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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
Burns, Thomas, J.		

MILITARY SERVICE

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

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

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

Date & Place of Death:

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

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Lighthouse Service (CT/NJ/NY) 3rd District	From: 1923	To: 1928
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Other Identifying Information (Maiden Name, Job Title, etc.)

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THOMAS J. BURNS.

THOMAS J. BURNS.

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LIGHTHOUSE COMMISSIONER

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REQUEST AUTHORITY ASSIGN TO DUTY DECEMBER TENTH THOMAS J BURNS TEMPORARY CLERK FIFTEEN HUNDRED VICE RINALDI PROMOTED DISTRICT SECRETARY APPROVES NOMINATION MAILED TODAY

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Lighthouse Superintendent Saint George New York

Thomas J.

Temporary appointment Burns approved

Putnam

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Bureau of Lighthouses

Commissioner of Lighthouses

Clerk $1500
Effective 12/10/25
Approved

(COPY)EK

TELEGRAM

Saint George New York
December 8 1925

Lighthouse Commissioner
Washington D C

Request authority assign to duty December tenth Thomas J Burns temporary clerk fifteen hundred vice Rinaldi promoted District Secretary approved Nomination mailed today.

(Signed) Yates.

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Incl.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
December 9, 1925.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval. Inclosed is duplicate of Mr. Burns' nomination. The original showing the approval of the Civil Service Secretary will be submitted to the Department as soon as received.

To Dept. 12/11.

H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPROVED:
(Signed) Stephen Davis
Acting Secretary of Commerce.

Dec. 12,1925.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses.
(Signed) Clifford Hastings
Chief of Appointment Division.

DEC 16 1925

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3d Supt

RG-EK
Incl.

February 11, 1926.

Copy not kept in Bureau.

SUBJECT: 3d Superintendent's letter February 6, to Thomas J. Burns, Keeper, Stratford Shoal Light Station, reprimand.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Thos J Burns Appt 31

In 3d's ind, the statement is noted about the pay; implying ~~that~~ it is quite inadequate.

The range for the principal keeper is 1680 to 1920. The pres incumbent gets 1740; the previous one got 1920. and at no time since reclassification (Feb 1-25) has the position paid less than 1740. The fact ~~that~~ a maximum of 1920 pa is possible seems to question ~~the~~ 3d's whether the statement is warranted. Suggs advise 3d pay seems adequately adequate, etc for info. RP/h

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

August 2, 1926.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Reprimanded Dept.
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OK Aug 3

SUBJECT: Thomas J. Burns, Keeper, Stratford Shoal Light Station.

REFERENCE: Letter of reprimand February 6, 1926, and endorsement from this office of the same date.

The Bureau is advised that since Keeper Burns was reprimanded on February 6 no further difficulties have been experienced due to the conduct or service of Mr. Burns and it is therefore recommended that no further action be taken in his case.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. OCKENFELS.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
AUG 4 - 1926

Returned approved.

H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
AUG 4 - 1926

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

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10/26/28 ind 3d

Commissioner of Lighthouses; October 23,1928

SUBJECT: Thomas J. Burns, Keeper, Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.

1. The following correspondence re Thomas J. Burns, Keeper of Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light Station, New York, is forwarded herewith for the information of the Bureau:-

a - Letter dated Sept.16,1928 from 1AK Allen.
b - Letter dated Sept.18,1928 from 1AK Allen.
c - Copy of letter of charges dated Sept.19,1928 to Keeper Burns.
d - Copy of letter dated Sept.19,1928 to A. M. Bettencourt, formerly at Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.
e - Letter dated Sept.20,1928 from 1AK Allen.
f - Letter dated Sept.22,1928 from Asst.Keeper Bettencourt.
g - Letter dated Sept.29,1928 from Keeper Burns.
h - Letter dated Sept.29,1928 from Keeper Burns.
i - Copy of letter dated Oct.3,1928 to Keeper Burns.
j - Copy of letter dated Oct.3,1928 to Keeper Burns.
k - Copy of letter dated Oct.3,1928 to Keeper Burns.
l - Letter dated Oct.6,1928 from Keeper Burns.
m - Letter dated Oct.8,1928 from Keeper Burns.
n - Letter dated Oct.8,1928 from Keeper Burns.
o - Copy of letter dated Oct.10th to 1AK Allen.
p - Copy of letter dated Oct.10th to 2AK Sikora.
q - Copy of letter Oct.10th to Dr.I.Hart.
r - Letter dated Oct.20th from Dr.I.Hart.
s - Letter dated Oct.15th from 1AK Allen.
t - Copy of letter of charges dated Oct.17th to Keeper Burns.
u - Letter dated Oct.16th from Keeper Burns resigning.
v - Letter dated Oct.22nd from Keeper Burns.
w - Letter dated Oct.22nd from Keeper Burns.

2. Keeper Burns was absent from his station from Sept. 5th to 20th without leave or authority and without notifying or reporting the matter to this office. In explanation Keeper Burns stated he was sick with stomach trouble and that he was under the care of Dr.I.Hart of Bridgeport, Conn.,who could prove the Keeper's statement. Dr.Hart, however, advises in letter of Oct.20,1928 that he has no record or recollection of treating Keeper Burns during the period Sept.5th to Sept.

20th. Keeper Burns admits that he is indebted to the 2nd Assistant Keeper. The 1st Assistant Keeper claims that Burns owes him $9.80, and A. M. Bettencourt formerly additional keeper assigned to duty at Stratford Shoal Light Station, that of a pay check which he gave to Burns to cash $19.50 has not been received; also that the station still owes him for his share of provisions and radio supplies purchased while he was at Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta. Further reports from the 1st and 2nd Assistant Keepers as to the basis of their reports that Keeper Burns was drunk or drinking and conducting himself in a disgraceful manner while ashore, have not yet been received no doubt due to the fact that this is an off shore station where mail is not frequently received or forwarded.

3. On October 8,1928 Keeper Burns again went ashore and has since failed to return to the station and has made no report or explanation concerning his absence. Charges were preferred against him by letter of Oct.17,1928 after which his letter tendering his resignation was received.

4. The charges against Keeper Burns are considered to be sufficiently proven and the attached correspondence plainly indicates that he is not competent or sufficiently reliable for continuance as a Keeper or a light station, and it is therefore recommended that Thomas J. Burns be dismissed from the position of Keeper of Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light Station, New York, with pay at the rate of $1920 per annum, effective at the close of October 8,1928, the date on which he left the station.

5. 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.Burns has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate.

6. In this connection attention is invited to letter of reprimand addressed to Keeper Burns under date of February 6, 1926, and letter addressed to Keeper Burns under date of November 24,1926, copies enclosed.

J. T. YATES

RLC:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., October 26, 1928.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce recommending paragraph four for approval, the Bureau concurring with the Superintendent's views. The inclosures referred to herein are attached.

G. R. PUTNAM

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

Feb. 6, 1926.

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box, 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

SUBJECT: Charges.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Jan. 16th and your reply Jan 30th.

1. Your reply is by no means a satisfactory explanation of your action and conduct as covered by letter from this office of Jan. 16th. If, as stated in your letter, a piece of pipe and a check valve were required, there is no evidence to show that you applied for such articles or assistance from the Tender OAK when at your station on January 8th, in fact the Oak was not notified that both engines at your station were out of commission. Had the matter been reported to the Oak, the difficulty would have either been immediately corrected by employees of the tender or the facts promptly reported to this office for proper action, whereas your report by letter dated January 6th was not received until Jan. 11th, with the result that the engines were out of commission from January 5th to January 12th, when repairs were made by a Machinist.

2. Your action in going ashore on leave on January 8th leaving both engines out of commission and without instructing the 2nd Assistant Keepr, who reported on January 8th, as to the duties of the position, is inexcusable and amply indicates indifference and irresponsibility on your part as keeper of the station, for which you are hereby reprimanded and advised that a repetition will result in action being taken with the view of your dismissal from the Service.

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

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

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FWO:JHG February 6, 1926.

1. Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained.

2. This case deserves more drastic action than a reprimand, but at the present time there are no Keepers or Assistant Keepers at other stations who have the necessary qualifications who would accept transfer to the position of Keeper at Stratford Shoal Lt. Sta. at the authorized rate of pay of the position. A further report in reference to Mr. Burns will be made at the expiration of six months.

J. T. YATES.

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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.

November 24, 1926.

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Conditions at Stratford Shoal Light Station.

REFERENCE: Your letter November 30 and previous correspondence.

It is noted that you deny the claim of former Assistant Keeper Dalton that you returned to the station on November 2 under the influence of liquor and that due to your being under the influence of liquor, you were late in starting the light on the night of that date. While your statement in this matter may be correct, the fact remains that you, as keeper in charge of the station, have used very poor judgment in handling the station matters as shown by correspondence during the period that there was controversy between yourself and former first assistant keeper Dalton. As one instance indicating poor judgment on your part, reference is made to letter written by you under date of September 29, 1926 and addressed to former assistant keeper Kaufman which is now on file in this office and which you undoubtedly will recall. A further instance is a photograph for which you evidently posed with several liquor bottles in front of you which matters are entirely unbecoming a keeper in charge of a light station. It may be further stated that information brought to light during your controversy with former assistant keeper Dalton shows that you were not by any means entirely blameless for the confusion and difficulties that existed at the station which resulted in the dismissal of the first assistant keeper Dalton and the resignation of second assistant keeper Kaufman. These matters are brought to your attention at this time with the information that a repetition of any of the incidents that have lately occurred at your station will not be tolerated. You will be expected to handle station matters with better judgment than you have heretofore, and by your management of your station demonstrate that you possess capabilities and judgment sufficient to conduct the station's affairs in a proper manner.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

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Nov 20 - 1928

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Dear Sir

I write these few lines to find out why I am not paid for service rendered as Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station from October 1st to October 8th as I have been out of the Light-house Service since October 8th and have not received any pay for service performed for the 8 days in October also another thing I would like to bring to your attention is the rules states about putting one name on list for transfer to station with family quarters, well

it dont look like rules
amount to anything in the
3rd District Office, as I
have been stationed on
Stratford Shoal Light Station
for 4½ years and requested
a transfer to family quarters
every year and never was
considered for same, which
was the cause of ~~[illegible]~~
breaking up my home
after 15 years as my wife
got sick of being alone
3 weeks out of every month
and could not stand the
strain any longer and broke
up home that didnt look
like fair treatment to me for
being 4½ years in service

and also ex-soldiers while some men with only 1 year in service got family quarters well as I am not in service any longer I hope justice be done to other faithful employes.

I Remain
Respectfully

Thomas J. Burns
General Delivery
East Northport
New York.

P. S.

I always thought that whatever money due an employe for service was paid to him hoping you will look into matter & thank you.

Nov 19 - 1928

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Dear Sir

I recd letter of the 12th stating that I was dismissed from the position of Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station well Sir I state that I notified the office 3rd District that I resigned from the service after staying 4 1/2 years at

salary due me for duty
from the 1st of October
till the 8th inst not
forward to me I have
been on duty them
8 days & I am intitle
to the pay for service
rendered for such time
Hoping some thing will
be done quick about
same.

I Remain
Respectfully
Thos J. Burns

General Delivery
East Northport
N. Y.

Straitford Shoal Light
Station under the con-
dition that I had to
put up with only
2 small sail boats
14 ft & get to shore
with, and the distance
was 9 miles to Bridgeport
after asking for a transfer
for past 3 years.

Well I
would like to know
the reason why my

RG:EMF

November 23, 1928.

Mr. Thomas J. Burns,
General Delivery,
East Northport, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

1. In reference to your letter of November 20, relative to payment of eight days' salary for the month of October, etc.:

2. This matter is being given consideration, and you will be further advised at an early date.

Respectfully,

H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

November 23, 1928.

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Dep. Commr.
Commissioner

SUBJECT: Letter of November 20 from Thomas J. Burns relative to pay due him for eight days in October.

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November 23, 1928.
Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.
for remark and return

H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner

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FWO:FM Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N. Y., 3rd District.
November 26, 1928.

Returned to Commissioner.

The payment of salary to Burns for 8 days in October is held in abeyance pending the receipt of and approval of property returns for Stratford Shoal Light Station which is always customary when a Keeper leaves the Service. Ordinarily the matter of preparing property returns, etc., is provided for by instructions issued in advance, but in this case Mr. Burns resigned from the Service without notice and without even returning to the Station, and this condition, together with the fact that the location of this Light is such that the Keepers receive and send mail only about three times a month has operated to delay the receipt of property return at this office. This property return is expected daily, and as soon as received and checked and found to be satisfactory, a check for the amount due will be promptly forwarded to Mr. Burns.

J. F. Wallace

RG EJD

December 10, 1928.

Mr. Thomas J. Burns,
General Delivery,
East Northport, New York.

Dear Sir:

1. In further reference to your letter of November 20 relative to your not having received salary check for the first eight days of October:

2. This matter was held in abeyance pending the receipt and approval of property returns for the station at which you served. Ordinarily the preparing of property returns, etc. is provided for by instructions issued in advance, but it appears that you resigned from the station without notice and that this was the cause of the delay. It is expected that the matter will be adjusted at an early date and the salary check for the amount due will be promptly forwarded.

Respectfully,

ECG

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Copy referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, New York.

Inclosure Received

ROYAL S. COPELAND, NEW YORK
C. W. JURNEY, SECRETARY

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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December 12, 1928.

12-22-28 ans, copy 3rd

Suggest advise Sen according to Burns letter of Dec 10-28 to 3rd copy

Dft 12/18 OK HH Dec 18

My dear Commissioner:

The enclosed letter from Mr. Burns, of Kings Park, N. Y., is submitted for your consideration.

I shall be pleased to hear from you regarding the same.

Cordially yours,

Royal S. Copeland

Royal S. Copeland.

Hon. George. R. Putnam,
Commissioner , Bureau of Lighthouses,
Eighteenth and Pennsylvania Ave.,

Washington, D. C.

Nov 26 - 1928

Enclosure

Dear Senator

I write you these few lines asking your help as a voter & also I am a friend of the Register of Brooklyn Mr James A. McQuade. Well Senator what help I need is this. I have been employed in the Lighthouse Service for past 4½ years at Shatford Shoal Station L. I. Sound 9 miles from shore & left the service the 8th of October 1928 and have over $40.00 due me for pay as Keeper of that station from October 1st till October 8th which they have not sent to me yet.

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This money is due me for service rendered as Keeper, and I need said money very bad at present and would be very thankful to you for any help in securing same.

I Remain

Respectfully

Thomas J. Burns

Attendent Ward 57

Kings Park State

Hospital

Kings Park

N. Y.

I thank once again.

RG EJD

December 22, 1928.

Hon. Royal S. Copeland,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Copeland:

1. In reference to your letter of December 12, inclosing one from Mr. Thomas J. Burns, former lighthouse keeper, relative to salary due him since his resignation from the Service:

2. You are respectfully informed that the delay in this matter was on account of the necessity of obtaining receipt and approval of property returns at the station where Mr. Burns was employed, this delay having been caused by the fact that Mr. Burns resigned without notice.

3. The Bureau wrote Mr. Burns in regard to this matter under date of December 10 explaining the cause of the delay, and it is expected that by this time he has received his salary check from the office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Staten Island, New York. If he has not, however, he may expedite the matter by taking it up further with that office.

Respectfully,

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Copy

Department of Commerce
Office of the Chief Clerk
Washington

October 15, 1930.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

There is transmitted herewith copies of correspondence from Thomas J. Burns, formerly employed as keeper in the Third Lighthouse District, and who was dismissed at the close of October 8, 1928, relative to his reappointment as a keeper.

With the return of Mr. Burns' letters it is requested that the Department be furnished with a report in the premises.

(Sgd.) E. W. Libbey.

Incls.
RLC:EMF **Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., October 23, 1930.**

Referred to 3d Superintendent for report and return.

F. P. DILLON,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK

WASHINGTON

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E. M. Gilbreath
Chief Clerk.

Incls.
RLC:EMF

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., October 23, 1930.

Referred to 3d Superintendent for report and return.

F. P. Dillon
F. P. DILLON
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
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Commissioner of Lighthouses: Oct. 28,1930

SUBJECT: Thomas J. Burns.
REFERENCE: Bureau endorsement Oct.23 forwarded Dept.letter of Oct.16,1930.

1. Department letter of October 16,1930 transmitting correspondence from Thomas J. Burns, is returned herewith, together with the letters referred to from Mr.Burns.

2. Mr.Burns name was on the eligible register and after having been considered three times without being selected, his name was removed from the register as required by Civil Service Rules.

3. Mr.Burns was employed as 2nd Assistant Keeper at Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta. on Sept.1,1922 and resigned Nov.30th, 1922. On April 3,1924 he was appointed 2nd Asst.Keeper at Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta. and later served as 1st Asst.Keeper and Keeper at the same station until Oct.8,1928 when he was dismissed from the service.

4. Mr. Burns entered on duty as Keeper of Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta. on Jan.1,1926. On Feb. 6,1926 he was reprimanded for going ashore on leave on Jan.8th leaving both engines out of commission, and without instructing the new 2nd Asst.Keeper who reported for duty on Jan.8th, as to the duties of his position. In this connection attention is invited to endorsement by this office of Feb.6,1926 stating that the case deserved more drastic action than a reprimand, but that there were no Keepers or Asst. Keepers at other stations who had the necessary qualifications and who would accept transfer to the position of Keeper at Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta. at the rate of pay authorized for the position.

5. Due to conditions at the station and difficulties among the Keepers, Keeper Burns was censured by letter of Nov.24,1926, copy of which is enclosed.

6. With letter of Oct.23,1928 there was forwarded to the Bureau a large quantity of correspondence concerning Mr. Burns being absent from duty without leave or authority; indebtedness of Mr.Burns to other Keepers, and information indicating that Mr.Burns was addicted to the use of intoxicants. On Oct.8,1928 he went ashore and subsequently failed to return to

the station, and also made no report or explanation concerning his absence, but after charges were preferred against him by letter of October 17,1928, a letter was received from him tendering his resignation. Mr.Burns was dismissed from the service by Department letter dated Dec.12,1928.

7. Mr.Burns is not considered to be a desirable person for reemployment as Lighthouse Keeper or Assistant Keeper.

8. As stated above, Mr.Burns name has been removed from the eligible register, and this office knows of no means whereby his name may be restored to the register except by renewing his application for consideration which the next examination is held.

J. T. YATES

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. Nov. 3, 1930.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce in compliance with the Department's letter of October 16, Mr. Burns' communications being inclosed. The Bureau concurs with the views of the Superintendent in the matter.

H. D. KING

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:DC
Incl.

ROYAL S. COPELAND, NEW YORK
C. W. JURNEY, SECRETARY

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES NOV 19 1930 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Airways
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Mar. Engr.
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Finance
Law & Prop.
Chief Clerk
Adm. Assist.
Dep. Commr.
Commissioner

November 14, 1930.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

I am enclosing a letter from Mr. Thomas J. Burns, c/o John Tyrrell, 516 West 132d. Street, New York City, relative to his desire for reinstatement in the Lighthouse Service.

Will you kindly give this your attention and let me know if it is possible to do this?

Cordially yours,

Royal S. Copeland

Encl.

Honorable George R. Putnam,
Commissioner, Bureau of Lighthouses,
Washington, D.C.

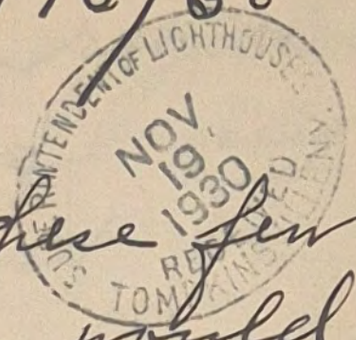
EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., November 17, 1930.

Referred to 3rd Superintendent for report and return.

W. P. Harman

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

11/13/30



Dear Senator.

I write these few lines asking if you would please try & help me out with my case.

My good friend James Mc Quade Register of Bklyn told me to write to you to see if you could not get things straighten out.

I left the Lighthouse Service in October 1928 after being in that branch of service 4 years & 9 months, and took examination again in March 1929 and waited on the eligible register till August 1930. after

being on eligible register
1 year & 3 months my
name being first on
the list, I was dropped
from said list.

Well after
taking my case up with
the chief of appointment
Division & waiting another
month they tell me
I after being considered
three times without being
selected for appointment
well Senator I was in the
service the first time
only 3 months & resigned
& after 6 months took
another examination &
was appointed but
was unable to report

for duty on account of
sickness so after a
few months I took
another examination
received appointment
again & remain last
time at one station as
keeper for 4 1/2 years
what I can see is
they are charging
the second appointment
against me which I
was not able to report
for duty on account
of sickness, I have
also been in U. S. Army
for 4 years & dont
like to lose 8 1/2 years
of service toward retire-

ment, well dear Senator
I wish you would
take my case up with
the Bureau of Lighthouses
& see if you could
not get me granted
another chance I will
be very thankful to
you for any help
you can do for me
it seems funny why
I should be carried
on eligible register
for 1 years & 5 months
& when my name was
reached not to coincided
me for the appointment
so trusting you will

do all you can to help it.

I Remain
Yours Truly
Thomas J Burns
C/o John Tyrrell
516 West 132nd St
N. Y. City.

November 17, 1930.

Hon. Royal S. Copeland,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Copeland:

1. In reference to your letter of November 14 regarding the reinstatement of Mr. Thomas J. Burns, c/o John Tyrrell, 516 West 132nd Street, New York, N. Y., in the Lighthouse Service:

2. You are respectfully informed that this matter is under consideration and that you will be further advised in regard thereto at an early date.

Very truly yours,

G. R. PUTNAM,

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

FWO:FM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

11/26/30 write Copeland

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Mar. Engr.
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Dep. Commr.
Commissioner

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

November 20, 1930.

Suggest advise Senator, copy to [illegible]

Returned to Commissioner.

SUBJECT: Thomas J. Burns.

REFERENCE: Bureau endorsement November 17, forwarding letter dated November 14, from Hon. Royal S. Copeland.

The Bureau's attention is invited to endorsement from this office of October 28, 1930, pertaining to Thomas J. Burns, which supplies full information in regard to his case.

FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE
OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

OK submit draft
WAH
11/27

November 26, 1930.

Hon. Royal S. Copeland,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Copeland:

In further reference to your letter of November 14 inclosing one from Mr. Thomas J. Burns relative to his desire for reinstatement in the Lighthouse Service.

You are respectfully informed that the records show that Mr. Burns was dismissed from the Lighthouse Service by Department letter of December 12, 1928 by reason of unsatisfactory services involving several causes. Mr. Burns therefore seemed unsuitable for the position of lighthouse keeper which requires a high degree of fidelity to duty.

After Mr. Burn's separation it appears that he was a candidate in another examination for the position of lighthouse keeper, and that although he was considered with other eligibles he was not selected, and that after three considerations of this kind, his name was removed from the register in accordance with the Civil Service rules and regulations.

Mr. Burns could be a candidate in some future Civil Service examination with a view to again establishing his eligibility for consideration with other eligibles. In case this is desired it is suggested he file application with the Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y., or with the superintendent of any other lighthouse district where he might desire employment, a list of the superintendents being inclosed.

Very truly yours,

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:DC
Incl.

Copy to 3d
Copy to CC

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. 1672 Sheet No. 5(b)147

Space reserved for the use of the Board

1. Burns Thomas J. (Surname) (Given name) (Initial)

2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouse
4. Field service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field station Stratford Shoal Light station
(b) Subdivision Third District
(c) City or town Bridgeport Station 1s State Conn. N.Y.

6. Pay roll title Light Keeper
7. Customary office title Keeper
8. Present administrative allocation 1800-2100
9. Present gross rate of pay $ 1920.
10. Deduction for allowances $
11. Net rate paid in cash $ 160.00 a month

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 None

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 Boat fare $10 a month

15. (a) Regular hours of work: From 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. (b) How many hours per week excluding unusual or irregular overtime work? See 18a
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 } 25 (d) If certain hours of availability for duty, outside of regular working hours, are required, state hours and type of such duty Engines break down, at night all same as running order.

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) Supervise the work to be done on station & see that everything is in running order.
General supervision of the work of two assistant keepers.
(c) How many? 3

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.

Lewis J. Allen 3B148 John A Tatay 3(b)1
Michael Sikora 3B149
John A Tatay 5B1

18a. Not specified; average eight or less hours per day; Sundays operation of lights and fog signal only.
Stand watches; work equally 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 the 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 Supt. or an asst. Sup.

20. What is the name, official position, and sheet number of the employee's immediate superior? None
J. T. Yates, Lighthouse Superintendent, 3(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	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	(Kind)

Other education (describe): Thomas J Burns

Corrected and certified by.....

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?
Printer, Pipe Fitter + Machinist
6 yrs, 8 yrs 8 yrs
Thomas J Burns

Corrected and certified by.....

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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	
Time divided between during such duties on station	Overhauling engines & repairing same. Fixing valves light & oiling same. Polishing brass on station. Polishing floors on station. Packing kerosenes for service on station. Scraping & painting boats Painting all outside of house Painting tanks on deck & chipping & red leading same Painting inside of house Cleaning windows Putting stores away Running radio beacons Standing watches from 12 midnight to 12 midnight Storing coal & wood Overhauling falls & fixing falls Scrubbing floors, Shellacking floors Cleaning woodwork Cleaning lens Filling starting tanks for engines & light Cooking & getting meals ready Washing & cleaning ceilings & walls Running fog signal engines during fog Running Diesel engine for transmitter Cementing cracks in stone deck & side of house Fixing steam pipe lines Varnishing all woodwork inside of house

24. I hereby certify that the foregoing was composed by me after reading P. C. B. Form No. 15, and that it is a true statement of my duties.

Thomas J. Burns
(Signature of Employee)

25. TO THE PREPARING OFFICER: Write your own description of the employee's work. If in describing the work of the position you would cover the same subject matter and use the same language and expressions, indicate your concurrence in the employee's statement and utilize the rest of the space below by giving further and broader information regarding the position, such as the kind and degree of responsibility involved, the ultimate purpose of the work, its place in your organization, its working conditions, etc. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet. See instructions in Form No. 16.

Operate illuminating apparatus and keep apparatus in clean and efficient working order; care for buildings, keep them clean and in and order, including painting and minor repairs; [redacted].

Care and operation of fog signal engines.

26. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? Since January 1926.

27. I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made by me on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete.

OCT 12 1928, 1928 — [redacted] — Asst. Superintendent.
(Date) (Signature of Preparing Officer) (Title)

28. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ---------- In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $1800 to $2100

OCT 12 1928, 1928 — J. T. YATES. — Superintendent.
(Date) (Signature of head of field office or station) (Title)

29. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ---------- In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $1800, to $2100

OCT 22 1928, 1928 — H. B. BOWERMAN — Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.
(Date) (Signature of head of bureau or his representative) (Title)

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See Bureau telegram of May 25,1925, approving promotion of Thomas J. Burns in file of Adam L. Kohlman.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Wm. Thos. J. Burns (Name)

Conn. (Legal Residence)

STATUS

11—8940

DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper	Prob.	$780	L. H. Southwest Ledge L.S. Conn.	Sept 1/22
	(Resigned close of Nov 30/22)			
Keeper	Prob.	$720	L. H. New London Ledge L.S. Conn. (Canceled)	Dec 3 22 Dec 24
Keeper	Prob	$840.	L.H. Stratford Shoal L.S. Ky.	Apr 3/24
"	Read. pay	$1080	" " " "	July 1/24
"	"	$1440	" " " "	Feb 1/25
"	Prom	$1500	" " " "	June 11/25
"	Incr	$1680	" " " "	July 1/25
"	Prom	$1740	" " " "	
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	1800	" " " "	Jan 1, 1927
"	COMPENSATION Act. May 28, 1928.	1920	" " " "	JUL 1 1928

Dismissed - Close Oct. 8, 1928.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Thos. J. Burns (Name)

N. Y. (Legal Residence)

STATUS

11—3040

DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
Clerk	Temp.	$1500	Lighthouses	Dec 14/25
	LAST DAY OF SERVICE		June 26, 1926.	

Form SS-66

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

(To be filled in immediately after the last day temporary employee serves, and forwarded to the office of the Secretary, Appointment Division)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUN 23 1926 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

LIGHTHOUSES 1926 JUN 28 AM 9 00

26 JUN 28 AM 5 CLERK

Name of employee Thomas J. Burns

Classification Allocation (Service and Grade) AM 11

Designation Clerk

Compensation $1500 p.a.

Place of employment Office of Supt., 3rd Lighthouse District

Last day served June 26,1926

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 6 1926 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

J. T. Wells

Supt. 3rd Lighthouse District

(Official title)

Date June 26,1926

Staten Island, N.Y.

(Bureau or service)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—2876

Form 2281.
July, 1922.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN 5 1926
APPOINT.

For Dept. of Commerce.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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ABSTRACT OF OFFICIAL RECORD OF EMPLOYEE.

War Department, Office of the Secretary
(Department and office.)

Washington, D. C. (Place.) June 2, 1926. (Date.)

Name: Burns, Mr. Thomas J. (Surname first, Mr., Miss, or Mrs.) Not of record. (Date of birth.)

I. SERVICE RECORD.

Establishment (a).	Action (b).	Position. (Pay-roll title.)	Rate of Pay (c).	Date Effective.
Quartermaster Corps of the Army, New York, N.Y.	Temporary	Clerk	$1000	2/11/18
"	Res.	"	1000	8/19/18

L. H. 6/5/26 8

(a) Place the name of department, bureau, or office in which the service was performed.

(b) Indicate the nature of the action according to the following key abbreviations: PA, probational appointment; Exc., excepted from examination; E. O., Executive order; Rein., reinstatement; Trans., transfer; Pro., promotion; Red., reduction; Res., resignation; Rem. C., removed for cause; Rem. R., removed reduction of force; L. W. O. P., leave without pay for periods of six months or more.

(c) Under rate of pay, do not include bonuses, allowances, overtime pay, or compensation given in addition to basic pay of positions as fixed by law or regulation.

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II. STATEMENT OF DEDUCTIONS FOR RETIREMENT FUND.

(See Instructions No. 3.)

Year.	Amount.	Year.	Amount.	Year.	Amount.	Year.	Amount.	Year.	Amount.

In case service record shows reentry into service, does the employee claim that he has made redeposit of any amount refunded him at time of separation? _____
(Yes or no.)

The foregoing is a correct abstract of the official record of Thomas J. Burns
(Name of employee.)
based on the official records of the War Department
(Establishment.)
or official certification from the other executive departments or independent establishments in which he was employed.

John C. Scofield
(Signature.)

Countersigned _____, 192 Assistant and Chief Clerk.
(Official title.)

_____
(Signature.)

_____
(Official title.)

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. The act, approved February 14, 1922, prescribes that "each executive department, and each independent establishment of the Government not within the jurisdiction of any executive department, shall establish and maintain such record as will enable it to determine the amount deducted within each fiscal year from the basic salary, pay, or compensation of each employee within its jurisdiction to whom this act applies. When such employee is transferred from one office to another a certified abstract of his official record shall be transmitted to the office to which the transfer is made."

2. A complete official record in the Federal service of the employee named should be set forth on this abstract. If an employee is transferred to another department, an abstract will be prepared in duplicate, showing his appointment in the department from which transferred and all changes of grade or compensation while therein. The original, properly executed, will be transmitted to the department to which transferred, the duplicate to be retained in his personal file. Should such employee be again transferred, the second department will prepare an abstract setting forth the data contained in that received by it, with the addition of his record while in the second department, such abstract to be transmitted to the department to which he is transferred, a duplicate being retained.

In the case of a nominal reinstatement for the purpose of transfer, the department to which the employee is transferred should apply to the establishment in which the former service was rendered for an abstract of record in the case. Statements of employees must not be accepted unless verified from official records.

3. In Table II show the amount deducted for the retirement fund during each fiscal year, or part of fiscal year, the employee was in your service.

4. This certificate must be signed and countersigned (if necessary) by an official recognized by the Bureau of Pensions as authorized to sign certificate of administrative officer on application for refunds.

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STANDARD FORM No. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

PERSONAL HISTORY

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

LIGHTHOUSES
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Bureau, division, or office Light House Service Staten Island, N.Y.

1. Name in full Thomas J. Burns

2. Legal (voting) residence 23rd. N.Y. Bronx, New York
(State and Congressional District) (County) (City or town)

3. Where born? Stamford, Conn. When born? Dec. 10, 1897
(State or foreign country) (City or town) (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien —

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

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

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

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
Con Dept. Pier #2 Hoboken, N.J.	Clerk	$1600	Mar.	18	1919	Aug.	27	1919

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

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

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Enlisted ____ Discharged ____ Enlisted ____ Discharged ____

Organization ____ Organization ____

8.

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

9. State special qualifications Eight years experience in stenography and typewriting.

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:
Mrs. Mary A. Burns. (Name) Mother (Relationship)
300 Brook Avenue, Bronx, New York City (Post office address)

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

Thomas J. Burns
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

Dec. 14, 1925. (Date) Present address 300 Brook Ave., New York City

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEC 22 1925
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

I, Thomas J. Burns

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.

Thomas J. Burns.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 14th day of December, A. D. 19

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Daniel A. Tompkins

(Official title) Clerk

My commission expires

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Clerk (Temp.)	$1500.00 p.a.	Office of Supt. 3rd Lighthouse Dist.
Former [5]		

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

CARDED

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District

Staten Island, N.Y. (Address), Dec-19-1925 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Dec. 14, 1925 (Date)

J. Wells
(Signature, followed by title)
Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.

[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.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—944

CROSS REFERENCE.

See file of Frank J. Raymond - letter to Lighthouses from Supt. 3rd Dist. dated 1/7/27.

Name	Position	Salary	Nature of change	Letter date	Effective date
Thomas J. Bodine	Keeper	$1320 p.a.	Promotion	11/19/25	12/23/25
Thomas J. Burns	"	1740 p.a.	"	12/11/25	1/ 1/26
William E. Riedel	"	1500 p.a.	"	12/11/25	1/ 1/26

Form A-30

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 14, 1925.

Mr. Thomas J. Burns,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Clerk

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Fifteen Hundred dollars per annum

effective December 10, 1925, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty, and to continue for a period not to exceed 30 days, from the date of receipt of a certification of eligibles for probational appointment.

Nature of appointment: Temporary.

Civil Service authority: Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HARRINGTON

Chief of Appointment Division.

DEC 16 1925

APPOINTMENT DIVISION DEC 16 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Appropriation: Such appropriation to which under the provisions of Section 3678, R.S., the duties performed may be properly chargeable.

Vice: Myyer Horowitz.

Legal Residence: New York.

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CARDED

Form 73

LIGHTHOUSES
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TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Staten Island,N.Y. (City.) Dec. 8,1925 (Date.), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Thr.Sec'y 2nd C. S. Dist.)

Action recommended, Temporary appointment pending certification of eligibles.

Name, Thomas J. Burns — Legal residence, New York

Position, Clerk (Steno. & Typist) — Salary, $1500 p.a.

Location, Office of Supt.3d L.H.Dist. — Appropriation, Salaries, Lighthouse Service

Effective December 10,1925 — ~~(If effective date of entrance on duty)~~ or Such as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, — Former salary,

Location,

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

Previous incumbent, Anthony J. Rinaldi Services terminated, Dec.9,1925

Reason, Promoted

Members of family in Government Service, None

Date of birth, Dec. 20,1897

Remarks:

In accordance with Rule VIII Sec.2,C.S.Rules. Temporary employment authorized by District Secretary Nov.13,1925. Mr.Burns has had no previous service in the Lighthouse Service

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

This copy is forwarded in order that 19 approval of the appointment recommended may be expedited. See telegram of this date.

J. T. Yates

J. T. Yates
Secretary, Civil Service District.
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

12-10-25

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

11—2314

CHIEF CLERK

1925 DEC 9 PM 3 59

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEC 25
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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TELEGRAM

Saint George New York
December 8 1925

Lighthouse Commissioner
Washington D C

Request authority assign to duty December tenth Thomas J Burns temporary clerk fifteen hundred vice Rinaldi promoted District Secretary approved Nomination mailed today.

(Signed) Yates.

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EK
Incl.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
December 9, 1925.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval. Inclosed is duplicate of Mr. Burns' nomination. The original showing the approval of the Civil Service Secretary will be submitted to the Department as soon as received.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
DEC 13 1925
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

12-10-25

APPROVED:
ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

December 12, 1925.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

DEC 14 1925

Chief of Appointment Division.

Form No. 2500—July, 1925
U. S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

(TO BE FILLED OUT BY OR FOR EACH EMPLOYEE. LEAVE SPACES MARKED "CODE" BLANK)

SERIAL NO. 6

1. NAME Burns Thomas Joseph
(SURNAME) (FIRST NAME) (MIDDLE NAME)

LEAVE BLANK

ACTIVE NUMBER	WITHDRAWAL NUMBER	STATUS 7

	CODE
2. a. DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE: Commerce	
b. BUREAU OR SERVICE: Lighthouse, 3d District	
c. STATE: Conn. ~~New York~~	
d. CITY OR TOWN: Bridgeport ~~Staten Island~~	

3. POSITION: Keeper (GIVE TITLE AS SHOWN ON PAY ROLL) — CODE 8

4. ARE YOU SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT LAW? — INDICATE BY X: NO (1) X; YES; IF "YES" INDICATE BY X AT WHICH AGE: 70 (2); 65 (3); 62 (4); DOUBTFUL — 9

5. PLACE OF BIRTH: New York (STATE OR COUNTRY) — 10

6. LEGAL (VOTING) RESIDENCE: CONG. DIST. 4th — STATE Conn. — 11 12

7. ANNUAL RATE OF COMPENSATION ON:

	CODE 1		CODE
a. JUNE 30, 1920 $		d. JUNE 30, 1923 $	
b. JUNE 30, 1921		e. JUNE 30, 1924 840	2
c. JUNE 30, 1922		f. JUNE 30, 1925 1500	3

8. IF ALLOWANCES OF ANY KIND WERE RECEIVED DURING YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1925, INDICATE WHAT KIND BY X AFTER APPROPRIATE ITEMS:

QUARTERS | ---------- MEALS | LAUNDRY | CASH IN LIEU OF Subsistence (NOTE WHAT)

OTHER ---------- (STATE WHAT)

9. STATE ESTIMATED ANNUAL VALUE OF ALL ALLOWANCES, $ 161.25 (PER ANNUM) — 4

10. WHEN WERE DEDUCTIONS FOR THE RETIREMENT FUND FIRST MADE FROM YOUR PAY ---------- (DATE)

11. TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RETIREMENT FUND TO JUNE 30, 1925, $ ---------- — 5

12. DATE OF BIRTH: MONTH 8 | DAY 23 | YEAR 1887 — 13

13. INDICATE SEX BY X: MAN X | WOMAN — 14

15

14. INDICATE NUMBER OF FULL YEARS INSTRUCTION COMPLETED IN THE KINDS OF SCHOOLS LISTED:

COMMON SCHOOL 10 YEARS
HIGH SCHOOL ---------- YEARS
COLLEGE ---------- YEARS
Trade SCHOOL 2 YEARS
LIST DEGREES RECEIVED, IF ANY

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 6—7018

Former name ---------- Changed ---------- (Date)
Former name ---------- Changed ---------- (Date)

If any Government service was rendered under another name, give other name and date it was changed.

Former name ---------- (State)
Former name ---------- (City) Bridgeport, Conn.

Employed ---------- Lighthouse, 3d District

Bureau or service ---------- or office ---------- Commerce

Thomas (First name) Joseph (Middle name)

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Bureau or service Lighthouse, 3d District

Employed ..... (City) Bridgeport, Conn. (State)

(First name) (Middle name)

15. MILITARY AND NAVAL SERVICE. IF ANY, CHECK BY X AFTER APPROPRIATE ITEMS AND INCLUDE STATEMENT OF SERVICE BELOW.

NONE	ARMY	NAVY	MARINE CORPS	COAST GUARD	RETIRED	PENSIONED	VET. BU. BENEFICIARY	16
	X							

16. STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT SERVICE, BOTH CIVIL AND MILITARY, TO SHOW LENGTH OF SERVICE:

KIND OF SERVICE (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)	NAME OF EACH DEPARTMENT AND BUREAU OR OTHER BRANCH IN WHICH YOU HAVE SERVED AND ITS LOCATION	APPOINTED OR ENLISTED			SEPARATED OR DISCHARGED			LEAVE BLANK		
		MONTH	DAY	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	Y	M	D
A	12th Infantry, U.S. Army	April	22	1908	May	19	1911			
A	29th " " "	June	1	1911	June	29	1912			
C	3d Lighthouse District, S.I., N.Y.	Sept.	1	1922	Nov.	30	1922			
C	do	April	3	1924						

TOTAL SERVICE, CIVIL AND MILITARY: YEARS 5 MONTHS 7 DAYS 25 17

17. ENTER ANY PERIOD OF LEAVE WITHOUT PAY OF SIX MONTHS OR MORE OCCURRING IN PERIOD OF SERVICE INCLUDED ABOVE, BUT NOT PERIODS OF ACTUAL SEPARATION.

6—7018

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEC 16 1930
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

December 10, 1930.

Memorandum for Secretary of Commerce:

Pursuant to letter of July 2, 1929, the following report is submitted of an endorsement by a member of Congress of an individual for appointment in this Service:

Name of Member of Congress.

Hon. Royal S. Copeland, United States Senator (New York)

Name of and Address of Individual.

Mr. Thomas J. Burns.

Position sought - Salary.

Lighthouse Keeper $1180 - $1800 p.a.

Hon. Copeland, advised that Mr. Burns was dismissed from the Service by reason of unsatisfactory services. After Mr. Burn's name had been up for consideration three times, his name was removed from the register in accordance with Civil Service rules and regulations. Advise Mr. Burns to file application with Super. of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y., if he wishes to establish his eligibility for considerati

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

W. P. HARMAN

EJD

November 11, 1930.

Mr. Thomas J. Burns,
Reception Building,
Graystone Park, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication of November 10, 1930, I am enclosing a copy of my letter to you dated November 7, 1930, giving the desired information.

Yours very truly,

(SIGNED) E. W. LIBBEY

NOV 12 1930

E. W. LIBBEY
Chief Clerk.

Enclosure
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NOV 11 1930
APPOINTMENT

Dear Sir

I write these few lines to find out if you have received any word from the Bureau of Lighthouses about my case, that is having my name restored to the eligible register

I Remain

Yours Truly,

Thomas J. Burns

Reception Building

Graystone Park

New Jersey.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NO RECORD
NO ACTION TAKEN
NOV 11 1930
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

P. S.

I wish to thank you for giving me the above information

November 7, 1930.

Mr. Thomas J. Burns,
Reception Building,
Graystone Park, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

In further reference to your letter of October 9, 1930, relative to your desire to have your name restored to the eligible register for the position of keeper in the Lighthouse Service:

The Department has just received a report from the Bureau of Lighthouses stating that, although your name was on the eligible register, you were considered three times without being selected for appointment. That being the case, your name was removed from the register. In order to restore your name to the register it will be necessary that you renew your application for consideration when the next examination is held. It is believed, however, that such action on your part would be futile, at least so far as appointment in the Lighthouse Service is concerned, inasmuch as the Bureau states that in view of your record as a former employee in that service you are not considered a desirable person for reemployment as keeper or assistant keeper. The Department, therefore, is unable to assist you in the matter.

Yours very truly,

NOV 8 1930

(SIGNED) E. W. LIBBEY,

E. W. LIBBEY,
Chief Clerk.

D:L

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSES
1930 OCT 29 PM 12 03

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

Commissioner of Lighthouses: Oct. 28,1930

SUBJECT: Thomas J. Burns.
REFERENCE: Bureau endorsement Oct.23 forwarded Dept.letter of Oct.16,1930.

1. Department letter of October 16,1930 transmitting correspondence from Thomas J. Burns, is returned herewith, together with the letters referred to from Mr.Burns.

2. Mr.Burns name was on the eligible register and after having been considered three times without being selected, his name was removed from the register as required by Civil Service Rules.

3. Mr.Burns was employed as 2nd Assistant Keeper at Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta. on Sept.1,1922 and resigned Nov.30th, 1922. On April 3,1924 he was appointed 2nd Asst.Keeper at Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta. and later served as 1st Asst.Keeper and Keeper at the same station until Oct.8,1928 when he was dismissed from the service.

4. Mr. Burns entered on duty as Keeper of Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta. on Jan.1,1926. On Feb. 6,1926 he was reprimanded for going ashore on leave on Jan.8th leaving both engines out of commission, and without instructing the new 2nd Asst.Keeper who reported for duty on Jan.8th, as to the duties of his position. In this connection attention is invited to endorsement by this office of Feb.6,1926 stating that the case deserved more drastic action than a reprimand, but that there were no Keepers or Asst. Keepers at other stations who had the necessary qualifications and who would accept transfer to the position of Keeper at Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta. at the rate of pay authorized for the position.

5. Due to conditions at the station and difficulties among the Keepers, Keeper Burns was censured by letter of Nov.24,1926, copy of which is enclosed.

6. With letter of Oct.23,1928 there was forwarded to the Bureau a large quantity of correspondence concerning Mr. Burns being absent from duty without leave or authority; indebtedness of Mr.Burns to other Keepers, and information indicating that Mr.Burns was addicted to the use of intoxicants. On Oct.8,1928 he went ashore and subsequently failed to return to

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
CHIEF CLERK
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the station, and also made no report or explanation concerning his absence, but after charges were preferred against him by letter of October 17,1928, a letter was received from him tendering his resignation. Mr.Burns was dismissed from the service by Department letter dated Dec.12,1928.

7. Mr.Burns is not considered to be a desirable person for reemployment as Lighthouse Keeper or Assistant Keeper.

8. As stated above, Mr.Burns name has been removed from the eligible register, and this office knows of no means whereby his name may be restored to the register except by renewing his application for consideration which the next examination is held.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. Nov. 3, 1930.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce in compliance with the Department's letter of October 16, Mr. Burns' communications being inclosed. The Bureau concurs with the views of the Superintendent in the matter.

H. D. King
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:DC
Incl.

October 16, 1930.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

There is transmitted herewith copies of correspondence from Thomas J. Burns, formerly employed as keeper in the Third Lighthouse District, and who was dismissed at the close of October 8, 1928, relative to his reappointment as a keeper.

With the return of Mr. Burns' letters it is requested that the Department be furnished with a report in the premises.

OCT 17 1930

(SIGNED) E. W. LIBBEY
Chief Clerk.

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Damon says
report just recd from
3 district ; report will
be sent in couple days
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C:S

October 16, 1930.

Mr. Thomas J. Burns,
Reception Building,
Graystone Park, N.J.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter of October 9, 1930, in further reference to having your name restored to the eligible register for keeper.

In this connection you are advised that your case is being taken up with the Bureau of Lighthouses, and as soon as a report is received I shall be glad to communicate with you further.

Yours very truly,

EDW. J. GARDNER OCT 17 1930

Chief of Appointment Division.

C:S

10/9/30

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT 10 1930
APPOINTMENT
DIVISION

Dear Sir

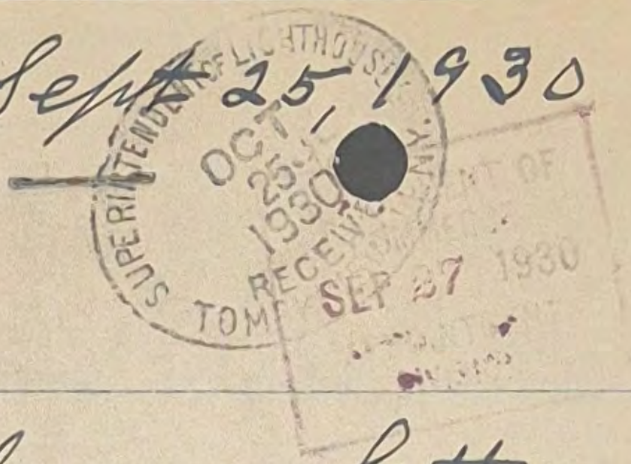
I write these few lines to let you know I am still waiting to hear from you about me being restored to eligible register.

OCT 29 1930
RECEIVED

I Remain
Yours Truly
Thomas J Burns
Reception Building
Graystone Park,
New Jersey

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
NOV 7 1930
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Sept 25 1930



Dear Sir

Received your letter of the 24th inst, relative to having my name restored to eligible register.

Well I took examination for Keeper & Assistant Keeper at New York City on or about the 23rd of March 1929, filed same application at New York City, & received notice after I inquired & what average I made & was told. 84.

I was appointment & Lighthouse Service as Assistant Keeper at South-west Ledge Station on

Sept 1, 1922 and resigned from service on the 30th day of Nov, 1922, giving 15 days notice & was appointed again an Assistant Keeper at Stratford Shoal Light Station on March 18, 1924 & remained on duty on that station as Head Keeper till Oct 8, 1928 a total of 4 1/2 years, also have been in the U.S. Army for 4 years.

I Remain

Yours Truly

Thomas J Burns

(over)

Reception Building
Graystone Park,
New York

P. S.

Enclosed I am sending some letters I sent to Superintendent 3rd District & returned answers on same.

September 24, 1930.

Mr. Thomas J. Burns,
Reception Building,
Graystone Park, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of September 22, relative to having your name restored to an eligible register.

In order to enable me to determine what, if any, action can be taken in your case it will be necessary that you advise me of the title of the examination through which you established eligibility, when and where the examination was taken, the city in which your application was filed, as well as furnish me with a full statement of your Federal service.

Yours very truly,

SEP 24 1930

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

C:H

9/22/30



Dear Sir.

I write these few lines to find out why I was drop from ebigible register after waiting for past 18 years? on said list for appointment, well about said consideration I really only had two chances one chance against me was when sickness prevented me from taken said position in lighthouse after I have had over 4½ experience in lightLouse, I would have remain in

N. J.

Pol

Supt

service the last time
only for having family
troubles which I have
been clear from for
the past 18 months and
if had my heart set
on returning to light
house again & waited
on on list there past
fo 18 months only to
hear this bad news,
I could something be
done & put my name
back on said list
again, please let me
know, as I am heart
broken after waiting
this past year & half

Freehold

N. J.

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DEPARTMENT OF
SEP 1930
APPOINTMENT
DIVISION

& received this notice, so
please let me know if
something can't be done
to have my name
put back again on
said eligible register
as I only have two
chances instead of
three as sickness
prevented me from
take the appointment.

I Remain
Yours Truly
Thomas J. Burne
Reception Building
Graystone Park
New Jersey.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
SEP. 24 1930
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

N. J.

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Superintendent

Dear Sir

I write these few lines asking if you would kindly tell me how I stand on the waiting list for Keeper Lighthouse Service

I Remain

Yours Truly

Thomas J Burns

% Miller

R. F. D. 4

Freehold

N. J.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 20 1930
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WASHINGTON

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 23 1930
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Superintendent

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I Remain

Yours Truly

Thomas J. Burns

Jo Miller

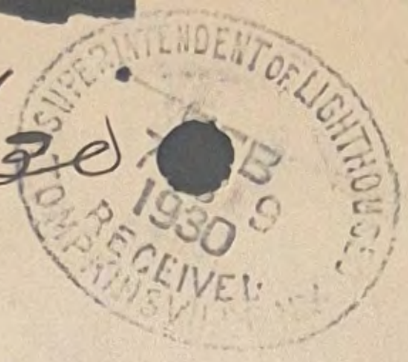
R. F. D. 4.

Freehold

N. J.

No. 14—

Per over 77 / 32



Superintendent



Dear Sir.

I write these few lines asking if I have to make out another application or not as next month March my application which I sent in last March will be one year so would like to know if my name stays on file until my name is reached or whether I have

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
OCT 25 1930
RECEIVED
TOMPKINS CO. N.Y.

make another
next month.

I Remain
Yours Truly
Thos. J. Burns
% Miller
R. F. D. 4
Freehold
N. J.

(3)

November 12, 1928.

Mr. Thomas J. Burns,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Charges of being absent from duty without leave or authority for two different periods of time and such charges having been 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 $1920 per annum of Stratford Shoal Light Station, New York, effective at the close of business on October 8, 1928.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully, NOV 13 1928

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED NOV 17 1928 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NOV 5 1928
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

November 2, 1928.

Memorandum for Mr. Libbey

The attached recommendation of the Bureau of Lighthouses for the dismissal of Thomas J. Burns, keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station, New York, effective October 8, 1928, is made by reason of the fact that he was absent from the station without leave or authority for two different periods of time and failed to make a satisfactory explanation of the absences, and that he failed to pay certain debts which he contracted with subordinate employees. The charges are considered sufficient to warrant the action recommended by the Bureau.

Chief of Appointment Division.

Enclosure
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OCT 29 1928 APPOINTMENT DIVISION CLERK

20th. Keeper Burns admits that he is indebted to the 2nd Assistant Keeper. The 1st Assistant Keeper claims that Burns owes him $9.80, and A. M. Bettencourt formerly additional keeper assigned to duty at Stratford Shoal Light Station, that of a pay check which he gave to Burns to cash $19.50 has not been received; also that the station still owes him for his share of provisions and radio supplies purchased while he was at Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta. Further reports from the 1st and 2nd Assistant Keepers as to the basis of their reports that Keeper Burns was drunk or drinking and conducting himself in a disgraceful manner while ashore, have not yet been received no doubt due to the fact that this is an off shore station where mail is not frequently received or forwarded.

3. On October 8,1928 Keeper Burns again went ashore and has since failed to return to the station and has made no report or explanation concerning his absence. Charges were preferred against him by letter of Oct.17,1928 after which his letter tendering his resignation was received.

4. The charges against Keeper Burns are considered to be sufficiently proven and the attached correspondence plainly indicates that he is not competent or sufficiently reliable for continuance as a Keeper or a light station, and it is therefore recommended that Thomas J. Burns be dismissed from the position of Keeper of Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light Station, New York, with pay at the rate of $1920 per annum, effective at the close of October 8,1928, the date on which he left the station.

5. 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.Burns has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate.

6. In this connection attention is invited to letter of reprimand addressed to Keeper Burns under date of February 6, 1926, and letter addressed to Keeper Burns under date of November 24,1926, copies enclosed.

Dismissal - Thomas J. Burns, Keeper, 1920 pa.
Stratford Shoal L.S. 3d Dist.

J. T. Yates

Set incls.
RLC:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., October 26, 1928.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce recommending paragraph four for approval, the Bureau concurring with the Superintendent's views. The inclosures referred to herein are attached.

Action O. K.

Acting Chief Clerk

H. R. Putnam

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

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1928 OCT 24 AM 8 58

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

Commissioner of Lighthouses; October 23,1928

SUBJECT: Thomas J. Burns, Keeper, Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.

1. The following correspondence re Thomas J. Burns, Keeper of Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light Station, New York, is forwarded herewith for the information of the Bureau:-

a - Letter dated Sept.16,1928 from 1AK Allen.
b - Letter dated Sept.18,1928 from 1AK Allen.
c - Copy of letter of charges dated Sept.19,1928 to Keeper Burns.
d - Copy of letter dated Sept.19,1928 to A. M. Bettencourt, formerly at Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.
e - Letter dated Sept.20,1928 from 1AK Allen.
f - Letter dated Sept.22,1928 from Asst.Keeper Bettencourt.
g - Letter dated Sept.29,1928 from Keeper Burns.
h - Letter dated Sept.29,1928 from Keeper Burns.
i - Copy of letter dated Oct.3,1928 to Keeper Burns.
j - Copy of letter dated Oct.3,1928 to Keeper Burns.
k - Copy of letter dated Oct.3,1928 to Keeper Burns.
l - Letter dated Oct.6,1928 from Keeper Burns.
m - Letter dated Oct.8,1928 from Keeper Burns.
n - Letter dated Oct.8,1928 from Keeper Burns.
o - Copy of letter dated Oct.10th to 1AK Allen.
p - Copy of letter dated Oct.10th to 2AK Sikora.
q - Copy of letter Oct.10th to Dr.I.Hart.
r - Letter dated Oct.20th from Dr.I.Hart.
s - Letter dated Oct.15th from 1AK Allen.
t - Copy of letter of charges dated Oct.17th to Keeper Burns.
u - Letter dated Oct.16th from Keeper Burns resigning.
v - Letter dated Oct.22nd from Keeper Burns.
w - Letter dated Oct.22nd from Keeper Burns.

2. Keeper Burns was absent from his station from Sept. 5th to 20th without leave or authority and without notifying or reporting the matter to this office. In explanation Keeper Burns stated he was sick with stomach trouble and that he was under the care of Dr.I.Hart of Bridgeport, Conn.,who could prove the Keeper's statement. Dr.Hart, however, advises in letter of Oct.20,1928 that he has no record or recollection of treating Keeper Burns during the period Sept.5th to Sept.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sep. 16, 1928

Superintendent
Staten Island N.Y.

Subject: Absence of Keper T.J. Burns

Keper Burns is absent since Sep. 5th on which date he went on leave.

He is indebted to myself $9.80 for groceries and owes much larger sums to 2nd. Asst. Keper Sikora and and former Additional Keper A. M. Bettencourt, which I am told by Sikora is money borrowed from him to pay to Bettencourt who's check Keper Burns cashed and spent previously.

Respectfully
Lewis J. Allen
1st. Asst. Keper

Bridgeport Conn
Sept. 18 1928

Supdt.
Staten Island N.Y.

Subject: Keeper Burns

Keper Burns has been absent from light since Sep. 5th and I was forced to come ashore for groceries Sep. 17 and am returning to station today

He has been drinking

much and is disgracing himself and the Lighthouse service. He can get no further credit for groceries and our boatmen will not bring him to the light until he pays his.

He has made an appointment to go to the light this morning at 9 am and it is now 11: and I am ordering groceries and returning without him.

I have all mail for the light

Respectfully

Lewis J Allen

1st Asst. Keeper

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

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

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
6 Tom Thumb Street,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Sept.19,1928

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with the following:-

a - Absence from duty without leave or proper authority, and remaining absent from duty for an extended period without notifying or reporting the matter to this office, in that you left the station on September 5,1928 and had not returned to the station up to Sept.18th,1928.

b - With contracting debts with subordinate employees in that you are indebted to the 1st Asst.Keeper to the extent of $9.80, and also owe sums of money to the 2nd Assistant Keeper and former Additional Keeper Bettencourt, which were borrowed or otherwise obtained from them.

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.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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

Arthur M. Bettencourt, 2nd Asst.Keeper, Sept. 19,1928
Through the Keeper,
Execution Rocks Light Station,
General Delivery, New Rochelle,N.Y.

SUBJECT: Salary check.

1. This office understands that while you were at Stratford Shoal Light Station, Keeper Burns cashed a salary check belonging to you and spent the proceeds, and at a later date paid you part or all of the amount of the check. You are requested to forward to this office a full report concerning the occurrence referred to, stating whether or not you previously authorized Keeper Burns to cash the check referred to, and whether or not you personally endorsed the check. Also state whether or not Keeper Burns has as yet paid you the full amount of the check.

2. A prompt reply is requested.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Stratford Shoal
Light Station
Sep. 20 1928



Superintendent
Staten Island N.Y.

Subject: Absence of Keeper Burns.

1. 2nd Asst. Keeper Michael Sikara went ashore Sep. 18th. and secured his check from the Keeper, whom he reports intoxicated. He made an appointment to meet Keeper Burns at dock at 10:a.m today to return to station but Keeper Burns did not arrive. and come back to station as he promised.

2 Must force Keeper Burns Locker for supplies.

Respectfully
Lewis J. Allen
1st Assistant

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Execution Rocks L. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept. 22, 192 8

Supt. of lighthouse Service, third district.

Subject: Salary Check

Reference: Your letter dated Sept. 19, 1928.

In reply to your letter of Sept. 19. will say that I gave Keeper Burns of Stratford Shoal light Station a written authority to endorse my name and cash my check. All but Nineteen dollars and fifty cents (19.50) has been received.

Stratford Shoal Station, still owes me for my share of the provisions and Radio receiving Set. accessories such as: Wet Batteries, B Batteries and tubes which came to thirteen dollars and six cents (13.06) after my transfered.

I received a letter, last august from Keeper Burns, promising to settle in September. but as yet nothing has been received.

Respectfully Yours
Arthur M Bettencourt
2nd asst Keeper

L. J. Clark
Keeper

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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal, N.J.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 29, 1928

Supt

Dear Sir.

About contracting debts with subordinate employees, I did borrow a small sum of money from 2nd Asst Keeper as I was left in a bad way as my wife left me after selling property & me giving her all my money so I borrow to hold my self over till I got straighten out well. I would be able to pay all this month.

Thomas J. Burns
Keeper.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal N.Y
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Sept 29, 1928

Supt

Dear Sir.

These few lines to let you know I am sending in request for shore liberty on form 76, as I have been sick while on leave, and under doctor care for over 10 days, I sent word to office on the 8th of this month to inform you that I was under the care of Dr L. Hart State corner Lafayette St, Bridgeport, Conn, with Gastric and Stomach Trouble, which has been troubling me in the past, I am willing to make up any days I have been over leave while sick from the following leaves coming, hoping this will be satisfactory, I was unable to return for 2 days on account of the weather.

Thomas J. Burns
Keeper.

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3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Conn.

October 3,1928

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.
REFERENCE: Your letter Sept.29 and application for fifteen days leave.

1. Your application for fifteen days leave is not approved as your letter of September 29,1928 is not by any means a satisfactory and acceptable explanation of your action in remaining absent from duty as Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station without leave or authority from September 5th to about Sept.20th, and without notifying this office of the fact that you were absent or your whereabouts. In reference to your statement that you sent word to this office on Sept. 8th, you are advised that no communication was received from you on or about September 8th or at any other time during the period of your absence. However, letter of charges dated Sept. 19th,1928, to which a reply has not been received, gives you full opportunity to explain your action.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

October 3,1928

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

SUBJECT: Charges.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office dated Sept.19,1928.

1. Your attention is invited to the fact that a reply has not yet been received to letter of charges dated September 19,1928 although you received and signed registry receipt for that letter on September 29,1928.

2. You will reply to letter of September 19,1928 by return mail, and if you desire to make no statement you will so state.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Oct. 3,1928

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with being intoxicated while ashore at Bridgeport, Connecticut, thereby bringing discredit upon yourself as well as the Lighthouse Service, which condition is evidently one or the sole reason for your action in remaining absent from duty without leave or authority, or notifying or reporting the matter to this office from September 5,1928 up to about September 20,1928, this office having received information that you were observed to be under the influence of intoxicating liquor on September 17th and 18th,1928.

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.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 6, 1928

Supt

Dear Sir.

These few lines concerning the 1st Asst Keeper Lewis J. Allen. he broke one of the pipes from the furnace while I was off on leave & when I ask him if he wrote to office about it he told me it was none of my business, also open up the official mail address to me & signed the leave book instead of letting the 2nd Ass't signed for himself on Sept 20. also he found a 16 ft skiff which he refused to report or put ad in newspaper, but promise to give the skiff to a boatman a friend of his, the letter he wrote about me being over leave he wrote in a store at 1224 Park Ave asking party to stick that he was going to get the keeper & also ask the 2nd Asst to stick with him & told him also he was going to get the keeper, about owing the 1st Asst board he often owed me board for 2 mths but he wanted something to write about, my share of groceries on stations is well able to pay

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the 1st Asst his board bill, there is about $50.00 worth of groceryes on station besides my share of 5 tubes 1 wet batterie & 2 B. Batteries which amount to $11.95 my share of the groceryes on station is 1/4 of the full amount or the 3 men pay me for my share, also the same with the tubes, batteries etc, the 3 men owe me for my share of groceryes & tubes & batteries etc. hoping this will be satisfactory to all I want my pay due me sent to me in care of General Delivery, Bridgeport, Conn.

Remain
Thos J. Burns
General Delivery
Bridgeport
Conn.

P. S.

When I told the 1st Asst Keeper he must make out form 76 he told me I had no authority to tell him till he heard from office.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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3 9 1928
THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 8, 1928

Supt

Dear Sir

Subject letter of the 29th

Well I answered said letter & stated I was sick with Gastric & Stomach Trouble & was under the care of Dr L. Hart State St & Lafayette St Bridgeport Conn from the 8th till the 16th of the month & stated I wrote to office the 8th saying I was under doctor treatment & was living at 601 E. Main St Bridgeport Conn well being charged with intoxicated while ashore is a lie & said charge cant be proved these charges are statments made by the 1st Asst Keeper who told the 2nd Asst Keeper the 17th when he went to shore to stick with him he was going to get the keeper & also wrote the letters from store on Park Ave 12th & where he also asked said Spark to stick & get the keeper. Thos J Burns
Keeper

Capt

Dear Sir.

When I came ashore today for registered mail I find out around the 17th of Sept the 1st Asst Keeper at this station went over & see the Asst Keeper at Stratford Point station & find out if he could get any thing on me & told him that the station was without food which is a lie & both Asst Keepers can prove my statement the only thing that went

place only & tell the boatman when I am going out. The 1st Asst Keeper also asked the 2nd Asst Keeper & stuck with him that he was going & get the keeper these charges are a frame up against me being observed under the influence of intoxicating liquor & ~~drunk~~ same would be look into proper & giving a fair chance & prove same as the doctor can prove

about was go butter
as there is about $5
worth of groceys on
station also the 1st Asst
went & seem the keeper
at Bridgeport Harbor
light asking him if
he knew anything
about me he also
asked the woman who
runs the grocery store
where we have our boat
stuck by him as he
get his free liquor
from her in back of the
store & same party dont
care for me for the reason
I never stop in her

Was under his care
from the 8th to the 16th
Dr L. Hart State corner
Lafayette St Bridgeport
Conn. This man 1st asst
has stated he was going
to try & get me, so I wish
these charges would be
look into & giving a
fair chance after being
in service for past 4 yrs
& 5 mths.

Remain
Thos J. Burns
Keeper

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

October 10, 1928.

Lewis J. Allen, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Absence from duty of Keeper Burns.

REFERENCE: Your letter September 18.

1. Your letter of September 18 states that Keeper Burns had been drinking much, and was disgracing himself and the Lighthouse Service. You are directed to advise this office by return mail whether you personally saw Keeper Burns drinking and conducting himself in a disgraceful manner, and if so, you will state full and complete facts and not merely general statements, stating where you saw the Keeper, the date and time of day, and a description of his condition and conduct which you state was disgraceful. If you did not personally see the Keeper drink or drinking and conducting himself in a disgraceful manner, you will state fully the basis for your report to this office, giving the source of your information including names and addresses of such person or persons who personally observed the condition which you reported.

2. Your letter of September 18 also states that the Keeper made an appointment to go to the light on the morning of September 18 at 9:00 a.m. Advise this office whether the Keeper made the appointment referred to with you or with some other person or persons. In any case, state definitely and fully all facts pertaining to the matter.

3. Your reply to this letter is to be forwarded direct to this office and not through the Keeper of the Station.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

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

October 10, 1928.

Michael Sikora, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Absence from duty of Keeper Burns, etc.

1. By letter of September 20, 1st Assistant Keeper Allen advised this office that you went ashore on September 18, and upon your return to the station reported to the 1st Assistant Keeper that the Keeper was intoxicated, also that you made an appointment with the Keeper to meet him at the dock at 10:00 a.m. to return to the station but that the Keeper did not arrive to return to the station.

2. You are directed to forward to this office by return mail a report stating fully the condition of the Keeper, if you personally saw him intoxicated, stating where you saw him, the date and time of day, his condition and his conduct at the time, also, give the names and addresses of any other persons who were with you and observed such condition.

3. You will also furnish full information concerning the matter of Keeper Burns making the appointment with you to return to the station.

4. You will also advise this office how much money Keeper Burns owes you on account of money loaned to him, and also state how long the debt has been unpaid.

5. Your reply to this letter is to be forwarded to this office direct and not through the Keeper of the Station.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

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

October 10, 1928.

Dr. I. Hart,
State Street Cor. Lafayette St.,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Thomas J. Burns.

1. Thomas J. Burns, Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station was absent from duty without leave or authority, and without notifying or reporting the matter to this office, from September 5 to September 20. In explanation of his absence Mr. Burns states that he was under your care for stomach trouble from September 8 to September 16. As this office has information indicating quite definitely that Mr. Burns was under the influence of intoxicating liquor during the period of his absence from duty, it would be appreciated if you would advise this office whether Mr. Burns was under your care at any time during the period September 5 to 20, and if so, information as to the nature of his illness, and whether in your opinion it was due entirely or in part to the use of intoxicants.

2. Your reply in the matter will be greatly appreciated and will be held as strictly confidential.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

1st

B. I. HART, M. D.

Oct. 20-25

Bridgeport Ct

Mr. J. T. Yates Supt.

Dear Sir :— Report was out of town & unable to answer you sooner. I have no record or recollection of treating Mr. Burns any time between Sept 5th 28 & Sept 20/1928.

Respectfully

B. J. Hart M.D.

453 Main St

Bridgeport Ct

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Stratford Shoal Light Sta.
Bridgeport Conn.
Oct. 15 1928

Superintendent
U. S. Lighthouse Service
Staten Island N.Y.

Subject: Leave of Additional Keeper Patay.

Owing to Keeper Burns absence since Oct. 8th. I am sending Addl. Keeper Patay on leave, and for mail and supplies.

Respectfully
Lewis J. Allen
1st. Asst. Keeper

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3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

October 17,1928

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with absence from duty without leave or proper authority, and with not having advised this office of the fact you were absent or the reasons for your absence, in that you left the station on October 8,1928 and had not returned to duty up to October 15,1928.

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.

3. If you desire to make no statement, you will so state in writing.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

Oct 16 - 1928

Supt Allen

Dear Sir

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You can accept my resignation at once & also my personal belongings are on station & when I send a man out for same I want them delivered & him & also my money due for time this month I want sent to address below about grocery bill There are about $50 worth on station & my share of 5 tubes 2 B Batteries & 1 W.E. Batteries, will more than pay for my share

my personal loans I can
take care of same, as
that is a private matter
between the party & my-
self as I have been
told by my lawyer
advise, so you can
send any pay due
to me at this address

I Remain
Thos J Burns
% General Delivery
East Northport
L. I.
N. Y.

I thank you

Oct 22-1928

Light

Dear Sir.

These few lines to let you know that I notify you in a letter that I resigned at once from the service on account of sickness which make me to return to station & wish that the pay due me for the days on station this month be sent to me

at this address

Remain

Thos J Burns

[redacted]

To General Delivery

East Northport

New York

Thank You

Dear Sir

Recd your letter with charges for being away from station from 8th to 11th — well I notify you by the 9th that I re- letter signed from service.

Remain

Thos J Burns
East Northport
N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

M. Thomas J. Burns,

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: $1800

To: $1920

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

January 1, 1927.

Mr. Thomas J. Burns,

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: $1740 per annum.

To: $1800 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

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

November 24, 1926.

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Conditions at Stratford Shoals Light Station.

REFERENCE: Your letter November 30 and previous correspondence.

It is noted that you deny the claim of former Assistant Keeper Dalton that you returned to the station on November 2 under the influence of liquor and that due to your being under the influence of liquor you were late in starting the light on the night of that date. While your statement in this matter may be correct, the fact remains that you, as keeper in charge of the station, have used very poor judgment in handling the station matters as shown by correspondence during the period that there was controversy between yourself and former first assistant keeper Dalton. As one instance indicating poor judgment on your part, reference is made to letter written by you under date of September 29, 1926 and addressed to former assistant keeper Kaufman which is now on file in this office and which you undoubtedly will recall. A further instance is a photograph for which you evidently posed with several liquor bottles in front of you which matters are entirely unbecoming a keeper in charge of a light station. It may be further stated that information brought to light during your controversy with former assistant keeper Dalton shows that you were not by any means entirely blameless for the confusion and difficulties that existed at the station which resulted in the dismissal of first assistant keeper Dalton and the resignation of second assistant keeper Kaufman. These matters are brought to your attention at this time with the information that a repetition of any of the incidents that have lately occurred at your station will not be tolerated. You will be expected to handle station matters with better judgment than you have heretofore, and by your management of your station demonstrate that you possess capabilities and judgment sufficient to conduct the station's affairs in a proper manner.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

August 2, 1926.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: Thomas J. Burns, Keeper, Stratford Shoal Light Station.

REFERENCE: Letter of reprimand February 6, 1926, and indorsement from this office of the same date.

The Bureau is advised that sine Keeper Burns was reprimanded on February 6 no further difficulties have been experienced due to the conduct or service of Mr. Burns and it is therefore recommended that no further action be taken in his case.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) F. W. Ockenfels.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
AUG 4 - 1926

Returned approved.

H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
AUG 4 - 1926

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

CHIEF CLERK

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

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Incl.

February 11, 1926.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
FEB 12 1926
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

SUBJECT: 3d Superintendent's letter February 6, to Thomas I. Burns, Keeper, Stratford Shoal Light Station, reprimand.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Adm Asst.
Insp. Corps.
Clerks.

Feb. 6,1926

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

SUBJECT: Charges.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Jan.16th and your reply Jan.30th.

1. Your reply is by no means a satisfactory explanation of your action and conduct as covered by letter from this office of Jan.16th. If, as stated in your letter, a piece of pipe and a check valve were required, there is no evidence to show that you applied for such articles or assistance from the tender Oak when at your station on January 8th, in fact the Oak was not notified that both engines at your station were out of commission. Had the matter been reported to the Oak, the difficulty would have either been immediately corrected by employees of the tender or the facts promptly reported to this office for proper action, whereas your report by letter dated January 6th was not received until Jan.11th, with the result that the engines were out of commission from January 5th to January 12th, when repairs were made by a Machinist.

2. Your action in going ashore on leave on January 8th leaving both engines out of commission and without instructing the 2nd Assistant Keeper, who reported on January 8th, as to the duties of his position, is inexcusable and amply indicates indifference and irresponsibility on your part as keeper of the station, for which you are hereby reprimanded and advised that a repetition will result in action being taken with the view of your dismissal from the service.

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

J. T. Yates

Superintendent

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FWO-JHG February 6,1926

1. Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained.

2. This case deserves more drastic action than a reprimand, but at the present time there are no Keepers or Assistant Keepers at other stations who have the necessary qualifications who would accept transfer to the position of Keeper at Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta. at the authorized rate of pay of the position. A further report in reference to Mr.Burns will be made at the expiration of six months.

J. [illegible]

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 11, 1925.

Mr. Thomas J. Burns,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1680 per annum to $ 1740 per annum, effective December 27, 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

DEC 14 1925

Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1925 DEC 10 PM 4 CHIEF CLERK

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N.Y. (City.) Dec. 9, 1925 (Date.), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Thomas J. Burns

Position, Keeper

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Effective Dec. 27,1925

Legal residence, Connecticut

Salary, $1740 p.a. (Pay range $1680 to $1920 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper

Former salary, $1680 p.a.

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

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

DEPARTMENT NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN DEC 12 1925 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Previous incumbent, Robert H. Ebbitts Services terminated, Dec.26,1925

Reason, Dismissed (Salary $1920 p.a.)

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: As Mr.Burns has been employed at this station since April 23,1924 and has rendered satisfactory service, it is considered that his promotion to keeper should carry an increase over his present rate of pay which is $1680 p.a. and which is also the minimum rate for keeper. The rate of pay of $1740 per annum is therefore recommended.

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

J. A. Gleason

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 10 1925

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

12-11-25

APPROVED:
Stephen Davis
ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON June 25, 1925.

Mr. Thomas J. Burns,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1500 per annum to $1680 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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CROSS REFERENCE.

Letter dated June 18, 1925 from the Bureau of the Lighthouses reports the effective dates of recent changes in the Bureau:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY	NATURE OF CHANGE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Orlando M. Bunting	Keeper	$1440	Prom.	5/16/25
Arthur W. Blish	"	$1320	Transf.	6/1/25
Leonard J. Clark	"	$1620	"	6/11/25
Chas. E. Sherwing	"	$1440	Prom.	"
Thomas J. Burns	"	$1500	"	"

See file of Orlando M. Bunting

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 25, 1925.

Mr. Thomas J. Burns,

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 June 1, 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 27 1925

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 26 1925
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT, 19

Staten Island, N. Y. May 21, 1925, 19
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 23 1925
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Thomas J. Burns

Position, Keeper

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Effective June 1,1925

Legal residence, Connecticut

Salary, $1500 pA* (Pay range, $1500 to $1740 p.a.

Appropriation, (Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

Former position, Keeper

Former salary, $1440 p.a.

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt. Sta.,N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, Leonard J. Clark Services terminated May 31,1925

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
MAY 26 1925
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Reason, Transferred (Salary $1560 p.a.)

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth,

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

For and in the absence of the Supt.

5/25/25

Secretary, Civil Service District.

1st Asst. Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAY 22 1925

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPROVED:

ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

M. Thos. J. Burns,
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.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED FEB 4 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Position: Keeper.

Salary: $1440.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE.

(This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service.)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AUG 28 1924 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

Third Lighthouse District
Staten Island, N.Y.
(Bureau)

August 27, 1924
(Date)

The Secretary of Commerce,
(The Chief of Appointment Division):

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on October 2nd, 1924, 192 .

The conduct and capacity of this employee have been satisfactory* during the probationary period, and (he) (~~she~~) is considered qualified for absolute appointment.

Name Thomas J. Burns

Position Keeper

Salary $1080.00 per annum

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Station Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Date of entrance on duty April 3, 1924

Remarks:

J. F. Wells
(Signature of immediate superior.)
Supt. 3rd Lighthouse District

SUBMITTED: AUG 28 1924

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses
(Head of Bureau or Office.)

(*If unsatisfactory, recommendation for discontinuance under the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil service rule VII, should immediately be forwarded to the Department.)

(CROSS REFERENCE)

Burns Thos. J. 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.

Form SS-73

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTS
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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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COMMERCE

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: Thomas J. Burns

2. Position to which appointed: Keeper

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

4. Place of duty: Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light Station, 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).

From eligible list of keepers and assistant keepers dated March 12, 1924

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.)

Mr Thomas Joseph Burns

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

Thomas J. Burns

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

Conn ~~Box 176 R.D.~~	Fairfield	Bridgeport	4th
(State or Territory.)	(County.)	(City or town.)	(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? Greenpoint, Brooklyn, N.Y. 1887

7. When were you born? August (Month.) 23rd (Day.) ~~1888~~ (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.

Mrs Gertrude Burns (Name.) Box 176 R. 3. (Number and street.)

Bridgeport (City or town.) Conn (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		
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		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.)

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.

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.
Co K. 12 Infantry	April 22, 1908	May 19, 1911	Time Expired
Co. K. 29 Infantry	June 1st 1911	July 29, 1912	Purchase

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.
Dep't of Commerce	Lighthouse	2nd Asst Keeper	~~$840~~ 780	Sept 1st 1922	Nov 30, 1922

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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.

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

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

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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.)

Work 2 years on oyster boats & fishing boat & around motor boats for 5 years, work also as Carpenter Helper & painting & pipefitter

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.)

Public School, 8th Grade

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.")

Handy as Carpenter

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

~~August 20th 1922~~

Keepers - Sept-1-1922 and Mar. 12-1924

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, 3/25, 1924

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Thomas J. Burns

(Present address) Box 176 R-3.
(Number and street.)

Bridgeport (City or town.) Conn (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 April 10, 1924

(Signature) J. T. Yates

(Official title) Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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I, Thomas J. Burns

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.

Thomas J. Burns
(Appointee signs here)

[2] sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 26 day of March, A. D. 19 24

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Alice T. Lindberg

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires Feb. 1 / 1926

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$840 p.a.	Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) L. S., N.Y.
Former [5]		

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

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District

Staten Island, N. Y. (Address), April 10-1924 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on April 3-1924 (Date)

J. T. Yates
(Signature, followed by title) Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.

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[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

March 18, 1924.

Mr. Thomas J. Burns,

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 enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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Sd

JOHN J. GARDNER,
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Leonard J. Clark.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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NOMINATION

LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N.Y. March 14, 1924
(City.) (Date.)

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MAR 18 1924
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

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

Name, Thomas J. Burns — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary, $840.00 p.a.

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt. Sta., N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective April 1, 1924 { ~~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, 90.4 , Other eligibles considered:

James G. Cummings...C. John Wallwork....C.

Previous incumbent, Leonard J. Clark Services terminated, March 31, 1924

Reason, Promoted

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NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
MAR 19
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Members of family in Government Service, None

Date of birth, August 23, 1888

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, March 17, 1924

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

3/18/24

E. O. Parker
Assistant Secretary, 2nd Civil Service District.

1st Asst. Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

MAR 18 1924

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES AUG 4 1923 RECEIVED

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 19, 1923.

Mr. Thomas J. Burns,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES 1923 AUG 6 AM 8 50

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 Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Clifford Dalmy
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: William J. Molonson.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

(See reverse side.)

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LIGHTHOUSES

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1923 AUG 6 AM 8 50

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AUG 7 1923
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.
CHIEF CLERK

Commissioner of Lighthouses; August 4,1923

SUBJECT: Appointment, Thos.J.Burns, 2nd Asst.Keeper.

1923 AUG 6 PM 4 35

1. Department letter, in duplicate, dated July 19,1923, addressed to Thomas J. Burns, appointing him to the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of New London Ledge Light Station, is returned herewith for cancellation, as Mr.Burns has declined to enter on duty.

J. T. Yates

1 Inclosure

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
AUG 6 - 1923

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval

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H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 19, 1923.

Mr. Thomas J. Burns,

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 Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 19 1923 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: William J. Molonson.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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LIGHTHOUSES
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y., July 11, 1923 19
(City.) (Date.)

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUL 19 1923 APPOINTMENT

Name, Thomas J. Burns — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary, $720.00 p.a.

Location, New London Ledge Lt.Sta., Conn. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective July 20,1923 — [1] ~~immediately, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~ as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, — Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 2 — Rating, Keeper — Percentage, 88.2 — Other eligibles considered:

John P. McAndrew FR. — Robert H. Lyons C.

Previous incumbent, Wm. J. Molonson — Services terminated, July 15,1923

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Date of birth, Aug. 23,1887

Remarks: No employee of District desired transfer to this position. There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station. No.3 on eligible list will accept appointment only at stations where family quarters are provided.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, July 17 , 1923

7-19-23

E. Parker
Assistant Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

J. T. Yates
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY JUL 18 1923 JUL 19 1923 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 29 1922
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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 Thomas J. Burns

2. Position to which appointed 2nd Assistant Keeper

3. Bureau or Service Lighthouse Service, District Third

4. Place of duty Southwest Ledge Light Station and New Haven Middle Breakwater East End Light, Connecticut. Third District.
(City, town, station, or vessel.)

5. Salary $780.00 per annum.

6. Appropriation from which paid Salaries, Lighthouse Keepers, 1923.

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).

From examination for Keepers & Assistant Keepers, September 1st, 1922.

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.)

Mr Thomas Joseph Burns

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

Thomas J. Burns

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

Conn (State or Territory.) Fairfield (County.) Bridgeport (City or town.) 4 (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? Greenpoint, Brooklyn, N. Y.

7. When were you born? August (Month.) 23 (Day.) 1887 (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.

Mrs Gertrude Burns (Name.) Reservoir Ave Box 176 R. 3 (Number and street.)

Bridgeport (City or town.) Conn (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.)

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.

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.
Co K. 12 Infantry	April 23, 1908	May 1911	Time Expired
Co K. 29 Infantry	June 1, 1911	July 31, 1912	Purchase

16. Have you ever held any other position 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.

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.

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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.)

Printer, Pipefitter, Helper on oyster boat & fishing boat

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.)

Public 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.")

None

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

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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, 9/16, 1922

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Thomas J. Burns

(Present address) Reservoir Ave, Box 176 R3
(Number and street.)

Bridgeport Conn
(City or town.) (State or Territory.)

INDORSEMENT.

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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Sept 28 1922

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

(Signature)

1st Asst. Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.
(Official title)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 7, 1922.

M
r. Thomas J. Burns,
Through the
Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Bureau, to take effect at the close of business on November 30, 1922.

Bureau..... Lighthouse Service

Station..... Southwest Ledge Light Station and New Haven Middle Bkw. East End Light, Conn.

Position..... Keeper

Salary..... $780 per annum

By direction of the Secretary:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED NOV 7 - 1922 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CARDED

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Acting

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

3rd.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 4 1922
THIRD DISTRICT

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THIRD DISTRICT

Southwest Ledge New Haven Conn
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

11/1/, 1922

Dear Sir

I wish to resign from the Lighthouse Service and I am giving 15 days notice in advance, same to take effect the 30th day of November 1922, and also would like a Discharge Certificate be given to me.

Thomas J. Burns
2nd Asst Keeper,
Southwest Ledge
Lighthouse,
New Haven
Conn.

Albert Wilkinson
Keeper

CHIEF CLERK

Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT

Staten Island, N. Y. Nov. 2, 1922

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NOV 7 1922 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Thomas J. Burns Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Connecticut Station, Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta. and New Haven Middle Bkw.East End Light, Conn.

Salary, $780.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of Nov.30,1922

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

Remarks:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN NOV 7 1922 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

J. F. Yates

11/7/22.

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Inclosure

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON NOV 4 - 1922

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

P.A.

CHIEF CLERK 5

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SEP 30 1922
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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I, Thomas J. Burns

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.

☞ Thomas J. Burns
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 27 day of September, A. D. 1922

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Marcus Hirsch

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires Feb 1 1924

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present 2nd Asst. Keeper	$780.00 p. a.	~~Southwest Ledge Light Station and New~~ Haven Breakwater East End Light, Conn. Third District.
Former [5]		

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third District

Staten Island, N. Y. (Address), Sept 28-1922 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on September 1st, 1922 (Date)

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

1st Asst Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist. (Signature followed by title)

CARDED

USCG REPORT DATA ENTERED

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.
[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a lighthouse inspector or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of lighthouse inspectors and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.
[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.
Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 13, 1922.

M r. Thomas J. Burns,

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 Seven Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above-mentioned position. (September 1, 1922)

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED SEP 13 1922 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CARDED

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Sd

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: George Petzolt.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

(See reverse side.)

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Form 73

CHIEF CLERK

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1922 SEP 12 PM 4 39

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

LIGHTHOUSES U.S. CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT RECEIVED SEP AM 1922 8 9 32

Staten Island, N. Y., Sept. 5th, 1922, 19
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Thru Secy. 2nd C.S. Dist.)
Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SEP 12 1922 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Name, Thomas J. Burns — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary, $780.00 P. A.

Location, Southwest Ledge Lt. Sta. and New Haven Middle Bkw. East End Lt., Conn. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective September 1st, 1922 — {the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or~~ ~~the date of the expiration of his leave of absence~~

Former position, — Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 — Rating, Keeper — Percentage, 84.8 — , Other eligibles considered:

Chester H. Murray C. — Adelard Bussiere C.

Previous incumbent, George Petzolt — Services terminated, August 31, 1922

Reason, Promoted

Assignment to duty Sept. 1st, 1922, 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.

Mr Rogers

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, September 11 19 22

9/13/22.

Assistant Secretary, 2nd Civil Service District.

J. F. Skees
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 12 1922 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE CORRESPONDENCE ACTION TAKEN SEP 13 1922 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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WJL-PS

April 10, 1924.

H. C. Coles, Dist. Secretary,
Second Civil-Service District,
Customhouse, New York City.

SUBJECT: Correct Year of Birth
Thomas J. Burns, Keeper.

REFERENCE: Your inquiry of March 27, 1924.

SIR:

Herewith, letter received by this office under date of April 10, 1924, from Thomas J. Burns, Keeper in question, advising that the correct date of birth is August 23,1867.

Respectfully,
J.T. Yates,
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton
Chief Clerk.

April 4, 1924.

COPY-P-S

Dear Sir:

I write these few lines in reference to your letter of the 28th of March, 1924, about the date that I was born on, it should be August 23, 1887, instead of year of 1888.

I Remain

(Sgd) Thomas J. Burns
2nd Ass't Keeper
Stratford Shoal
Lighthouse,
Bridgeport, Conn.

I hereby certify that the above is an exact copy of letter written by Keeper in question.

P. Schmidt
Clerk-Vocuher Dept.

COPY -P-S

WJL-AJM

March 28th, 1924.

Thomas J. Burns, 2nd Asst. Kpr.,
Thru Keeper Stratford Shoal Lt. Sta.,
P.O. Box 541, Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Correct year of birth

REFERENCE: Letter of March 27, 1924, 2nd U.S.Civil Service Dist. Office of Secretary.
Personal Question Sheets of Sept. 16, 1922 and March 25, 1924.

1. When submitting aforementioned Personal Question Sheets, you stated on the former one of the earlier date that you were born August 23rd, 1867, while on the latter you indicated August 23rd, 1868.

2. This office directs that it be informed as to which of the above years of birth is correct.

J. T. Yates,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton
Chief Clerk.

Form SS-73

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTS
MAR 28 1924
RECEIVED

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: Thomas J. Burns
2. Position to which appointed: Keeper
3. Bureau or Service: Lighthouse Service, District: 3rd
4. Place of duty: Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light Station, 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).
   From eligible list of keepers and assistant keepers dated March 12,1924

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.)
   Mr Thomas Joseph Burns
2. How do you intend to write your name on the pay roll? (This should agree with signature to your oath of office.)
   Thomas J. Burns
3. What is your present legal residence? (Give State or Territory, county, city or town, and Congressional district.)
   Conn ~~Box 176 R.F.~~ (State or Territory.) Fairfield (County.) Bridgeport (City or town.) 4th (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? Greenpoint Brooklyn N.Y. 1887

7. When were you born? August (Month.) 23rd (Day.) ~~1887~~ (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.

Mrs Gertrude Burns (Name.) Box 176 R. 3. (Number and street.)

Bridgeport (City or town.) Conn (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.") 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		
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		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.)

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.

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.
Co K. 12 Infantry	April 22, 1908	May 19, 1911	Time Expired
Co K. 29 Infantry	June 1st 1911	July 29, 1912	Purchase

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.
Dept of Commerce	Lighthouse	2nd Asst Keeper	~~$840~~ 780	Sept 1st 1922	Nov 30, 1922

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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.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIG... MAR 28 1924 RECEIVED ...VILLE, N.Y.

Thomas J. Burns
(Name.)

2nd Ass't Keeper
(Position.)

Stratford Shoal, N.Y.
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

Date, 3/25/24

(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.")

Handy as Carpenter

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

~~August 23" 1922~~ Sept - 1 - 1922 - Keepers
Mar 12 - 1924 - "

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, 3/25, 1924

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Thomas J. Burns

(Present address) Box 176 R. 3.
(Number and street.)

Bridgeport Conn
(City or town.) (State or Territory.)

INDORSEMENT.

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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded April 10, 1924

(Signature) J. T. YATES

(Official title) Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.

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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.)

Work 2 years on oyster boats & fishing boat & around motor boats for 5 years, work also as Carpenter Helper & painting & pipefitter

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.)

Public School, 8th Grade

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.")

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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PART I.

1. Name of employee Thomas J. Burns

2. Position to which appointed 2nd Assistant Keeper

3. Bureau or Service Lighthouse Service, District Third

4. Place of duty Southwest Ledge Light Station and New Haven Middle Breakwater East End Light, Connecticut. Third District.
(City, town, station, or vessel.)

5. Salary $780.00 per annum.

6. Appropriation from which paid Salaries, Lighthouse Keepers, 1923.

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).

From examination for Keepers & Assistant Keepers, September 1st, 1922.

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.)

Mr. Thomas Joseph Burns

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

Thomas J. Burns

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

Conn	Fairfield	Bridgeport	4
(State or Territory.)	(County.)	(City or town.)	(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? Greenpoint, Brooklyn, N.Y.

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Thomas J Burns
(Name.)

Lighthouse Keeper
(Position.)

Lighthouse Service
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

Date, 9/16/22

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(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.")

none

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

~~none~~

Exam for Keepers & Asst Kprs - Sept 1st 1922

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, 9/16, 19 22

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Thomas J Burns

(Present address) Reservoir Ave Box 176 R. 3
(Number and street.)

Bridgeport Conn
(City or town.) (State or Territory.)

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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Sept 28, 19 22

For and in the absence of the Superintendent F. W. Uckenfels
(Signature)

(Official title.) Asst. Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.

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.)

Printer, Ripefitter, Helper on oyster boat + fishing boat

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.)

Public 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.")

none

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

Exam for Keepers + Asst Kprs - Sept 1922

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, 9/16, 1922

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Thomas J Burns

(Present address) Reservoir Ave Box 176 R. 3
(Number and street.)

Bridgeport Conn
(City or town.) (State or Territory.)

INDORSEMENT.

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(Signature)

(Official title.) Asst. Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSES
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COMPTROLLER

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.

Thomas J Burns
(Name.)

Lighthouse Keeper
(Position.)

Lighthouse Service
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

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Date, 9/16/22

(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.")

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Exam for Keepers & Asst Kprs - Sept 1st 1922

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES MAY 1927 COMPTON, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 7th, 1927

Supt

There few lines to inform you that I was due back from leave last night at 4.10 P.M, as I left on leave May 1st at 4.10 P.M and was due back May 6th at 4.10 P.M, but the boatman had trouble with his engine, and was unable to get out last night and got back to station this morning at 10. am Saturday.

Thomas J. Burns
Keeper.

November 26, 1930.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Hon. Royal S. Copeland,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Copeland:

In further reference to your letter of November 14 inclosing one from Mr. Thomas J. Burns relative to his desire for reinstatement in the Lighthouse Service.

You are respectfully informed that the records show that Mr. Burns was dismissed from the Lighthouse Service by Department letter of December 12, 1928 by reason of unsatisfactory services involving several causes. Mr. Burns therefore seemed unsuitable for the position of lighthouse keeper which requires a high degree of fidelity to duty.

After Mr. Burn's separation it appears that he was a candidate in another examination for the position of lighthouse keeper, and that although he was considered with other eligibles he was not selected, and that after three considerations of this kind, his name was removed from the register in accordance with the Civil Service rules and regulations.

Mr. Burns could be a candidate in some future Civil Service examination with a view to again establishing his eligibility for consideration with other eligibles. In case this is desired it is suggested he file application with the Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y., or with the superintendent of any other lighthouse district where he might desire employment, a list of the superintendents being inclosed.

Very truly yours,

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:DC
Incl.

Copy to 3d

FWO:FM -

November 20, 1930.

Returned to Commissioner.

SUBJECT: Thomas J. Burns.

REFERENCE: Bureau endorsement November 17, forwarding letter dated November 14, from Hon. Royal S. Copeland.

The Bureau's attention is invited to endorsement from this office of October 28, 1930, pertaining to Thomas J. Burns, which supplies full information in regard to his case.

FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

F. W. Ockenfels

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SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES
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Dear Sir

There few lines asking what kind of a man Thos J. Burns was while working under you for he states he worked under you for 4½ years please let me know if he worked that length of time etc.

I Remain
Yours Truly
Thomas Sweeney
General Delivery
Morris Plains
New Jersey.

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November 15, 1930.

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...H. YATES,

...erintendent.

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November 15, 1930.

Thomas Sweeney,
General Delivery,
Morris Plains,
N.J.

SUBJECT: Thomas J. Burns.

REFERENCE: Your letter November 12, 1930.

Sir:

Thomas J. Burns was employed as temporary clerk from December 14, 1925 to June 26, 1926.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES,

Superintendent.

COPY: FM

Royal S. Copeland, New York
C. W. Jurney, Secretary

UNITED STATES SENATE
Washington, D.C.

November 14, 1930.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

I am enclosing a letter from Mr. Thomas J. Burns, c/o John Tyrrell, 516 West 132d.Street, New York City, relative to his desire for reinstatement in the Lighthouse Service.

Will you kindly give this your attention and let me know if t is possible to do this?

Cordially yours,

/s/ ROYAL S. COPELAND

Encl.

Honorable George R. Putnam,
Commissioner, Bureau of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., November 17, 1930.

Referred to 3rd Superintendent for report and return.

/s/ W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

COPY: FM

11/13/30.

Dear Senator.

I write these few lines asking if you would please try and help me out with my case.

My good friend James McQuade, Register of Brooklyn told me to write to you to see if you could not get things straighten out.

I left the Lighthouse Service in October, 1928 after being in that branch of service 4 years and 9 months, and took examination again in March 1929 and waited on the eligible register till August 1930. After being on eligible register 1 year and 5 months my name being first on the list, I was dropped from said list.

Well after taking my case up with the Chief of Appointment Division and waiting another month they tell me I after being considered three times without being selected for appointment, well Senator I was in the service the first time only 3 months and resigned and after 6 months took another examination and was appointed but was unable to report for duty on account of sickness, so after a few months I took another examination and received appointment again and remain last time at one station as keeper for 4½ years. What I can see is they are charging the second appointment against me which I was not able to report for duty on account of sickness. I have also been in U. S. Army for 4 years and dont like to lose 8½ years of service toward retirement, well dear Senator I wish you would take my case up with the Bureau of Lighthouses and see if you could not get me granted another chance. I will be very thankful to you for any help you can do for me, it seems funny why I should be carried on eligible register for one years and 5 months and when my name was reached not to consider me for the appointment, so trusting you will do all you can to help it,

I Remain

Yours truly

/s/ THOMAS J. BURNS

c/o John Tyrrell

516 West 132nd St.

N.Y.City.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Office of the Chief Clerk
WASHINGTON

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October 16, 1930.

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The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

There is transmitted herewith copies of correspondence from Thomas J. Burns, formerly employed as keeper in the Third Lighthouse District, and who was dismissed at the close of October 8, 1928, relative to his reappointment as a keeper.

With the return of Mr. Burns' letters it is requested that the Department be furnished with a report in the premises.

/s/ E. W. LIBBEY.

Chief Clerk.

Incls.

RLC:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., October 23, 1930.

Referred to 3d Superintendent for report and return.

/s/ F. P. DILLON

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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Dear Sir:

I write these few lines to find out why I was drop from eligible register after waiting for past 18 years on said list for appointment, well about said considerations I realy only had two chances; one chance against me was when sickness prevented me from taken said position in Lighthouse and after I have had over 4½ experience in Lighthouse, and would have remain in service the last time only for having family trouble which I have been clear from for past 18 months and had my heart set on returning to lighthouse again and waited on list these past 18 months, only to hear this bad news, could something be done to put my name back on said list again, please let me know, as I am heart broken after waiting this past year and half and received this news, so please let me know if something can't be done to have my name put back again on said eligible register as I only have two chances instead of three as sickness prevented me from take the appointment.

I remain

Yours truly

/s/ THOMAS J. BURNS

Receiption Building

Graystone Park, New Jersey.

Sept. 25, 1930.

Dear Sir:

Received your letter of the 24th inst. relative to having my name restored to eligible register. Well I took examination for Keeper and Assistant Keeper at New York City on or about the 23rd of March 1929, filed same application at New York City, and received notice after I inquired to what average I made and was told 84.

I was appointment to Lighthouse Service as Assistant Keeper at Southwest Ledge Station on Sept. 1, 1922 and resigned from service on the 30th day of Nov., 1922, giving 15 days notice and was appointed again as Assistant Keeper at Stratford Shoal Light Station on March 18, 1924 and remained on duty on that station as Head Keeper till Oct. 8, 1928 a total of 4½ years also have been in the U. S. Army for 4 years.

I Remain

Yous truly

(Sgd.) THOMAS J. BURNS

Reception Building

Graystone Park, New York.

P. S. Enclosed I am sending some letters I sent to Superintendent 3rd District and returned answers on same.

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Superintendent.

Dear Sir:

I write these few lines asking if I have to make out another application or not as next month March my application which I sent in last March will be one year so would like to know if my name stays on file until my name is reached or whether I have to make another next month.

I Remain

Yours truly

/s/ Thos. J. Burns

c/o Miller

R. F. D. 4

Freehold, N.J.

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Your name is No. 23 on the list with a percentage of 84.0.
Your eligibility will not expire until Jan. 31, 1931.

5/19/30

Superintendent.

Dear Sir:

These few lines asking how I stand on the waiting list for Keeper Lighthouse Service.

I Remain

Yours truly

/s/ THOMAS J. BURNS

c/o Miller

R.F.D. 4

Freehold, N.J.

Nov. 14—

Superintendent.

Dear Sir:

I write these few lines asking if you would kindly tell me how I stand on the waiting list for Keeper, Lighthouse Service.

I Remain

Yours truly

/s/ Thomas J. Burns,

c/o Miller,

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Dear Sir:

I write these few lines to let you know I am still waiting to hear from you, about me being restored to eligible register.

I Remain

Yours truly

/s/ THOMAS J. BURNS

Reception Building

Graystone Park, New Jersey.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses: Oct. 28,1930

SUBJECT: Thomas J. Burns.
REFERENCE: Bureau endorsement Oct.23 forwarded Dept.letter of Oct.16,1930.

1. Department letter of October 16,1930 transmitting correspondence from Thomas J. Burns, is returned herewith, together with the letters referred to from Mr.Burns.

2. Mr.Burns name was on the eligible register and after having been considered three times without being selected, his name was removed from the register as required by Civil Service Rules.

3. Mr.Burns was employed as 2nd Assistant Keeper at Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta. on Sept.1,1922 and resigned Nov.30th, 1922. On April 3,1924 he was appointed 2nd Asst.Keeper at Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta. and later served as 1st Asst.Keeper and Keeper at the same station until Oct.8,1928 when he was dismissed from the service.

4. Mr. Burns entered on duty as Keeper of Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta. on Jan.1,1926. On Feb. 6,1926 he was reprimanded for going ashore on leave on Jan.8th leaving both engines out of commission, and without instructing the new 2nd Asst.Keeper who reported for duty on Jan.8th, as to the duties of his position. In this connection attention is invited to endorsement by this office of Feb.6,1926 stating that the case deserved more drastic action than a reprimand, but that there were no Keepers or Asst. Keepers at other stations who had the necessary qualifications and who would accept transfer to the position of Keeper at Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta. at the rate of pay authorized for the position.

5. Due to conditions at the station and difficulties among the Keepers, Keeper Burns was censured by letter of Nov.24,1926, copy of which is enclosed.

6. With letter of Oct.23,1928 there was forwarded to the Bureau a large quantity of correspondence concerning Mr. Burns being absent from duty without leave or authority; indebtedness of Mr.Burns to other Keepers, and information indicating that Mr.Burns was addicted to the use of intoxicants. On Oct.8,1928 he went ashore and subsequently failed to return to

the station, and also made no report or explanation concerning his absence, but after charges were preferred against him by letter of October 17,1928, a letter was received from him tendering his resignation. Mr.Burns was dismissed from the service by Department letter dated Dec.12,1928.

7. Mr.Burns is not considered to be a desirable person for reemployment as Lighthouse Keeper or Assistant Keeper.

8. As stated above, Mr.Burns name has been removed from the eligible register, and this office knows of no means whereby his name may be restored to the register except by renewing his application for consideration which the next examination is held.

J. T. YATES

cc - attached

PROVIDENCE, R. I.
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BRIDGEPORT, CONN.
MANCHESTER, N. H.

TELEPHONE CONNECTION
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BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

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August 3, 1929.

Supt. United States Lighthouse,
Staten Island, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

We are writing relative to a Thomas J. Burns. Mr. Burns was in the lighthouse service, being stationed in a lighthouse off Stratford, Conn. We are desirous of obtaining Mr. Burns's present address if possible. If he is still in the service, we would appreciate it if you could give us any information pertaining to his whereabouts. We are inclosing a self-addressed envelope for your reply and can assure you that any information given will be treated strictly confidential.

Very truly yours,

Caesar Misch Inc.

JK/LS

Assistant Superintendent.

WJL:JJG

August 6th, 1929.

Caesar Misch, Inc.,
1160 Main St.,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Thomas J. Burns.

REFERENCE: Your letter of August 3, 1929.

S i r s:-

The last known address of Mr. Burns was 300 Brook Avenue, New York City.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Respectfully,

F. W. OCKENFELS

Assistant Superintendent.

WJL:FM

January 24, 1929.

Herbert L. Cohen, Attorney at Law,
945 Main Street,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Thomas J. Burns.

REFERENCE: Your letter January 22, 1929.

Sir:

Thomas J. Burns is no longer in the Lighthouse Service. His last known address was General Delivery, East Northport, New York.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES,

Superintendent.

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June 14th, 1929

Superintendent of Light Houses
Staten Island, New York

Dear Sir:

I would appreciate if you would inform me if Thomas J. Burns is now employed in the light house service. If not any forwarding address or any information that you may have so that I can locate him would be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you, I remain,

Very truly yours,
Jacob Miller & Sons

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June 17, 1929.

Jacob Miller & Sons,
945 Main Street,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Thomas J.Burns.

REFERENCE: Your letter of June 14, 1929.

Sirs:-

The services of Thomas J. Burns were discontinued on June 26, 1926. At that time his address was 200 Brook Avenue, New York City. This office has no information as to his present whereabouts.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

Superintendent.

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HERBERT L. COHEN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
945 MAIN STREET. BRIDGEPORT, CONN.



January 22, 1929

Superintendant of Light Houses
Staten Island
New York

Dear Sir:

Will you please tell me how and when I can communicate with Mr. Thomas J. Burns.

Yours very truly,

Herbert L. Cohen

HLC:HO

P.S. Burns, we understand, works at Stratford Shoal light house. Thank you for any information you can give us. HLC.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

Dec. 28, 1928

Superintendent
3rd. Dis.
Staten Island N.Y.

Subject: Personal property, former Keeper Burns
Reference: Letter Dec 22nd.

Mr. Louis Botsford lobster fisherman from Milford Conn. has retired for the season, consequently I delivered Mr. Burns property to Mr. Zelinsky tagged and marked for shipment by express to Mr. Burns at East Northport L.I. but as he insists on my delivering same to Mr. Botsford I will do so as soon as I go ashore.

Respectfully
Lewis J. Allen
Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District.
Stratford Shoal,
Dec. 28, 1928.

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Superintendent,
3rd District,
Staten Island, N. Y.

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Respectfully,

(s) Lewis J. Allen,
Keeper.

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FWO:FM Office Superintendent Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N. Y., 3rd District.
January 5, 1929.

Copy forwarded to Thomas J. Burns, General Delivery, East Northport, N. Y., for his information.

J. T. YATES.

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December 10th,1928.

Mr. P. Schrumpf:

Receipt for Annual Property Return from T. J. Burns, former Keeper of Stratford Shoals Light Station is correct.

Edward J. English

Clerk - GSL's Office.

IN REPLYING ADDRESS COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES AND REFER TO THIS LETTER AND ENVELOPE.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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WASHINGTON

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES DEC 11 1928 TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

December 10, 1928.

Mr. Thomas J. Burns,
General Delivery,
East Northport, New York.

Dear Sir:

1. In further reference to your letter of November 20 relative to your not having received salary check for the first eight days of October:

2. This matter was held in abeyance pending the receipt and approval of property returns for the station at which you served. Ordinarily the preparing of property returns, etc. is provided for by instructions issued in advance, but it appears that you resigned from the station without notice and that this was the cause of the delay. It is expected that the matter will be adjusted at an early date and the salary check for the amount due will be promptly forwarded.

Respectfully,

E. C. Gillette

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Copy referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, New York.

Rec'd from about 5th 12/14/28

Dear Sir

See attached letter

These few lines to find out why the keeper at Stratford Shoal Light Station, would not give my clothes & personal belonging to Mr Louis Botsford of Milford Conn, when he asked for same but he later took them ashore & put them into a party house on Henry St & wrote to me about same, I will hold him responsible for the lost of any

[illegible] me as he is not fishing any more this season.

Respectfully
Louis J Allen
Keeper

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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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Superintendent
U.S. Lighthouse Service
3rd Dis.
Staten Island N.Y.

Subject: Personal property, Former Keeper Burns.
Reference: Letter dated Dec. 4th.

Former Keeper Burns clothes have been sent ashore and are now at the home of our foreman Mr. Jelinsky, Henery St Bridgeport Conn. and I am so advising Mr. Burns by mail.

Mr. Botsford a lobsterfisherman has not been near this station for some time as he is not fishing any more this season.

Respectfully
Lewis J Allen
Keeper

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December 4, 1928.

Lewis J. Allen, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Personal property of former Keeper Burns.

Enclosed is copy of letter dated December 2nd received from Mr. Thomas J. Burns, formerly keeper at Stratford Shoal Light Station, requesting that his clothes and personal property be delivered to Mr. Louis Botsford of Milford, Conn., when he calls for same. When Mr. Botsford calls for Burns' clothes and personal property, you will deliver same to Mr. Botsford in accordance with Mr. Burns' request.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

Dear Sir.

These few lines asking you to please notify the Keeper at Shalford Shoal Light Station to give my clothes & other personal belongings of Mr Louis Botsford of 48½ Broad St Milford Conn when he calls for same as Keeper has refused to give him my personal belongings when he ask for same.

Hoping you will give this your attention, as I need said clothes at once.

Yours Truly
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Thos J Burns

General Delivery

East Northport

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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General Delivery

East Northport

New York.

P.S.

I am enclosing letter
I received from Mr Louis
Botsford showing that
the Keeper Stratford Shoal
Light Station, refused
to give him my personal
belongings, clothes etc.

48½ Broad St

Milford Conn

Nov 26-1928

Mr Thos J Burns

East North fort

N.y.

Friend Tom

Called at the Light and asked for your clothes. Allen refused to give them to me, said he had written to the office about them

Very Truely Yours

M. L. Botaford

1/8/29.

Supt

Dear Sir

Recd your letter of the 28th of Dec subject personal property & copy, & thanking you for same but Mr Allen Keeper Stratford Shoal Light Station did not state he refused to give my personeel property & Mr Louis Butleforel before he retired from fishing for the season after Mr Botsforel show him a letter from

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JAN
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TREASURY

me asking for same
well as Cook as the
Keeper Mr Allen explains
he will deliver my
personal property to
Mr Botsford house
at 48½ Broad St
Milford Conn, every
thing will be alright

I Remain

Thos J. Burns

General Delivery

East Northport

N. Y.

FWO:FM

November 27, 1928.

Thomas J. Burns,
c/o General Delivery,
East Northport, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Salary due.

You are advised that the amount due you for salary for services rendered as Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station is held in abeyance pending the receipt and approval of property returns for Stratford Shoal Light Station. There has been more than ordinary delay in this instance in obtaining property returns due to the fact that you left the Service without notice and without even returning to the Station to turn the Station and property over to your successor. This condition has made it impossible to make payment of the amount due you for salary. As soon as the property returns are received and approved, check for the amount due you will be promptly forwarded.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

Nov 26 - 1928



Dear Sir.

I have four times tried
out why salary due me
from Oct 1st 1928 till Oct
8th 1928 for service rendered
as Keeper at Shatford Shoal
Light Station has not
been paid me this
salary is due me only
for duty perform from
dates aboard & the Government
ain't no collecting agency
for debts made between
men on shore & off station
I am taking same up
with Washington officials
& find out why it take
over a month & a half
to pay for service

per sam in Lighthouse
Branch.

Hoping you will
look into matter at
once.

I Remain
Respectfully

Thos J. Burns
% General Delivery
East Northport
N. Y.

COPY:FM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington

EMF
1 incl.

November 23, 1928.

SUBJECT: Letter of November 20 from Thomas J. Burns relative to pay due him for eight days in October.

November 23, 1928.
Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y., for remark and return.

H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner.

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FWO:FM Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N. Y., 3rd District.
November 26, 1928.

Returned to Commissioner.

The payment of salary to Burns for 8 days in October is held in abeyance pending the receipt of an approval of property returns for Stratford Shoal Light Station which is always customary when a Keeper leaves the Service. Ordinarily the matter of preparing property returns, etc., is provided for by instructions issued in advance, but in this case Mr. Burns resigned from the Service without notice and without even returning to the Station, and this condition, together with the fact that the location of this Light is such that the Keepers receive and send mail only about three times a month has operated to delay the receipt of property return at this office. This property return is expected daily, and as soon as received and checked and found to be satisfactory, a check for the amount due will be promptly forwarded to Mr. Burns.

J. T. YATES.

PY:FM

November 20, 1928.

Dear Sir:

I write these few lines to find out why I am not paid for service rendered as Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station from October 1st to October 8th as I have been out of the Lighthouse Service since October 8th and have not received any pay for service performed for the 8 days in October, also another thing I would like to bring to your attention is the rules states about putting one name on list for transfer to station with family quarters, well it dont look like rules amount to anything in the 3rd District Office, as I have been stationed on Stratford Shoal Light Station for 4-1/2 years and requested a transfer to family quarters every year and never was considered for same which was the cause of braking up my home after 15 years as my wife got sick of being alone 3 weeks out of every month and could not stand the strain any longer and broke up home, that didn't look like fair treatment to me for being 4-1/2 years in service and also ex-soldier, while some men with only 1 year in service got family quarters, well as I am not in service any longer I hope justice be done to other faithful employees.

I remain
Respectfully,

(s) Thomas J. Burns
General Delivery
East Northport,
New York.

P.S.
I always thought that whatever money due an employee for service was paid to him. Hoping you will look into matter

I thank you.

PY:FM

November 19, 1928.

Dear Sir:

I received letter of the 12th stating that I was dismissed from the position of Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station. Well I wish to state that I notified the office 3rd District that I resigned from the service, after staying 4-1/2 years at Stratford Shoal Light Station under the condition that I had to put up with only 2 small sail boats, 14 ft. to get to shore with, and the distance was 9 miles to Bridgeport. After asking for a transfer for past 3 years, well I would like to know the reason why my salary due me for duty from the 1st of October till the 8th is not forward to me. I have been on duty them 8 days and I am entitled to the pay for service rendered for such time. Hoping something will be done quick about same.

I remain
Respectfully,

(s) Thos. J. Burns.

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TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES 3rd DISTRICT

Staten Island, N. Y., Nov.13,1928

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Washington, D. C.

No reply has been received from the Bureau to communication (letter)
from this office dated Oct. 23,1928 on the subject of dismissal from service of Thomas J. Burns, Keeper, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt.Sta., N.Y.

J. T. Yates

RLC Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., November 15, 1928.

Returned to 3rd Superintendent inclosing Department notice of dismissal of Keeper Burns.

H. B. BOWERMAN HBB

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1927

FWO:FM

November 8, 1928.

Lewis J. Allen, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P.O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Indebtedness of former Keeper Thomas J. Burns.

REFERENCE: Your letters of October 28 and letter from this office dated October 29.

Enclosed for your information is copy of letter dated November 2, 1928, received from Mr. Burns in reference to the various items of alleged indebtedness referred to in your letters.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

Chief Clerk

Nov. 8,1928

Voucher Clerk

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper, Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta. has been recommended for dismissal, effective at close of Oct. 8,1928.

Hold up any salary due him until ~~letter of dismissal has been received, and~~ property return is approved.

Asst.Supt.

LIGHTHOUSES
1928 NOV 14 AM 10 49

November 12, 1928.

Mr. Thomas J. Burns,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Charges of being absent from duty without leave or authority for two different periods of time and such charges having been 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 $1920 per annum of Stratford Shoal Light Station, New York, effective at the close of business on October 8, 1928.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER
Chief of Appointment Division.

A-G

11-10

Light House Nov 2 1928

1st Dear Sir.

Therefore time in answer to your letter subject Indebtedness About Arthur M. Bettencourt 2nd Asst Keeper, Execution Rocks Light he ask me to look his check & gave me a written note & when I returned to station I had some trouble at home took him for the loan of the money which he gave me as to the $12.04 grocery bill & 1st Asst Keeper Allen there

are sufficient groceries
on station when left
& pay him his share
as I am intitle to
1/4 of groceries on
station which amounted
to about $37.00 on
station & beside
1/4 share of 3 tube
213 Batteries & 1 Hot
Batteries the 3 tube
cost $8.00 each or $4.25
+ 213 Batteries $3.95
+ Hot Batteries $11.95
Total $21.15
as I am entitled to
1/4 of groceries on

station & 1/4 of price
of batteries & that
will pay my grocery
bill and the loan
money I will see
that all of them
are paid as my
lawyer explained to
me that the loan
affair I can take care
of it outside of the
lighthouse and my
8 days pay due me
for service on station
I will some send
me before I will

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come into hands of
lawyer & collect
as it is due me
for service rendered
doing nothing else
be satisfied

Yamaha

Thos J Burns
General Delivery
East Northport
New York

P.S. I also send my
personal belongings on
station & want same
from whoever is in charge
of station

Oct 31 - 1928

Dear Sir.

These few lines asking you to please forward pay due me for service on station during month of October as said pay is due & me only for service rendered during the 8 days I was on duty on station, please forward same to address below.

I Remain
Thos J. Burns
% General Delivery
East Northport
New York.

FWO-JHG

Thomas J. Burns,
C/O General Delivery,
East Northport, N. Y.

Nov.1,1928

SUBJECT: Payment of salary due.
REFERENCE: Your letter Oct.31,1928.

1. You are advised that payment of any salary due you cannot be made until inventory of property that was in your charge at Stratford Shoal Light Station, has been made and approved.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

FWO:FM

October 29, 1928.

Lewis J. Allen, Asst.Kpr-in-charge,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Indebtedness of former keeper Thomas J. Burns.

REFERENCE: Your several letters dated October 28, 1928.

You are advised that the various items of indebtedness of Mr. Burns referred to in your several letters are personal matters between yourself and Mr. Burns, and it will not be possible for this office to compell Mr. Burns to settle these accounts or to make any deductions from salary that may be due Mr. Burns. The matter, however, has been brought to Mr. Burns' attention with the request that he settle the various accounts of indebtedness.

J. T. YATES,

Superintendent.

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BROOKLAWN DELICATESSEN AND BAKE SHOPPE

Strictly Home Baking

Deliveries Made from 7 A. M. to 9 P. M.

M. Liberman

PHONE BARNUM 1300 — 1224 PARK AVENUE

907

2 lb	Egg	80
1 lb	Butter	60
2 lb	Lard	36
1 lb	Pork	38
	Pot Roast	1 35
	Rolls	25
	Meat Cake	6
		11 2 87
	Butterys	5.70
		11 8.57
	Charge Bot	1.50
	Total	11 9.30 7
		4.76
		1 03
		3 73

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140 2.72½

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Jon ours " 3.73

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$28

4 8

Jon ours $ 3.73

Jon ours Mike $ 3.73 July give
Plumbers board $ 2.50

Total $6.23

Jun Square thro Fill.

FWO:FM

October 29, 1928.

Thomas J. Burns,
c/o General Delivery,
East Northport, New York.

SUBJECT: Indebtedness.

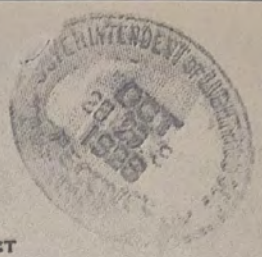
According to information on file in this office you are indebted to Arthur M. Bettencourt, 2nd Assistant Keeper of Execution Rocks Light, who was formerly employed at Stratford Shoal Light Station, to the extent of $19.50, you having cashed a check for Mr. Bettencourt and failed to delivery to him the entire proceeds of the check. Also, that you are indebted to 1st Assistant Keeper Allen to the extent of $12.04 for groceries, etc., and to 2nd Assistant Keeper Sikora to the extent of $47.28, consisting of $17.28 for groceries and $30.00 loaned to you in cash. As you have tendered your resignation, please arrange to settle these items of indebtedness with the least possible delay.

J. T. YATES,

Superintendent.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



1st.

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

Oct. 28, 1928

Superintendent
Staten Island N.Y.

Subject: Indebtiness of J.A. Patay to T.J. Burns

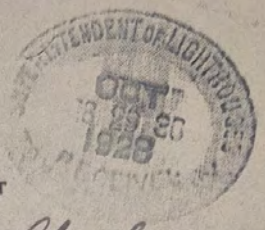
The attached is bill of groceries purchased by J.A. Patay. Addl. Keeper. and amount to be credited to T.J. Burns.
The ballance due T.J. Burns Mr. Patay states he will mail to him.

Groceries on hand	$24.00
T.J. Burns share	6.00
Due from J.A. Patay	1.50
Radio	.59
Total	2.09
Due J.A. Patay for Groceries	1.54
Ballance due T.J. Burns	.55

Respectfully
Lewis J. Allen
1st Asst. Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
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Oct. 28, 1928

Supt.

Dear Sir:-

Subject:- Indebtness of J. J. Burns To W. Sikora Jr.

I have mad an error in Keeper Burns bill, instead of $50.00 it is $49.37.

Groceries	$19.37
Cash	$30.00
Total	$49.37

When Keeper Burns left the station he left about $2.09 in Groceries & radio.

Total sum that J. J Burns owes me is $47.28

Respectfully
W. Sikora Jr.
2nd Asst. Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct. 28, 1928

Superintendent
3rd. Dis.
Staten Island N.Y.

Subject: Indebtiness of T.J. Burns to M. Sikora

Attached are bills of groceries purchased by M. Sikora 2nd Asst. Keeper, and he states T.J. Burns owes him as follows.

For Groceries		19.37
Borrowed cash		30.00
Total		49.37
Deduct Groceries on hand	1.50	
Radio Share	5.79	2.09
		47.28

Respectfully
Lewis J Allen
1st. Asst. Keeper.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

Oct. 28, 1928

Superintendent
3rd. Dis.
Staten Island N.Y.

Subject: Indebtedness of T.J. Burns to L.J. Allen

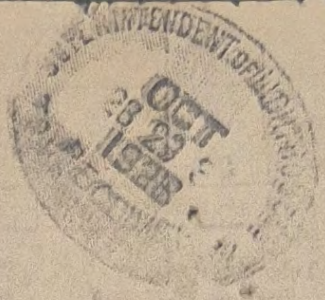
1. Attached are grocery bills showing amount of $14.13 due L.J. Allen from which the following deductions are made.

Due L.J. Allen 14.13
Estimated amount of Grocers on hand when Burns left station Oct. 8th. $24.00. T.J. Burns share $6.00. Due T.J. Burns from L.J. Allen $1.50.
Due T.J. Burns for Radio .59. Total 2.09

Total due L.J. Allen 12.04

Respectfully
Lewis J Allen
1st Asst. Keeper

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Tom owed Jim for July

Total $11.64

Taken off for Tom groc in Aug $ 2.45

Bal due Jim $ 9.19

Tom owes Jim Aug groc $ 3.95

Grand Total $15.14

Due Arthur (letter) $ 2.01

Tom owes Jim Total $13.13

Aug 26

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Electrician Board 3.33

Due Jim 9/15 9.80

Left for Grocerie $ 8.80

5.33

14.13

SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS
OCT 23 1928

John ones Mitchell 6'06
groceys + radio share

Sun Sept 2 - 1928 -

John Paul Jim his share
of station groceys +
radio

John Paul Tom his share
groceys + radio
Tom owes John $2.94 Bal.

DAVEY BROTHERS, INC.

CHAIN STORE GROCERS

HEADQUARTERS: BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

Date Aug 26 192

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Address

1	1 milk crackers	6¢
2	1 can shrimp	22
3	1 lb wax beef	76
4	1 lb oleo	40
5	~~1 potted meat~~	~~46~~
6	1 cocoa	23
7		
8	134	
9	50	~~2 74~~
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M L. J. Allen

BROOKLAWN DELICATESSEN AND BAKE SHOPPE

Strictly Home Baking

Deliveries Made from 7 A. M. to 9 P. M.

PHONE BARNUM 1300 **1224 PARK AVENUE**

3	Rice		1	30
1	Lemon			20
2	Bean			30
2	Baking Pow			50
3	C Beef			90
3	Tuna			84
3	Butter			60
2	Eggs			90
2	Cake			28
3	Molasses			45
1	Tapioca			14
1	Cake			14
1	Milk Choc			10
2	Corn Flakes			20
2	Puffed Rice			34
	Bacon			70
15	Milk Ch		1	65
	Salts			25
3	Roast Beef			60
1	Corn Beef Hash			30
2	Holiday Soup			15

L. J. Allen Groceries Sep. 18 1928

10 lbs Sugar	.70
½ Bu. Potatoes	.56
1 Bag Flour	1.29
3 Cans Coffee	1.65
2 Cans Baking Pow.	.50
2 Box Salt	.20
3 cakes yeast	.89
Bread & Rolls	.25
2 lbs lard	.36
Chuck Roast	2.63
1 Can Pine Apple	.30
1 Can Peaches	.30
1 lb Apricots	.20
15 Cans Pot Ham	.75
½ Doz Eggs	1.80
2 lbs Butter	1.20
15 Cans Milk	1.65
3 Cans Shrimp	.66

G- 15.57
Salt Meat 5.77
21.34

by L J Allen
5.33

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7
15.57

TERMS

CREDIT APPROVED BY	
Manager	Bookkeeper

EXTENSIONS AND FOOTINGS MADE BY	
CHECKED BY	

Fill in always

No. 24624

PAID

SEP 18 1928

Swift & Company

Bridgeport, Conn.

Per .....

Telephones:
Barnum 1271-1272

Swift & Company

464 Water Street
Bridgeport, Conn., 9 1928

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ADDRESS

ALL BILLS DUE AND PAYABLE AT OUR OFFICE ON OR BEFORE MONDAY FOLLOWING DATE OF SALE

		POUNDS	OZ.	
1	Ham Steak	1	12	3 12
1	Corn Bacon	1	7	2 10
				5 22
	Rye Bread			.25
				5.77

DELIVERED BY

RECEIVED THE ABOVE PRODUCT IN GOOD CONDITION

Signature

SALE MADE BY WEIGHED BY

Special Notice

All shipments are made at buyer's risk of damage in transit.

All goods in package form are sold at weight when packed; wrapped smoked meats are sold at net weight when wrapped; other wrapped meats are sold at weight taken after wrapping; sausage and cooked specialties in cloth bags are weighed after being placed in such bags and are so sold; no allowance is made in any case for shrinkage due to natural causes.

No claims will be considered unless immediate notice is given as soon as goods are received.

We guarantee that food products mentioned herein are not adulterated or misbranded within the meaning of the Federal Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906, as amended.

Swift & Company, U. S. A.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT
1928
3RD DIST.

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 23, 1928

Superintendent
3rd. Dis
Staten Island N.Y.

Subject: Continued absence of Keeper Burns.

Keeper Burns left station Oct 8th. with all correspondence records received since he has been on station and has not returned to date.

The attached are directions disposing of his property left on station, one received by mail and card left in his room.

Respectfully
Lewis J. Allen
1st Asst. Keeper

Jim

These few lines to let you know that I informed the office that my personal belonging on station are to be turned over to the boatman when he ~~called~~ calls for same & avoid further with office when you come to shore.

Remain

Tom Burns

OCT 25 1928

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 23, 1928

Supt.

Dear Sir:-

I had left station to go & look Keeper Burns up & see why he has not returned to the station. On the 18th of Sept. about 7:30 P.M. I have entered a Cigar Store on East Main St. in Bpt, owned by Anther Walker. I went to this place all alone & met Keeper Burns sitting down & talking to Mr. Walker. Keeper Burns at this time had a bottle of beer in front of him. I could not explain if it was near beer or not. He said upon my arrival there will you have a bottle a beer, I said no because I am in a hurry. I just came here to see why you did not return to the station & when are you going to return. He told me he was ill & he was going to return to the station to-morrow which was the 19th of Sept. I told him so am I. He said what about if it is Stormy. I said the following day then at the same time. This appointment was made for 10 o'clock in the morning. On the 19th of Sept which was to stormy to go out I waited

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Oct. 23, 1928

for Keeper Burns till 10:30 A.M & did not show up. & I went home, on the 20th of Sept I waited till 11 O'clock in the morning & did not show up so I told the boatmen alright lets go I don't think J.J Burns is coming. My opinion of Keeper Burns I think he was perfectly sober on the 18th of Sept. when I saw him.

Upon my return to the station on the 20th of Sept at 3 P.M. I was soaked & wet from the stiff Southwester that was blowing & 1st asst Keeper Allen pestered me so much by asking me are you sure he was not intoxicated & I said no. When he asked me about half dozen more times I got disgusted & said yes, so I could go up & change my clothes.

Keeper Burns owes me a total sum of $50.00. Thirty dollars ($30.00) is cashed loaned on The 1st of July 1928 & twenty dollars ($20.00) for the board bill since July the 1st

Respectfully Michael Sikora Jr.
2nd asst. Keeper.

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct. 23, 1928

Superintendent
Staten Island N.Y.

Subject: Absence from duty of Keeper Burns.
Reference, Letter of Oct. 18 1928

1. Sept. 17th I went ashore of hunt for Keeper Burns and on Sep. 18th went to his room at 55 California Ave. where I was told by the proprietor Burns had been there but he could not stay there again as he had had a fight with Burns in Walkers saloon at 595 East Main St. Bridgeport and the police had taken him out and that he owed room rent.

I went to Walkers place and found same closed then returned to our boatman's store where Burns had made an appointment with the boatman to take him out to light, not knowing I was in the city.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 25 1920
THIRD DISTRICT

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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The appointment was made for 9 or 10 a m and I waited until 11:30 A.M. purchased groceries and went to Henry St. to which place I went aboard boat for light at 1 P.M.

I did not see Burns drunk on this occasion but he has returned to the station more or less intoxicated a number of times and on the date of the completion of the Radio towers he returned to station sick and swollen from over drinking and was so nervous and shaking he shut himself away in spare room then occupied by Asst. Keeper Bettencourt, until all danger of being discovered was past. It was at this time he squandered money belonging to Bettencourt and borrowed about $5-0 Cts from Sikora to pay

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 20 1920
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

part of the debt, and from that time
to date has been unable to pay
board on station

Name of our boatman is
Jos. Jelinsky 122d Park Ave. Bridgeport.

Yours respectfully
Lewis J. Allen
1st. Asst. Keeper.

File PWO-JHG

VCB 11/19/28 Mess JPO 1929 Dismissal of T.J. Burns 1d-Stratford Shoal

11-97 40 20

Commissioner of Lighthouses; October 23,1928

SUBJECT: Thomas J. Burns, Keeper, Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.

1. The following correspondence re Thomas J. Burns, Keeper of Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light Station, New York, is forwarded herewith for the information of the Bureau:-

a - Letter dated Sept.16,1928 from 1AK Allen.
b - Letter dated Sept.18,1928 from 1AK Allen.
c - Copy of letter of charges dated Sept.19,1928 to Keeper Burns.
d - Copy of letter dated Sept.19,1928 to A. M. Bettencourt, formerly at Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.
e - Letter dated Sept.20,1928 from 1AK Allen.
f - Letter dated Sept.22,1928 from Asst.Keeper Bettencourt.
g - Letter dated Sept.29,1928 from Keeper Burns.
h - Letter dated Sept.29,1928 from Keeper Burns.
i - Copy of letter dated Oct.3,1928 to Keeper Burns.
j - Copy of letter dated Oct.3,1928 to Keeper Burns.
k - Copy of letter dated Oct.3,1928 to Keeper Burns.
l - Letter dated Oct.6,1928 from Keeper Burns.
m - Letter dated Oct.8,1928 from Keeper Burns.
n - Letter dated Oct.8,1928 from Keeper Burns.
o - Copy of letter dated Oct.10th to 1AK Allen.
p - Copy of letter dated Oct.10th to 2AK Sikora.
q - Copy of letter Oct.10th to Dr.I.Hart.
r - Letter dated Oct.20th from Dr.I.Hart.
s - Letter dated Oct.15th from 1AK Allen.
t - Copy of letter of charges dated Oct.17th to Keeper Burns.
u - Letter dated Oct.16th from Keeper Burns resigning.
v - Letter dated Oct.22nd from Keeper Burns.
w - Letter dated Oct.22nd from Keeper Burns.

2. Keeper Burns was absent from his station from Sept. 5th to 20th without leave or authority and without notifying or reporting the matter to this office. In explanation Keeper Burns stated he was sick with stomach trouble and that he was under the care of Dr.I.Hart of Bridgeport, Conn.,who could prove the Keeper's statement. Dr.Hart, however, advises in letter of Oct.20,1928 that he has no record or recollection of treating Keeper Burns during the period Sept.5th to Sept.

20th. Keeper Burns admits that he is indebted to the 2nd Assistant Keeper. The 1st Assistant Keeper claims that Burns owes him $9.80, and A. M. Bettencourt formerly additional keeper assigned to duty at Stratford Shoal Light Station, that of a pay check which he gave to Burns to cash $19.50 has not been received; also that the station still owes him for his share of provisions and radio supplies purchased while he was at Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta. Further reports from the 1st and 2nd Assistant Keepers as to the basis of their reports that Keeper Burns was drunk or drinking and conducting himself in a disgraceful manner while ashore, have not yet been received no doubt due to the fact that this is an off shore station where mail is not frequently received or forwarded.

3. On October 8,1928 Keeper Burns again went ashore and has since failed to return to the station and has made no report or explanation concerning his absence. Charges were preferred against him by letter of Oct.17,1928 after which his letter tendering his resignation was received.

4. The charges against Keeper Burns are considered to be sufficiently proven and the attached correspondence plainly indicates that he is not competent or sufficiently reliable for continuance as a Keeper or a light station, and it is therefore recommended that Thomas J. Burns be dismissed from the position of Keeper of Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light Station, New York, with pay at the rate of $1920 per annum, effective at the close of October 8,1928, the date on which he left the station.

5. 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.Burns has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate.

6. In this connection attention is invited to letter of reprimand addressed to Keeper Burns under date of February 6, 1926, and letter addressed to Keeper Burns under date of November 4,1926, copies enclosed.

J. T. YATES

Following
11-13-28

COPY:FM

Oct. 22, 1928.

Supt.

Dear Sir:

These few lines to let you know that I notify you in a letter that I resigned at once from the Service on account of sickness, unable me to return to station, and wish that the pay due me for the days on station this month be sent to me at this address.

I remain
(s) Thos. J. Burns,
% General Delivery,
East Northport,
New York.
I thank you.

FWO-JHG

B. I. Hart, M.D.
453 State Street,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Oct. 22,1928

SIR:-

SUBJECT: T.J.Burns, Keeper, Stratford Shoal L.S.
REFERENCE: Your letter Oct.20,1928.

1. This office acknowledges with thanks your letter of October 20,1928 relative to Thomas J. Burns, Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station.

Respectfully,

Superintendent

COPY:FM

October 22, 1928.

Supt.

Dear Sir:

Rec'd your letter with charges for being away from Station from 8th to 15th, well, I notify you by letter the 20th that I resigned from Service.

Remain

(a) Thos. J. Burns,
East Northport,
N. Y.

COPY-CFH

B. I. HART, M. D.

Oct. 20/28

Bridgeport, Conn.

Mr. J. T. Yates, Supt.

Dear Sir:-

Regret was out of town and unable to answer you sooner. I have no record or recollection of treating Mr. Burns any time between Sept. 5/28 and Sept. 20, 1928.

Respectfully,

(Sgd.) B. I. Hart, M. D.

453 State St.,
Bridgeport, Conn.

FWC-JHC

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

October 17,1928

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with absence from duty without leave or proper authority, and with not having advised this office of the fact you were absent or the reasons for your absence, in that you left the station on October 8,1928 and had not returned to duty up to October 15,1928.

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.

3. If you desire to make no statement, you will so state in writing.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

Copy sent to his home address
6 Tom Thumb St
Bridgeport.

10-17-28

Charges
T. J. Burns
Keeper
Strat Sh.

(POSTMARK OF)

Receipt for Registered Article No. 72643

Registered at the Post Office indicated in Postmark

Fee paid 15 *cents* *Class postage* 0

Return Receipt fee 3 Spl. Del'y fee ____
Delivery restricted to addressee:

in person ____, or order ____
Accepting employee will place his *initials* in space indicating restricted delivery.

POSTMASTER, per W.

(MAILING OFFICE)

STATEN ISLAND N.Y. OCT 17 REGISTERED

Complete record of registered mail is kept at the post office, but the sender should write the name of the addressee on back hereof as an identification. Preserve and submit this receipt in case of inquiry or application for indemnity.

Registry Fees and Indemnity.—Domestic letters and sealed parcels indemnified for $50 or less, 5 cents; for over $50 and not in excess of $100, 20 cents; domestic second-class, not indemnified, 5 cents; domestic third-class, indemnified up to $25, 15 cents; Postal Union articles addressed to foreign countries, regardless of class or indemnity, 15 cents. Consult postmaster as to registry fees chargeable on registered international parcel-post packages for foreign countries. Claims must be filed with postmasters within one year from date of mailing.

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Delivery restricted to addressee:

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(MAILING OFFICE)

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Post Office Department
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, $300

REGISTERED ARTICLE No. 72646

INSURED PARCEL No. ____

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE AND DATE OF DELIVERY

OCT 27 1928 CONN

Return to Dept of Commerce
(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, or Post Office Box, ____

Post Office at STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

State ____

Rev. 3-24 33284

REGISTERED ARTICLE No. 726432

INSURED PARCEL No. ____

OCT 27 10 30 AM 1928 CONN

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Dept of Commerce
(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, or Post Office Box, ____

Post Office at STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

State ____

Rev. 3-24 33280

COPY: FM

October 16, 1928.

Supt.

Dear Sir:

You can accept my resignation at once and also my personal belongings are on station and when I send a man out for same I want them delivered to him and also my money due for time this month, I want sent to address below; about groceries bill there are about $50.00 worth on station and my share of 5 tubes, 2 B Batteries and 1 Wet battery will more than pay for my share. My personal loans I can take care of same, as that is a private matter between the party and myself as I have been told but my lawyer advise, so you can send my pay due to met at this address.

I remain

(s) Thos. J. Burns,
% General Delivery
East Northport,
L. I., N. Y.

I thank you.

COPY: CFH

Stratford Shoal Light Sta.
Bridgeport, Conn.,
Oct. 15, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Lighthouse Service,
Staten Island, N. Y.

Subject: Leave of Additional Keeper Tatay.

Owing to Keeper Burns' absence since Oct. 8th, I am sending Addl. Keeper Tatay on leave, and for mail and supplies.

Respectfully,

(Sgd.) Lewis J. Allen
1st Asst. Keeper.

FWO:FM

October 10, 1928.

Dr. I. Hart,
State Street Cor. Lafayette St.,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Thomas J. Burns.

1. Thomas J. Burns, Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station was absent from duty without leave or authority, and without notifying or reporting the matter to this office, from September 5 to September 20. In explanation of his absence Mr. Burns states that he was under your care for stomach trouble from September 8 to September 16. As this office has information indicating quite definitely that Mr. Burns was under the influence of intoxicating liquor during the period of his absence from duty, it would be appreciated if you would advise this office whether Mr. Burns was under your care at any time during the period September 5 to 20, and if so, information as to the nature of his illness, and whether in your opinion it was due entirely or in part to the use of intoxicants.

2. Your reply in the matter will be greatly appreciated and will be held as strictly confidential.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

FWO:FM

October 10, 1928.

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Various subjects.

REFERENCE: Your letter October 6, 1928.

1. Your letter of October 6 received on October 10 refers to various subjects whereas letters addressed to this office should each be confined to a single subject. A considerable portion of your letter is indefinite and apparently unnecessary, and would indicate a desire to write a letter rather than an intention to bring to the attention of this office matters of real importance. However, replies, so far as possible, to the various matters is made below:

(1) Your letter states that one of the pipes from the furnace is broken. This information is very indefinite, and the pipe you refer to cannot of course be identified. No information is given as to whether you have repaired or can repair the pipe you refer to. If you can repair the pipe, you are directed to do so without further delay or correspondence. If you cannot repair it, make a proper report giving full particulars as to what will be required to make necessary repairs.

(2) In reference to your statement that the 1st Assistant Keeper opened official mail addressed to you, you should be aware of the fact that it is entirely within the authority of the Assistant Keeper in charge of the Station to open official mail when the Keeper is absent. The handling of official matters cannot be delayed pending the return to duty of a keeper, especially when the Keeper is absent without leave for an extended and indefinite period as in your case during the month of September. Your attention is invited to paragraph 129 of Instructions to Employees.

(3) The matter of the 16 ft. skiff picked up by the 1st Assistant Keeper was previously reported by you in letter of October 8 received on October 9, and this office can see no necessity for your making a second report of the matter.

(4) Your letter refers to the matter of 1st Assistant Keeper reporting you absent from duty, and various comments concerning grocery bills, etc., which are entirely unnecessary as you had full opportunity to make such explanation as you desired in reply to charges preferred against you.

2. Your "P.S." concerning the 1st Assistant Keeper submitting application for leave appears to be unessential as letter from this office of October 3 furnished you with all necessary information and authority.

3. You are directed to refrain from sending to this office further unnecessary or indefinite correspondence.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

FWO:FM

October 10, 1928.

Michael Sikora, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Absence from duty of Keeper Burns, etc.

1. By letter of September 20, 1st Assistant Keeper Allen advised this office that you went ashore on September 18, and upon your return to the station reported to the 1st Assistant Keeper that the Keeper was intoxicated, also that you made an appointment with the Keeper to meet him at the dock at 10:00 a.m. to return to the station but that the Keeper did not arrive to return to the station.

2. You are directed to forward to this office by return mail a report stating fully the condition of the Keeper, if you personally saw him intoxicated, stating where you saw him, the date and time of day, his condition and his conduct at the time, also, give the names and addresses of any other persons who were with you and observed such condition.

3. You will also furnish full information concerning the matter of Keeper Burns making the appointment with you to return to the station.

4. You will also advise this office how much money Keeper Burns owes you on account of money loaned to him, and also state how long the debt has been unpaid.

5. Your reply to this letter is to be forwarded to this office direct and not through the Keeper of the Station.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

FWO:FM

October 10, 1928.

Lewis J. Allen, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Absence from duty of Keeper Burns.

REFERENCE: Your letter September 18.

1. Your letter of September 18 states that Keeper Burns had been drinking much, and was disgracing himself and the Lighthouse Service. You are directed to advise this office by return mail whether you personally saw Keeper Burns drinking and conducting himself in a disgraceful manner, and if so, you will state full and complete facts and not merely general statements, stating where you saw the Keeper, the date and time of day, and a description of his condition and conduct which you state was disgraceful. If you did not personally see the Keeper drink or drinking and conducting himself in a disgraceful manner, you will state full the basis for your report to this office, giving the source of your information including names and addresses of such person or persons who personally observed the condition which you reported.

2. Your letter of September 18 also states that the Keeper made an appointment to go to the light on the morning of September 18 at 9:00 a.m. Advise this office whether the Keeper made the appointment referred to with you or with some other person or persons. In any case, state definitely and fully all facts pertaining to the matter.

3. Your reply to this letter is to be forwarded direct to this office and not through the Keeper of the Station.

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

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 9 1928
3RD DIST.

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 8, 1928

Supt

Supt

Dear Sir.

The 1st Asst Keeper at this station found a 16 ft skiff around the 14th of Sept & did not try to find the owner of same or put ad in the newspaper but gave said skiff today to a boat-man found of him, saying I have nothing to do with said skiff, as I was off when said skiff was found.

Thos J Burns
Keeper.

FWO:FM Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N. Y., 3rd District.
October 10, 1928.

Copy forwarded to Lewis J. Allen, 1st Asst. Keeper, through the Keeper, Stratford Shoal Light Station, for full report concerning the 16 ft. skiff referred to.

J. T. YATES.

COPY:SG

Oct. 8, 1928.

Supt.

Dear Sir.

When I came ashore today for registered mail, I find out around the 17th of September, the 1st Asst. Keeper at this station went over to see the Asst. Keeper at Stratford Point Station to find out if he could get anything on me and told him that the station was without food which is a lie and both Asst. Keepers can prove my statement. The only thing that went short was eggs and butter as there is about $50 worth of groceries on station also the 1st Asst. went and seen the keeper at Bridgeport Harbor Light asking him if he knew anything about me. He also asked the woman who runs the grocery store where we hire our boat to stick by him as he get his free liquor from her in back of the store and same party dont care for me for the reason I never stop in her place only to tell the boat man when I am going out. The 1st Asst. Keeper also asked the 2nd Asst. Keeper to stick with him that he was going to get the keeper. These charges are a frame up against me being observed under the influence of intoxicating liquor and I wish same would be look into proper and giving a fair chance to prove same as the doctor can prove I was under his care from the 8th to the 16th. In I. Hart State corner Lafayette St., Bridgeport, Conn. This man 1st Asst. has stated he was going to try and get me, so I wish these charges would be look into and giving a fair chance after being in service for past 4 yrs. and 5 months.

Remain.

(SGD.) THOS. J. BURNS,
Keeper.

COPY:FM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District
Stratford Shoal,
October 8, 1928.

Supt.

Dear Sir:

Subject: letter of the 29th.

Well I answered said letter and stated I was sick with Gastric and stomah trouble and was under the care of Dr. I. Hart, State Street and Lafayette Street, Bridgeport, Conn., from the 8th till the 16th of the month and stated I wrote to office the 8th, saying I was under doctor treatment and was living at 601 E. Main Street, Bridgeport, Conn.; well being charged with intoxicated while ashore is a lie and said charges can't be proved; these charges are statements made by the 1st Asst. Keeper who told the 2nd Asst. Keeper the 17th when he went ashore to stick with him, he was going to get the Keeper, and also wrote the letters from store on Park Ave., 1224 where he also asked said park to stick to get the Keeper.

(s) Thos. J. Burns,
Keeper.

COPY:SG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT
Stratford Shoal Lt. Sta.
October 6, 1928.

Superintendent.
Dear Sir:-

These few lines concerning the 1st Asst. Keeper, Lewis J. Allen, He broke one of the pipes from the furnace while I was off on leave and when I ask him if he wrote to office about it, he told me it was none of my business; also open up the official mail addressed to me and signed the leave book instead of letting the 2nd Asst. signed for himslef on Sept. 20, also he found a 16 ft. skiff which he refused to report or put ad in newspaper, but promise to give the skiff to a boatman, a friend of his, the letter he wrote about me being over leave, he wrote in a store at 1224 Park Ave. after asking party to stick that he was going to get the keeper and also ask the 2nd Asst. to stick with him and told him also he was going to get the keeper, about owing the 1st Asst. board, He often owed me board for 2 months but he wanted something to write about; my share of groceries on stations is well able to pay the 1st Asst. his board bill. There is about of $50.00 worth of groceries on station besides my share of 5 tubes, 1 wet battery and 2 B. Batteries which amount to $11.95. My share of the groceries on station is 1/4 of the full amount or the 3 men pay me for my share, also the same with the tubes, batteries, etc. The 3 men owe me for my share of groceries and tubes, batteries, etc. Hoping this will be satisfactory to all, I want my pay due me, sent to me in care of General Delivery, Bridgeport, Conn.

Remain,

(SGD.) THOS. J. BURNS,
GENERAL DELIVERY
BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

P.S. When I told the 1st Asst. Keeper he must make out form 76, he told me I had no authority to tell him till he heard from office.

Receipt for Registered Article No. 72154

Registered at the Post Office indicated in Postmark

(POSTMARK OF)

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. OCT 8 1928 REGISTERED

Fee paid 15 cents Class postage 0

Return Receipt fee ____ Spl. Del'y fee ____

Delivery restricted to addressee:

in person ____, or order ____

Accepting employee will place his *initials* in space indicating restricted delivery.

POSTMASTER, per ____ (MAILING OFFICE)

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10-3-28

Charges - Thos J Burns

Keeper - Strat Sh. Ct Sta

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, $300

REGISTERED ARTICLE No. 72154

INSURED PARCEL No. ____

BRIDGEPORT OCT 8 1:30 PM 1928 CONN. SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHT HOUSES

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE AND DATE OF DELIVERY OCT 9 1928

Return to Dept of Commerce

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, or Post Office Box, ____

Post Office at STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Rev. 3-24 State ____

Chief Clerk

Voucher Clerk

Oct. 5,1928

Salary check may now be sent to Thomas J. Burns, Keeper, Stratford Shoal Light Station, for periods September 1st to 5th, inclusive and September 20th to 29th, inclusive.

Asst.Supt.

Pen

Clean pay Burns
Kpr Stock Shed
Sep 1-5 inc
" 20-~~25~~ 11

Allen 10/5

FWO-JHG

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

October 3,1928

SUBJECT: Charges.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office dated Sept.19,1928.

1. Your attention is invited to the fact that a reply has not yet been received to letter of charges dated September 19,1928 although you received and signed registry receipt for that letter on September 29,1928.

2. You will reply to letter of September 19,1928 by return mail, and if you desire to make no statement you will so state.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

FWO-JHG

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Oct. 3,1928

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with being intoxicated while ashore at Bridgeport, Connecticut, thereby bringing discredit upon yourself as well as the Lighthouse Service, which condition is evidently one or the sole reason for your action in remaining absent from duty without leave or authority, or notifying or reporting the matter to this office from September 5,1928 up to about September 20,1928, this office having received information that you were observed to be under the influence of intoxicating liquor on September 17th and 18th,1928.

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.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

FWO-JHG

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Conn.

October 3,1928

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.
REFERENCE: Your letter Sept.29 and application for fifteen days leave.

1. Your application for fifteen days leave is not approved as your letter of September 29,1928 is not by any means a satisfactory and acceptable explanation of your action in remaining absent from duty as Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station without leave or authority from September 5th to about Sept.20th, and without notifying this office of the fact that you were absent or your whereabouts. In reference to your statement that you sent word to this office on Sept. 8th, you are advised that no communication was received from you on or about September 8th or at any other time during the period of your absence. However, letter of charges dated Sept. 19th,1928, to which a reply has not been received, gives you full opportunity to explain your action.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

FWO-JHG

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Oct. 3,1928

SUBJECT: Absence from duty of 1st Asst.Keeper Allen, and Addit.Keeper Tatay.
REFERENCE: Their letters Sept.26,28th & 29th.

1. Referring to letters from 1st Asst.Keeper Allen and Additional Keeper Tatay relative to excess leave taken by them during the month of September; you are directed to have Keepers Allen and Tatay each submit Form 76, in duplicate, to cover the entire period of their absence from the station during the month of September.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



REQUEST

Stratford Shoal, N. Y. (Station.), 1928

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 15 days of shore liberty or leave, from Sept 5 to Sept 20, inclusive, 1928 I have had 36 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:

no substitute needed
(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:

601 E. Main St (Street or R. D. Route.), Bridgeport (City.), Conn (State.)

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

Thomas J. Burns
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper.

Keeper.
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, ... DISTRICT, ..., 19

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for ..... days, from ..... to ....., inclusive, 19 .

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

.....

Superintendent, ... Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 1.40 P.M. Sept 5, 1928 (State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 11.50 A.M. Sept 20, 1928 (State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 15 days.

Period charged: 15 days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

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

.....
Keeper.

11—882

.....
(Title.)

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT:

REQUEST

Stratford Shoal, N.Y., 1928
(Station.)

I respectfully request that I be granted 15 days of shore liberty or leave, from Sept 5 to Sept 20, inclusive, 1928 I have had 36 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:

No substitute needed
(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:

601 E Main St, Bridgeport, Conn
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

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

Thomas J. Burns
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper.

Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, ... DISTRICT, ..., 19

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for ..... days, from ..... to ....., inclusive, 19 .

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

.....

Superintendent, ... *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 1.40 P M. Sept 5, 1928
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 15 days.

Returned to duty: At 11.30 A M. Sept 20 1928
(State nearest hour.)

Period charged: 15 days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

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

.....
Keeper.

11—832

.....
(Title.)

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 5 1928
RECEIVED

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 1, 1928

Per Going in
no report for Sept.
Report attached

Supt

Dear Sir

Subject Absence of Asst Keepers.

These few lines to let you know on account of me being on leave & sick & unable to return to station till the 30th of Sept. I left the 1st Asst Keeper go on leave & the Additional Keeper had his oath of office to be taken to notary & would not be able to get his leave this month or oath to notary so I told him to take his leave as the 2nd Asst & myself were on the station.

The 1st Asst Keeper has had 9 dys leave in month of Sept

The Additional Keeper has had 8 dys leave in month of Sept.

Thomas J. Burns
Keeper.

COPY:FM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District
Stratford Shoal, N.Y.
Sept. 29, 1928.

Supt

Dear Sir:

These few lines to let you know I am sending in request for shore liberty on form 76, as I have been sick while on leave, and under doctor care for over 10 days, I sent word to office on the 8th of this month to inform you that I was under the care of Dr. I. Hart, State corner Lafayette Sts, Bridgeport, Conn., with Gastric and Stomach trouble, which has been troubling me in the past. I am willing to make up any days I have been over leave while sick from the following leaves coming. Hoping this will be satisfactory. I was unable to return for 2 days on account of the weather.

Thomas J. Burns,
Keeper.

COPY:FM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District
Stratford Shoal, N.Y.
Sept. 29, 1928.

Supt.

Dear Sir:

Ahout contracting debts, with subordinate employees, I did borrow a small sum of money from 2nd Asst. Keeper as I was left in a bad way as my wife left me after selling property and me giving her all my money, so I borrow to hold myself over till I got straighten out, well, I would be able to pay all this month.

(s) Thomas J. Burns,
Keeper.

COPY:FM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District
Execution Rocks L.Sta
Sept. 22, 1928

Supt. of Lighthouse Service, third District,

SUBJECT: Salary Check.

REFERENCE: Your letter dated Sept. 19, 1928.

In reply to your letter of Sept. 19, will say that I gave Keeper Burns of Stratford Shoal Light Station a written authority to endorse my name and cash my check; all but nineteen dollars and fifty cents (19.50) has been received.

Stratford Shoal Station, still owes me for my share of the provisions and radio receiving set. Accessories such as: Wet batteries, B Batteries and tubes which came to thirteen dollars and six cents (13.06) after my transfer.

I received a letter last August from Keeper Burns promising to settle in September, but as yet nothing has been received.

Respectfully yours,

(s) Arthur M. Bettencourt,
2nd Asst. Keeper.

L.J.Clark,
Keeper.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OCT 1 1928
SUPT. OF MAILS

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 1928
GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

FWO-JHG

W. T. Meyer, Postmaster,
Bridgeport,
Connecticut

Sept. 29,1928

SUBJECT: Registered letter for Thomas J. Burns, Keeper, Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Sept.25th,1928, and your endorsement, without date, thereon.

1. Referring to your endorsement stating that letter addressed to Thomas J. Burns, Keeper, Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta., will be returned in a few days if not delivered; it is requested you hold this letter referred to until Mr.Burns does call for same. There may be some delay in calling for it, on account of the fact that he is located on a light station out in Long Island Sound and only comes ashore once or twice a month.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

October 1,1928.

Department of Commerce,
Light House Service,Staten Island,N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Mr.Thomas Burns,called Saturday night and received register letter mailed by your office addressed to him.

Respectfully yours,
W. T. Meyer
Postmaster.

J.H.M.

FWO-JHG

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J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

For

At Ca



Bridgeport Conn.
Sep. 29 1928

Superintendent
U.S. Lighthouse Service
Staten Island N.Y.

Subject: Leave of Absence
Reference, Letter Sep. 26th.

Returned to station this date with Additional Keeper Patay after being delayed by strong wind.

Respectfully
L.J. Allen
1st. Asst Keeper
Stratford Shoal Light Station

349 Spruce St.
Bridgeport, Conn.
Sept. 28, 1928.



Superintendant of Lighthouses
Staten Island, N. Y.

I hereby report that I was unable to report for duty at Stratford Shoals Light Station to date because of fresh north winds and waves. The boatman who regularly takes us out refused again today to take me out. I have looked over Bridgeport Harbor trying to find someone to take me out but to date they have all refused. Will go back as soon as possible. Respectfully.

John A. Tatay
additional Keeper

Stratford Shoals Light Station

John A Dalay

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., 192

M Light House

BROOKLAWN DELICATESSEN AND BAKE SHOPPE

Strictly Home Baking

Deliveries Made from 7 A. M. to 9 P. M.

PHONE BARNUM 1300 — 1224 PARK AVENUE

SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS OCT 23 1928

2	lbs Frankfurts	78
1	lbs Salt Pork	28
2	lbs Coffee	98
2	Pkg Oats	20
2	Pkg of Raisins	26
	Baking soda	13
1/2	Lemon Pie	20
		2.61
	Bread	.25
		2.86
	Salmon	.80
		3.66

Stratford Shoals Light Station

FWO-JHG

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Sept.27,1928

SUBJECT: Absence of Assistant Keepers.

1. Under date of Sept.26,1928, 1st Asst.Keeper Allen and Additional Keeper Tatay advised this office they were being delayed ashore on account of bad weather: You are directed to advise this office by return mail as to the reason for these two keepers being ashore on leave at the same time.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Stratford Shoals Light Station
Sept. 26, 1928.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 27 1928
2ND DIST.

Superintendant of Lighthouses
Staten Island, N.Y. -

I hereby report that I was unable to return to duty at Stratford Shoals on account of wind and waves, a fresh to strong north wind blowing, The boatman who we regularly hire refusing to take me out. I will go back as soon as possible, being due back today as I got shore leave Sept. 21, 1928. Respectfully,

John A. Tatay
additional Keeper
Stratford Shoals Light Station

Rowayton, Connecticut, September 26, 1928

Superintendent,
U. S. Lighthouse Service,
Staten Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Leave of absence.

My leave of absence terminates today, and owing to high wind our boatman, Mr. J. Zelinsky of 1224 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut, will not attempt to go to Stratford Shoal Light, but will start tomorrow, weather permitting.

Respectfully,
Lewis J. Allen
First Assistant Keeper,
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Home address-
P. O. Box 37,
Rowayton, Conn.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 28 1928
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for

FWO-JHG

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

Postmaster,
St.George,
Staten Island,N.Y.

Sept. 25,1928

SUBJECT: Return Registry Receipt.

1. On September 19,1928 this office mailed a registered letter (Receipt 71830) to Thomas J. Burns, 6 Tom Thumb St., Bridgeport, Connecticut. The return receipt for this registered letter has not yet been received. Kindly advise this office whether or not the letter referred to was delivered to Mr.Burns, and if so, on what date.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Dear Sir:-

In reply to yours of the 25th letter referred to above is still at this office undelivered,this office has been advised by another keeper that weather conditions will not permit addressee to come ashore the last few days,if Mr.Burns is unable to call in the next few days, will be promptly returned.

Respectfully yours,

W. T. Meyer

Postmaster.

J.H.M.

FWO-JHG

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J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

COPY:FM

Stratford Shoal
Light Station
Sep 20, 1928.

Superintendent,
Staten Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Absence of Keeper Burns.

1. 2nd Asst. Keeper Michael Sikora went ashore Sep. 18 and secured his check from the Keeper, whom he reports intoxicated. He made an appointment to meet Keeper Burns at dock at 10:00 a.m. today to return to station, but keeper Burns did not arrive, and come back to station as he promised.

2. Must force Keeper Burns Locker for supplies.

Respectfully,

(s) Lewis J. Allen,
1st Assistant.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., 1928

M Light House

SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS OCT 1928

BROOKLAWN DELICATESSEN AND BAKE SHOPPE

Strictly Home Baking

Deliveries Made from 7 A. M. to 9 P. M.

PHONE BARNUM 1300 **1224 PARK AVENUE**

6	Can Soups		60
2	" Hominy		60
6	" Sardines		50
3	Ketchup		75
4	Tomatoe Soup		40
1	Can Pineapple		30
2	Pancake Flour		26
1	Bag Flour	1	29
1	Coffee		55
	Calumet		60
	Rolls		25
			6.85
	Meat		1.45
			7.50
	Bread		25
	Cocoa		25
			8.00

Rye Bread .20 + Total 8.20

41.21.24
5.44
2.05
41.8.20

5.44
2.05
3.39
6.06
11.70

I owe Jim $4.47

John owes me $11.70 - 2.00 = $9.70

Jim owes me $5.00

47.32
2.05
Jim owes me 49.37

Chief Clerk

Voucher Clerk

Sept.19,1928

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper, Stratford Shoal Light Station has been absent from duty since Sept.5th. Do not pay him any further salary until receipt of orders to do so.

Asst.Supt.

FWO-JHG

Arthur M. Bettencourt, 2nd Asst.Keeper, Sept. 19,1928
Through the Keeper,
Execution Rocks Light Station,
General Delivery, New Rochelle,N.Y.

SUBJECT: Salary check.

1. This office understands that while you were at Stratford Shoal Light Station, Keeper Burns cashed a salary check belonging to you and spent the proceeds, and at a later date paid you part or all of the amount of the check. You are requested to forward to this office a full report concerning the occurrence referred to, stating whether or not you previously authorized Keeper Burns to cash the check referred to, and whether or not you personally endorsed the check. Also state whether or not Keeper Burns has as yet paid you the full amount of the check.

2. A prompt reply is requested.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

FWO-JHG

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
6 Tom Thumb Street,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Sept.19,1928

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with the following:-

a - Absence from duty without leave or proper authority, and remaining absent from duty for an extended period without notifying or reporting the matter to this office, in that you left the station on September 5,1928 and had not returned to the station up to Sept.18th,1928.

b - With contracting debts with subordinate employees in that you are indebted to the 1st Asst.Keeper to the extent of $9.80, and also owe sums of money to the 2nd Assistant Keeper and former Additional Keeper Bettencourt, which were borrowed or otherwise obtained from them.

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.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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class or indemnity,
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ters within one year from date of
(Rev. 6-29-27)

(POSTMARK OF)

Receipt for Registered Article No. 71830

Registered at the Post Office indicated in Postmark

Fee paid 18 cents *Class postage* 1

Return Receipt fee ____ Spl. Del'y fee ____

Delivery restricted to addressee:

in person ____, or order ____

Accepting employee will place his *initials* in space indicating restricted delivery.

POSTMASTER, per ____ (MAILING OFFICE)

REGISTERED NEW ISLAND SEP 19 1928

Complete record of registered mail is kept at the post office, but the sender should write the name of the addressee on back hereof as an identification. Preserve and submit this receipt in case of inquiry or application for indemnity.

Registry Fees and Indemnity.—Domestic letters and sealed parcels indemnified for $50 or less, 15 cents; for over $50 and not in excess of $100, 20 cents; domestic second-class, not indemnified, 15 cents; domestic third-class, indemnified up to $25, 15 cents; Postal Union articles addressed to foreign countries, regardless of class or indemnity, 15 cents. Consult postmaster as to registry fees chargeable on registered international parcel-post packages for foreign countries. Claims must be filed with postmasters within one year from date of mailing.

Form 3806 (Rev. 6-29-27) C5—6852 U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE:

9/19

Charges – Thos. Burns

K – Stratford Sh. Pt Sta

Post Office Department

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, $300

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE No. 71830

INSURED PARCEL No. ____

BRIDGEPORT SEP 29 5:30 PM 1928 CONN

SUPERINTENDENT MAIL DIVISION

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Dept of Commerce

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, or Post Office Box Lighthouse Depot

Post Office at Staten Island N.Y.

Rev. 3-24 C5—6116 State NY

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

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

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
6 Tom Thumb Street,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Sept.19,1928

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J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

COPY:FM

Bridgeport, Conn.
Sept. 18, 1928.

Supt.
Staten Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Keeper Burns.

Keeper Burns has been absent from light since Sep. 5 and I was forced to come ashore for groceries Sep. 17 and am returning to station today.

He has been drinking much and is disgracing himself and the Lighthouse service. He can get no further credit for groceries and our boatmen will not bring him to the light until he pays bill.

He has made an appointment to go to the light this morning at 9 a.m. and it is now 11, and I am ordering groceries and returning without him. I have all mail for the light.

Respectfully,

(s) Lewis J. Allen,
1st Asst. Keeper.

COPY:FM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District
Stratford Shoal
Sept. 16, 1928.

Superintendent,
Staten Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Absence of Keeper T. J. Burns

Keeper Burns is absent since Sep. 5th on which date he went on leave.

He is indebted to myself $9.80 for groceries and owes much larger sums to 2nd Asst. Keeper Sikora and former Additional Keeper A. M. Bettencourt, which I am told by Sikora is money borrowed from him to pay to Bettencourt who's check Keeper Burns cashed and spent previously.

Respectfully,

(s) Lewis J. Allen
1st Asst. Keeper.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., Sept 5 1928

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BROOKLAWN DELICATESSEN AND BAKE SHOPPE

Strictly Home Baking

Deliveries Made from 7 A. M. to 9 P. M.

OCT 1928

PHONE BARNUM 1300 — 1224 PARK AVENUE

1	Molasses		10
2	Cans Lye		20
2	Packs Potatoes		60
5	Onions		30
2	Butter	1	20
2	Lard		36
4	Roast Beef	1	20
4	Corned Beef	1	20
10	Cans Milk	1	10
2	Pancake Flour		26
1	Yeastcake		03
1½	lb Sugar	1	05
3	Veg Soup		30
6	Tomato Soup		60
3	Rice		42
3	Doz Eggs	1	35
3	Heads		75
2	Herring		54
	Beef	1	50
	Bacon	1	30
			14 38

$3.59 each.

4) 14.38

3.95
35
2.36

4 33

3) 13.00

30.00
10.00
40.00
3.73
43.73
3.59
47.32

I owe Jim $5.36
Boardchek 4.33
Due Jim $1.03

Jim owes me ~~$1.72~~ $47.95
2.05
50.00

Jim owes me $3.59
2.05
5.64

47.37

43.73
3.59
47.32

Jim owes me

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 1928
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal, N.Y.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 28, 1928

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Dismissed from service Oct 8-1928

Supt

Dear Sir.

I would like to be considered for Keeper, when there is a vacancy at any of the following stations.

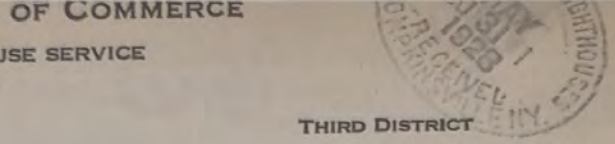
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Barnegat, N.J. — Barnegat N.J.
Black Rock Comm — Black Rock Comm
Bluff Pt, N.Y. — Plattsburg, N.Y.
Burlington, Vt. — Burlington, Vt.
Cold Spring Harbor N.Y. — Huntington, N.Y.
Coney Island, N.Y. — Coney Island, N.Y.
Coxsackie N.Y. — Stuyvesant, N.Y.
Crown Pt, N.Y. — Crown Pt, N.Y.
Cumberland Head, N.Y. — Plattsburg, N.Y.
Esopus Meadows N.Y. — Ulster Park, N.Y.
Fire Island — N.Y. — Fire Island, N.Y.
Fort Wadsworth, N.Y. — Rosebank, N.Y.
Horton Pt, N.Y. — Southold, N.Y.
Hudson City, N.Y. — Hudson, N.Y.
Lloyd Harbor, N.Y. — Huntington, N.Y.
Loblaw Beach, N.J. — Sea Isle City, N.J.
Navesink, N.J. — Highlands, N.J.
Old Field Pt, N.Y. — Setauket, N.Y.
Pt au Roche, N.Y. — Plattsburg, N.Y.
Pt Comfort Bar, N.J. — Keansburg, N.J.
Rockland Lake, N.Y. — Rockland Lake, N.Y.
Roundout N.Y. — Roundout, N.Y.
Sandy Hook N.J. — Fort Hancock, N.J.
Saugerties N.Y. — Saugerties, N.Y.
Sea Girt, N.J. — Sea Girt, N.J.
Shinnecock Bay, N.Y. — Good Ground, N.Y.
Stepping Stones, N.Y. — City Island, N.Y.
Stony Pt, N.Y. — Stony Pt, N.Y.
Stuyvesant N.Y. — Stuyvesant, N.Y.
Throgs Neck, N.Y. — Westchester, N.Y.

Keansburg, N.J. — Keeper
Rondout, N.Y. — Rondout, N.Y.
Tarrytown, N.Y. — Tarrytown, N.Y.
Whitehall, N.Y. — Whitehall, N.Y.

Thomas J. Burns

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 28, 1928

Supt

Dear Sir.

I would like to be considered for Keeper, when there is a vacancy at any of the following stations.

Absecon, N.J. - Atlantic City N.J
Barber Point, N.Y. - Westport, N.Y.
Barnegat, N.J. - Barnegat N.J.
Black Rock Conn - Black Rock, Conn
Bluff Point, N.Y. - Plattsburg, N.Y.
Burlington, Vt - Burlington, Vt
Cold Spring Harber, N.Y. - Huntington, N.Y.
Coney Island, N.Y. - Coney Island N.Y.
Coxsackie, N.Y. - Stuyvesant, N.Y.
Crown Point, N.Y. - Crown Point, N.Y.
Cumberland Head, N.Y. - Plattsburg, N.Y.
Esopus Meadows, N.Y. - Ulster Park, N.Y.
Fire Island, N.Y. - Fire Island, N.Y.
Fort Wadsworth, N.Y. - Rosebank, N.Y.
Horton Point, N.Y. - Southold, N.Y.
Hudson City, N.Y. - Hudson, N.Y.
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Stony Point, N.Y. - Stony Point, N.Y.
Stuyvesant, N.Y. - Stuyvesant, N.Y.
West Neck, N.Y. - West Neck, N.Y.
Woodhaven, N.Y. - Woodhaven, N.Y.
Windmill Pt, N.Y. - Rouses Point, N.Y.

Yours Truly
Thomas J. Burns
Keeper

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 30, 1927

Supt

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Greens Ledge, Conn - Norwalk, Conn
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Horton Point, N.Y. - Southold, N.Y.
Hudson City, N.Y. - Hudson, N.Y.
Ludlam Beach N.J. - Sea Isle City, N.J.
Old Field Point, N.Y. - Setauket, N.Y.
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Roundout, N.Y. - Roundout, N.Y.
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Saugerties N.Y. - Saugerties N.Y.
Sea Girt, N.J. - Sea Girt, N.J.
Shinnecock Bay N.Y. - Good Ground, N.Y.
Stony Point, N.Y. - Stony Point, N.Y.
Stuyvesant, N.Y. - Stuyvesant, N.Y.
Waackaack, N.J. - Keansburg, N.J.

Thomas J. Burns
Keeper

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 30, 1927

Supt

Dear Sir.

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Greens Ledge, Conn -	Rowayton, Conn
Hereford Inlet, N.J -	Anglesea, N.J.
Horton Point, N.Y -	Southold, N.Y.
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Roundout, N.Y -	Roundout, N.Y.
Southwest Ledge, Conn -	New Haven, Conn
Sangerties, N.Y -	Sangerties, N.Y
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Thomas J. Burns
Keeper

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 19th, 1927

Supt.

Dear Sir.

These few lines to let you know that Michael Sikora, 23 Hubbell St, Bridgeport, Conn, reported for duty at 10.30 am Sept 19th as Additional Keeper.

Thomas J Burns,
Keeper.

& OD Sept 19-1927

Noted B. 10/7/27

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

Sept 18, 1927

Per
Supt

Dear Sir.

I hese few lines to let you know I have sent a letter on the 14th of Sept to Michael Sikora 23 Hubbell St, Bridgeport Conn, and he has not reported up to this date, and I am sending another this date to him, explaining how to get out to this light etc, I have never received any word from him at all, about getting out to this light.

Thomas J. Burns
Keeper

FWO:FM

(7P)

September 14, 1927.

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Michael Sikora - Additional Keeper.

REFERENCE: Previous correspondence.

Mr. Sikora who has heretofore been instructed to enter on duty at Stratford Shoal Light Station advises that he has written to you in reference to the matter of getting out to the Light Station but has received no reply, also that he has not found out where the keepers from Stratford Shoal Light Station land. The address of Michael Sikora is 23 Hubbell Street, Bridgeport, Conn. Please communicate with Mr. Sikora at the address stated and furnish him with full information as to getting out to the Light Station to report for duty. Advise this office promptly by letter when Mr. Sikora reports for duty on Stratford Shoal Light Station.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 13, 1927

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newlist
9-30-27

Supt

Dear Sir

I wish to put in the following list for family quarters, as Keeper, whenever their is a vacancy.

T J Burns

Barber Point, N.Y. — Westport, N.Y.
Barnegat, N.J. — Barnegat City, N.J.
Black Rock, Conn — Black Rock Conn.
Bridgeport Harbor, Conn — Bridgeport, Conn.
Chapel Hill, N.J. — Leonardo, N.J.
Coney Island, N.Y. — Coney Island, N.Y.
Conorer Beacon, N.J. — Leonardo, N.J.
Coxsackie, N.Y. — Stuyvesant, N.Y.
Crown Point, N.Y. — Crown Point, N.Y.
Cumberland Head, N.Y. — Plattsburg, N.Y.
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Esopus Meadows, N.Y. — Ulster Park, N.Y.
Fire Island, N.Y. — Fire Island, N.Y.
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Horton Point, N.Y. — Southold, N.Y.
Hudson City, N.Y. — Hudson, N.Y.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 13, 1927

Lloyd Harber, N.Y. —	Huntington, N.Y.
Ludlam Beach, N.J. —	Sea Isle City, N.J.
Old Field Point, N.Y. —	Setauket, N.Y.
Point Au Roche, N.Y. —	Plattsburg, N.Y.
Point Comfort, N.J. —	Keansburg, N.J.
Roundout, N.Y. —	Roundout, N.Y.
Saugerties, N.Y. —	Saugerties, N.Y.
Sea Girt, N.J. —	Sea Girt, N.J.
Shinnecock Bay, N.Y. —	Good Ground, N.Y.
Split Rock, N.Y. —	Essex, N.Y.
Stony Point, N.Y. —	Stony Point, N.Y.
Stuyvesant, N.Y. —	Stuyvesant, N.Y.
Throgs Neck, N.Y. —	Westchester, N.Y.
Waackaack, N.J. —	Keansburg, N.J.
Windmill Point, N.Y. —	Rouses Point, N.Y.

Thomas J. Burns
Keeper
Stratford Shoal
Light Station
Bridgeport,
Conn.

L. Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 13, 1927

Supt

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Horton Point, N.Y — Southold, N.Y.
Hudson City, N.Y — Hudson, N.Y.
Lloyd Harbor, N.Y — Huntington, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 13, 1927.

Ludlam Beach, N.J.	Sea Isle City, N.J.
Old Field Point, N.Y.	Setauket, N.Y.
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Windmill Point, N.Y.	Rouses Point, N.Y.

Thomas J. Burns
Keeper
Stratford Shoal
Light Station
Bridgeport,
Conn

WJL:SG

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December 22, 1928.

Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Personal property of former Keeper Burns.

Forwarded herewith, is copy of letter of December 14, 1928 from Thomas J. Burns. Advise this office why Mr. Burns' personal belongings were delivered to Mr. Zelinsky instead of being held until called for by Louis Botsford, your attention being invited to letter from this office of December 4, 1928.

J. T. YATES.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov 30, 1926

Supt.

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Thomas J. Burne
Keeper.

I have read the above statements of Keeper and find that Dalton's statements are false, that Keeper had no signs of liquor on him and that the light was started at proper time as I went up with the Keeper to light up.

Geo Quinn
2nd Asst Keeper

FWC-JHB

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Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Nov. 12,1926

SUBJECT: Conditions at station.

1. A report has been received from former 1st Assistant Keeper Dalton of Stratford Shoal Light Station, which reads as follows:-

"Keeper Burns left Stratford Shoals Lt.Sta. Nov.1st at 8:20 P.M. and returned Nov.2nd,1926 under the influence of liquor. Thereby setting a very poor example for a new man just entering the service. And was late at starting light due to being drunk on night of Nov.2nd,1926."

2. You are requested to submit any comments you may wish to make as to the above report.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

FWC-JEB

William Dalton,
315 Mulberry Street,
Fall River, Mass.

Nov. 12,1926

SUBJECT: Dismissal.
REFERENCE: Your letter Nov.9,1926.

1. In reference to your request for information as to your discharge from the Lighthouse Service, your attention is invited to letter of charges addressed to you by this office under date of September 24,1926 which were proven to a sufficient degree to justify your dismissal from the service. In reply to your further request for information as to whether your charges against Keeper Burns have been given consideration, you are advised that such charges were duly considered and no evidence or information found that would tend to prove or corroborate them.

2. In reference to the statement in your letter of Nov. 9th that Keeper Burns left the station and returned on Nov. 2nd under the influence of liquor, also that he was late in starting the light on the night of Nov. 2nd due to being drunk; if this statement is based on fact this office is unable to understand why you failed to promptly report the matter at the time of the occurrence rather than over a week later. In any case the matter will be looked into.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Nov. 9. 26

Dept. Sir.

This letter to your Office requesting information. Cs to my discharge from the Light House Service. Which was received the 4th. 26. And wish to know wheather My charges against Keper Bruno have been given any consideration. He has made false charges against me of which I gave proof to Mr. O. E. Luther in the form of a letter written by. Former 2nd. Asst. Keper P. Kaufman. Also made report to Supt. Litchfield concerning and tryed to explain to him the conditions of fire extinguishers on the Station which have never been recharged: but have been tagged as recharged Sept. 5. 1926.

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into I believe I believe they
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Dist. 1927 Fall River Mass.

Nov. 9. 26

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On Lonsdale Shoals Lt. Sta.
on one or more occasions. 7V
In the form of a photo.
I am also sending letter to
your office which was sent
to Former Keeper Kaufman.
In reference to charges pending
against me at that time. And
do not think I have been
given a very fair deal the
way I was discharged. Through
no fault of your Office.

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Respectfully
Wm. Dalton
Former Lt. Asst. Keeper.
at Stratford Shoals. Lt. Sta.

Sept 29, 1916

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Friend Percy.

These few lines just to let you know that I heard from the office about your letter you sent in about Dalton well I am letting you know incase I don't get a chance to show it to you they put it up to me to ask me who is the cause of the trouble and for me to state the whole case which I did backing you up in everything they also wanted to know from me as to the general efficiency of both of you and I also gave you the best in me and they also wanted to know if either of you are

not satisfactorily performing the duties required of you, I will show you the letter the first chance but keep your mouth shut till things are settled the only thing I want you to do is stick to the story incase Luther ask which I am away that you have seen & help me drum the 2 H.P. engine & pump, air we will come out of it O.K, I guess as his statements are not true, get me dont take any roboles money ashore & look out for the transfer which carries a many holes.

Remain Tom.

P.S.

Your job is good here, sd stick like the date & you can just a millon in thee bank.

haha.

FWC-JHB

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
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Nov. 12,1926

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J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

FWG-JHS

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Nov. 12,1926

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

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(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov 30, 1926

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.
November 24, 1926.

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Conditions at Stratford Shoal Light Station.

REFERENCE: Your letter November 30 and previous correspondence.

It is noted that you deny the claim of former Assistant Keeper Dalton that you returned to the station on November 2 under the influence of liquor and that due to your being under the influence of liquor, you were late in starting the light on the night of that date. While your statement in this matter may be correct, the fact remains that you, as keeper in charge of the station, have used very poor judgment in handling the station matters as shown by correspondence during the period that there was controversy between yourself and former first assistant keeper Dalton. As one instance indicating poor judgment on your part, reference is made to letter written by you under date of September 29, 1926 and addressed to former assistant keeper Kaufman which is now on file in this office and which you undoubtedly will recall. A further instance is a photograph for which you evidently posed with several liquor bottles in front of you which matters are entirely unbecoming a keeper in charge of a light station. It may be further stated that information brought to light during your controversy with former assistant keeper Dalton shows that you were not by any means entirely blameless for the confusion and difficulties that existed at the station which resulted in the dismissal of first assistant keeper Dalton and the resignation of second assistant keeper Kaufman. These matters are brought to your attention at this time with the information that a repetition of any of the incidents that have lately occurred at your station will not be tolerated. You will be expected to handle station matters with better judgment than you have heretofore, and by your management of your station demonstrate that you possess capabilities and judgment sufficient to conduct the station's affairs in a proper manner.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

FWO:FM

November 24. 1926.

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J. T. YATES.

Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

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Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov 2, 1926

Monthly report
says left station
9:15 p.m. Nov 1 retd 9 a.m.
Nov 2 -
no other leave
during month

1927

Supt.

These few lines to let you know that it was necessary for me to come to shore last night, as we were in need of groceryes, which would not last 10 days or more, as 1st Asst Keeper William Dalton told me he was not going on leave this month, & while I had the boat man there I came to stock up on groceryes to keep us for the month I did not arrive in town till 10.35 P.M, & had to wait till this morning in order to get my grocery I am going right back this morning, as we won't have any boat coming out till next month. I am not taking any other leave.

I Remain
Thomas J. Burns
Keeper

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(75)

Sept. 1st

Vacancy in position of Keeper of Lloyd Hbr.Lt.Sta., effective

October 1,1926

Only applicant for transfer is Thomas J. Burns, Keeper of Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta. Entered service April 3,1924 as 2nd Asst. same station, afterwards promoted to 1AK and K. Efficiency rating 88%.

Per Ask= Fallen. Following would assign this Adm 9/2/26

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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal, N.Y
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 20, 1926

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New list
4-13-27

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Supt

Dear Sir.

I respectfully request for a transfer to the following stations, as Keeper when ever there is a vacancy.

T.J. Burns

Absecon, N.J - Atlantic City, N.J.
Barnegat, N.J - Barnegat City, N.J.
Black Rock, Conn - Black Rock Conn.
Bridgeport Harbor, Conn - Bridgeport, Conn.
Bergen Point, N.J - Mariners Harbor, N.Y.
Chapel Hill, N.J - Leonardo, N.J.
Coney Island, N.Y - Coney Island, N.Y.
Conover Beacon, N.J - Leonardo, N.J.
Fire Island, N.Y - Fire Island, N.Y.
Fort Wadsworth, N.Y - Rosebank, N.Y.
Greens Ledge, Conn - Rowayton, Conn.
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Horton Point, N.Y - Southold, N.Y.
Lloyd Harbor, N.Y - Huntington, N.Y.
Ludlam Beach, N.J - Sea Isle City, N.J.
Navesink, N.J - Highlands, N.J.
New Haven, Conn - West Haven, Conn.

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal, N.Y.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 20, 1926

No. Hook Beacon, N.J - Fort Hancock, N.J.
Old Field Point, N.Y - Setauket, N.Y.
Pecks Ledge, Conn - South Norwalk, Conn.
Penfield Reef, Conn - Fairfield, Conn.
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Thomas J. Burns
Keeper.

Stratford Shoal, N.Y.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 20, 1926

Supt

Dear Sir.

I respectfully request for a transfer to the following stations, as Keeper when ever there is a vacancy.

Absecon, N.J - Atlantic City, N.J.
Barnegat, N.J - Barnegat City, N.J.
Black Rock, Conn - Black Rock, Conn.
Bridgeport Harbor, Conn - Bridgeport, Conn.
Bergen Point, N.J - Mariners Harbor, N.Y.
Chapel Hill, N.J - Leonardo, N.J.
Coney Island, N.Y - Coney Island, N.Y.
Conover Beacon, N.J - Leonardo, N.J.
Fire Island, N.Y - Fire Island, N.Y.
Fort Wadsworth, N.Y - Rosebank, N.Y.
Greens Ledge, Conn - Rowayton, Conn
Hereford Inlet, N.J - Anglesea, N.J.
Horton Point, N.Y - Southold, N.Y
Lloyd Harbor, N.Y - Huntington, N.Y.
Ludlow Beach, N.J - Sea Isle City, N.J.
Navesink, N.J - Highlands, N.J.
New Haven, Conn - West Haven, Conn.

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal, N.Y.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 20, 1926

No. Hook Beacon, N.J. - Fort Hancock, N.J.
Old Field Point, N.Y. - Setauket, N.Y.
Pecks Ledge, Conn - South Norwalk, Conn.
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Thomas J. Burns
Keeper.

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
LIGHTHOUSES

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.
August 2, 1926.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: Thomas J. Burns, Keeper, Stratford Shoal Light Station.

REFERENCE: Letter of reprimand February 6, 1926, and endorsement from this office of the same date.

The Bureau is advised that since Keeper Burns was reprimanded on February 6 no further difficulties have been experienced due to the conduct or service of Mr. Burns and it is therefore recommended that no further action be taken in his case.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

T. A. Helmsley

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
AUG 4 1926

Returned approved.

H. D. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

FWO:FM

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES MAY 27 1926 STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 25, 1926

Supt.

These few lines in reference to indebtedness of former keeper Ebbitts.
I wrote two letters to Mr Ebbitts asking him to come + meet me + he said that he was unable to come as his father was very sick in bed + could not come, so I did not want to send the check to him - so I did the best thing I could, as I knew a party living at Southold near Mr Ebbitts + registered the letter + sent same to that party + Mr Ebbitts signed the check which was sent back to me, as to the payment of Mr Riedel + myself, I gave balance of check to Riedel after taking out my board + paying boat fare which was Mr Riedel idea, the check amounted to $109.34

32.15 was due me for board
15.00 " " for boat fare
$47.15

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 27 1926
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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

2 Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 25, 1926

Check #109.34
47.15
#62.19 Balance left of check was giving to Mr Riedel in present of the 1st Asst Keeper William Dalton & I have a receipt at home showing that Mr Riedel signed same.

Thomas J. Burns
Keeper.

P.S.

The reason why I sent letter was as Mr Ebbitts stated that he could not come & if I knew some one who lived in Southold to have that party call with the check & he would sign same.

FWO:FM

May 18, 1926.

T. J. Burns, Keeper.
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Indebtedness of former keeper Ebbitts.

REFERENCE: Your letter May 11 and endorsement from this office February 26, 1926.

1. Advise this office whether the amount due former assistant Keeper Riedel has been paid as well as Mr. Ebbitts' indebtedness to you.

2. In this connection you will explain your action in forwarding the check to Mr. Ebbitts contrary to the instructions furnished you in endorsement of February 26.

J. T. YATES.
Superintendent.

By W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal, N.Y.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 11th, 1926

Supt

These few lines in reference to indebtedness of former Keeper Ebbitts, I sent the check to Mr Ebbitts and he endorsed same, and said indebtedness has been settled.

Thomas J. Burns
Keeper.

P.S.

Subject - Invoice 40381 covering supplies shipped by mail I have recieved said supplies, and mail one copy of Invoice to office dated April 20, 1926, which I have one copy on file here on station.

Keeper
Thomas J. Burns

FWO:FH

May 6. 1926.

T. J. Burns, Keeper.
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Indebtedness of former Keeper Ebbitts.

REFERENCE: Endorsement from this office of February 26.

Advise this office whether or not Mr. Ebbitts has met you and endorsed the check referred to, and if so, if the matter of Mr. Ebbitts' indebtedness has been settled. If Mr. Ebbitts has not met you to take care of this matter, advise this office as to what disposition you have made of the check.

J. T. YATES.
Superintendent.

By W. J. Lawton.
Chief Clerk.

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal, N.Y.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

3/28, 1926

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New Haven Conn – New Haven Conn.
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Thomas J. Burns
Keeper.

STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal, N.Y.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

3/28, 1926

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Thomas J. Burn
Keeper.

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March 19, 1926

Fairfield Conn.

Supt.

Thomas Burns the keeper of Stratford Shoals Light owes I William C. Riedel former 1st asst keeper of that station $5.93 for groceries from the 2nd asst who had paid him and $2.50 for board and there was $6.00 worth of provisions on the station when I left and that divided by three is $4.12. bills and so all together

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March 23, 1926.

March 19 from William
Stratford Shoal Light
indebted to him to the
hether or not this is
action you propose to

e Superintendent.

F. W. OCKENFELS,
1st. Asst. Superintendent

March 23, 1926.

T. J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: - Indebtedness.

Enclosed is copy of letter of March 19 from William E. Riedel, formerly assistant keeper at Stratford Shoal Light Station in which he claims that you are indebted to him to the extent of $20.43. Advise this office whether or not this is a just and proper debt, and if so, what action you propose to take in the matter.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. OCKENFELS,
1st. Asst. Superintendent

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

2/28, 1926

Supt.

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Absecon, N.J. Atlantic City, N.J.
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Horton Point, N.Y. Southold, N.Y.
Fort Wadsworth, N.Y. Rosebank, N.Y.
Ludlow Beach, N.J. Sea Isle City, N.J.
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Old Field Point, N.Y. Setauket, N.Y.
Princess Bay, N.Y. Princes Bay, N.Y.
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Thomas J. Burns.
Keeper
Stratford Shoal,
Light Station,
Bridgeport,
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Thomas J. Burns
Keeper
Stratford Shoal
Light Station
Bridgeport
Conn.

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Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Feb. 6,1926

SUBJECT: Charges.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Jan.16th and your reply Jan.30th.

1. Your reply is by no means a satisfactory explanation of your action and conduct as covered by letter from this office of Jan.16th. If, as stated in your letter, a piece of pipe and a check valve were required, there is no evidence to show that you applied for such articles or assistance from the tender Oak when at your station on January 8th, in fact the Oak was not notified that both engines at your station were out of commission. Had the matter been reported to the Oak, the difficulty would have either been immediately corrected by employees of the tender or the facts promptly reported to this office for proper action, whereas your report by letter dated January 6th was not received until Jan.11th, with the result that the engines were out of commission from January 5th to January 12th, when repairs were made by a Machinist.

2. Your action in going ashore on leave on January 8th leaving both engines out of commission and without instructing the 2nd Assistant Keeper, who reported on January 8th, as to the duties of his position, is inexcusable and amply indicates indifference and irresponsibility on your part as keeper of the station, for which you are hereby reprimanded and advised that a repetition will result in action being taken with the view of your dismissal from the service.

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

J. T. Yates

Superintendent

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FWO-JHG February 6,1926

1. Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained.

2. This case deserves more drastic action than a reprimand, but at the present time there are no Keepers or Assistant Keepers at other stations who have the necessary qualifications who would accept transfer to the position of Keeper at Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta. at the authorized rate of pay of the position. A further report in reference to Mr.Burns will be made at the expiration of six months.

J. T. Yates

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

Feb. 6, 1926.

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P.O.Box 581,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Charges.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Jan. 16th and your reply Jan. 30th.

1. Your reply is by no means a satisfactory explanation of your action and conduct as covered by letter from this office of Jan. 16th. If, as stated in your letter, a piece of pipe and a check valve were required, there is no evidence to show that you applied for such articles or assistance from the tender Oak when at your station on January 8th, in fact the Oak was not notified that both engines at your station were out of commission. Had the matter been reported to the Oak, the difficulty would have either been immediately corrected by employees of the tender or the facts promptly reported to this office for proper action, whereas your report by letter dated January 6th was not received until Jan. 11th, with the result that the engines were out of commission from January 5th to January 12th, when repairs were made by a Machinist.

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

2/6, 1926

Supt.

I write these few lines to find out if the leave could be extended into the following month, in order for the last man to get his 8 days leave, or should all men be on the station the last day of the month.

Thomas J. Burns
Keeper,
Stratford Shoal,
Bridgeport,
Conn.

FWC-JHB

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Feb. 9,1926

SUBJECT: Leave allowance.
REFERENCE: Your letter Feb. 6,1926.

1. The authorized allowance of leave for each keeper at Stratford Shoal Light Station is not to exceed 8 days per month. There should be ample time for each of the three keepers to take the leave allowed without extending it into the following month.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Chief Clerk

Feb. 5, 1926

Voucher Clerk

Salary may now be paid Thomas J. Burns, Keeper, Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta., for the month of ~~February.~~ January

1st Asst. Supt.

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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No. 49721

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, $300

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AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Superintendent of Lighthouses,
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Street and Number, or Post Office Box, _____

Post Office at STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

State _____

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RETURN AFTER FIVE DAYS

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 3RD DISTRICT
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RETURN TO WRITER

REGISTERED MAIL
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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

(2)

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

1/30, 1926

station, I call up and found out Mr Murphy was at Penfield Reef Light Station and left word over there to have Mr Murphy to come out to Stratford Shoal Light also address a letter to the keeper at the Penfield Reef Light Station on the 8th of January telling him if Mr Murphy was there to have him to come out at once to Stratford Shoal Light this letter I also gave to the mate on tender Oak for January 8th 1926 to mail if I had sufficient pipe to make a new suction line & check valve could have done repairs myself, tried to do the best I could with material on station.

Thomas J. Burns
Keeper
Stratford Shoal
Light Station
Bridgeport
Conn.

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FEB 2 1926 RECEIVED SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

1/30, 1926

Supt.

In reference to charges of neglect of duty, permitting both engines to be out of commission from Jan 3rd until Jan 12th Well I have sent a letter to the office explaining the reason why both engines remain out of commission so long, I had no pipe to make a new suction line & welded a new check valve, which material was furnished from tender the 12th in order for machinist to make the proper repairs, I also sent my letter to the office giving same to the mate of the Oak Friday morning the 8th of January 1926 when tender stoped at this station to deliver new store, as to not instructing the 2nd Asst to duties and care and operation of station apparatus I left station to go on leave the 8th in order as I thought Mr Barney Murphy may beat one of the lights near by so I could instruct him to go out to my

Jan. 30,1926

Chief Clerk

Voucher Clerk

Hold up pay of Thomas J. Burns, Keeper of Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta. for month of January, until I have seen the monthly report from the station.

1st Asst¾Supt.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

1/18, 1926

Supt.

In reference to fog signal not being in operation on January 6th at 12.01 am the reason was fuel oil pump broke down on south engine and after fixing same, started engine and found I could not get water circulating to engines, took up line into water cistern and found suction line broke, check valve refused to work, made up temporary new line with what material I found on station but could not do anything on account of not having the material to do it with. Needed a new check valve and suction line into cistern, could not get word any sooner to office, as not a boat near the station till Tender Oak came Jan 8th which I sent word by letter mate of Tender.

Thomas J. Burns
Keeper

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Tender Oak
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

January 18th, 1926

Superintendent.

Sir.

Subject:- Stratford Shoal Fog Signal.

Reference:- Your Letter dated January 15th 1926.

Respectfully wish to state that on January 8th 1926, at 7 O'clock, P.M. this vessel made a delievery to Stratford Shoal Lt. Station, as stated in your letter, but no report was made to me, that one or both of the fog signal engines were out of commission.

On receipt of your letter I interrogated the Mate and his statement was, That at the time of the delievery he, the Mate, knowing that the Keeper was new at this station inquired of him how things were, and the Keepers reply was, That things were all right, except that he was having trouble with his engines.

As no statement was made that one or both of his engines was disabled, or as no assistance was requested, the Mate thought nothing of the matter, and made no report to me.

Respectfully,

William T. Croom,

Master.

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHB

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

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

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

January 16,1926

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with inefficiency, neglect of duty, and irresponsibility as Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station, in that both fog signal engines at your station were permitted to remain entirely out of commission from January 5th until January 12th when a Machinist arrived at the station and placed them in working order, when it was found that the source of trouble was lack of circulating water due to a leak in the suction line, which should have been readily and promptly repaired by yourself or any capable keeper, whereas as a matter of fact it appears that you worked on the engines for some two or three days without making the required repairs, and on January 8th left the station on leave with both engines still out of commission, and also without instructing the newly appointed 2nd Assistant Keeper, who arrived on the station on January 8th, as to the duties of his position or the care and operation of the station apparatus. The fact that both engines were disabled was reported by you in a letter dated January 6th, which was not received at this office until January 11th, or three days after you went ashore on leave.

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.

3. If you desire to make no statement you will so state in writing.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst. Supt.

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

January 16,1926

SUBJECT: Charges.

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For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels
1st Asst. Supt.

Copy to his home address:—
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Bridgeport. Conn

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

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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.

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Bridgeport, Conn

FWO:FM

January 15, 1926.

W. T. Vroom, Master
Lighthouse Tender "Oak",
General Lighthouse Depot,.
Staten Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Stratford Shoal Fog Signal out of commission.

Both engines at Stratford Shoal Light Station were out of commission from January 5 until January 11. On the morning of January 8 the Tender "Oak" delivered supplies to Stratford Shoal Light Station at which time it is reported that the Mate who delivered the supplies was told about the engines at the Station being out of commission. As it appears that the Tender "Oak" took no action in the matter either to attempt to make repairs or to report the matter to this office, explanation is requested , attention being invited to paragraph 287, page 78 of Instructions to Employees, Lighthouse Service.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. OCKENFELS.

1st. Asst. Superintendent.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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

January 13, 1926.

Superintendent.

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Respectfully,

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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H. E. LITCHFIELD

FWO:FM

January 9, 1926.

T. J. Burns, Keeper
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Complaint, Fog Signal not in operation.

This office has received a complaint that the Fog Signal at Stratford Shoal Light Station was not in operation at 12:15 a.m. on January 6, 1926 during thick fog. The Steamer making this complaint was close to the Light and not hearing the Fog Signal, blew an alarm signal with the view of arousing the Keepers but without result. You are directed to submit full and complete explanation as to this evident neglect of duty on your part as Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station.

J. T. YATES.

Superintendent.

FWO:FM

January 9, 1926.

Capt. G. W. McVay,
302 New York Ave.,
Providence, R. I.

SUBJECT: Complaint Stratford Shoal Light Station.

REFERENCE: Your letter January 7.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of your letter of January 7 reporting the Fog Signal on Stratford Shoal Light Station not in operation during fog at 12:15 a.m. on January 6. This matter will be investigated and action taken with the view of preventing a recurrence.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES,

Superintendent.

1927

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

1/6, 1926

Engines put in com Jan 11-12 by Younger

Sept 1st

Sept 1st

Can Report in 6 mos

These few lines to let you know that both engines are disable & request a machinist to be sent as soon as possible, worked all day & night but cant get water circulating engines took up water pipe line down into cistern & found broken suction on end of pipe line in cistern, put new one on, connected new water pipe line but can't get any water, had to stop running south engine at 9.45 am on the 5th Yesterday could not get engines to start again.

Thomas J. Burne
Keeper,
Stratford Shoal,
Bridgeport,
Conn.

Made Younger & Hatfield part 1/11.

Stratford
5558

P. S.

Could not get word ashore on account of heavy fog & no boats near light

FWO:FM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 24, 1925.

Thomas J. Burns, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station.

SUBJECT: Promotion.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated December 11, 1925 promoting you to the position of Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station, N. Y. and in accordance therewith, you are hereby directed to relieve the present Keeper Robert H. Ebbitts and take charge of the Station when same is turned over to you by him, which should be the day following the date on which Mr. Ebbitts receives letter of instructions forwarded to him this date. You are directed to give Mr. Ebbitts receipt for the Station and all Government property under his charge in triplicate on form 30, one copy of which should be forwarded to this office.

2. Advise this office promptly by letter of the date on which Mr. Ebbitts turns the Station over to you.

J. T. YATES.

Superintendent.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 DEC 14 AM 11 40

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 11, 1925.

Mr. Thomas J. Burns,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1680 per annum to $ 1740 per annum, effective December 27, 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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OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: Staten Island, N.Y. (city.) Dec. 9, 1925 (Date.), 19

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Thomas J. Burns

Position, Keeper

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Effective Dec. 27, 1925 { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Legal residence, Connecticut

Salary, $1740 p.a. (pay range $1680 to $1920 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Former position, Keeper

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Former salary, $1680 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, Robert H. Ebbitts Services terminated, Dec. 26, 1925

Reason, Dismissed (Salary $1920 p.a.)

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: As Mr. Burns has been employed at this station since April 23, 1924 and has rendered satisfactory service, it is considered that his promotion to keeper should carry an increase over his present rate of pay which is $1680 p.a. and which is also the minimum rate for keeper. The rate of pay of $1740 per annum is therefore recommended.

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.

12/10/25

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DISTRICT,

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: Staten Island, N.Y. (City.) Dec. 9, 1925 (Date.), 19

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Dec 14th, 1925

FWO-JHG

Thomas J. Burns, 1st Asst.Keeper, Dec. 17,1925
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Excess leave.
REFERENCE: Your letter Dec.14,1925.

1. Your letter dated Dec.14th stating that on account of weather conditions you were unable to return to your station. You are directed to advise this office by letter of the date on which you return to duty. In future, when, for any reason you are unable to return to the station at the proper time, when reporting the fact you will also state the date on which you went ashore and the date on which you were due to return.

J. T. Yates

Superintendent

See reply in his letter Jan 2-26 attached to cases. re dismissal R. H. Ebbitt

1926

Dec 14th, 1925.



Supt

I write these few lines to let you know that weather conditions stopped me from returning to my station, but will try and return tomorrow morning as early as possible.

Remain

Thomas J. Burns

1st Asst Keeper

Stratford Shoal

Bridgeport,

Conn.

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

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Promoted Jan 1-1926

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

9/15, 1925

Dear Sir

I write these few lines to let you know I would like my name to be put on the transfer list for any of the following stations when ever their is a vacancy as 1st Asst Keeper.

Greens Ledge, Rowayton, Conn.
Latimer Reef, Stonington, Conn.
New Haven (Sperry) West Haven, Conn.
Pecks Ledge, South Norwalk, Conn.
Penfield Reef, Fairfield, Conn.
Shinnecock Bay, Good Ground, N.Y.
Southwest Ledge, New Haven Conn.

Thomas J. Burns.
1st Asst Keeper
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Thomas J. Burns
1st Asst Keeper
Stratford Shoal
Bridgeport,
Conn.

Robert H. Chitts,
Keeper

COPY

FWO-JHG

July 7,1925

August 10,1925

Thomas J. Burns, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

SUBJECT: Salary.
REFERENCE: Your letter dated July 7,1925.

1. Your letter dated July 7,1925, in reference to salary, together with Department letter of June 25,1925 - Notice of Change in Salary - are returned herewith, and your attention called to Paragraph 55 of Instructions to Employees, which states that all official correspondence must be forwarded through the immediate official superior of the writer.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

COPY

July 7,1925

Dear Sir:

I write these few lines to call your attention to this new change in pay effective July 1st,1925, the new pay rate states $1680.00 per annum from $1500.00 which makes the difference of $180.00 per year or $15.00 per month 12 X 15 - $180.00 which I received $140 which I think ought to be $145.00 per month.

I remain,

Resp'y yours,

(Sgd.) Thos. J. Burns
1st Asst.Keeper
Stratford Shoal Light
Bridgeport,Conn.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

WJL.AJM

July 8th, 1925.

Thomas J. Burns,
1st Asst. Kpr.
Stratford Shoal L.H.,
Bridgeport, Conn.
Thru Keeper.

SUBJECT: Pay for June services.

REFERENCE: Your letter July 7th, 1925.

1. Your appointment as 1st Asst. Keeper, Stratford Shoal L.H. was effective on June 11th, 1925, and payment for June services in detail was made as follows:-

June 1 to 10th -	$1440. per annum -	$ 40.00
June 11 to 30th-	1500. " " -	83.33
	Total - -	$123.33

2. Your appointment dated May 23rd, 1925, forwarded with your letter of July 7th, is returned herewith.

J. T. Yates,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

Re letter about ...
Cl. Ltr 7-9 Pos. 1st asst Keeper eff 6/11/25
See our letter 6/12/25 See appt attach...
Paid Vo# 16474- 6k# 75416- $123.33
1440- 6/1-10-10- 40.00
1500- 6/11-30-20- 83.33
$123.33
PS 7/8/25

RECEIVED JUL 8 1925 LIGHTHOUSE

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

7/7, 1925

Dear Sir.

I write these few lines explaining about my pay which I received for month of June was $123.33 1/3 which I thought my pay as 1st Asst Keeper took effect June 1st 1925.

Also I am enclosing my appointment paper from Washington.

This and is correct
PS. 7/8/25

I Remain
Resp Yours
Thomas J. Burns
1st Asst Keeper
Stratford Shoal Light
Bridgeport
Conn.

FWC-JHG

(7)

Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

March 28,1925

SUBJECT: Absence from duty of 2nd Asst.Keeper Burns.
REFERENCE: Your letter March 26,1925.

1. Your letter dated March 26,1925 relative to absence from duty of Second Assistant Keeper Burns, has been received, and your attention is called to the fact that notwithstanding the circumstance that Assistant Keeper Burns went ashore on February 11th, no report whatever in the matter was sent to this office by you until you forwarded your letter of March 4,1925 stating that Burns reported for duty on that date, and this letter supplied only meagre and incomplete information and was not understandable for the reason that no previous report had been forwarded to show that Mr.Burns was absent, with the result that letter was forwarded to you under date of March 5th to submit full and complete report in the matter, which to date you have failed to do, although in the meantime a report has been received from Assistant Keeper Burns in explanation of his absence.

2. You are directed to see to it in future that any absence on the part of Keepers or Assistant Keepers at Stratford Shoal Light Station in excess of the authorized monthly allowance is to be promptly reported and full explanation furnished.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 26, 1925

Supt.

As soon as T.J. Burns 2nd returned to this station I had him make in his report of sickness, that is the reason I did not reply to your letter, and I have since been able to go ashore since, I thought this report was enough to send in.

Respectfully,
R.H. Abbott,
Keeper.

FWC-JHG

Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

March 17,1925

SUBJECT: Absence from duty of 2nd Asst.Keeper Burns.
REFERENCE: Your letter March 4th and letter from this office March 5,1925.

1. Your attention is called to the fact that this office has as yet received no reply to our letter of March 5,1925 in reference to your letter of March 4th stating Thomas J. Burns had reported for duty on that date. You are directed to forward report requested by return mail.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Thomas J. Burns, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581, Bridgeport, Conn.

March 17,1925

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.
REFERENCE: Your letter dated March 4,1925.

1. Your application, on Form 76, for 21 days of leave from February 11,1925 to March 4,1925, has been disapproved, for the reason that application for leave or report in the matter was not forwarded to this office until over a month after the commencement of the period of your absence. Paragraph 165 of Instructions to Employees, with which you should be fully familiar, plainly requires that when keepers are on shore liberty or leave and for any reason are unable to report to their stations through no fault of their own within the time allowed, they should promptly notify the district officer and request instructions. Notwithstanding these requirements you made no report whatever concerning the matter of your absence or the cause therefor, until the receipt on March 16th of your letter dated March 4th. Your action in completely ignoring the requirements of the regulations referred to by remaining absent from duty for nearly a month without reporting the facts to this office, is very unsatisfactory, and you are advised that a repetition of this character at any future time, will result in drastic disciplinary measures being taken.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Thomas J. Burns, 2nd Asst.Keeper, March 17,1925
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581, Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.
REFERENCE: Your letter dated March 4,1925.

1. Your application, on Form 76, for 21 days of leave from February 11,1925 to March 4,1925, has been disapproved, for the reason that application for leave or report in the matter was not forwarded to this office until over a month after the commencement of the period of your absence. Paragraph 165 of Instructions to Employees, with which you should be fully familiar, plainly requires that when keepers are on shore liberty or leave and for any reason are unable to report to their stations through no fault of their own within the time allowed, they should promptly notify the district officer and request instructions. Notwithstanding these requirements you made no report whatever concerning the matter of your absence or the cause therefor, until the receipt on March 16th of your letter dated March 4th. Your action in completely ignoring the requirements of the regulations referred to by remaining absent from duty for nearly a month without reporting the facts to this office, is very unsatisfactory, and you are advised that a repetition of this character at any future time, will result in drastic disciplinary measures being taken.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Chief Clerk

March 17,1925

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Voucher Clerk

Pay Thomas J. Burns, 2nd Asst.Keeper of Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta., salary due him for one day, February 11,1925. He was absent from duty during the balance of the month and not to be paid therefor.

1st Asst. Supt.

Chief Clerk

Voucher Clerk

March 17,1925

DO NOT Pay Thomas J. Burns, 2nd Asst.Keeper of Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta. for three days - March 1st to 3rd inclusive - owing to fact he was absent from duty without leave during that time.

1st Asst.Supt.

B. I. HART, M. D.

March 12/25

This is to certify that I took care of Thomas J. Burns from Feb. 14/25 to March 3/25 inclusive who was suffering from Grippe & Stomach Trouble & unable to work.

B. I. Hart M.D.
443 State St
Bridgeport Ct

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FWO-JHG

Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

March 5,1925

SUBJECT: Absence from duty of 2nd Asst.Keeper Burns.
REFERENCE: Your letter March 4,1925.

1. Your letter dated March 4,1925 stating Thomas J. Burns reported for duty on that date at 10:30 A.M. has been received. There having been no previous correcpondence on the subject your letter of March 4th is not understood, and you are requested to submit full and complete report in the matter.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Chief Clerk

March 5,1925

Voucher Clerk

You are directed to pay Thomas J.Burns, 2nd Asst.Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station, salary due for ten days from Feb.1st to 10th,1925. He was absent from duty during the balance of the month, not to be paid therefor

1st Asst.Supt.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Mar. 4, 1925

Supt.

Thomas J. Burns reported for duty to day at 10.30 A.M.

Respectfully,
R.H. Ubbitt, Keeper.

Monthly Report states absent from 11 A.M. Feb 11th to 10/30 A.M. March 4

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 16 1925
RECEIVED
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 4th, 1925

Dear Sir.

I write these few lines to let you know the cause of delay in not hearing from me before now. I left a letter at home with my wife with instructions as soon as she gets a report from the doctor who was treating me while sick to mail same at once, which letter was mislaid. I left this station to go on leave with a heavy cold & fever.

I Remain
Resp Yours
Thomas J. Burns
2nd Asst Keeper
Stratford Shoal
Bridgeport,
Conn.

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



REQUEST

Stratford Shoal, (Station.) March 4th, 1925

Lighthouse Inspector, 3rd District:

I respectfully request that I be granted 21 days of shore liberty or leave, from Feb 11th 1925 to March 4th, inclusive, 1925 I have had 8 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:

Substitute not required
(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:

Box 176 R. 3., (Street or R. D. Route.) Bridgeport, (City.) Conn (State.)

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

Thomas J. Burns
(Applicant's signature.)

2nd Asst Keeper
(Title.)

Keeper in charge.

AUTHORITY

Office of Inspector, 3rd District, March 17, 1925, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby ~~approved~~ disapproved for 21 days, from Feb. 11th to March 4th, inclusive, 1925.

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

*Should have been.

Disapproved for reasons stated in letter to you of this date.

J. T. Yates

~~Inspector~~ Supt. 3rd *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 11 A M. Feb 11th, 1925
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 10.30 A M. March 4th, 1925.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 21 days.

Period charged: 21 days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

R. J. Ebbitts

Keeper in charge.

Thomas J. Burns
(Applicant's signature.)

2nd Asst Keeper
(Title.)

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

10/10, 1924

Dear Sir.

I write these few lines to let you know I would like a transfer to any of the following stations, at any time there is a vacancy, as 2nd Asst Keeper.

Eatons Neck, Northport, N.Y.
Execution Rocks, New Rochelle, N.Y.
Greens Ledge, Norwalk, Conn.
Montauk Point, Montauk, N.Y.
New Haven, (Sperry) New Haven, Conn.
Pecks Ledge, South Norwalk, Conn.
Penfield Reef, Fairfield, Conn.
Southwest Ledge, New Haven, Conn.
Shinnecock Bay, Good Ground, N.Y.
Stratford Point, Stratford, Conn.

I Remain,

Thomas J. Burns
2nd Asst Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Lighthouse
Bridgeport, Conn.

R. H. Abbotts, Keeper

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHT HOUSES
OCT 16 1924
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10/10, 1924

Dear Sir.

I write these few lines to let you know I would like a transfer to any of the following stations, at any time there is a vacancy, as 2nd Asst Keeper.

Eatons Neck, Northport, N.Y.
Execution Rocks, New Rochelle, N.Y.
Greens Ledge, Rowayton, Conn.
Montauk Point, Montauk, N.Y.
New Haven, (Sperry) New Haven, Conn.
Pecks Ledge, South Norwalk, Conn.
Penfield Reef, Fairfield, Conn.
Southwest Ledge, New Haven, Conn.
Shinnecock Bay, Good Ground, N.Y.
Stratford Point, Stratford, Conn.

I Remain,
Thomas J. Burns.
2nd Asst Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Lighthouse,
Bridgeport, Conn.

R.H. Robbins, Keeper

WJL-JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE.
(This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service.)

Third Lighthouse District
Staten Island, N.Y.
(Bureau)

August 27, 1924
(Date)

The Secretary of Commerce,
(The Chief of Appointment Division):

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on October 2nd, 1924, 192 .

The conduct and capacity of this employee have been satisfactory* during the probationary period, and (he) (~~she~~) is considered qualified for absolute appointment.

Name Thomas J. Burns

Position Keeper

Salary $1080.00 per annum

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Station Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Date of entrance on duty April 3, 1924

Remarks:

J. T. Yates
(Signature of immediate superior.)

Supt. 3rd Lighthouse District

SUBMITTED:

(Head of Bureau or Office.)

(*If unsatisfactory, recommendation for discontinuance under the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil service rule VII, should immediately be forwarded to the Department.)

FOLLOW UP PROBATION CARD

Employee. Thomas J. Burns

Rank. 2d Asst.Keeper

Where Employed. Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.

Entered on Duty. April 3,1924

Probation Expires On. Oct. 2,1924

Aug.20,1924

SUBJECT: Probation of Thomas J.Burns,
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Aug.2,1924.

1. Under date of August 2,1924 this office wrote you as follows:-

"The probationary period of employment of Thomas J.Burns, 2nd Asst. "
"Keeper of Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.,will expire on Oct.2,1924. 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."

2. No reply to this letter has been received. You are directed to forward reply by return mail and also submit explanation as to why prompt reply to same was not forwarded as directed.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

WJL-JHG

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Aug. 20, 1924

SUBJECT: Probation of Thomas J. Burns,
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Aug. 2, 1924.

1. Under date of August 2, 1924 this office wrote you as follows:-

"The probationary period of employment of Thomas J. Burns, 2nd Asst. "Keeper of Stratford Shoal Lt. Sta., will expire on Oct. 2, 1924. 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."

2. No reply to this letter has been received. You are directed to forward reply by return mail and also submit explanation as to why prompt reply to same was not forwarded as directed.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 18, 1924

Supt.

Subject: Probation of Thomas J Burns.

I consider Mr. Burns a competent man in his present position and he is a good worker for the up keep of the Station. He is not a very good boat man but will improve with practice.

Respectfully,
R. H. Chittum,
Keeper.

Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

August 2,1924

SUBJECT: Probation of Thomas J. Burns.

1. The probationary period of employment of Thomas J.Burns, 2nd assistant keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station, will expire on October 2,1924. 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

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 22 1924
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Stratford Shoal Lighthouse
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

5/20, 1924

Dear Sir.

I write these few lines to let you know that I would like a transfer to any of the following lighthouse stations at any time there is a vacancy at these stations, as 2nd Asst Keeper.

Greens Ledge, Rowayton, Conn.
New Haven, West Haven, Conn.
Penfield Reef, Fairfield, Conn.
Peck Ledge, South Norwalk, Conn.
Southwest Ledge, New Haven, Conn.

I Remain,

Thomas J. Burns
Stratford Shoal
Lighthouse,
Bridgeport,
Conn.

Robt W. H. Ebbitts, Keeper.

RECEIVED 1924 LIGHTHOUSES

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

7/20, 1924

Dear Sir.

I write these few lines to let you know that I would like a transfer to any of the following lighthouse stations, at any time there is a vacancy at these stations, as 2nd Ass't Keeper.

Greens Ledge, Rowayton, Conn.
New Haven, West Haven, Conn.
Penfield Reef, Fairfield, Conn.
Peck Ledge, South Norwalk, Conn.
Southwest Ledge, New Haven, Conn.

I Remain,

Thomas J. Burns.
2nd Ass't Keeper,
Stratford Shoal
Lighthouse,
Bridgeport,
Conn.

Robert H. Robbins, Keeper.

OF THE UNITED STATES, INC.

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Dear Sirs

I write these few lines asking for application for Keeper Lighthouse Service as I quit the 10th of Oct, 1928 under conditions of having a lot of trouble with my wife & wish to be given another chance, as I am free of all trouble

I Remain
Respectfully

Thos J. Burns
% General Delivery
Kings Park L.
Long Island
N. Y.

FWO-JHG

Thomas J. Burns, 2nd Asst.Keeper, June 12,1925
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P.O.Box 581, Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Promotion.

1. Forwarded herewith is Department letter dated May 23,1925 promoting you to the position of 1st Assistant Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station, and in accordance therewith you will be taken up as having entered on duty in that position on June 11,1925.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1925 MAY 28 AM 9 55

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 23, 1925.

Mr. Thomas J. Burns,

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 June 1, 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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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 2nd DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N. Y. May 21, 1925 19
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Thomas J. Burns — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary, $1500 pa* (Pay range, $1500 to $1740 p.a.

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt.Sta.,N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective June 1,1925 {'the actual date of entrance on duty, or / as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $1440 p.a.

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, Leonard J. Clark Services terminated, May 31,1925

Reason, Transferred (Salary $1560 p.a.)

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth,

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

For and in the absence of the Supt.

F. W. Ockentels

Secretary, Civil Service District. 1st Asst. Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

VC BS 5/26/25
Mess JB

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y. May 21, 1925, 19
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Thomas J. Burns

Position, Keeper

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt. Sta., N.Y.

Effective June 1, 1925

Legal residence, Connecticut

Salary, $1500 pA* (Pay range, $1500 to $1740 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

Former salary, $1440 p.a.

Former position, Keeper

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For and in the absence of the Supt.

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst. Supt.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

5/31/25

VC

Mess

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

11—2314

1st Asst.

5-21-25

Vacancy in position of 1st Asst.Keeper of Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.

No applicants for transfer.

2nd Asst.at Stratford Shoal is Thomas J. Burns, who entered the service in that position on April 3,1924. Record O.K. Efficiency rating 90%.

JHG

Promote Burns -
get new 2d asst -
Ade 5/21/25

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 25, 1927

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newlist 5/28/28

Supt

Dear Sir.

I would like to be transfered to following stations as Keeper, when their is a vacancy

Black Rock, Black Rock, Conn.
Bridgeport Harbor, Bridgeport, Conn.
Coney Island, Coney Island, N.Y.
Greens Ledge, Norwalton, Conn.
Horton Point, Southold, N.Y.
Latimer Reef, Stonington Conn.
Old Field Point, Setauket, N.Y.
Pecks Ledge, South Norwalk, Conn
Penfield Reef, Fairfield Conn
Shinnecock Bay, Good Ground, L.I.
Southwest Ledge, New Haven, Conn
Whale Rock, Narragansett Bay, R.I.

Thomas J. Burns
Keeper.

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 25, 1927

Supt

Dear Sir.

I would like to be transfered to following stations as Keeper, when their is a vacancy.

Black Rock, Black Rock, Conn.
Bridgeport Harbor, Bridgeport Conn.
Coney Island, Coney Island, N.Y.
Greens Ledge, Rowayton, Conn.
Horton Point, Southold, N.Y.
Latimer Reef, Stonington, Conn.
Old Field Point, Setauket, N.Y.
Pecks Ledge, South Norwalk, Conn.
Penfield Reef, Fairfield Conn.
Shinnecock Bay, Good Ground, N.Y.
Southwest Ledge, New Haven Conn
Whale Rock, Narragansett Pier, R.I.

Thomas J. Burns
Keeper.

WJL:JK

September 15, 1925.

Thomas J. Burns, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Startford Shoal Light Sta.,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Salary.

REFERENCE: Your letter September 9th.

1. Your rate of salary is $1680.00 per annum or $140.00 per month.

2. Returned herewith is your appointment.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent,

F. W. OCKENFELS.

1st Asst. Superintendent.

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

9/9, 1925

Dear Sir.

I would like to know if there was a mistake made, when this change of pay was effective July 1st 1925 as I have been paid #140.00 dollar for July and August pay, as my old rate of pay was #1500.00 per annum and new rate #1680.00 per annum.

Thomas J. Burns
1st Asst Keeper
Stratford Shoal
Bridgeport
Conn.

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$1680 per an or
$140 per mo is correct.
Sep 9/14
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SEP 15 1925

R.H. Gobbitt, 1st Lt. U.S.L.H.S.

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FWO-JHG

Thomas J. Burns, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Sept.25,1925

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.
REFERENCE: Your letter Sept.24,1925

1. Your letter dated Sept.24,1925 stating you left the station on Sept.18th and did not return until Sept.24th, has been received; and you are informed that your inability to return to station at the proper time should have immediately been reported to the keeper and to this office, in accordance with Section No.4 of Paragraph 105 of Instructions to Employees. You are directed to comply with the regulations in this respect should any similar case occur in the future. If the absence in this instance exceeded the authorized monthly allowance, the excess leave taken by you must be deducted from the allowance for next month.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept. 21, 1925

Supt.

T. J. Burns 1st asst. went ashore Sept. 18th for groceries, he intended to come right back, up to date he has not returned, it has been rough weather ever since and it is probably the reason he has not returned, anyway it is my duty to inform you.

Respectfully,
R. H. Chittum, Keeper.

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

9/24, 1925

Dear Sir.

I left this station on Sept 18th for grocery's + mail + when I arrived home I found my wife sick in bed with no one home to look after her + have to arrange with one of my neighbor to look out after her till she was ordered to the hospital + tried to return to station as soon as I could but last few days the weather was bad I just return to station today the 24th of Sept as I could not hire a sloop which used to take us out, as the men are all out oystering.

I Remain
Thomas J. Burns
1st Asst Keeper
Stratford Shoal
Bridgeport,
Conn.

R.H. Elliott, Keeper.

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Thomas J. Burns,
Through the Keepe
Stratford Shoal L
P.O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Transf

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Dear Sir

I write these few lines to find out if I could be considered for a transfer to Southwest Ledge Lighthouse Station, New Haven, Conn, as 2nd Ass't Keeper incase a vanacy occurs at that station, the reason why I am asking is a vanacy may occur at the Southwest Ledge Station, New Haven, Conn before I return from my leave, as I would have to have the keeper at my station sign my letter for transfer

O:CL

May 14, 1924.

(75)

Thomas J. Burns, 2nd Asst. Keeper.
Through the Keeper.
Stratford Shoal Light Station.
P.O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Transfer.

REFERENCE: Your letter of May 12, 1924.

1. You are advised that a man has already been selected to fill the vacancy in the position of 2nd Ass't. Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station. In this connection your attention is invited to the fact that all transfers are made in accordance with circular letter relative to transfers, copy of which was sent you on April 10, 1924. As you have not filed in this office a list of the stations and positions to which you would accept transfer, in the event of a vacancy, it would not be practicable, of course, to consider you for transfer to the position referred to.

2. You are directed in the future, to forward all official correspondence through the keeper of the station in accordance with the regulations.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent.

By: W.J.Lawton
Chief Clerk.

do until I return from my
leave the 18th, as I intend
to move to New Haven, Conn
in a month or two.

I Remain
Thomas J. Burns
Box 176 R. 3
Bridgeport,
Conn.

2nd Ass't Keeper at Stratford
Shoal Lighthouse, Bridgeport,
Conn.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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1-20-25 Examined Lahore

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

Thomas J. Burns, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.

May 2,1924

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 No. 806, said Form No. 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 No. 206 will then be your property, and you are directed to preserve it and keep it in your posession for future reference.

J. T. YATES

P.S. - Assistant Keeper to sign Form No. 206 where marked "A" - Keeper to sign Form No. 206 where marked "B".

Form 206 File No. 5

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 3rd District,

Place, Staten Island, N. Y.

Date, May 2,1924, 191

To the Medical Officer in Charge,
U. S. Public Health Service,
New Haven, Conn.

Sir:

Please examine Thomas J. Burns, 2nd Asst.Keeper,Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.

nativity, United States; age, 37; height, 5 feet, 7 inches;

weight, 175 pounds; color of hair, Black; color of eyes, Brown

distinguishing marks, Tattoo marks on arm.

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

Supt. 3d Lighthouse Dist. ~~Lighthouse Inspector~~

A

(Signature of applicant:)

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.)

Witnessed by Keeper, Stratford Shoal L.S.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

Place,

Date, , 191

To Lighthouse Inspector,

Sir: This certifies that I have this day examined the eyesight, hearing, and physical condition of , 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.

Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.

* If qualified, strike out the word "disqualified" and the paragraph following.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

JHG

April 10, 1924

Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper,
Stratford Sheal Lt. Sta.,
Bridgeport, Conn.

1. Furnish the information called for below in regard to Assistant Keeper Thomas J. Burns and return this sheet to this office.

2. Be careful to see that the information given is accurate.

Born in (Country or State) N. Y. State
Age 37
Height 5 feet 7 inches
Weight 175 pounds
Color of hair Black
Color of eyes Brown
Distinguishing marks Tobacco on arm

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

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1. Returned to Superintendent, the information required having been inserted above.

Robert H. Ebbitts
Keeper.

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WJL-PS

April 4, 1924.

Dear Sir:

I write these few lines in reference to your letter of the April 10, 1924.
28th of March, 1924, about the date that I was born on, it should be
August 23rd, 1887, instead of March 27, 1888.

H. C. Coles, Dist. Secretary,
Second Civil-Service District,
Customhouse, New York City.

SUBJECT: Correct Year of Birth
Thomas J. Burns, Keeper.

REFERENCE: Your inquiry of March 27, 1924.

SIR:

Herewith, letter received by this office under date of April 10, 1924, from Thomas J. Burns, Keeper in question, advising that the correct date of birth is August 23,1887.

I hereby certify that the above is an exact copy of letter written by Keeper in question.

Respectfully,
J.T. Yates,
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton
Chief Clerk.

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April 4, 1924.

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Dear Sir:

I write these few lines in reference to your letter of the 28th of March, 1924, about the date that I was born on, it should be August 23, 1887, instead of year of 1888.

I Remain

(Sgd) Thomas J. Burns
2nd Ass't Keeper
Stratford Shoal
Lighthouse,
Bridgeport, Conn.

I hereby certify that the above is an exact copy of letter written by Keeper in question.

P. Schrumpf.
Clerk-Vocuher Dept.

SECOND UNITED STATES CIVIL-SERVICE DISTRICT.
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.
NEW YORK.

March 28th, 1924.

Thomas J. Burns, 2nd Asst. Kpr.,
Thru Keeper Stratford Shoal Lt. Sta.,
P.O. Box 541,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: * Correct year of birth.

REFERENCE: Letter of March 27, 1924, 2nd U.S. Civil Service Dist. Office of Secretary. Personal Question Sheets of Sept. 16, 1922 and March 25, 1924.

1. When submitting aforementioned Personal Question Sheets, you stated on the former one of the earlier date that you were born August 23rd, 1887, while on the latter you indicated August 23rd, 1888.

2. This office directs that it be informed as to which of the above years of birth is correct.

J. T. Yates,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton
Chief Clerk.

SECOND UNITED STATES CIVIL-SERVICE DISTRICT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
NEW YORK.

DEPT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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March 27,1924.

Superintendent,
Third Lighthouse District,
Tompkinsville, S.I., N.Y.

Sir:

An inquiry has been received from the Civil Service Commission at Washington regarding the correct date of birth of Thomas J. Burns. The records show that he was selected July 20,1923, and April 1,1924, as keeper. On July 20,1923, he gave his date of birth as August 23,1887 whereas on April 1,1924, it was August 23,1888.

Will you kindly advise just what his correct date of birth is.

Respectfully,

District Secretary.

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JHC

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3d DISTRICT

T. J. Burns

Staten Island, N.Y. March 10, 1924.

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2d Asst. Keeper
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)
of Orient Point Lt. Sta., located off shore in Long Is. Sound, N.Y.

Total Compensation: $ 1182.00 per annum (which includes: Salary, $ 780.00 per annum, bonus, $ 240.00 per annum; and subsistence, 45 cents per day.)

Longevity Pay: In addition to the above keepers receive $ 60.00 per annum, after 5 years of continuous service, as longevity pay.

Quarters and Fuel: Quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station, but not for families of keepers. Family quarters can probably be rented at Orient Point, N.Y.
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, and if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Necessary furniture will be supplied by the Government.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 96 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This is a letter of inquiry and not an offer of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

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

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

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

If selected, I can report for duty in at once days from to-day.

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

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes

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

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." No If yes, state how many None; and fill in the following blanks.

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

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

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) Thomas J. Burns

Date 3/12/24

(Post-office address) Box 176 R. 3.
Bridgeport, Conn.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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November 7, 1922.

Mr. Thomas J. Burns,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Bureau, to take effect at the close of business November 30, 1922.

on

Bureau..... Lighthouse Service

Station..... Southwest Ledge Light Station and New Haven Middle Bkw. East End Light, Conn.

Position..... Keeper

Salary..... $780 per annum

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

C Chief of Appointment Division.
C Acting

3rd.

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y. Nov. 2, 1922 , 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Thomas J. Burns Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Connecticut Station, Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta. and New Haven Middle Bkw.East End Light, Conn.

Salary, $780.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of Nov.30,1922

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

Remarks:

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J. T. Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: Staten Island, N. Y. Nov. 2, 1922, 19

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

Name, Thomas J. Burns

Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Connecticut

Station, Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta. and New Haven Middle Bkw.East End Light, Conn.

Salary, $780.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of Nov.30,1922

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

Remarks:

Last day of Service 11/30/22
(See Keepers letter 12/1/22
re entrance on duty of
W.J.Trainor)

J. T. Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Thomas J. Burns, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Southwest Ledge Light Station,
New Haven, Connecticut.

Nov. 2,1922

SUBJECT: Resignation.
REFERENCE: Your letter Nov.1,1922.

1. Your letter dated Nov.1,1922 resigning your position as 2nd assistant keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station, has been received and forwarded to Washington, with recommendation that same be accepted, effective at the close of November 30,1922.

J. T. YATES

Albert Wilkinson, Keeper. Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Southwest Ledge, New Haven,

Nov.1,1922

Dear Sir;

I wish to resign from the Lighthouse Service and I am giving 15 days notice in advance, same to take effect the 30th day of November 1922, and also would like a Discharge Certificate be given to me.

Thomas J. Burns,

2nd Asst.Keeper,

Southwest Ledge,
Lighthouse
New Haven,Conn.

Albert Wilkinson, Keeper,

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Resigned
11-30-22

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

Oct. 3,1922

Thomas J. Burns, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Southwest Ledge Light Station,
New Haven, Connecticut

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 No. 206, said Form No. 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 No. 206 will then be your property, and you are directed to preserve it and keep it in your posession for future reference.

J. T. YATES

P.S. - Assistant Keeper to sign Form No. 206 where marked "A" - Keeper to sign Form No. 206 where marked "B".

Form 206 File No. 8

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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FWO-JHG

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

PLACE, Staten Island, N. Y.

DATE, Oct. 3,1922, 191

To the MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
U. S. Public Health Service,
New Haven, Conn.

SIR:

Please examine Thomas J.Burns, 2nd Asst.Keeper, Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.

nativity, United States; age, 35; height, 5 feet, 7-1/2 inches;

weight, 165 pounds; color of hair, Black; color of eyes, Brown

distinguishing marks Eagle and Banner, and clasped hands tattooed on left forearm, and eagle, rose and T.J.B. tattooed on right 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

Supt.,3d Lighthouse Dist. *Lighthouse Inspector.*

A

(Signature of applicant:)

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.)

B

Witnessed by Keeper, S.W.Ledge Lt.Sta.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE,

DATE, , 191

To LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,

SIR: This certifies that I have this day examined the eyesight, hearing, and physical condition of , 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.

Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.

* If qualified, strike out the word "disqualified" and the paragraph following.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

Sept. 21, 1922

Albert Wilkinson
.....Keeper,
Southwest Ledge
.....Light Station
New Haven, Conn.
.....

1. Furnish the information called for below in regard to Assistant Keeper Thomas J. Burns, and return this sheet to this office:-

2. Be careful to see that the information given is accurate:-

Born in (Country or State) New York

Age 35

Height 5 feet 7 1/2 inches.

Weight 165 pounds.

Color of hair Black

Color of eyes Brown

Distinguishing marks Eagle & banner, clasped hands tattooed on left forearm and Eagle rose & T. J. B. tattooed on right forearm

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Thomas J. Burns

Staten Island, N. Y., July 11, 1923 19

(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(For Sec'y 2nd C. S. Dist)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Thomas J. Burns

Position Keeper

Location, New London Ledge Lt.Sta., Conn.

Effective July 20,1923

Legal residence, Connecticut

Salary, $720.00 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

{ 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, 2 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 89.2 , Other eligibles considered:

John P. McAndrew 1%. Robert H. Lyons C.

Previous incumbent, Wm. J. Nelonson Services terminated, July 15,1923

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Date of birth, Aug. 23,1887

Remarks: No employee of District desired transfer to this position. There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station. No.2 on eligible list will accept appointment only at stations where family quarters are provided.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the

U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

J. T. Yates

Secretary, Civil Service District. Superintendent

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

JHC

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.

Staten Island, N.Y., March 20, 1924, 19

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2d Asst. Keeper
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)
of Stratford Shoal Lt. Sta., located off shore in Long Is. Sound, N.Y.

Total Compensation: $ 1242.00 per annum (which includes: Salary, $ 840.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum; and subsistence, 45 cents per day.)

Longevity Pay: In addition to the above keepers receive $ 60.00 per annum after 5 years of continuous service, as longevity pay.

Quarters and Fuel: Quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station, but not for families of keepers. Family quarters can probably be rented at Bridgeport, Conn., or Port Jefferson
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Necessary furniture will be supplied by the Government.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 96 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This is a letter of inquiry and not an offer of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

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

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

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

If selected, I can report for duty in----------days from to-day.

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

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered?----------

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

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

Name	Post-office address.	Where employed	Relationship.	Married or single.
9 — Percy L. Oppel	A			
3 — John Kellerhouse	A	OK Oct 3/14		
1 — Thos. J. Burns	A	Position		
4 — Chas. H. Mayson	B	Department or office		
2 — Jas. G. Cummings				
8 — Fredk. E. Baker		Position		
7 — Jas. P. Smith		Department or office		
6 — Thos. J. Bodine	A			
5 — Jos. C. Bottomley	A			

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

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature)----------

Date----------

(Post-office address)----------

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JHC

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

letter be answered promptly

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.,

Charles S. Mayson Staten Island, N.Y., March 10, 1924

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2d Assistant Keeper of Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta., located off Shore in Long Is.Sound
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

Total Compensation: $ 1242.00 per annum (which includes: Salary, $ 840.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum; and subsistence, 45 cents per day.)

Longevity Pay: In addition to the above keepers receive $ 60.00 per annum, after 5 years of continuous service, as longevity pay.

Quarters and Fuel: Quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station, but not for families of keepers. Family quarters can probably be rented at Bridgeport, Conn. or Port Jefferson, N.Y.
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Necessary furniture will be supplied by the Government.
(State whether or not furniture is to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 96 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This is a letter of inquiry and not an offer of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

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

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

Respectfully, J.T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

If selected, I can report for duty in ____ days from to-day.

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

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered?

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

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

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

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

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

We do not wish to accept this position as it is not convenient to my home and family.

(Signature) Charles S Mayson

Date Mar. 11. 1924 (Post-office address) New London. Conn.

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JHG

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.
Staten Island, N.Y., March 10, 1924, 19

Jos. E. Bottomley

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2d Asst. Keeper of Stratford Shoal L.Sta., located off shore in Long Is. Sound, N.Y.
(State position, whether station, vessel, or district, and whether station ashore or afloat.)

Total Compensation: $ 1242.00 per annum (which includes: Salary, $ 840.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum; and subsistence, 45 cents, 60.00 per day.)

Longevity Pay: In addition to the above compensation, 5 per annum after 5 years of continuous service, as long as employed.

Quarters and Fuel: Quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station, but not for families of keepers. Family quarters can probably be rented at Bridgeport, Conn., or Port Jefferson, N.Y.
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, and if not, whether they can be obtained by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Necessary furniture will be supplied by the Government.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 96 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This is a letter of inquiry and not an offer of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

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

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

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES
Superintendent of Lighthouses

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

If selected, I can report for duty in Now days from to-day.

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

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes

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

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

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

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

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) Joseph E Bottomley

Date

(Post-office address) Station #16
Waterbury Conn.

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,

Staten Island, N.Y., March 10, 1924. 19

John Wallwork

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2d Asst.Keeper
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)
of Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.,located off shore in Long Is.Sound,N.Y.

Total Compensation: $ 1242.00 per annum (which includes: Salary, $ 840.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum; and subsistence, 45 cents per day.)

Longevity Pay: In addition to the above keepers receive $ 60.00 per annum, after 5 years of continuous service, as longevity pay.

Quarters and Fuel: Quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station, but not for families of keepers.Family quarters can probably be rented at Bridgeport,Conn., or Port Jefferson,N.Y.
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Necessary furniture will be supplied by the Government.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 96 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This is a letter of inquiry and not an offer of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

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

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

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

If selected, I can report for duty in 2 days from to-day.

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

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered?

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

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

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

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

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) John Wallwork

Date March 11, 1924 (Post-office address) Westerly R.I.

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Dear Sir:-

I am willing to accept either of the 3 stations mentioned, but I give preference to either Stratford Shoals or Cuttyhunk Point Lt. Stations

Respectfully Yours

John Wallwork

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

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

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) Thomas J. Burns

Date 3/12/24

(Post-office address) Box 176 R. 3
Bridgeport, Conn

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LETTER TO ELIGIBLES.

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.

Staten Island, N.Y., March 10, 1924

Thomas J. Burns.

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2d Assistant Keeper of Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta., located offshore in Long Is.Sound
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

Total Compensation: $ 1242.00 per annum (which includes: Salary, $ 840.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum; and subsistence, 45 cents per day.)

Longevity Pay: In addition to the above keepers receive $ 60.00 per annum, after 5 years of continuous service, as longevity pay.

Quarters and Fuel: quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station, but not for families of keepers. Family quarters can probably be rented at Bridgeport, Conn. or Port Jefferson, N.Y.
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Necessary furniture will be supplied by the Government.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

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

Respectfully,

J.T.YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

If selected, I can report for duty in 10 days from to-day.

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

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes

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

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

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

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

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) Thomas J. Burns

Date 3/12/24

(Post-office address) Box 176 R. 3
Bridgeport, Conn

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Staten Island, N.Y., March 10, 1924

Percy L. Oppel.

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2d Asst. Keeper
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)
of Stratford Shoal Lt. Sta., located off shore in Long Is. Sound, N.Y.

Total Compensation: $ 1242.00 per annum (which includes: Salary, $ 840.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum; and subsistence, 60.00 per annum; 5 cents per day.)

Longevity Pay: In addition to the above keepers receive $ 5 per month for each 3 years of continuous service, as long as they remain at this station.

Quarters and Fuel: Quarters are provided for principal keepers at this station but not for families of keepers. Family quarters can probably be rented at Bridgeport, Conn., or Port Jefferson, N.Y.
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station or in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Necessary furniture will be supplied by the Government.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

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Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

If selected, I can report for duty in 3 days from to-day.

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

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes

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

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." No If yes, state how many none; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position		
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(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) Percy L Oppel

Date March 16 1924

(Post-office address) Trumbull Conn
Box 138

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LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd District

Staten Island, N.Y., March 10, 1924

Thos. J. Bodine

Sir: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2d Asst. Keeper
(State position, location, and whether station is a lightship, lighthouse, or beacon.)
of Stratford Shoal Lt. Sta., located offshore in Long Isl and Sound.

Total Compensation: $1242.00 per annum (which includes: Salary, $ 840.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum, and subsistence, 45 cents per day)

Longevity Pay: In addition to the above keepers receive $ 60 per annum, after 5 years of continuous service, as longevity pay.

Quarters and Fuel: Quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station, but not for families of keepers. Family quarters can probably be rented at reasonable rates in Greenport, L.I. or Southold, L.I.
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are furnished by the Government. Quarters can be rented by keepers in the vicinity.)

Furniture: necessary furniture will be supplied by the Government.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 96 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

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

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

Respectfully,

J. F. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

If selected, I can report for duty in 3 days from to-day.

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

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes

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

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No". Yes If yes, state how many 2; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Leonard Bodine	1076 Stratford Ave Stratford Conn	Position, Asst Keeper Department or office, U.S. Lt Ho Service	brother	single
Leonard J. Clark	1076 Stratford Ave Stratford Conn	Position, Asst Keeper Department or office, U.S. Lt Ho Service	Uncle	married

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

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) Thomas J Bodine

Date March 11/24

(Post-office address) 45 Harborview Ave Bpt Ct.

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,

James P. Smith

Staten Island, N.Y., March 10

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2d Asst. Keeper
(State position, location, and whether station is shore or float.)
of Stratford Shoal Lt. Sta., located off shore in Long Isl and Sound.

Total Compensation: $1242.00 per annum (which includes: Salary, $ 840.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum; and subsistence, 45 cents per day).

Longevity Pay: In addition to the above keepers receive $ 60 per annum, after 5 years of continuous service, as longevity pay.

Quarters and Fuel: (State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by Government, and if not, whether they can be obtained by rental in the vicinity.) quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station, but not for families of keepers. family quarters can probably be rented at Bridgeport, Ct. or Port Jefferson, N.Y.

Furniture: necessary furniture will be supplied by the government.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

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

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

If selected, I can report for duty in 8 days from to-day.

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

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered?

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

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

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
E P Smith	Mystic Conn	Position Seaman Department or office Coamd Station	Father	
		Position Department or office		

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

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) James P. Smith

(Post-office address) Mystic Conn

Date

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NOMINATION

Form 73

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. March 14, 1924 19
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, (Thr. Sec'y 2nd C. S. Dist.) Probationary appointment.

Name, Thomas J. Burns

Position, Keeper

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt. Sta., N.Y.

Effective April 1, 1924

Legal residence, Connecticut

Salary, $840.00 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

Former salary,

Former position,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 90.4 , Other eligibles considered:

James G. Cummings...C. John Wallwork....C.

Previous incumbent, Leonard J. Clark Services terminated, March 31, 1924

Reason, Promoted

Members of family in Government Service, None

Date of birth, August 23, 1888

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 Superintendent

F. W. Ockenfels

Secretary, Civil Service District.

1st Asst. Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Thomas J. Burns,
Box 176, R 3,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

March 14,1924

SUBJECT: Position of 2nd Asst.Keeper, Stratford Shoal L.S.
REFERENCE: Your letter March 12,1924.

1. Referring to your letter dated March 12,1924 stating you were willing to accept the position of 2nd Asst.Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station; you are advised you have to-day been nominated for appointment to this position, and in accordance therewith are directed to hold yourself in readiness to report for duty at that station as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be appointed to this position your services will probably be required April 1,1924.

2. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

3/17/24

Dear Sir.

I write these few lines in reference to your letter of the 14th telling me to hold myself in readiness to report for duty as 2nd Asst Keeper at Stratford Shoal, if I should be appointed to that position my services would be required about April 1st 1924, well I will be ready at that time to report for duty.

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Thomas J. Burns
Box 176 R. 3.
Bridgeport,
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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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WASHINGTON

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March 18, 1924.

Mr. Thomas J. Burns,

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 enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

C. F. GARDNER.

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Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Leonard J. Clark.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

(See reverse side.)

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Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 71[illegible]0

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, $300

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Superintendent of Lighthouses,

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, or Post Office Box, _____

Post Office at Staten Island,

State N.Y.

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Thomas J. Burns,
Box 186, R-3,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

March 22,1924

SUBJECT: Position of 2nd Asst.Keeper, Stratford Shoal L.S.
REFERENCE: Our letter March 14th and your reply March 17th.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated March 18, 1924 appointing you to the position of 2nd assistant keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station, and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to report for duty at that station on April 1,1924. 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 name and address of the keeper is Charles A. Rogers, P.O.Box 581, Bridgeport, Conn.

2. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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March 22,1924

1. Copy forwarded for his information to the keeper of Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta. Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which Burns reports for duty as 2nd Asst.Keeper.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Dear Sir.

Enclosed you will find all papers filled out except the Declaration of Appointee paper, which has to be signed by the Keeper at the Stratford Shoal Lighthouse Station as soon as I can see him & will then return it as soon as possible.

I Remain

Thomas J. Burns

Box 176 R. 3.

Bridgeport,

Conn.

FWO-JHG

Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Conn.

April 8,1924

SUBJECT: Entrance on duty of Thomas J.Burns as 2d Asst.Keeper.
REFERENCE: Endorsement of March 22,1924.

1. You are directed to advise this office by return mail whether or not Thomas J. Burns has as yet reported for duty as 2nd Assistant Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station, and if so, the date of his arrival at the station. If he has not reported, advise whether or not you have heard from him.

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

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 5, 1924

Supt.

Thomas J. Burns 2nd asst. Keeper reported for duty at this Station April 3, 2nd 1924 at 7.30 P.M.

Respectfully,
Robert H. Christo, Keeper.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHC

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 2nd DISTRICT,

Staten Island (City.), N.Y. March 14, 1924 (Date.) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Thr. Sec'y 2nd C. S. Dist.)
Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Thomas J. Burns

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper

Salary, $840.00 p.a.

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective April 1, 1924 {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 90.4, Other eligibles considered:

James G. Cummings...C. John Wallwork....C.

Previous incumbent, Leonard J. Clark · Services terminated, March 31, 1924

Reason, Promoted

Members of family in Government Service, None

Date of birth, August 23, 1868

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 Superintendent

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst. Supt.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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December 22, 1928.

Hon. Royal S. Copeland,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Copeland:

1. In reference to your letter of December 12, inclosing one from Mr. Thomas J. Burns, former lighthouse keeper, relative to salary due him since his resignation from the Service:

2. You are respectfully informed that the delay in this matter was on account of the necessity of obtaining receipt and approval of property returns at the station where Mr. Burns was employed, this delay having been caused by the fact that Mr. Burns resigned without notice.

3. The Bureau wrote Mr. Burns in regard to this matter under date of December 10 explaining the cause of the delay, and it is expected that by this time he has received his salary check from the office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Staten Island, New York. If he has not, however, he may expedite the matter by taking it up further with that office.

Respectfully,

G. R. PUTNAM
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3rd Supt

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 28, 1927

Supt

In reference to injury to my middle finger on my left hand, the reason why I have not gone to see the doctor about it at Port Jefferson, L. I., is on account of weather conditions being bad during the month of Dec and Jan while I was on leave, I have to take the ferry across the sound, and did not want to be held up at Port Jefferson, L. I by bad weather, but intend to try and get across to Port Jefferson L. I. to see doctor on my February leave.

Thomas J. Burns
Keeper.

January 12, 1927

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
Bridgeport, Conn.

November 19, 1926
(Date.)

To Dr. F. S. Child, Jr., East Broadway, Port Jefferson, L. I.
(Name of U. S. Hospital, U. S. Medical Officer, or Designated Physician.) (Location.)

SUBJECT: Injury sustained by you on July 15, 1926.

REFERENCE: Letter from this office of November 19, 1926.

Please inform this office whether or not you have received any medical treatment since November 19th, 1926 on account of this injury and, if so, furnish the information called for in our letter of November 19th.

This is to certify that Thomas J. Burns
(Name of injured employee.)
is a civil employee of the United States employed as Lighthouse Keeper
(Name of office or occupation.)
at Stratford Shoal Light Station, Bridgeport, Conn.
(Station.)

He was injured in the performance of duty on July 15, 1926.
She (Date.)

Nature of injury Middle finger of left hand sprained. J.T. YATES

Treatment is requested for the results of said injury pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the United States Employees' Compensation Act.

J. T. YATES
(Signature of Official Superior.)

Superintendent
(Title or official position.)

General Lighthouse Depot,
Staten Island, N. Y.
(Address.)

When this request is addressed to a designated physician or hospital, the reason why the request for treatment is not made to a United States medical officer or a United States hospital is to be noted here

(See other side for provisions of the Compensation Act as regards treatment.)

...ical, and hospital treatment under the provisions of the ...act only for injuries sustained in the performance of duty.

November 19, 1926.
(Date.)

To Dr. F. S. Child, Jr., East Broadway, Port Jefferson, L. I.
(Name of U. S. Hospital, U. S. Medical Officer, or Designated Physician.) (Location.)

THE BEARER, Thomas J. Burns
(Name of injured employee.)

is a civil employee of the United States, employed as Lighthouse Keeper
(Name of employee's occupation.)

at Stratford Shoal Light Station, Bridgeport, Conn.
(Name of office or establishment where employed.) (Location.)

He was injured in the performance of duty on July 15, 1926.
She (Date.)

Nature of injury Middle finger of left hand sprained.

Treatment is requested for the results of said injury pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the United States Employees' Compensation Act.

J. T. YATES
(Signature of Official Superior.)

Superintendent
(Title or official position.)

General Lighthouse Depot,
Staten Island, N. Y.
(Address.)

When this request is addressed to a designated physician or hospital, the reason why the request for treatment is not made to a United States medical officer or a United States hospital is to be noted here

(See other side for provisions of the Compensation Act as regards treatment.)

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November 19, 1926.

Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoals Light Station,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Injury sustained by you on July 15, 1926.
REFERENCE: Your letter of November 13, 1926.

1. Attached hereto is form CA-16, which you may present to Dr. F. S. Child, Jr., at Port Jefferson, L. I., who will furnish such treatment as you require. However, if hospital treatment is required, you are directed to have such treatment furnished at a public health service hospital.

2. If you are disabled for duty, you will promptly notify this office of the period of such disability, advising whether leave will be requested to cover such period, or if you desire to submit claim for compensation for such period.

J. T. YATES

SUPERINTENDENT.

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov 13, 1926

Supt

I write these few lines asking for Form (Request for Treatment), as I would like to see a doctor next month about my finger which was hurt July 15 1926, said finger is still sore, also want to know if I have to go to a Public Health Service Relief Station, the nearest one here is at New Haven, Conn, or could I go to see the same doctor who treated my finger in July, who lives at Port Jefferson, L. I.

Thomas J. Burns
Keeper.

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 1st, 1926

August 10, 1926.

U. S. Employees Compensation Commission,
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Injury sustained by Thomas J. Burns, Keeper, Stratford Shoal Light Station, on July 15, 1926.

REFERENCE: Form CA 2, forwarded on August 4th, 1926.

Sirs:

1. Attached hereto is form CA 1, which should have accompanied form CA 2.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES.
Superintendent.

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 1st, 1926

Supt

These few lines to let you know the total number of hours lost while going to see doctor at Port Jefferson, L.I. + back to my station was 9 hrs 10 minutes which time I will cover by a leave request.

Thomas J Burns
Keeper

(To be submitted to the official superior for transmission with the report of injury, C. A. 2, to the United States Employees' Compensation Commission by every employee injured in the performance of his duty, or some one on his behalf, within forty-eight hours after the injury. This notice shall be given by delivering it personally to the official superior or by depositing it in the mail properly stamped and addressed to the official superior. It should be retained by the official superior unless the injury is one for which C. A. 2 must be submitted, when it should be forwarded with that report to the Compensation Commission.)

Bridgeport, Conn.
(City or town.) (State.)

Box 176 R 3
(Street and number.)

August 1st, 1926
(Date of this notice.)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I was injured in the performance of my duties on July 15th, 1926
(Date.)

Thursday, 7:30 p. m.
(Day of week.) (Hour, a. m. or p. m.)

1. The injury occurred at Stratford Shoal Light Station, N. Y.;
(Give name of navy yard, arsenal, or post office, etc., where injury occurred.)

in the following manner: while assisting my 2nd Asst. Keeper with his power boat to hook on to block & falls in order to lift up, I slipped on a wet rock at bottom of inlet & fell on my hand, my middle finger striking on a stone.

2. Cause of injury By falling on wet rock, while making fast to block & falls in inlet.

3. Nature of injury Middle finger left hand only sprained doctor stated after taking X-Ray picture.

4. Was this injury caused by your—

(a) Willful misconduct? No

(b) Intention to bring about the injury or death of yourself or of another? No

(c) Intoxication? No

5. Names of witnesses to injury:

Percy L. H. Kaufman, 2nd Asst. Keeper

Dr. Child, East Broadway, Port Jefferson, L. I.

(Name) Thomas J. Burns

This paper is not a claim for compensation. Before compensation can be paid, written claim on Commission's Form CA 4, with doctor's certificate showing disability for work, must be submitted.

C. A. 1
Revised to April 15, 1919

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[Street and number.] [City or town.] [State.]

10. Married, single, widowed. [Cross out two words.] 11. Speak English? Yes If not, what language?

12. Race White 13. Was injury reported to official superior within 48 hours after injury? Yes

14. Was injury caused by:

(a) Willful misconduct of the employee? No

(b) Intention of employee to bring about injury or death of himself or another? No

(c) Employee's intoxication? No

[If any answers to these questions are made in the affirmative, the reporting officer should make an additional statement giving the reason for his conclusion and forward same with this report.]

The injured employee.

15. Occupation and division Keeper [Give both, as laborer, hull division; helper, machine shop, etc.] 16. Was employee doing his regular work? Yes If not, what work?

17. How long employed at present work?

18. How long at present work in this establishment? Since September 1, 1922

19. Dates of other injuries None

20. Rate of pay, $1740. per annum and subsistence valued at $ per

21. Employee begins work at Keeper's watch m. [Hour, a. m. or p. m.] 22. Regular day's work terminates Keeper's watch [Hour, a. m. or p. m.]

23. Hours worked per day as necessary 24. Days paid per week 7

25. Date employee stopped work no time lost day of week ; hour of day m. [a. m. or p. m.]

26. Date employee's pay stopped no time lost day of week ; hour of day m. [a. m. or p. m.]

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27. Date of injury July 15 28. Day of week Thursday 29. Hour of day 7.30 p. m. [a. m. or p. m.]

30. Place where injury occurred Stratford Shoal Light Station [Give exact location, as name or number of building and division, etc.]

31. Name of machine, tool, or appliance in connection with which injury occurred

(a) By what kind of power driven? (b) Hand feed or mechanical?

(c) Part on which injury occurred

(d) Was an improved safeguard in use at time of injury?

If not, is it possible to provide such safeguard?

(e) Was the machine, tool, or appliance out of order or ill-suited for the work?

The injury.

(f) Was employee instructed as to its use?

32. Describe in full how injury occurred Employee was assisting 2nd Asst. Keeper with his power boat to hook it on to block and falls in order to lift it up, when he slipped on a wet rock at bottom of inlet and fell on his left hand striking middle finger on a stone.

33. State part of body injured and nature and extent of injury, marking upon chart on reverse of this report site of injury

Middle finger of left hand sprained.

34. Did injury cause loss of any member or part of member? No If so, describe exactly

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35. Name and address of physician who first attended case Dr. F. S. Child Jr. East Broadway, Port Jefferson, L.I.

36. How soon after injury? July 16, 1926

37. To what hospital sent? Location

Medical attendance.

38. If not sent to hospital, where sent?

39. Name and address of physician now attending case

40. Was transportation furnished at Government expense? No

41. What is probable length of disability for work? No time lost [If injured employee has already returned to work, give date and hour.]

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42. Names and addresses of witnesses to injury

2nd Asst. Keeper, Percy M.H. Kaufman, Stratford Shoal Light Station Bridgeport, Conn.

General.

43. Was employee injured while in performance of duty? Yes If not, or in doubt, give detailed statement

44. Was injury caused by other than a Government employee or agency? No

[If so, a detailed statement should be forwarded with this report.]

Signed this 4th day of August, 1926 J. T. YATES [Signature of reporting officer.]

at Staten Island, N. Y. Superintendent [Title.]

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Mr. Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Injury sustained by you on July 15, 1926.

REFERENCE: Your letter of July 16, 1926.

Attached hereto is form C. A. 1, "Notice of Injury," which you are directed to execute and return promptly to this office. You are also requested to inform this office whose power boat you were tying fast to dock at station. Also inform this office the total amount of time lost on account of this injury, and whether or not such time will be covered by a leave request.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

July 1, 1926

Supt

These few lines to let you know that I left station to see a doctor about my finger I left at 4 P. M July 16th and returned to station at 8.10 P. M July 16th, 1926

Thomas J. Burns
Keeper.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES FEB 11 1921 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

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NOTICE OF INJURY

(To be submitted to the official superior for transmission with the report of injury, C. A. 2, to the United States Employees' Compensation Commission by every employee injured in the performance of his duty, or some one on his behalf, within forty-eight hours after the injury. This notice shall be given by delivering it personally to the official superior or by depositing it in the mail properly stamped and addressed to the official superior.)

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

99 - 73rd Street (Street and number.)

February 11th, 1921 (Date of this notice.)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I was injured in the performance of my duties on Feb. 11, 1921 (Date.)

Friday (Day of week.), 11:45 a. m. (Hour, a. m. or p. m.)

1. The injury occurred at General Lighthouse Depot (Laborers Shed); (Give name of navy yard, arsenal, or post office, etc., where injury occurred.)

in the following manner: while moving steel sheets around in order to put on steel towers caught second finger of left hand between two plates cutting same at first joint.

2. Cause of injury sudden moving of plates.

3. Nature of injury ~~None~~ second finger of left hand cut at first joint.

4. Was this injury caused by your—

(a) Willful misconduct? No

(b) Intention to bring about the injury or death of yourself or of another? No

(c) Intoxication? No

5. Names of witnesses to injury:

None

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(Name) Edward Burns.

No Time lost

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NOTICE OF INJURY

11:45 AM Feb. 11, 1921.

Edward Burns,

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Second finger of left hand cut at first joint.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

M. Thomas J. Burns,

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: $1800

To: $1920

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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January 1, 1927.

Mr. Thomas J. Burns,

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: $1740 per annum.

To: $1800 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):



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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 26, 1925.

Mr. Thomas J. Burns,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1500 per annum to $1680 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

January 31, 1925. 75

Mr. Thos.J. Burns,

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: $1440.

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

LIGHTHOUSES 75

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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September 18, 1922.

Mr. Thomas J. Burns,

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 Seven Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter on duty (September 1, 1922) in the above-mentioned position.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: George Petzelt.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

(See reverse side.)

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y., Sept. 5th, 1922, 19
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Thru Secy. 2nd C.S. Dist.)
Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Thomas J. Burns — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary, $780.00 P. A.

Location, Southwest Ledge Lt. Sta. and New Haven Middle Brk. East End Lt., Conn. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective September 1st, 1922 — {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, 84.8, Other eligibles considered:

Chester H. Murray C. Adelard Bussiere C.

Previous incumbent, George Petzelt — Services terminated, August 31, 1922

Reason, Promoted — Assignment to duty Sept. 1st, 1922, 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

J. T. Yates
Secretary, Civil Service District. Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y., Sept. 5th, 1922 , 19
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Thru Secy. 2nd C.S. Dist.)
Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Thomas J. Burns

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper

Salary, $780.00 P. A.

Location, Southwest Ledge Lt. Sta. and New Haven Middle Brk. East End Lt., Conn.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lights, Fog Signals and Beacons

Effective { the actual date of entrance on duty, September 1st, 1922 / has not been determined as he enters on duty.

Former position,

Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 94.8 , Other eligibles considered:

Chester H. Murray C. Adelard Bussiere C.

Previous incumbent, George Patzelt

Services terminated, August 31, 1922

Reason, Promoted

Assignment to duty Sept. 1st, 1922, 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

J. T. Yates

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 6 1922
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Southwest Ledge Light Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 1st, 1922

Supt. of Lighthouses

Sir

Thomas J. Burns, reported for duty at this Station. Sept 1st 1922

Respectfully

Albert Wilkinson

Keeper

WJL-JHG

Thomas J. Burns,
R.F.D.8, Box 176,
Reservoir Avenue,
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

August 29,1922

SUBJECT: Position of 2nd Asst.Keeper at Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter August 26,1922.

1. Referring to your letter dated August 26,1922 stating you were willing to accept the position of 2nd assistant keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station; you are advised you have been accepted for this position, and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to report for duty at that station on September 1,1922. 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 Albert Wilkinson, New Haven, Connecticut.

2. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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August 29,1922

1. Copy forwarded, for his information, to the keeper of Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta. Report to this office promptly by separate letters, the last day of service of Dudley, and the date on which Burns reports for duty.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, DIST.,

T. J. Burns

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses
Third District.
Tompkinsville, N.Y. Aug. 24, 1922

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of **2nd Asst. Keeper of Southwest Ledge Lt. Sta., located off shore in New Haven Harbor, Conn.**

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES AUG 28 1922 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

TOTAL COMPENSATION: $ 1182.00 per annum, (which includes: Salary $ 780.00 per annum; bonus, $240.00 per annum; and subsistence 45 cents per day.)
LONGEVITY PAY: In addition to the above keepers receive $60.00 per annum, after five years of continuous service, as longevity pay.
QUARTERS AND FUEL: **Quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station, but not for families of keepers. Family quarters can probably be rented at New Haven, Conn.**
FURNITURE: **Necessary furniture will be supplied by the Government.**

PROMOTION: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.
SHORE LIBERTY: Not exceeding 96 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

returning this communication to the office of

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES.

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

If selected, I can report for duty in at once days from to-day.

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

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes

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

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

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

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

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) Thomas J. Burns

Date 8/26/22

(Post-office address) Box 176 Reservoir Ave R. 3 Bridgeport, Conn.

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