.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

JUN 11 1937

PERSONNEL FILE

Governors Island N. Y. June 10th 1937

To The Supt of Lighthouses
Staten Island N. Y.

cad 10-23-20
16 yrs 7 mos serv.
Reim eff close of 6/13-

Dear Sir

One day last Week I Recd your Letter I Have the Keeper here of a awful thing for a Man or Woman of my Age to get. When I 1st Been here on this Island & Done Very Much for Our Service Almost 17 yrs & I Award your Letter of Charges Against me & Wished and Investigation & your Letter of 6th & 1st inst. Was not in my Favor. Now Yes Yates I am Near 57 Yrs Old & am Disabled for Work Please Help me get a Pension of Say 55 or 60 per Mo. I'll go to Any Doctor & Be Examined. & Which Will Prove My Present Statement

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I will Only Want Notice of a True
Consideration of My Case
Early Reply
Treating Your Esteem
Yours Very Truly
W. F. Bunting
Fort Foster

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SPECIAL
DELIVERY

Orlando M. Bunting,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

June 11,1937

SUBJECT: Retirement.
REFERENCE: Your letter June 10,1937.

1. Referring to your letter of June 10, 1937 which has reference to the matter of retirement on account of disability; you are requested to report to the U. S. Marine Hospital No.21, Stapleton, Staten Island for medical examination. In view of the fact that your dismissal as Assistant Keeper of Governors Island Light Station is effective at the close of June 13,1937, it is suggested that you report at the Marine Hospital for examination on either June 12th or 13th, preferably June 12th.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Copy forwarded for his information to the Keeper of Governors Island Lt.Sta.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Medical Officer in Charge,
U. S. Marine Hospital No.21,
Stapleton,
Staten Island, N. Y.

June 11,1937

Sir:

SUBJECT: Physical examination, Orlando M. Bunting, Asst.Keeper, Governors Is.Lt.Sta.

1. You are advised that Orlando M. Bunting, Asst.Keeper of Governors Island Lt.Sta., has made application for retirement on account of disability, and he has accordingly been directed to Marine Hospital No.21 for phyhical examination.

2. The regulations pertaining to such retirement require that recommendation for the retirement of an employee must be accompanied by a proper medical certificate based on examination of a medical officer of the U. S. stating if the disability is permanent, and if not, the medical officer's view as to when reexamination is desirable, and also stating if the disability is due to vicious habits, intemperance, or willful misconduct. Will you kindly have Mr.Bunting examined and furnish this office with a report on the attached Form 9a, supplying the information called for therein.

3. Mr.Bunting by letter of June 10th advises that he is old and disabled for work, in view of which he has been instructed to report to the Marine Hospital for physical examination. As a matter of information in connection with this particular case you are advised that Mr.Bunting has heretofore been notified of his dismissal from the position of Assistant Keeper at Governors Island Lt.Sta. following charges of intoxication, neglect of and inability to perform duty, and conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service, dismissal being effective June 13,1937.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILENO.

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SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.
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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

July 15, 1937

Dr. B. L. Sterner
United States Marine Hospital
Stapleton, New York

Dear Doctor Sterner:

Your report on Civil Service Form 3178 covering medical examination by your hospital on June 12 of Orlando M. Bunting has been forwarded to this office by the Civil Service Commission.

It appears from the form used that the medical examination was made for retirement purposes. Mr. Bunting was dismissed from the Lighthouse Service effective at the close of June 13, 1937, and this matter is reported for your information in the event Mr. Bunting appears for further examination in this connection.

Respectfully,

C. A. Park,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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Copy to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, New York for information.

Park

FWO-JHG

July 19,1937

Medical Officer in Charge,
Marine Hospital No.21,
Stapleton, N. Y.

Sir:-

SUBJECT: Orlando M. Bunting.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office June 11,1937.

1. Under date of June 11,1937 Mr.Orlando M. Bunting was authorized to report at the Marine Hospital for examination, he having indicated that he was physically incapacitated for active duty. If Mr.Bunting reported for examination, will you have the kindness to furnish this office with a report in his case, using Forms 9a.

Respectfully

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

IN REPLYING, ADDRESS THE

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

U. S. Marine Hospital
Stapleton, New York

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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July 30, 1937

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Third District,
Staten Island, New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of July 19, 1937, you are informed that Orlando M. Bunting reported to this hospital for examination on June 12, 1937. Form 9a was not filled out as the urinalysis had not been made.

Form 3178 "Report of Medical Examination for Civil Service Retirement" was completed and sent to the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. Copy of this report is enclosed, herewith.

By Direction of the Medical Officer in Charge.

Respectfully,

G. M. Kunkel, P. A. Surgeon,
U. S. P. H. S.,
Executive Officer.

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Form 3178
Jan. 1936

U. S. Civil Service Commission
Service Record & Retirement Division
Washington, D. C.

SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 25 1937
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Report of Medical Examination for Civil Service Retirement

Name Orlando M. Bunting Claim No. R----------

Civil Service Position Ass't Light House Keeper, Governors Island Light House New York City

Applicant makes the following statement as to origin of disability: States he can not work on account of weakness and nervousness about six month's duration; Hemorrhoids four years duration; nocturia (3- 4 x), and burning urination, one years duration.

Personal Description

Birthplace- Selbyville, Delaware Age 51 yrs. Height 67 inches Weight 133 lbs. Color of eyes- Blue Color of hair- Gray Complexion- Plethoric Marks or scars not described below- None Present employment, if any- Asst Light House Keeper

Findings on Examination

Pulse rates: (Sitting 78 (Standing 78 (After ex: 80 Respir: (Sitting 18 (Standing 18 (After ex: 18 Temperature 37 C Blood Pressure (Systolic 130 (Diastolic 80

General Appearance: Good Nutrition: Good Muscular Devel; Good Posture: Good Gait: Normal

(The examiner will make full report on each complaint or disability that is alleged, or found on examination. See also instructions in Form 3135)

Applicant presents a good appearance, is rational and alert. No abnormalities about head. His color is good. His eye motions are normal; pupils are equal and regular and react normally to light and accommodation. Vision 20/40 in each eye. His ears and nose are normal. No sinus tenderness. His tongue protrudes in midline without tremor, atrophy or coating. All teeth except two are missing; no plates. Throat and tonsils, normal. No goitre or adenopathy.

Chest, symmetrical. Respiration, equal and regular. Lungs clear and resonant. No rales.

Heart- Size, shape and action are normal. No enlargement. No murmurs. Good exercise tolerance. Pulses equal and synchronous. Vessels normal. B.P. 130/80

(over)

Genitals normal.

Rectal- Mixed type hemorrhoids surrounding anus.

Prostate moderately enlarged, somewhat boggy and tender. Slight blood on examining finger.

Extremities- normal.

Reflexes- Physiological. No Babinski. No clonus.

Summary-Physical examination on the whole is not remarkable. The positive findings are absence of teeth, with the exception of two, and no plates. Bleeding hemorrhoids and enlarged and tender prostate.

Impression is that, if applicant had adequate medical treatment for his hemorrhoids and prostate trouble, he would improve considerably, subjectively.

Name of Examiner	H. L. Sterner per SBW.Jr M.D. signed
Address of Examiner	U. S. Marine Hospital, Staten Island, New York
Date of Examination	June 12, 1937

FWO-JHG

Commissioner of Lighthouses: Aug. 2,1937

SUBJECT: Orlando M.Bunting, former keeper.
REFERENCE: Bureau letter of July 15,1937 to Marine Hospital, Staten Island.

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F. W. OCKENFELS
Asst.Supt.

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Governors Island N.Y. Aug 2d 1937

To The Supt of Lighthouses.
Staten Island N.Y.

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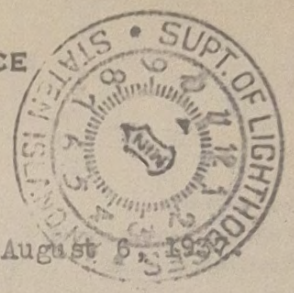
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13th. Not 1 Cent has been Earned
By me & What Few $ I had Saved
is Very Fast Disappearing

Yours Very Truly

Orlando M. Bunting

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
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August 6, 1937

3d Supt's. letter Aug. 2, 1937, Orlando M. Bunting, former keeper, regarding medical examination for disability retirement.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y., the contents of the attached letter having been noted and the Bureau concurring in your view that no further action in the matter is necessary.

For the Commissioner:

W.P.Harman
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Administrative Assistant

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Aug. 9,1937

Orlando M. Bunting,
Governors Island,
New York

SUBJECT: Application for retirement, a/c disability.
REFERENCE: Your letter Aug. 2,1937.

1. In reply to your letter of Aug. 2nd, you are advised that a report of your medical examination disclosed no conditions that indicated disability that would warrant retirement. In this connection it may be further stated that as you are no longer an employee of the Lighthouse Service the matter of retirement therefrom would not be in order for consideration.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Governors Island N.Y. Aug 16th 1937

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Staten Island
N.Y.

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I Was — no Way of a Disability.
Although having the Piles & Etc for
Over 3 yrs. But Other Doctors Know
of it. & then I Was Examined on
June 12th. 1937. & it took from this
Date Above until Aug 9th. & —
Reply from my Request of Such on
Aug 2. I Will Only Justice in This
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PERSONNEL FILE

Governors Island, New York
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 8, 1937

To the Superintendent of Lighthouses,
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Although he tells me I had nothing to do with his demotion yet he is always bringing up the fact that he has been done out of $540 and that he didn't get a fair deal. I mention this only to show his attitude. I believe it is this that is responsible for his laxity and neglect.

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It is obvious the man does not wish to work with me at least not with cooperation.

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Keeper

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Stephen Bayus, Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

March 11,1937

SUBJECT: Asst.Keeper Bunting.
REFERENCE: Your letter March 8,1937.

1. In reference to your letter of March 8,1937 relative to Assistant Keeper Bunting; you are directed to call at this office for interview in the near future.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
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Rec'd 3/13 - He is to submit a more definite & complete report - Ltr

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Sir, I beg you to understand that this report is not made in a vindictive, malicious or vengeful mood. I have tried in every way to help Mr. Bunting change his attitude toward me and his work. But I fear that should I have continued to cover him up any longer I would become a victim of his utter lack of responsibility and self control. As I stated before his disrespect for me, his shiftlessness was not tolerated by me because I wished to shirk my duty but rather because I wished to give him every opportunity to prove himself and because of his family.

I beg to remain

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first cleans oil dripping with the piece of waste he uses and then smears up the brass with it. He chews tobacco and when he spits he splatters the wall, when I tell him to clean it, why he sayd my eyes are getting sharp. I tell him not to forget to clean the lenses, next day when I go up to clean them I know they have not been cleaned, when I tell him about it, he calls me a damn liar. I have looked at lenses he claimed to have cleaned half hour after he said he cleaned them and I would find them covered with dust and dirt.

Sir, I beg you to understand that this report is not made in a vindictive, malicious or vengeful mood. I have tried in every way to help Mr. Bunting change his attitude toward me and his work. But I fear that should I have continued to cover him up any longer I would become a victim of his utter lack of responsibility and self control. As I stated before his disrespect for me, his shiftlessness was not tolerated by me because I wished to shirk my duty but rather because I wished to give him every opportunity to prove himself and because of his family.

I beg to remain

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Stephen Bayus,
Keeper.

FWO-JHG

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

Orlando M. Bunting, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

March 18,1937

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with:-

a - Inability to perform duty due to intoxication, in that you failed to report for duty at 9 A.M. on March 6,1937, at which time you were due to go on watch, and also failed to notify the keeper of the reason for your absence, it appearing that at about 4 P.M. on March 6th when your home was visited for the purpose of ascertaining the cause of your absence from duty, you were in bed in an intoxicated condition and unfit to report for duty.

b - Intoxication when on duty, in that at 9:15 A.M. on March 8th,1937, when relieved from duty by the keeper you were in an intoxicated condition, and instead of leaving the watchhouse when relieved you remained there until about 11:45 A.M., and in the interim harrangued the keeper with insulting and boisterous language and interfered with the performance of his duties.

c - Conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service, in that at about 3 P.M. on Feb.11th, 1937, although not on watch, you entered the watchhouse in an intoxicated condition and proceeded to drink liquor from a bottle carried in your pocket, and when asked to leave the watchhouse you refused to do so and addressed insulting and improper language to the keeper, and remained in the watchhouse until about 7 P.M., when the keeper took you home; during the day while in the watchhouse, you made yourself very objectionable by harranguing the keeper, upsetting

the coal hod, and expectorating on the floor.

d - Neglect of and inability to properly perform duty, in that at about 12:30 P.M. on February 12,1937 while engaged in scrubbing the tower at Governors Island Extension Light it was found that the work was not being properly done, that you were unsteady, repeatedly dropped the scrubbing brush and was hardly able to hold the brush against the tower to be cleaned. It appears that you went to your home for hot water, and while there you were observed drinking liquor; finally at about 4 P.M. on February 12th, due to your unreliable condition caused by the use of intoxicants your watch was taken over by the keeper.

2. In connection with the foregoing charges, attention is invited to paragraphs 2, 6, 120 and 121 of Instructions to Employees of the United States Lighthouse Service.

3. You are directed to submit any statement you may desire to make, through official channels, within three days from the receipt of this letter. Any statement made must be couched in temperate language, free from countercharges, and confined to the point at issue. If you desire to make no statement you will so state in writing.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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Charges —

O. M. Bunting

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

C O P Y Governors Island, N. Y.

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 22,1937, 193...

To the Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Staten Island, N. Y.

In answering your letter of the 18th Inst. Rec'd Sat. 20th Thru. the keeper. Will say part of the charges are admitted but not all of them. Owing to my many troubles and being sick I took a drink when in medical need of same, and then death of my mother. But give me another Chance.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Orlando M. Bunting

Asst.Keeper.

Through the Keeper,
/s/ Stephen Bayus

(COPY:HR)

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Governors Island, N. Y.
March 25, 1937.

To the Supt. of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In answering to my charges that you received against me.

A. What Drs did Mr. Bayus have to term me on Mch. 6th inst. I was not drunk but sick in bed from Fri. eve 3/5th until Sunday A.M. at 6:00 A.M. 3/7th. My wife and daughter will verify. But went on duty at 9:00 A.M. 3/7th Sunday, then how could he verify I was drunk.

B. On 8th I was not intoxicated but from the cold I had for 4 days. I took 1 drink of a whiskey mixed with some hoarshound a friend of mine gave me and he came in at 9:15 A.M. 15th late and smelled my breath and accusing me of being drunk and I objected very strongly of course he kept this up and me being not guilty I certainly protested and as far as him being interfered from his duties that's not so and besides I wish several cans of evaporated milk putting it in a bucket and on 1 side of my bicycle rode home of which no man can do in and intoxicated condition.

C. Conduct of so and so on Feb. 11th admitting I had been over in town and had drank some and bringing 1/2 pint over with me and I offered him a drink but no he refused and started abusing me. The man that learned him all he knows of this U.S.L.H. business of course being of a human me I came back but he said all O.K. Bunting I'll take you home in my car that part he did but this part of upsetting the coal bucket and spitting on the floor is an untruth.

D. Neglect and this and that on Feb. 12th this is great. He had several times hired substitutes for me to work with a scouring the tower. Well he engaged John Monsette of 193 Chauncey St., Bklyn, N.Y. and he is young and very clumsy. But we scrubbed the tower and had it done all but the box covering the bell house when he came (Keeper) back then he put his hands upon his hips and says so and so and I said O but kept to my work and me I'd moved all the boards from the tower. I pray could I be intoxicated and falling against the tower. When it was done and we were on the bell house and had the top of it done when he came back here? And needing some more hot water I went over to my house to get some and being wet and cold I drank 1 Drink and he walking right in the back door without any invitation saw me and me wet and cold and if this is his fraining from the schooling 6 yrs. of which I gave him the chance then by the Heavens I was trained absolutely wrong and as for me

being drunk on this day and so and so is 1 of the most untruths. I can prove by Mr. Mousette 193 Chauncey St., Bklyn., N.Y. and my wife and daughter that he claimed I was not fit for duty. But had walked right in my home and saw me drink 1 drink. When he had no right to do and it better not be done again from him, he has for the last yr. or so kept nagging at the 1 whom learned him. No matter how well I perform my work he is the same nagger. Besides he told Mr. Norman Hitchens of Dagsboro, Del., R.F.D.2 when he, Bayus, left off duty last Dec. 15th, 1936 that he was a going to sneak back and watch and watch me he says to him I want something on Bunting and if I can I'll report him, and then on Feb. 12th he took Mr. Mousette from my house to the boat and remarked to him I'll get Bunting yet and I'd of had him thrown out long ago only for the sake of my wife and daughter. Now, I am wishing you to call in Mr. Gunnell the Electrician also and see if Mr. Bayus treats me just and if Mr. Bayus is a teetotaler. All I want is a Thoro investigation and a square deal and a show as this fellow is not with you people very long at most now. But I will be if treated 1/2 just.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Orlando M. Bunting

Post Script.

Mr. Yates.

This is the thanks I've got from Mr. Bayus after working the watches so he could go to school 6 yrs. (daytime) and also seeing that he got a loan of cash from the Personal Loan Co., 206 B'way., N.Y.City last fall. Call them up and C for yourself, and him going over to the cafeteria here 2 yrs. ago and saying I am Keeper now notice C right here the lapels on my or his coat (K) Write Mr. Earl Buyea the baker here. Write Mr. Bousette, Bklyn., Mr. Hitchens of Dagsboro, Del. and see Mr. Gunnell. It's open to C of my past record here and investigation. All I wans is a square deal this man has treated me so I wanted to get out of the Service almost 2 mos. ago. You try and see Capt. Larsen and Mr. H.C.Blair I think they'll tell you I've been disgusted with this young man and with a little boost he's gone unbearable almostand with his much schooling greets me as Orrie and never Mr. Bunting and I many yrs. his Sr. and is this just? How and if so then I was absolutely trained wrong and a new deal has come into effect. The old settlers of 2-1/2 centuries ago and left their blood upon the ground into the Indepences to and for American soil and has to bow down to this ill treatment. I'll keep the letter of 3/18th from your office Regrtd. to Stephen Bayus of Foreign Birth of his Parents V.S. Orlando M. Bunting, Asst.Keeper of the U.S.L.H. at Governors Island, N.Y. What follows is absolutely from your office if a fair and square deal is performed by your office I'll take the consequencies.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Orlando M. Bunting,
Asst.Keeper.

FWO:HR

March 30, 1937

Orlando M. Bunting, Asst.Keeper,
Thru the Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Charges.

REFERENCE: Letter from this office March 18th, and your letter March 25, 1937.

Your letter dated March 25, 1937 was forwarded direct to this office, instead of through the keeper of the station as specifically called for by paragraph 69, section (f) of Instructions to Employees of the U. S. Lighthouse Service, and also plainly ordered by paragraph 3 of letter dated March 18, 1937. You are directed to forward to this office such explanation as you may have to offer as to your disobedience of the Instructions and order referred to.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

FWO:HR

March 30, 1937

Stephen Bayus, Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Assistant Keeper Bunting.

REFERENCE: Letter of charges March 18th.

Enclosed herewith is copy of letter dated March 25, 1937, received from Mr. Bunting, which copy is forwarded for your comment and report as to the various statements made therein by Mr. Bunting in reply to charges.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

COPY

THIRD DISTRICT

Governors Island, New York
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 2, 1937

To the Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, New York.

SUBJECT: Assistant Keeper Bunting.

Your letter dated March 30, 1937 requesting comment and report as to the various statements made by Mr. Bunting in his letter dated March 25, 1937 in reply to charges, is herein answered.

A. No doctors determined Mr. Bunting's condition of drunkenness on March 6, 1937. It was his ravings and shouting which led me to believe he was intoxicated and the fact that he did not report for duty, plus his wife's statement that he was drunk. I don't believe Mr. Bunting can prove a doctor determined his illness to be so bad that he could not come and tell me he was too ill to go on duty.

B. On March 8, 1937, if staggering and using abusive language are the effects of other than a drunken condition, then I am learning something more from him that "learned" me. I still maintain he was drunk and interfered with the performance of my duties.

C. On Feb. 11, 1937, he admits drinking. The fact is he was sloppily drunk. He placed a pint bottle on the work bench, not a half pint. Before he left the watch house he consumed the whole pint. It was I who cleaned up the coal and spit from the floor.

D. Conduct as of Feb. 12, 1937 is confirmed by Mr. John Mousette, 193 Chauncey St., Brooklyn, N. Y., by a letter herein enclosed. As for my nagging him that is an absurd and ridiculous accusation. Whenever I did find fault with hiswork rather than tell him, because everything he did was right, I would undo his work and do it myself. Not that Mr. Bunting is absolutely incompetent he just tried to make things as difficult as he could for me. I believe in performing my duties to the best of my ability but it seems far-fetched to think I should travel over one hundred miles on the chance I may catch Mr. Bunting drunk on duty as Mr. Bunting states through Mr. Norman Hitchens. It was Mr. Bunting who asked me to consider his wife and childwhen I told him I was going to report his conduct after the Feb. 11, 1937 incident. No such statement was made to Mr. Mousette. I am not a teetotaler, I have taken a drink occasionally, but I have never been drunk on this (Governors) Island in my, almost, eleven years service here.

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To mention Mr. Gunnell, I am willing to let him pass judgment on my sobriety or on my treatment of Mr. Bunting. The length of my continued employment with the Lighthouse Service is still unknown to me. Perhaps Mr. Bunting does know how long I shall continue in service, I don't.

Post Script.

Mr. Bunting did concede to my wish, to work a 12 hour shift to enable me to go to school four hours a day, but with the understanding that I help him paint his quarters, wash his windows, help plow his garden, carry stones out of his garden and any such work with which he needed help. However, the watch book records show that from Feb. 3, 1930 to May 12, 1930, a 12-hour watch was in effect and again from Oct. 3, 1935 to Feb. 3, 1935, a total of seven months. Obviously, 6 years is a gross exaggeration. As for the loan I made at the Personal Loan Co., Mr. Bunting only recommended that office to me. He neither signed nor appeared for me in obtaining it. He made a loan there previously, and I fail to see any connection between my loan and Mr. Bunting obtaining it for me except that employees of the Lighthouse Service are a good risk upon their consideration. As for Mr. Earl Buyea, Mr. Bunting's pal, it was about a month ago he was tried for being drunk and disorderly and again for blowing up the boiler in his charge while drunk. He is barred from the Post Cafeteria where they sell beer, so too is Mr.Bunting for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Confirmation of this can be had by writing to the Post Exchange Officer, or the Post Exchange Steward, Post Exchange, Fort Jay, Gov. Island, N. Y. This man, Mr. Buyea, is ready to swear to the grossest lie, such as the one Mr. Bunting states, upon Mr. Bunting's request. I believe this man's influence upon Mr. Bunting more than anything else is responsible for his behavior. Though I had heard Mr. Bunting was barred from the Post Cafeteria, I was unable to ascertain the true facts until yesterday, April 1, 1937, when I told the Post Exchange StewardI was pressed for the facts, he condescended to talk to me.

On the several occasions that somebody was hired by me to help Mr. Bunting scrub the extension tower, I give two reasons. One was and is that Mr. Bunting would not scrub the tower alone, secondly I was in such state of health that getting wet would result in hospitalization. The first time occurred when Mr. Bunting was in charge, some four years ago. At the time I was advised by a doctor of the Marine Hospital, Hudson & Dey Sts., New York City, to keep my hands out of strong soap or alkaline

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water, to avoid aggravating a rash condition of my body, arms and legs. The rash was accompanied by a violent itching which almost drove me to distraction.

On another occasion a deep cut on my hand would have resulted in serious trouble had I used it.

On Feb. 12, 1937 I was suffering from a severe cold, as stated in my letter of March 8, 1937. I didn't think it wise to get wet feet and legs in that condition. The reason I was anxious to have the tower scrubbed on Friday, Feb. 12, 1937 is that Army inspection is on Saturdays, and I didn't wish to have it reported to your office by the Commandant that the Lighthouse was dirty. The tower was not too dirty, but I did not wish to take a chance on the Commandant's judgment. He makes allowances where army men are concerned but civilians on the Post live up to the letter of rules or else incur his sharp reprimand.

Now let me state that I have scrubbed the Extension tower alone, in spite of the fact Mr. Bunting thinks its too much work for one man.

Finally, since Mr. Bunting wishes a thorough investigation I refer you to Colonel Williams, Post Commander, Fort Jay, Gov.Island, N.Y. to give you the details of a scrape he got into sometime ago which resulted in a warning from the Commandant to Mr. Bunting that further involvement in any fracas on Mr. Bunting's part would be cause for his removal and debarment from Governors Island. I don't know the details, Mr. Bunting himself told me about this warning.

I cannot refrain from commenting on the foreign birth of my parents. Both my parents were foreign born. I am an American by birth.

In closing, I beg to remain,

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Stephen Bayus,
Keeper.

(COPY:HR)

April 1, 1937
Brooklyn,
New York.

To Whom It May Concern.

This is to confirm Mr. Bayus' statement that Mr. Bunting was drunk while working, scrubbing the Lighthouse tower on Feb. 12, 1937. He kept dropping the scrub brush and would start scrubbing over again parts which I had already scrubbed and rinsed. When Mr. Bayus came down to see how we were getting along he saw the part was done and said it was not so hot and wanted to know what the matter was. Mr. Bunting said that the dirt would not come off and so Mr. Bayus picked up a brush and the dirt seemed to come off all right for him. I could see Mr. Bayus was angry because Mr. Bunting was drunk but he didn't say much except that Mr. Bunting should get some hotter water. Mr. Bunting said that the water was not hot enough. Mr. Bayus had a very bad cough and when Mr. Bunting went home for hot water he asked Mr. Bayus to come in and get warm. When the job was done he again asked Mr. Bayus to come in and by that time Mr. Bunting was pretty bad.

/s/ John Mousette

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Commissioner of Lighthouses: April 16,1937

SUBJECT: Charges, Orlando M. Bunting, Asst.Keeper, Governors Is.Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

1. The following correspondence is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

a - Letter of March 8,1937 from Keeper Bayus.
b - Letter of March 14th from " "
c - Copy of letter of charges dated Mar.18th to Asst.Kpr.Bunting.
d - Letter of March 22nd from Mr.Bunting.
e - Letter of Mar.25th from Mr.Bunting.
f - Copy of letter of Mar.30th to Keeper Bayus
g - Letter of April 2nd from Keeper Bayus.

2. Mr. Bunting's reply to charges of March 22nd states that part of the charges are admitted, but not all of them; that he took a drink when in medical need; and requests that he be given another chance.

3. In his letter of Mar. 25th, a second reply to charges, he denies charge "a" that he was drunk on March 6th, claiming illness, and raising question as to the keeper verifying a condition of drunkenness as reported in the Keeper's letter of March 14th. Mr. Bunting makes no explanation of his failure to notify the keeper of the cause of his absence.

4. As to charge "b" he denies intoxication on March 8th, but admits he took a drink of whiskey mixed with hoarhound. He does not deny haranguing the keeper with insulting and boisterous language, but states that he pro-tested the accusation of drunkenness.

5. As to charge "c" Mr. Bunting admits that he had been in New York and had drank some, and brought a half-pint with him, from which he offered the keeper a drink which was refused. He also admits that the keeper took him home in his car.

6. As to charge "d" Mr.Bunting indicates a general denial, but states that the keeper saw him take one drink. He further states that the charge of drunkenness is an untruth and that he can prove it by Mr. Mousette. Mr.Mousette, however, in letter of April 1st states very definitely that Mr.Bunting was drunk on Feb. 12th and describes the conditions.

7. Mr.Bunting asks that Mr.Gunnell, Electrician, be called to see if Mr.Bayus treats Asst.Keeper Bunting justly and if Keeper Bayus is a toototaler. Mr.Gunnell, who has been at the Governors Island Light on numerous occasions states that he has never observed any mistreatment or questionable treatment on the part of the keeper in dealing with the assistant keeper; Gunnell further states that he has no knowledge as to whether Keeper Bayus drinks, that he has never seen any evidence of his drinking, and rather doubts if he does since he is a very clean cut type of man.

8. Mr.Bunting also asks that Mr.H.C.Blair (Machinist) be seen etc. Mr.Blair states that he has not been at Governors Island since the Governors Island Extension Light was built some years ago, and that he does not remember who was keeper at that time.

9. It is considered that the admissions made by Mr. Bunting are sufficient to show that the charges against him are based on fact. The report of the keeper as to conditions on Feb.12th, as covered by charge "d" is substantially corroborated by John Mousette who was at the station on that date.

10. In this connection attention is invited to letter from this office of Jan.17,1934 and subsequent correspondence pertaining to Mr.Bunting which included intoxication, arrest, etc.,on account of which he was reduced from keeper to assistant keeper.

11. It is considered that the charges referred to herein are sufficiently proven to warrant severe action. The action taken in 1934 was lenient considering all facts in the case, and it was hoped that it would be sufficiently impressive so that there would be no further cause for criticism or complaint. It is evident that the action taken did not produce the result hoped for. It is considered that the enclosed correspondence shows that Mr.Bunting is not a

suitable person to be continued in the position of Assistant Lighthouse Keeper, as sobriety and reliability are essential primary qualifications of incumbents of such a position if aids to navigation are to be reliably maintained, and the Service not brought into disrepute.

12. It is accordingly recommended that Mr.Orlando M. Bunting be dismissed from the position of Assistant Keeper of Governors Island Light Station, effective on date later to be determined and reported to the Bureau.

13. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations. Mr.Bunting has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

(1) add to Jones file

Sat. Mar 6 - due and duty 9 am. Did not report, or ask permission to come 4 PM - in bed - drunk - raving.

Mar 7 - 8 30 am - reported -

Mar 8 - Kpr am PO 9 10 am - sent there drunk - and stayed until 11 45 am Rearranging.

Feb 11 - not on watch, but about 3 PM came to watch ho drunk - drank there - nuisance - Kpr took him home 7 PM

Feb 12 - rounding towers - went home for hot water - drank gin Kpr worked for him that night

Feb 13 - came reported for duty -

Letter Mar 22 - "Part of the chgs are admitted but not all of them - Too had drink when in medicated - gin me and the chauffeur

Letter Mar 25 - answers charges - not drunk Kpr

A - Mar 6 - not drunk, but sick - says wife & daughter sick with "How could Kpr verify I was drunk.

B - Mar 8 - was not in tower - had cold 4 days - took 1 drink

C - Feb 11 - says was in tower & "had drank some & brought 1/2 pint. Kpr took him home in car.

(2)

Febr 12 - Denies being drunk - but says and saw him take one drink -

Says can prone not drunk by Monette -

Monette says he was drunk -

May 13, 1937.

Mr. Orlando M. Bunting,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Charges of neglect of and inability to properly perform your duties, because of intoxication, having been preferred against you and substantiated in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of keeper at $1500 per annum in the Lighthouse Service, effective on a date later to be determined.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

WM. J. GARDNER

Chief, Division of Personnel.

TC JWK

Per

DATE June 1-37

NAME O. M. Blasting

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June 1,1937

Orlando M. Bunting, A.K.,
Thru. the Keeper,
Governors Island Lt.Sta.
Governors Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Leave.

1. Referring to the matter of termination of your services; should you desire any Annual Leave prior to June 13th, application may be submitted on Form 76.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Orlando M. Bunting, Asst.Keeper, June 1,1937
Thru. the Keeper,
Governors Island Light Station,
Governors Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Dismissal from service.
REFERENCE: Letter of charges from this office of March 18,1937.

1. Referring to charges preferred against you in letter of March 18,1937 on account of intoxication, conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service, etc.; you are advised the charges having been sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, there is forwarded to you herewith Department letter of May 13,1937, addressed to you, dismissing you from the position of Assistant Keeper of Governors Island Light Station, and in accordance with said letter you are hereby notified that your services will terminate at the close of June 13, 1937, which will be your last day of service.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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1. Copy forwarded for his information to the Keeper of Governors Island Lt.Sta. Report to this office promptly by letter the last day of service of Mr.Bunting.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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Governors Island, N. Y.
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June 14, 1937

To the Superintendent of Lighthouses
Staten Island, New York.

Dear Sir:

Please be informed that the former 1st Asst Keeper, Mr. O. M. Bunting has left the station, his services having been discontinued at the close of the 13th day of June 1937.

Respectfully
Stephen Baynes
Keeper.

Last day of service June 13-1937
Noted 6/15/37

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Commissioner of Lighthouses: June 15,1937

SUBJECT: O.M.Bunting, Asst.Keeper, Governors Is. Lt.Sta., last day of service.
REFERENCE: Department letter of May 13,1937.

1. Referring to Department letter dated May 13,1937 addressed to Orlando M. Bunting, dismissing him from the position of Assistant Keeper of Governors Island Light Station, New York; the Bureau is advised the effective date of this dismissal was at the close of June 13,1937.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent