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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
Buske, Robert		1874 Germany

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: 1919

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
Lighthouse Service (CT/NJ/NY) 3rd District	1904	1919
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
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Other Identifying Information (Maiden Name, Job Title, etc.)

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Final Return:

Robert Burke.

Robert A. Burke.

INACTIVE

STATE FROM WHICH APPOINTED
New York

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	OFFICE, BUREAU, OR DIVISION	DATE APPOINTED
Asst. Keeper, Romer Shoal L. Sta., N.Y.	$500	Light-House Service	Return from Leave, 7/1/03
" " " (Mr.)	"	"	July 16, 1903.
Keeper, Greene Ledge L. Sta., Conn.	$600	"	Oct. 1, 1904.
" " " " " "	$52.50 mo.	"	July 1. 1908.
Discontinued without prejudice eon ~~Separation~~.			Oct 11. 1909
Keeper West Bank N.Y.	$52. mo.	L. H.	Jan 7. 1910.
" " " "	$624.	"	Aug. 1, 1912.
" " " "	648.	"	Jan 1. 1916
" Asst Captain Life Saving Serv.	624.	"	April 1, 1916.
" Increases "	900 ~~760~~	"	Nov. 1, 1918
Died Jan. 8, 1919.			

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DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS.
Form No. 276.—Ed. 3 29[illegible]

INFORMATION AS TO THE PERSONNEL.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

Washington, D. C., February 10, 1900

To Supervising Officers of the Treasury Department and Others concerned:

You are hereby directed to have each new appointee or employee in your office at the time of taking the oath, in his own handwriting, answer in full all of the following inquiries, and date and sign the paper at the end. You will then forward the paper to the Department.

L. J. GAGE,
Secretary.

STATEMENT OF APPOINTEE OR EMPLOYEE.

In what service in or under the Treasury Department are you to be employed?

U. S. Light House Establishment

In what bureau, office, or division of that service are you to be employed?

Light House

What is the designation of the office or position to which you have been appointed?

Assistant Light House Keeper Romer Shoal

What is the rate or amount of compensation, pay, or emolument which you are to receive per diem or per annum? $ 500.00

Where were you born? (Give town and State.) Memel Germany

In what year were you born? 1872

Are you married or single, widow or widower? Single

Where is your legal residence? (Give town, county, Congressional district, and State.)

Stapleton S. I. Richmond Second district New York

Did you render military or naval service in the War of the Rebellion, or in the Spanish-American War? If so, in what capacity and in what organization?

Spanish American War Seaman U. S. Navy

Have you any relatives in the service of the Government? If so, state the relationship and service in which employed.

no

Have you ever before been employed in the Treasury service? If so, give date of original appointment and a statement in chronological order showing place or places occupied, length and time of service in each place, and compensation received therein.

no

Signature of appointee or employee Robert Burke

Date February 4 1903

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DIVISION OF
APPOINTMENTS.
J. A. D.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

Washington, January 29, 1903.

The U.S. Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

On this date a probationary appointment was issued to Mr. Robert Buske as Assistant Keeper of the Romer Shoal Light-Station, New York, with compensation at the rate of five hundred dollars ($500.00) per annum, from January 16, 1903.

The position was offered to the following-named persons whose names preceded that of Mr. Buske on the eligible list:

Herbert L. Perry, now absent, employed as Yeoman on the Light-House supply vessel "Armeria."

James C. Corcoran, Alfred A. Smith, Frederick Johnson and Robert Weeden, from whom no replies have been received.

James B. Murdock, George N. Thorpe and Joseph W. Mason, whose letters of declination are enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

(Signed) O. L. Spaulding

Acting Secretary.

(Enclosures)

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DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS.
Form No. 247.—Ed. 9 23 1902 1,000.

J. A. D.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington, D. C.. January 30, 1903.

Mr. Robert Buske,

Care of the Chairman

of the Light-House Board.

Sir:

Having been certified as eligible by the United States Civil Service Commission, you are hereby appointed Assistant KEEPER of the Romer Shoal Light Station, New York, with compensation at the rate of five hundred dollars dollars ($500.00) per annum for a *probationary period of six months*, from January 16, 1903, subject to taking the required oath of office..

Respectfully,

(Signed) O. L. Spaulding.

Acting Secretary.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS.
Form 68-3.—Ed. 9 27 1900 2,000.

J. A. D.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

Washington, D. C., January 30, 1903.

The Chairman of the
Light-House Board,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In order that the Department may comply with the requirements of Section 3, Rule VIII, Civil Service Rules, you will report to this office in writing near the end of the probationary term, viz: July 16, 1903,

of Mr. Robert Buske,

appointed Assistant Keeper, Romer Shoal Light-Station, New York,

on January 16, 1903, *to serve under your direction, whether* his *conduct and capacity have been satisfactory during said term, and whether you recommend* his *absolute appointment.*

If his *conduct and capacity have not been satisfactory, you will state specifically the reasons why they have not been.*

Respectfully,

(Signed) O. L. Spaulding.

Acting *Secretary.*

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.
Form 111.—Ed. 6 19 1901 1,500.

OATH OF OFFICE.

PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES.

I, Robert Buske do solemnly Swear 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.

Robert Buske

E.O.d. Jany. 16, 1903.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 11th day of February A. D. 1903

James Burke
Notary Public.

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Assist: Keeper.	Romer Shoal Light House.	Germany	New York.

This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, a Judge, a Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. *The oath should be taken on or after the date of the appointment.*

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD,

COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD. IN WRITING UPON THE SUBJECT OF THIS LETTER QUOTE THE FOLLOWING FILE NUMBER:

FILE No. 5645.

Washington, January 17, 1903.

Three Enclosures.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask the probationary appointment of Mr. Robert Buske as Assistant Keeper at Romer Shoal, N.Y., light-station, to date from 16 Jan'y, 1903, with pay at the rate of $500. a year, in the place of Mr. Andrew J. Chatterton, resigned.

Mr. Buske has passed the required civil service examination and obtained a rating of 80 per cent in Class Three.

The position was offered to the following-named persons, whose names preceded that of Mr. Buske on the eligible list:

Herbert L. Perry, employed as Yeoman on the Light-House Supply Vessel Armeria, now absent.

James C. Corcoran, from whom no reply has been received.

James B. Murdock, whose letter of declination is enclosed.

Alfred A. Smith, from whom no reply has been received.

George N. Thorpe, whose letter of declination is enclosed.

Frederick Johnson, from whom no reply has been received.

Joseph W. Mason, whose letter of declination is enclosed.

Robert H. Weeden, from whom no reply has been received.

Respectfully,

C. F. Hutchins

Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT. LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT. Form 138 c.—Ed. 27 1902 1,000.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE RECEIVED JUL 23 1903 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD. IN WRITING UPON THE SUBJECT OF THIS LETTER QUOTE THE FOLLOWING FILE NUMBER:

FILE No. 5645.

LETTER ASKING FULL APPOINTMENT OF KEEPER.

OFFICE OF CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED JUL 23 1903 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD,

Washington, 21 July, 1903.

The Honorable

The Secretary of ~~the Treasury~~ Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask the full appointment of Mr. Robert Buske as Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal, N. Y., Light-Station, to date from 16 July, 1903, with pay at the rate of $ 500. a year.

The probationary appointment of Mr. Buske ~~was~~ expired on 15 July, 1903 and his full appointment is recommended by the Inspector of the 3d Light-House District.

Respectfully,

C. J. Hutchins
Captain, U. S. N.,
Naval Secretary.

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Approved, July 23, 1903:

Geo. B. Cortelyou
Secretary.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

July 23, 1903.

Mr. Robert Buske, of ,

having satisfactorily served a probationary period of six months,

is hereby absolutely appointed Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light-Station N. Y.,

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Five Hundred dollars per annum,

this appointment to take effect July 16, 1903, or

as soon thereafter as oath of office is taken.

CARDED

Change reported to Civil Service Commission.

Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190 .

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File No. 5645.

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

Washington 19 Sept. '04.

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask the transfer and promotion of Mr. Robert Buske from the position of Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal, N.Y., Light-Station, to that of Keeper at Greens Ledge, Conn., Light-Station, to date from 1 Oct. '04, with pay at the rate of $600 a year, in the place of Mr. Wm. H. de Luce, whose transfer has been asked.

Respectfully,

C. F. Hutchins
Captain, U.S.N.,
Naval Secretary.

APPROVED
SEP 19 1904
Lawrence O. Murray
ASSISTANT Secretary

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
APPOINTMENT WRITTEN
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KEYED.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—ABSOLUTE DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

5645

October 1, 1904.

Mr. Robert Buske, of New York, is hereby appointed

Keeper at Greens Ledge Light-Station, Connecticut,

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Six Hundred dollars per annum,

this appointment to take effect October 1, 1904, vice Mr. William H. de Luce, transferred.

Payment of the compensation authorized in this appointment is subject to the oath of office being taken.

(By transfer and promotion from Assistant Keeper at Romer Shoal Light-Station, New York, at $500 per annum.)

Change reported to Cust. Serv. Commissioner.

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TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Lawrence O. Murray
Acting Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190

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The Light-House Board.

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CARDED.

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OATH OF OFFICE.

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES.)

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I, Robert Burke

do solemnly[a] swear 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.**

Robert X Burke
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Cod. Oct. 1, 04.

[b] appeared and subscribed before me, this 17 day of October, A. D. 1904

[c] Name: Charles H. Gruder

Official title: Notary Public

{Affix official seal.}

C. H. GRUDER
NOTARY PUBLIC
BRAYTON, CONN.

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Light House Keeper	Greens Ledge	Germany	New York

[a] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[b] Insert here "Sworn to" or "Affirmed," as the case may be.
[c] This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. *The oath should be taken on or after the date of the appointment.*

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.

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NOV 4 - 1904
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR
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CARDED.

PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET

NOTE.—This sheet is to be used only in cases of persons transferred to the Department of Commerce and Labor, by operation of law, July 1, 1903.

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 15, 1904.

To the Heads of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce and Labor:

For the purpose of enabling the Department to obtain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are hereby requested to furnish the information called for in Part II of this form, relative to each appointee or employee, now in the service, who was serving in your Bureau June 30, 1903, and was transferred to the Department of Commerce and Labor July 1, 1903, pursuant to the acts of Congress approved February 14, 1903, and March 3, 1903, and to have every such person answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. Officers in charge, subordinate to heads of Bureaus, are expected to review this sheet, after it has been executed, to see that all questions have been answered, and, after doing so, to forward it immediately to the head of the Bureau for transmission to the Department.

CARDED

Geo. B. Cortelyou

Secretary.

PART I.

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

1. What is your full name? (Do not use initials, but spell out each name and state whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. Example: Mr. John Richard Doe.) Robert Buske

2. How do you write your name on the pay roll? Robert Buske

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

Stapleton (City or town.) Staten Island (State or Territory.) Richmond (County.) seventh (Congressional district.)

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

5. Where were you born? Germany

6. When were you born? May (Month.) Twenty fourth (Day.) 1873 (Year.)

7. Are you pensioned by the United States Government? (Answer "Yes" or "No.") No.

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8. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States Government? (If so, give below their names, relationship, the Departments and Bureaus or Services in which they are employed, and the positions they occupy.)

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
No				
No	No	No	No	No

9. How long were you in the civil service of the United States Government prior to July 1, 1903?

five Months Fourteen days

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

Local Bd. Third L. H. District Jan 31 1902

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

None

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

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
U.S. Revenue	April 12 1897	October 22 1904	at Expiration of Service

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

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
U.S Celtic	December December 5 1900	Nov 1 1901	physical Disability

14. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service for the Government indicated in your answers to questions 9, 12, and 13.)

Locomotive Fireman

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

German and English Public School

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

None

17. What, if any, civil service examinations have you passed? (State name and date of each, as near as you recollect.)

passed Local U.S. Exam for Assistant Keeper
Appointed Keepers in L. H. Service Jan 31. 1902

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

written by myself

19. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. July 12, 1904

Witness:

(Signature) Robert Buske

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Stapleton S.I.
City or town.
87 Beach St
Number and street.
N. Y.
State or Territory.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded MAR 4 1905, 190

(Signature) M R Smalley

(Official title) Captain, U. S. Navy,
Inspector.

PART II.

(Blanks in Part II are to be filled by the executive officers of the various Bureaus of the Department, or, at their direction, by some official who can give the information desired. If unable to answer any question, indicate that fact.)

1. State the Bureau or Service, place, and district in which the person who answered the above questions was employed July 1, 1903.

Light House Service (Bureau or Service) Romer Shoal Light Station (Place (city, town, station)) Third (District)

2. What position did he hold July 1, 1903? Asst. Keeper, Romer Shoal Lt. NY

3. On what date was he appointed to this position? January 16, 1903.

4. How long had he served in the Bureau or Service in which he was employed July 1, 1903?

Five months and fourteen days

5. What was his salary July 1, 1903? $1000. per annum.

6. From what appropriation was he paid July 1, 1903? Salaries of Keepers of Light-Houses.

7. Was the position he held July 1, 1903, excepted, competitive, or unclassified under the civil service rules?

Competitive.

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8. If the position was classified, state the date of classification. May 6, 1896.

9. If the appointee or employee was appointed through examination, state the kind of examination. If not so appointed, state how he entered the position. (Examples: "Appointed before position was classified;" or, "By reinstatement;" or, "By transfer from ————," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Local C.S. Exam. 3d L.H. District for Keeper or Asst. Keeper Janry. 31, 1902.

10. Is the appointee or employee required to give bond? No.

(Signature) W R Smackman

(Official title) Captain, U. S. Navy,
Inspector.

Date: MAR 4 1905, 190

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED AUG 1 1908 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Office of the Inspector, Third L. H. Dist.,

Tompkinsville, N. Y.,

The Light-House Board, Rec'd JUL 24 1908

July 17, 1908.
(Date)

Washington, D. C.

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) Promotion
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)

of (2) Robert Buske & Jno of (3) New York
(Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) (State of legal residence)

from (4) Keeper
(Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)

at (5) Greens Ledge Light Station, Conn.
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED AUG 1 1908 DEPT OF COMMERCE & LABOR

at (6) $600 per an to (7) Keeper
(Salary now paid) (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)

at (8) Greens Ledge Light Station, Conn. at
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)

** (9) $624. per an. effective beginning (10) July 1 1908. (the date
(Salary recommended)

of his entrance on duty) (~~or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~)
(Strike out the clause not appropriate)

in the place of (11) _____
(State name of *last* person holding position)

who (12) _____ on (13) _____
(Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) (Last day of service)

Mr. (14) _____ stands No. (15) _____ in list of eligibles,

Class (16) _____, with an average of (17) _____ per cent, and

This increase is recommended in accordance with the report of the Committee
was considered with (18) _____
on Equalization of Pay, approved June 25, 1908.

(19) letters of declination of _____ herewith.

Respectfully,

C. Thomas

Captain, U. S. N., Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS APPOINTMENT WRITTEN AUG 4 1908 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

July 31, 1908.

Approved, and respectfully forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED AUG 1 1908 TO APPOINTMENTS DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

J. M. Helm

Captain, U. S. N.,
Naval Secretary.

NOTE.—This form should be sent to the Light-House Board in duplicate. Letters of declination, if any, should be sent with this letter.

This letter is returned for correction of items Nos. _____

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

5045

August 4, 1908.

Mr. Robert Hooke, of New York, is hereby appointed Keeper of Greenslodge Light-Station, Connecticut,

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Fifteen dollars per month,

this appointment to be effective beginning July 1, 1908, he having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served in the above-mentioned position. (vice himself.)

Payment of the compensation authorized in this appointment is subject to the oath of office being taken.

(By promotion from Keeper of Greens Ledge Light-Station, Connecticut, at $600 per annum.)

CARDED

Robert Bradstreet
Acting Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190

The Light-House Board,

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TO DISBURSING OFFICER
DEPT OF COMMERCE

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C. S. COMMISSION.

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Enclosures.

Form 111

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

No. 5645

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, Robert Buske

do solemnly[a] swear 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.

Robert Buske

[b] Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 14th day of August, A. D. 1908

(Affix official seal here.)

[c](Name:) A. Dwight Keep

(Official title:) Notary Public

OFFICIAL TITLE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Lighthouse Keeper	Green's Ledge	Germany	New York

OFFICE OF THE Inspector, 3rd LIGHT-HOUSE DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville N.Y., August 20 1908
(Address.) (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on July 1st 1908.
(Date.)

(Signed:) C. Thomas
Captain, U. S. N.
Light House Inspector, 3rd District.

CARDED

[a] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.

[b] Insert here "Sworn to" or "Affirmed," as the case may be.

[c] This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no 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.

NOTE CAREFULLY.

The oath may be executed at any time subsequent to the actual issuance of the appointment certificate, but no compensation should be paid until the oath is executed in proper form. Whenever possible the oath should be executed upon the date of actual entrance upon duty.

A letter of transmittal (use Form 95) should accompany Oath, stating the **exact** date of the entrance on duty of the appointee and the above blank also filled out and properly signed by the district officer.

Failure to fill out this Oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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TO APPOINTMENTS
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington

Robert Buske,
separation from Service.

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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

September 29, 1909.

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

1. The Board has the honor to inclose herewith, a letter of the 23d instant addressed to the Inspector of the Third Light-House District, from Robert Buske, keeper of Greens Ledge Light-Station, Conn., requesting that he be separated from the Service, without prejudice, for a period of six months, with the understanding that he may be reinstated in his present position upon his return for duty.

2. The Board, concurring in the recommendation of the Inspector, approves the request of Buske, and asks that he be separated from the Service, without prejudice, for a period of six months, effective at the close of September 30, 1909.

Respectfully,

H. Niles
Captain, U. S. N.,
Naval Secretary.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

September 23, 1909.

Captain C. Thomas, U. S. Navy,

Inspector, Third District.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 20th instant, I have the honor, in compliance with your instruction, to advise you that, for the purpose of visiting my aged mother, in Germany, I desire to be separated from the Service, without prejudice, for a period of six months, with the understanding that I may be reinstated upon my return to duty.

If agreeable to the Inspector, the Board, and the Department, it is my earnest desire to be reinstated at my present station; and, if I return before the six months named, I will present my respectful request to be reinstated on my return or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Very respectfully,

Robert Buske,

Keeper,

Greens Ledge Light-Station.

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Department of Commerce and Lab[illegible]

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

October 1, 1909.

Gentlemen:

Referring to the request of Robert Buske, keeper of Greens Ledge Light-Station, Connecticut, requesting that he be separated from the service without prejudice, for a period of six months, and to the Board's request that this action be effective at the close of September 30, 1909, the Department discontinues his services without prejudice, as such keeper, effective at the close of ~~September 30, 1909~~ October 16, 1909, with the understanding that he may make application for reinstatement at any time prior to the close of September 29, 1910.

Oct. 11 '09 X

Respectfully,

DL 10/11/09 amends *

Acting Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

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RECEIVED OCT 12 1909 TO INSPECTORS OF LIGHTS DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

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DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED OCT 20 1909 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Robert Buske,
discontinuance of service.

October 19, 1909.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED OCT 20 1909 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to return herewith Department letter of the 1st instant discontinuing the services, without prejudice, of Robert Buske, keeper of Greens Ledge Light-Station, Conn., effective at the close of September 30, 1909, and respectfully asks that the effective date may be changed to October 11, 1909, as the Inspector states that on the latter date Mr. Buske's services terminated at this station.

Respectfully,

W. P. Lapsley

Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

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Wrote Board Oct. 21-09.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK, FORWARDED OCT 20 1909 TO APPOINTMENTS DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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Washington

October 21, 1909.

Gentlemen:

Returned herewith, the date of effect having been changed from September 30, 1909, to October 11, 1909, in accordance with the Board's request of the 19th instant, in Department letter dated October 1, 1909, discontinuing without prejudice the services of Robert Buske, keeper of Greens Ledge Light-Station, Connecticut, it appearing that he remained on duty at the station until the close of October 11, 1909.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
MAY 28 1909
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EFFICIENCY REPORT

(Read the instructions on the reverse side of this Form before attempting to fill it out.)

1. Bureau Third Light-House District 2. Where employed Greens Ledge L.S.Conn.
3. Name Robert Buske 4. Where born Germany
5. Age ~~XX~~ 35 6. Position Keeper
7. Compensation $52 p.m. 8. When appointed (*a*) Jan. 16, 1903.
9. How appointed (*b*) From C. S. Eligible Register
10. Appointed from — State New York; Congressional District Seventh; County Richmond
O.R.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified Competitive
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? Yes
13. Other Government service None (Card record)
14. Duties (describe fully) Attending and operating a light and fog-signal and incidental work connected therewith, including the cleaning and painting of station.
15. Efficiency — Quantity of work (*d*) 10; Quality of work (*e*) Excellent; Interest manifested in work (*f*) Excellent
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes
17. Remarks (*g*)

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CAPTAIN, U. S. N.
NAVAL SECRETARY

C. Thomas.
Captain, U.S.N., Inspector. *Head of Bureau or Office.*

May 20, 1909

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

RLM-NO. 49 1/2

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Office of the Inspector, 3rd L. H. Dist.,

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C.

December 7, 1909.
(Date)

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) reinstatement
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)

of (2) Robert Buske
(Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board)

of (3) New York
(State of legal residence)

from (4) _____
(Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)

at (5) _____
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)

at (6) $_____ to (7) Keeper
(Salary now paid) (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)

at (8) West Bank Light-Station, N.Y. at
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)

(9) $52. month, effective beginning (10) December 14, 1909 (~~the date of his entrance on duty~~)
(Salary recommended)

(or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty)
(Strike out the clause not appropriate)

in the place of (11) Herbert W. Sisson resigned
(State name of *last* person holding position)

whose (12) last date of Service will be on (13) Dec. 10, 1909.
(Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) (Last day of service)

Mr. (14) _____ stands No. (15) _____ in list of eligibles,

Class (16) _____, with an average of (17) _____ per cent, and

was considered with (18) _____

(19) letters of declination of _____ herewith.

Mr. Buske's application for reinstatement herewith.

Respectfully,

F. Wilkenfeld
CHIEF CLERK.
(In the absence, and by direction of Inspr.)

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

January 6, 1910., ~~1909~~.

Approved, and respectfully forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor. The reinstatement of Mr. Buske is asked effective January 1, 1910, the date of his entrance upon duty. Mr. Sisson's last day of service was December 10, 1909.

Reinstatement requested 1-8-1910

W. H. Halford
Captain, U. S. N.,
Naval Secretary.

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LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR, THIRD DIST. DEC 7 - A.M. RECEIVED

67 Jackson Street.
Tompkinsville, Staten Island.
N. Y. December 7th, 1909.

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD DEC 8 1909 NO. 5645

The light-house board.
Washington, D.C.
Sirs.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED JAN 8 1910 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Enclosure-

-desiring to visit my aged mother, in Germany I obtained from the light-house board, through the Inspector, leave of absence for six months, from the 1st November, 1909. with the privilege of applying for reinstatement, as light-house Keeper, when ready for return to duty. I am now ready for return to duty, and I have the honor to apply to the board for reinstatement as Keeper of my own Station at Greens Ledge, Conn., or at such other of the same class as may be available at this time. I have to add to my request the information that I have no relatibe whatever in the U. S. Government service and the fact that circumstances in my old home abroad permitted me to return to duty much sooner than I expected when I asked for leave.

Very Respectfully.

Robert Burke, Keeper.
on leave from Greens Ledge Light-house.

No. 381.

REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT.

Department of Commerce and Labor
[Department, Commission, or Office.]

Washington, D. C., January 8, 1910.

To the U. S. Civil Service Commission:

Request is made for certificate under Rule IX for the reinstatement of Robert Buske, a legal resident of the State (or Territory) of New York, to the position Keeper of West Bank Light-Station, New York, now vacant (or to become vacant on), at a salary of $52 per month, in the Light-House Service, for which a certification of eligibles has not been requested.* Mr. Buske was, without delinquency or misconduct on his part, separated by discontinuance of services without prejudice on October 11, 1909, from the position of Keeper of Greens Ledge Light-Station, Connecticut, at a salary of $52 per month, in the Light-House Service.
[Removal or resignation.] [Bureau or office.]

Mr. Buske has no relatives in the competitive classified service of the Government.

MILITARY OR NAVAL RECORD.

Regiment Company

Vessel Date of honorable discharge

Signature:

Official title: Acting Secretary.

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* If a certification has been requested, the date should be given. Transfer Regulation VIII provides that "When a requisition has been made under section 1 of Rule VII for a certification of eligibles, and the Commission, at the request of the Department, has made public announcement of a special examination to secure such eligibles, the vacancy shall not thereafter be filled by transfer, promotion, or reinstatement, without the consent of the Commission."

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Form 1788. (First sheet.)
Aug., 1909.

No. 417

CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZING REINSTATEMENT.

United States Civil Service Commission,

Washington, D. C., January 11, 1910.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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JAN 12 1910
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

To the

Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

In response to your request dated January 8, 1910 for a certificate authorizing the REINSTATEMENT of Robert Buske of New York as Keeper of West Bank Light-Station, New York at $ 52 per month in the classified service of the Light-House Service, Department of Commerce and Labor, certification is hereby made that such REINSTATEMENT is permissible, it appearing that he was separated without delinquency or misconduct from the position of Keeper of Greens Ledge Light-Station, Connecticut at $ 52 per month in the classified service of the Light-House Service, Department of Commerce and Labor on October 11, 1909.

Very respectfully,

John T. Doyle

Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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JAN 12 1910
TO APPOINTMENTS
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
APPOINTMENT WRITER
JAN 13 1910
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor

5645 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

January 12, 1910.

Mr. Robert Buske, of New York, is hereby appointed

Keeper of West Bank Light-Station, New York,

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Fifty-two dollars per month,

this appointment to be effective beginning January 1, 1910, *, he

having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served

in the above-mentioned position. (vice Herbert W. Sisson.)

Payment of the compensation authorized in this appointment is

subject to the oath of office being taken.

(By reinstatement in accordance with Certificate No. 417.)

* Jan 17-10

APPOINTMENT DIVISION REPORTED JAN 13 1910 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

CARDED. CHANGE REPORTED JAN — 1910 C.S. COMMISSION.

Acting Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190

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The Light-House Board.

* See amended letter

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington

Robert Buske, change
in appointment.

January 26, 1910.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
RECEIVED
JAN 28 1910
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to return herewith Department letter of the 12th instant, appointing Robert Buske keeper of West Bank Light-Station, New York, effective January 1, 1910, and recommends that the effective date may be therein changed to January 17, 1910, as it is now informed that Mr. Buske did not enter upon duty upon the 1st instant as before stated, but did enter on duty on the 17th instant.

Respectfully,

W. P. Jackerton

Captain, U. S. N.,
Naval Secretary.

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TO APPOINTMENTS
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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JAN 28 1910

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

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January 29, 1910.

Gentlemen:

Returned herewith, the date of effect having been changed, in accordance with the Board's request of the 26th instant, from January 1 to January 17, 1910, is Department letter of the 12th instant appointing Robert Buske keeper of West Bank Light-Station, New York, it appearing that he actually entered upon duty at the station on the 17th instant.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

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FORWARDED.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

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January 12, 1910

Mr. Robert Baske, of New York, is hereby appointed

Keeper of West Bank Light Station, New York,

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Fifty-two dollars per month,

this appointment to be effective beginning January 17, 1910, ~~he having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served in the above mentioned position.~~ (vice Herbert W. Simson.)

Payment of the compensation authorized in this appointment is subject to the oath of office being taken.

(By reinstatement in accordance with Certificate No. 417.)

CHANGE REPORTED
JAN - 1910
C. S. COMMISSION.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
REPORTED
FEB - 11910
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Acting Secretary.

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Date of oath: , 190

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Form 111

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
FEB 4 1910
NO. 5645
Enclosure

OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, Robert Buske

do solemnly [a] 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.

Robert Buske
(Appointee signs here.)

[b] sworn to (See below.) and subscribed before me, this 2nd. day of February, A. D. 190 1910.

(Affix official seal here.)

[c] (Name:) E. B. Sheegan

(Official title:) Notary Public, Richmond Co., N.Y.

Official Title.	Pay.	Name of Station.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which last appointed.
Keeper in the Light House Service.	$52. pr.mo.	West Bank. (N.Y.)	Germany	New York.

(The above should be filled in by the district officer.)

Office of the Inspector, 3rd. Light-House District,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address.), February 2, 1910. (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on January 17, 1910. (Date.)

OFFICE OF CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED FEB 17 1910 TO APPOINTMENTS DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

(Signed:) R. M. Dayle

Captain, U.S.Navy,
Inspector.

[a] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.

[b] Insert here "Sworn to" or "Affirmed," as the case may be.

[c] This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no 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.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS FEB 17 1910 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

NOTE CAREFULLY.

The oath may be taken any time prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation should be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

A letter of transmittal (use Form 95) should accompany Oath, stating the **exact** date of the entrance on duty of the appointee and the above blank also filled out and properly signed by the district officer.

Failure to fill out this Oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

JAN 4 1912

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EFFICIENCY REPORT

JAN 2 1912

(The parenthetical letters refer to instructions on page 3, which instructions should be read and understood before attempting to fill out the form.)

1. Name Robert Buske, 2. Age 38 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau of Lighthouses 4. Position Keeper, West Bank Lt. Sta. N.Y.

5. Compensation $52 p.m. 6. Where employed West Bank Light Station, N.Y.

7. When appointed (a) Jan.12,1910 8. How appointed (b) By reinstatement

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (c) Classified competitive

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? Yes

11. Does the employee receive a pension? No If so, state the amount

12. Other Government service Served as Asst. Keeper Romer Shoal Light from Jan 16/03 to Sep.30,04, and as Keeper Greens Ledge Light from Oct. 1/04 to Sep.30/09.

13. Duties (describe fully) Keeping light, caring for station, cleaning, painting, etc. Light is eclipsed every 5 sec. 4th order, and fog-signal is 3d class Daboll trumpet.

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14. Has the employee special qualifications? No If so, state them

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15. Efficiency (d):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	95	2	190
Quality of work	85	3	255
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	85	3	255
Attendance		x	
Total		8 xx	700
Average percentage			87 1/2

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16. In the following form state the number of days of annual leave, sick leave, and leave without pay taken in each of the years 1908, 1909, and 1910:

1908.			1909.			1910.		
Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.

17. Is this employee a purely routine employee, or does he manifest interest, not only in his own work but also in the work of the office or bureau as a whole, to the extent of overtime work or voluntary efforts by suggestion or otherwise to add to its efficiency? (Answer fully.)

Takes good interest.

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.)

Pay received fair equivalent.

If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be.

19. Is this employee superannuated? No. If so, what percentage of salary is unearned?

20. Remarks: (e)

The official who is primarily responsible for the statements herein submitted will sign here—

Welders Verner

Asst. Supt. L.H.S.

The official who approves the statements thus submitted will sign here—

C. D. Stearns

Commander, U.S.N.
Inspector.

Commissioner

Chief of Bureau or Office.

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., June 8, 1912 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES JUN 11 1912 DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Action proposed, Change in compensation.

Name, Robert Buske Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper Salary, $624. per annum

Location, West Bank Light-Station, N.Y.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED JUL 2 - 1912 DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Effective July 1, 1912 or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. ~~on the actual date of entrance on duty.~~

Former position, Keeper Former salary, $52. per month

Location, West Bank Light-Station, N.Y.

Rank in list of eligibles, Rating, Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, Robert Buske Services terminated, June 30, 1912

Reason, Change in compensation.

Remarks: Payable from "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses"

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Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

JUN 21 1912

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION JUL 2 - 1912 DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

G. L. Putnam

~~Acting~~ Commissioner

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Washington

July 2, 1912.

Mr. Robert Buske,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Six Hundred and Twenty-four dollars per annum,

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

(By change from $52 per month.)

Not to be reported

C. S. C.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED JUL 2 1912 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: New York.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
AUG 10 1912
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LAB

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF DISBURSING CLERK
RECEIVED
AUG 15 1912
DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Carded in the Disbursing Office.

I, Robert Buske

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.

Robert Buske
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] ninth day of July, A. D. 1912.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) James W. Burke

(Official title) Notary Public.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Keeper	$624. p.a.	West Bank Light-Station, N.Y.

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

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
RECEIVED
AUG 17 1912
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

CARDED

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third District

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address), Aug. 9, 1912 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Aug. 1, 1912 (Date)

Formerly Keeper, West Bank Lt. Sta., N.Y., at $52. per month.

(Signature, followed by title)

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.

[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.

[3] The oath may be taken any time 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, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no 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.

Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEC 2 1915 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHT DEC 27 1915 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) Dec. 24, 1915 (Date.), 191

CHIEF CLERK DEC 28 1915

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Increase in compensation.

Name, Robert Buske, Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper Salary, $648 p.a.

Location, West Bank Light Station, N.Y. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

APPOINTMENTS DEC 28 4

Former position, Keeper Former salary, $624 p.a.

Location, West Bank Light Station, N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, Robert Buske Services terminated, Dec. 31,1915

Reason, Increase in compensation

D. L. DEC 16 1915

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks: In accordance with Bureau letter of Dec.17,1915.

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District

J. T. Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 27 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

S Conway
Acting Commissioner

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 29, 1915.

Mr. Robert Buske,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Six Hundred and Forty-eight dollars per annum, effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $624 per annum.)

CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 30 1915 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: New York.

CHANGE REPORTED JAN 1916 U. S. COMMISSION.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

APPOINTMENTS JAN 21 1916 4
LIGHT JAN 19 1916 HOUSES
CHIEF CLERK JAN 21 1916

I, Robert Buske,

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.

☞ Robert J Buske
(Appointee signs here)

Sworn to[2] (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 5th day of January, A. D. 1916

(Affix official seal here)

(Name) Edward F. Boehm

(Official title) Notary Public
Richmond Co. N.Y.

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present	Keeper	$648 p.a.	West Bank Lt.Sta., N.Y.
Former[5]	"	$624 "	do

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third District

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address), January 18/16 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on January 1, 1916 (Date)

CARDED!

J. T. Yates
(Signature, followed by title)

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.

[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.

[3] The oath may be taken any time 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, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no 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.

[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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Form 73 JHG

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) March 17,1916 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and demotion.

Name, Robert Buske — Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper — Salary, $624 per annum

Location, Great Captain Island Lt.Sta. and Jones Rocks Light, Conn. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective April 1,1916 — [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $648 per annum

Location, West Bank Light Station, N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, Mrs Georgia A. Oliver Services terminated, March 31,1916

Reason, Expiration of temporary appointment.

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks: Letter from Mr.Buske requesting this transfer attached hereto.

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

J. T. Yates

Secretary, Civil Service District

Inclosure

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON
MAR 18 1916

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner

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

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2D DIST. FEB 19 1914 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.
LIGHT MAR 18 1916 HOUSES

West 7 Bank St Sta.
February 14th, 1914.

Inspector

Sir:-

In the Event of a Vacancy I would respectfully request To be considered as keeper at home Station with Family quarters, so that I can have my old age Mother with me. Following Is a list of Stations I would like To be considered as keeper at, In the Event of a Vacancy, namely.

1. Falkner Island
2. Great Captain Island
3. Stratford point
4. North Brother Island

Robert T Burke.
Keeper.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 20, 1916.

Mr. Robert Buske,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

~~Keeper~~

in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~

at a salary of ~~Six Hundred and Twenty-four~~ dollars per ~~annum~~,

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

(By transfer from keeper at $648 per annum.)

CHANGE REPORTED
APR 1916
U. S. COMMISSION

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

CARDED.
1ST DIVISION
MAR 20 1916

Vice: Georgia A. Oliver.

Legal Residence: New York.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT APR 8 1916 HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK APR 12 1916

APPOINTMENTS APR 12 1916

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I, Robert Buske

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.

☞ Robert Buske
(Appointee signs here)

Sworn to[2] (See below) and subscribed before me, this 25th day of March, A. D. 1916

(Affix official seal here)

[4](Name) Edward F. Horgan

(Official title) Notary Public Richmond Co. N.Y.

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present	Keeper	$624 p.a.	Great Captain Island Lt.Sta., and Jones Rocks Light, Conn.
Former[5]	Keeper	$648 p.a.	West Bank Light Station, N.Y.

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

CARDED.

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third District

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address), April 7/16 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on April 1, 1916 (Date)

J. T. Yates
(Signature, followed by title)

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.

[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.

[3] The oath may be taken any time 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, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no 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.

[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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USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.

UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.
FORM 8.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.
8—4789-2

RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

1. Name: (Surname first. Given name in full. For women write Miss or Mrs. before given name.)
Buske, Robert

2. Department:
Commerce

3. Bureau, office, or service:
3rd Lighthouse District

4. Designation of position:
Keeper

5. Occupation (if not clearly shown by answer to question 4):
Lighthouse Keeper

6. Annual earnings:
630

7. Kind of appropriation:
LS

8. Present rate of pay:
$ 624 PA

9. Initial rate of pay:
$ 480

10. Total length of service (give the total of ALL U. S. GOVT. SERVICE with the exceptions stated on the back of this card)—

Substitute—		Regular—	
Years:	Months:	Years:	Months:
	13		1

11. State, Territory, or foreign country of birth (do not give town):
Germany

12. Race:
W

13. Sex:
Male

14. Date of birth—
Month:
May

Year:
1873

15. Kinds of schools attended, years attended, and degrees taken:
E5

16. Marital condition:
S

17. War veteran?
Spanish

18. Appointed from—
Congressional district and State:
11New York

County:
Richmond

19. Civil service status:
C

20. Method by which classified status was obtained:
CE

21. Place of employment—
City:
Great Captains Isl.L.Sta.
Port Chester

State:
New York

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 5, 1918.

M
r. Robert Buske,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 624 per annum to $ 960 per annum, effective November 1, 1918. (The above rate of pay includes longevity pay of $60.)

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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Form 93 JHG

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSE JAN 13 1919

JAN 13 1919

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N. Y., Jan. 9, 1919

1919 JAN 15 AM 8 44

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The Bureau is advised of the death ~~Herewith is transmitted the resignation~~ of the following-named employee:

Name, Robert Buske Position, Keeper

Legal residence, New York Station, Great Captain Island Lt. Sta. and Jones Rock Light, Conn.

Salary, $624.00 — per — annum Bonday ($960)

Mr. Buske died on January 8, 1919. ~~The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of~~

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

APPOINTMENTS

1919 JAN 15 AM 9 19

Remarks:

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons'l
Mar. Engr.
~~Personnel~~
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr.
Commr.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JAN 15 1919 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

1-15-19

CARDED

J. F. Myers

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JAN 13 1919

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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1919 JAN 14 PM 3 12

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Acting Commissioner

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT JAN 13 19 HOUSES

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

APPOINTMENTS

1919 JAN 15 PM 4 40

January 11, 1919.

STATE CLERK

SUBJECT: Pay of position of keeper and assistant keeper at Great Captain Island Light Station.
REFERENCE: Bureau endorsement January 7,1919.

1919 JAN 15 PM 3 47

1. Returned to Commissioner

2. The notice of increase in the case of Robert Buske (dated Dec. 5,1918) and of Ole Anderson (Dated Dec.5,1918) are returned for amendment so that allowance of $60 per annum for (b) will not be paid until certificates of proficiency have been furnished.

3. Letter from this office of October 23,1918 stated that the $5 allowance for power fog signal should only be allowed upon a keeper passing an examination demonstrating his knowledge and efficiency in the matter of oil engines, and of all the notices of increase so far received for various keepers in this District, the notices for the keepers of Great Captains Island are the only ones that included the $60 per annum for (b), it being the intention to allow this $60 for (b) only upon certification of proficiency in accordance with Bureau letter of July 13,1918 and letter from this office of October 23,1918.

J. H. Gross

1-12-19

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
JAN 15 1919
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending approval.

Acting Commissioner.

1919 JAN 15 PM 2 58

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 18 1918

LIGHT HOUSES JAN 13 1919

INSPECTOR 3D DIST JAN 11 1919 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Dec. 12, 1918

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: Pay of position of keeper and assistant keeper at Great Captain Island Lt. Sta.

1. Referring to Department letter dated December 5, 1918 addressed to Robert Buske, keeper of Great Captain Island advising him of change in salary from $624 to $960 per annum (including $60 per annum for longevity), also to Department letter of same date appointing Ole Andersen to the position of keeper (assistant keeper) of Great Captain Island Light Station at $720 per annum.

2. As this increase is presumably based on items (a), (b) and (d) of the Bureau's Schedule of July 13, 1918, information is requested as to whether allowance of $60 per annum for fog signal (power) was erroneously included, since certificate of proficiency has not been furnished in this case.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
January 7, 1919.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y. The base pay of the position of the keepers of Great Captain Island Light Station, $900 and $720 per annum, is based on items (a), (b), and (d) of the schedule approved November 1, 1918. It does not appear that your letter of November 18, 1918, in explanation of certain rates of pay recommended at various stations indicated that it was proposed to disallow $60 per annum, until certificate of proficiency had been furnished for each of the keepers at the station in question. If desired, it is suggested that the notices of increase in the cases of Robert Buske and of Ole Anderson, be returned for amendment. The rates of pay stated in the approved schedule are base rates. Unless recommendation to the contrary is made in individual cases, the Department will issue notices of appointment or increase at the full authorized pay of the position. It is therefore requested that in future, every case in which it is proposed to disallow item (b) ($60 per annum for power fog signal) until certificate of proficiency is furnished, statement to that effect be made in the nomination.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 5, 1918.

Mr. Robert Buske,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 624 per annum to $960 per annum, effective November 1, 1918. ~~(The above rate of pay includes longevity pay of $60.)~~

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:

Amended

Respectfully,

Clifford Harding
Chief of Appointment Division.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT DEC 9 1918 HOUSES

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LIGHT JAN 13 1919 HOUSES

December 5, 1918.

Mr. Robert Buske,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 624 per annum to $ 960 per annum, effective November 1, 1918. (The above rate of pay includes longevity pay of $60.)

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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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 5, 1918.

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Mr. Robert Burke,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 624 per annum to $ 900 per annum, effective November 1, 1918.

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.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED JAN 7 1919 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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Form 73 JHG

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., June 8, 1912 .191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES JUN 11 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Action proposed, Change in compensation.

Name, Robert Buske Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper Salary, $624. per annum

Location, West Bank Light-Station, N.Y.

Effective July 1, 1912 or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. ~~on the actual date of entrance on duty.~~

Former position, Keeper Former salary, $52. per month

Location, West Bank Light-Station, N.Y.

Rank in list of eligibles, Rating, Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, Robert Buske Services terminated, June 30, 1912

Reason, Change in compensation.

Remarks: Payable from "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses"

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Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

JUN 21 1912

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved.

11—2314

~~Acting~~ Commissioner

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

July 2, 1912.

Mr. Robert Buske,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Six Hundred and Twenty-four dollars per annum,

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

(By change from $52 per month.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: New York.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
MAY 28 1909
NO.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

(Read the instructions on the reverse side of this Form before attempting to fill it out.)

1. Bureau Third Light-House District 2. Where employed Greens Ledge L.S.Conn.
3. Name Robert Buske 4. Where born Germany
5. Age 36 6. Position Keeper
7. Compensation $52 p.m. 8. When appointed (*a*) Jan. 16, 1903.
9. How appointed (*b*) From C. S. Eligible Register
10. Appointed from: State New York; Congressional District Seventh; County Richmond
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified Competitive
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? Yes
13. Other Government service
14. Duties (describe fully) Attending and operating a light and fog-signal and incidental work connected therewith, including the cleaning and painting of station.
15. Efficiency: Quantity of work (*d*) 10; Quality of work (*e*) Excellent; Interest manifested in work (*f*) Excellent
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes
17. Remarks (*g*)

C. Thomas.

Captain, U.S.N., Inspector. *Head of Bureau or Office.*

May 20, 1909

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READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

JAN 5 1912

S.H.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

JAN 2 1912

(The parenthetical letters refer to instructions on page 3, which instructions should be read and understood before attempting to fill out the form.)

1. Name Robert Buske, 2. Age 38 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau of Lighthouses 4. Position Keeper, West Bank Lt. Sta. N.Y.

5. Compensation $52 p.m. 6. Where employed West Bank Light Station, N.Y.

7. When appointed (*a*) Jan.12,1910 8. How appointed (*b*) By reinstatement

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified competitive

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? Yes

11. Does the employee receive a pension? No If so, state the amount

12. Other Government service Served as Asst. Keeper Romer Shoal Light from Jan 16/03 to Sep.30,04, and as Keeper Greens Ledge Light from Oct. 1/04 to Sep.30/09.

13. Duties (describe fully) Keeping light, caring for station, cleaning, painting, etc. Light is eclipsed every 5 sec. 4th order, and fog-signal is 3d class Daboll trumpet.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? No If so, state them

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.	
Quantity of work	95	2	190	
Quality of work	85	3	255	
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	85	3	255	
Attendance		~~X~~		
Total		8 ~~X~~ 10	700	
Average percentage			87 1/2	

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16. In the following form state the number of days of annual leave, sick leave, and leave without pay taken in each of the years 1908, 1909, and 1910:

1908.			1909.			1910.		
Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.

17. Is this employee a purely routine employee, or does he manifest interest, not only in his own work but also in the work of the office or bureau as a whole, to the extent of overtime work or voluntary efforts by suggestion or otherwise to add to its efficiency? (Answer fully.) Takes good interest.

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) Pay received fair equivalent. If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be.

19. Is this employee superannuated? No. If so, what percentage of salary is unearned?

20. Remarks: (*e*)

The official who is primarily responsible for the statements herein submitted will sign here—

Wilder Verner

Asst. Supt. L.H.S.

The official who approves the statements thus submitted will sign here—

C. D. Stearns,

Commander, U.S.N.
Inspector.

Chief of Bureau or Office.

Form 73

JHG

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 27 1915

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) Dec. 24, 1915 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Increase in compensation.

Name, Robert Buske, Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper Salary, $648 p.a.

Location, West Bank Light Station, N.Y. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

Former position, Keeper Former salary, $624 p.a.

Location, West Bank Light Station, N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, Robert Buske Services terminated, Dec. 31,1915

Reason, Increase in compensation

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks: In accordance with Bureau letter of Dec.17,1915.

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 27 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT JAN 3 1916 HOUSES

December 29, 1915.

Mr. Robert Buske,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Six Hundred and Forty-eight dollars per annum, effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $624 per annum.)

CSD Jan 1, 1916

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: New York.

11—1392

JAN 8 1916

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
MAR 18 1916
HOUSES

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Appt mailed Instr
Mar-22-1916.

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr,
Commr.

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Commissioner:

March 17,1916

Referring to Forms 73 forwarded to the Bureau to-day recommending the appointments of Robert Buske to the position of keeper of Great Captain Island Lt.Sta.; Millard Caler to the position of keeper of West Bank Lt.Sta.; and John E.Bergen to the position of 1st Assistant Keeper of Execution Rocks Lt.Sta.

It is requested that this office be notified promptly of the appointments of these men so that the necessary orders may be issued in sufficient time so they may enter on duty in their respective positions on April 1,1916.

J. L. Yates

Form 78 JHC

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES MAR 18 1916

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) March 17,1916 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and demotion.

Name, **Robert Buske** Legal residence, **New York**

Position, **Keeper** Salary, **$624 per annum**

Location, **Great Captain Island Lt.Sta. and Jones Rocks Light, Conn.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses**

Effective **April 1,1916** {[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper Former salary, **$648 per annum**

Location, **West Bank Light Station, N.Y.**

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

Previous incumbent, Georgia A. Oliver Services terminated, **March 31,1916**

Reason, **Expiration of temporary appointment.**

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks: Letter from Mr.Buske requesting this transfer attached hereto.

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

J T YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District

Inclosure

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAR 18 1916

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
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March 20, 1916.

Mr. Robert Buske,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Six Hundred and Twenty-four dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from keeper at $648 per annum.)

E D
April 1, 1916.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Georgia A. Oliver.

Legal Residence: New York.

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MAR 22 1916

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

July 27, 1917. Rec'd DC desk Aug 7

Rec. OK to Dept for suspension, pending receipt charges by Bur.

Dept a.o. rec'd 8/6 DC Aug 7

Commissioner:

Enclosed herewith is copy of telegram dated July 24th 1917 received from Robert Buske, Keeper of Great Captains Island, Light Station, N.Y., in which he charges Albert Nelsen, Assistant keeper with disobedience and disloyalty. There is also enclosed copy of letter dated July 25th 1917 addressed to Mr. Nelsen suspending him from duty pending the disposition of charges made against him by the keeper. It is recommended that the action taken by this office in suspending Mr. Nelsen from duty be approved. The keeper of Great Captains Island Light Station has been directed to submit a full report giving complete details concerning his charges against the assistant keeper and upon receipt of same the Bureau will be further advised.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

Haskell

H B Bureau of Lighthouses August 7, 1917.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with recommendation for approval, the Department letter of suspension to contain the usual clause with reference to reimbursement in case the charges are not sustained, etc.

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Western Union Telegram

Received at St.George,S.I.,N.Y.

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PD Portchester NY July 24 1917 455PM

Lighthouse Inspector
Third District Tompkinsville NY

Inspector the assistant keeper of Gt Capt Isld Light Station has been discharged for disobedience and being disloyal both to Service and country will forward a full report upon my arrival back to my respective station

Robert Burke Keeper

Portchester NY

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JHG July 25,1917

Alfred Nelsen,Asst.Keeper,
(Through the Keeper)
Great Captains Island Lt.Sta.,
Port Chester,N.Y.

You are hereby suspended from your duties and pay as Assistant Keeper of Great Captains Island Light Station, pending the disposition of charges preferred against you by the keeper, effective July 24,1917.

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

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.
Haskell
Superintendent

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July 26, 1918.

Capt. Roger Welles,
Director of Naval Intelligence,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Welles:

I beg to thank you for your letter of July 24 (A-5 FBO-WJC;20961-902), calling attention to the case of Robert Buske, keeper of Great Captain Island Light Station, and to inform you that this matter will be given immediate and careful consideration, and you will be further advised.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

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July 26, 1918.

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Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y., for immediate investigation and report. In view of the present situation along the coasts of the United States, and to the last paragraph of the attached letter from Capt. Welles, this matter is considered of special and urgent importance, and your office is asked to take prompt action.

Return the attached letter with your reply.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON July 26, 1918.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. JUL 27 1918 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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(Signed).

Office of Supt. of Lighthouses, 3d Dist.,
WJL-DC Tompkinsville, N.Y. August 8, 1918.

Returned to Commissioner:

Attention is invited to report of investigation, copy attached, held at this office on July 31, 1918, also to copy of memorandum report of inspection of the Station on July 30,1918, copy attached. This office is unable to find any evidence that would warrant any action being taken in this matter. It is recommended that copies of this report be given to the Intelligence office of the Navy Department, with the request that they compare same with their records and advise this office of any discrepencies that they can find between their records and these reports, and that they furnish this office with any information they may have which would warrant further action in this matter.

J. D. Welles
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By Chum NARA Date 8/7/96

In reply refer to No.
A-5 FBO-WJC
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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST.
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My dear Mr. Putnam:

Owing to continued reports received by one of our representatives regarding aliens in the Lighthouse Service, one Robert Buske, keeper of the Great Captain Island Light Station, Long Island Sound, was investigated. It appears that Buske was born in Germany, 1873; was naturalized in the District Court, Southern District of New York, 1895 and is decidedly pro-German.

Inquiry developed the fact that subject, about two years ago, during the time of the German drive, expressed great delight at the apparent success of the German Army. Subject is further reported to have said to Mrs. W. B. Bennett, Belle Haven Ave., Port Chester, N. Y., to which Mrs. Bennett has made affidavit, that; "If the United States went to war with Germany, he would not fight with them".

Charles Nossiter of White Plains, N. Y., recently received a letter signed "A Voter", which embodied the following statement: "That after war was declared by the United States against Germany, the sentiments expressed by subject were thoroughly pro-German and if that same person (Buske) was still in charge of so important a position, expecially in these times when submarines are so near our coast, I deem it advisable to put the Federal authorities wise."

It is further reported that Buske goes ashore almost daily and is considered very careless in regard to his important duties as Lighthouse Keeper.

Among the references given by Buske was one George L. Egbert, 48 Arrietta St., Tompkinsville, S. I. At an interview with Egbert regarding Buske, Egbert stated he would not vouch for Buske and believes that he cannot be trusted. Egbert, however, would not divulge his reasons for making this statement.

Great Captain Island Light Station is so placed as to make an admirable point of observation.

In view of the pro-German attitude and carelessness as to the duty of Buske and the importance of his position, I am of the opinion that he should be either dismissed from the service or transferred to a position of less importance.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. JUL 27 1918 RECEIVED PEMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Very truly yours,

Roger Welles

CAPTAIN, U.S.N.
Director of Naval Intelligence.

Mr. George R. Putnam,
Commissioner, Bureau of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Memo:- In answering this letter, acknowledgment is addressing Capt. Welles.

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INVESTIGATION, held at the office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District on July 31, 1918, to obtain information concerning the disloyalty of Robert Buske, Keeper, Great Captains Island Light Station.

J.T. Yates, Supt. of Lighthouses, Chairman
F.W. Ockenfels, 1st Asst. Superintendent,
Alexander McKinney, of the Naval Intelligence office, Section Base 8.

Robert Buske, Keeper of Great Captain Island Light Station, Port Chester, New York, was questioned as follows:

(Q) Mr. Buske where were you at 11:00 a.m. July 30th?

(A) July 30th I was off Manursing Island Reef Buoy.

(Q) How far is that from your station?

(A) About one mile.

(Q) What were you doing off this buoy?

(A) I was pulling lobster pots.

(Q) At 11:00 o'clock July 30th, did you see the Lighthouse Tender Larkspur stop at your station?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) You recognized the Larkspur?

(A) I could not tell it was the Larkspur, but I knew it was a Lighthouse Tender.

(Q) When you saw the Lighthouse Tender at your Station, why didn't you return?

(A) I didn't think I could get back to the Station before the Tender Left.

(Q) How often do you go to your lobster pots?

(A) About every other day.

(Q) How many pots have you set?

(A) About 60 pots.

(Q) How many lobsters do you average a day?

(A) Sometimes from 25 to 30 pounds.

(Q) What disposition do you make of your lobsters?

(A) I sell some to the public in Port Chester.

(Q) Do you sell them to any particular person or anyone in general.

(A) Anyone that wants them.

(Q) How often do you go to Port Chester with them.

(A) Every couple of days, sometimes three or four days when weather is fit.

(Q) When you go to Port Chester how long are you away from the Station, from the time you leave until you get back?

(A) Three hours in the morning.

(Q) Do you have any set regulations at the Light Station to be maintained for the day watch to observe anyone landing on on the Station?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) What method do you follow to see that no one lands on Station?

(A) There is always one of us there.

(Q) On the 30th I landed at the Station and was not observed until I went up to the Assistant's quarters and knocked on the door; how do you account for that?

(A) I gave him directions before I left Station that I was going and that he was to look out for the Station, that was eight o'clock in the morning.

(Q) Do you have any visitors at the Station?

(A) There are people that come for water from the neighboring Island camps.

(Q) Do they come to the Station or just come to the well for water?

(A) They come up to the Station.

(Q) Did you receive orders that no visitors were to be allowed on the Station?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Then why are these people permitted to come up to the Station?

(A) They come up to the station before we see them, then we chase them off and show them the sign. They sometimes ask permission to get water.

(Q) Since you received notice excluding visitors from Light Station, have you ever had any visitors there at any time?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Has Assistant?

(A) Yes Sir, he had a sister there.

(Q) She come there and stopped with him?

(A) Yes Sir, she was there over night and also his wife's sister and husband.

(Q) Have you ever had any trouble with any of the people in Port Chester?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Have you ever had any trouble or disagreement with the fishermen around there?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Did you ever tell anybody in Port Chester that if the U.S. goes to war with Germany you would not fight with them?

(A) No Sir, I never did.

(Q) You never made that remark?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Do you know of any action or talk on your part that would lead people to believe that you were disloyal to the U.S.?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Do you consider that you are thoroughly loyal to the U.S. in every way?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Do you hold the interests of the U.S. above those of Germany?

(A) Yes Sir, I do to the last minute.

(Q) Did you make any purchases of any Liberty Bonds?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) How many and of what issue?

(A) Second and third issue. One $50 bond of the 1st and one $50 of the 2nd, and some war saving stamps.

(Q) How many war saving stamps have you?

(A) $2.50 worth.

(Q) You bought them recently?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Do you know a Mr. DeKalma of Port Chester?

(A) I may know him by sight but not by name.

(Q) How often do you visit the Vogopole Cigar Store in Port Chester?

(A) We go to one store to get tobacco and papers, I don't know the name.

(Q) Do you know a family by the name of Farwell on the neighboring Island?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Are you sure that you know of no man by the name of Dekalma, by name?

(A) I don't know anyone by that name.

(Q) How many Farwells live on Farwell's Island?

(A) Only one family. There are four boys in the family. I think they are all American born. I think their father is American born, I am not sure.

(Q) Are you personally acquainted with the father and four boys?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) How many are you acquainted with?

(A) I never saw the father.

(Q) Are you acquainted with the four boys?

(A) No, only two of the boys.

(Q) Do you know a man by the name of Dekalma?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Do you know of a man with a name similar to DeKalma?

(A) I know a man from Greenwich by the name of Collins, two of them go lobstering.

(Q) Do you know their nationality?

(A) I think they are Americans.

(Q) Have you any relatives in Germany?

(A) I have a mother and two sisters in Germany.

(Q) Where in Germany do they live?

(A) In Coenigisberg.

(Q) Have you any male relatives in Germany?

(A) I have a half sister and she has a boy. I think he is around the neighborhood of 22 or 23.

(Q) Is that boy in the Army?

(A) I cannot say.

(Q) Are your sisters married?

(A) One of them is a widow, the other is an invalid the last I heard.

(Q) How long since you have heard from either your mother or sister?

(A) About four years ago.

(Q) Have you communicated with them since?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Are you a member of any society?

(A) I am a Spanish American War Veteran.

(Q) Any other society?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Have you ever been a member of a social or business or any other society?

(A)* No Sir.

(Q) Postive?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Have you ever belonged to any insurance society?

(A) I belonged to the Prudential at one time. I dropped out of it 17 years ago.

(Q) You were never connected with any German Society at any time?

(A) No Sir. They have me listed as a member of the National Peace Society, German American Peace Society, National Bond they call it. I never went to a meeting.

(Q) You never joined?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Did they have your name listed?

(A) Yes Sir. They use to send me letters to come to the meetings.

(Q) Why did they have your name listed as a member?

(A) Before the war broke out they were talking about having half a million members of different nationalities. I really don't know what it was as I never bothered with them.

(Q) Do you know of a party by the name of Mrs. W.B. Bennett, Belle Haven Avenue, Port Chester?

(A) Yes Sir. I don't know whether she is the Mrs.Bennett, you refer to, the only Bennett I know is the daughter of Mrs. Oliver, she is married.

(Q) Who is Mrs. Oliver?

(A) She is the widow of the former Keeper of Great Captain Island Light Station.

(Q) You said she had a daughter that was married?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Is the daughters married name Bennett?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Do you know whether it is this Mrs. W.B. Bennett or not?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) You don't know her initials.

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Did you ever talk with Mrs. Bennett about the war situation?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Did you ever talk with her about the U.S. entering the war with Germany?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) When did you last see Mrs. Bennett?

(A) I passed her on the Street a couple of months ago.

(Q) Did you speak with her at that time?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) How long since have you had conversation with Mrs. Bennett?

(A) When I first took charge of Great Captain Island Light station two years ago last April.

(Q) Was Mrs. Bennett at the Station at that time?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Was Mrs. Oliver at the station at that time?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) You went to the Station as Keeper shortly after Mr. Oliver died?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Did Mrs. Oliver and her daughter Mrs. Bennett remain on the Station until you arrived?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Did they leave shortly after you arrived?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) When you saw Mrs. Bennett last she was on the Street?

(A) I passed her in the trolley car and she was walking on the Street. I think it was her I am not positive.

(Q) Do you know a party in White Plains by the name of Charles Nossiter?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Do you know a party on Staten Island by the name of George L. Egbert?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Have you had business dealings with Mr. Egbert?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) What were your business dealings with Mr. Egbert?

(A) I purchased uniforms and clothing from him.

(Q) Do you owe this Mr. Egbert any money?

(A) I did owe him a little bill of $3.00.

(Q) Has that since been paid?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) When was that paid?

(A) Four months ago.

(Q) For how long a time did you owe the $3.00?

(A) Nearly a year.

(Q) Did he write to you about it?

(A) Yes Sir, and I paid him just as soon as I received the letter from him.

(Q) Do you deal with Mr. Egbert now?

(A) Yes Sir, I was just up there ~~this~~ morning and bought a cap.

(Q) Are you still on friendly terms with Mrs. Bennett?

(A) Well I am, but they don't seem so.

(Q) Do you know of a reason why they should not be on friendly terms with you?

(A) Only because I called her mother Georgia.

(Q) Did you know Mrs. Oliver before you went to Great Captain Island Light Station?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) How long before you went to Great Captain Island Light Station?

(A) Nine or ten years.

(Q) Where did you first meet Mrs. Oliver?

(A) When I was Assistant at Romer Shoal Light Station.

(Q) Was she at the Romer Shoal Light Station at that time?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Was she married at that time?

(A) Yes Sir, she had just been married.

(Q) Was she living with her husband, Mr. Oliver?

(A) Yes Sir, she had permission to keep house.

(Q) While at Romer Shoal Light Station did you always address her as Georgia?

(A) Yes Sir, after I became acquainted with her.

(Q) Did she object to that name at that time?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) When you first went to Great Captain Island Light Station and met her, did you address her as Georgia?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Did she appear to object being addressed in that manner?

(A) No Sir, she shook hands with me and we talked together.

(Q) When did she first object to being called Georgia?

(A) After she had been away from the station a year or so she together with her daughter came back to go in bathing and I addressed her as Georgia, and she became indignant and refused to answer me, and her daughter advised me that it was because I addressed her in that way.

(Q) What year did you take charge of Great Capt. Isl. Lt. Sta., and Mrs. Oliver leave station?

(A) April, 1916.

(Q) Are you still on friendly terms with Mrs. Bennett, her daughter?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Mr. Buske how long have you been in the Lighthouse Service?

(A) Going on 17 years.

(Q) Have you been in the Lighthouse Service continuously?

(A) With the exception of six weeks which I took off.

(Q) What stations have you been at during that time?

(A) Three stations; Romer Shoal, West Bank Great Captain Isl. Light Station.

(Q) Have you any friends in Port Chester that you go to visit?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) How often are you away from the station over-night?

(A) Last month I was away one night.

(Q) When you go on leave where do you usually go?

(A) To New York.

(Q) Have you any particular friends in Port Chester?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Isn't there any body that you stop and call on in any of the stores to which you go for provisions, etc.?

(A) None in particular. In the store I deal with where we go for supplies groceries, etc. there is a man by the name of Horton. I spend a good deal of time in his place.

(Q) Is there any other place besides that?

(A) No, the only one there is a man by the name of Horton from whom we get our supplies from, a fellow who has a paper store by the name of Kelly and the brothers on Farwell Island, and a man by the name of Huss where we make our landing.

(Q) Do the Husses have a dock there?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Are they in business there?

(A) I don' know the people. There is quite a family of them, Uncles, Aunts, etc. There are three or four houses of them there. I gave them a bunch of lobsters, and he gave me lobster frames and said if I get any lobsters to give him some, so I did. They take charge of our boat in stormy weather and when we are away over night.

(Q) Do you ever put up in Port Chester over night?

(A) No Sir, never since I come to the station, except sometimes when I get to Port Chester from New York around two o'clock in the morning, but never any other time.

(Q) Are there any houses you visit in Greenwich?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Do you know the man who lives in the house on top of the hill?

(A) I think you mean a fellow by the name of Richie.

(Q) Do you know him personally?

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(Q) Did you ever come to New York with him?

(A) No Sir.

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(Q) What nationality is Mr. Richie?

(A) American, I think.

(Q) Do you know his business?

(A) No.

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LIGHT HOUSES

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(A) About one mile.

(Q) What were you doing off this buoy?

(A) I was pulling lobster pots.

(Q) At 11:00 o'clock July 30th, did you see the Lighthouse Tender Larkspur stop at your station?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) You recognized the Larkspur?

(A) I could not tell it was the Larkspur, but I knew it was a Lighthouse Tender.

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(A) Yes Sir, I do to the last minute?

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(Q) How many and of what issue?

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(A) I don't know anyone by that name.

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(A) I have a half sister and she has a boy. I think he is around the neighborhood of 22 or 23.

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(A) I cannot say.

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(A) No Sir.

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(A) I am a Spanish American War Veteran.

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(A) She is the widow of the former Keeper of Great Captain Island Light Station.

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(A) When I was Assistant at Romer Shoal Light Station.

(Q) Was she at the Romer Shoal Light Station at that time?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Was she married at that time?

(A) Yes Sir, she had just been married.

(Q) Was she living with her husband, Mr. Oliver?

(A) Yes Sir, she had permission to keep house.

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(A) Yes Sir, after I became acquainted with her.

(Q) Did she object to that name at that time?

(A) No Sir.

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(A) Yes Sir.

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(A) No Sir, she shook hands with me and we talked together.

(Q) When did she first object to being called Georgia?

(A) After she had been away from the station a year or so she together with her daughter came back to go in bathing and I addressed her as Georgia?, and she became indignant and refused to answer me, and her daughter advised me that it was because I addressed her in that way.

(Q) What year did you take charge of Great Capt. Isl. Lt. Sta., and Mrs. Oliver leave station?

(A) April, 1916.

(Q) Are you still on friendly terms with Mrs. Bennett, her daughter?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Mr. Buske how long have you been in the Lighthouse Service?

(A) Going on 17 years.

(Q) Have you been in the Lighthouse Service continuously?

(A) With the exception of six weeks which I took off.

(Q) What stations have you been at during that time?

(A) Three stations; Romer Shoal, West Bank Great Captain Isl. Light Station.

(Q) Have you any friends in Port Chester that you go to visit?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) How often are you away from the station over-night?

(A) Last month I was away one night.

(Q) When you go on leave where do you usually go?

(A) To New York.

(Q) Have you any particular friends in Port Chester?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Isn't there any body that you stop and call on in any of the stores to which you go for provisions, etc.?

(A) None in particular. In the store I deal with where we go for supplies groceries, etc. there is a man by the name of Horton. I spend a good deal of time in his place.

(Q) Is there any other place besides that?

(A) Now the only one there is a man by the name of Horton from whom we get our supplies from, a fellow who has a paper store by the name of Kelly and the brothers on Farwell Island, and a man by the name of Huss where we make our landing.

(Q) Do the Husses have a dock there?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Are they in business there?

(A) I don' know the people. There is quite a family of them, Uncles, Aunts, etc. There are three or four houses of them there. I gave them a bunch of lobsters, and he gave me lobster frames and said if I get any lobsters to give him some, so I did. They take charge of our boat in stormy weather and when we are away over night.

(Q) Do you ever put up in Port Chester over night?

(A) No Sir, never since I come to the station, except sometimes when I get to Port Chester from New York around two o'clock in the morning, but never any other time.

(Q) Are there any houses you visit in Greenwich?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Do you know the man who lives in the house on top of the hill?

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(Q) When you saw the Larkspur at your station, why didn't you return?

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(A) No Sir, she shook hands with me and we talked together.

(Q) When did she first object to being called Georgia?

(A) After she had been away from the station a year or so she together with her daughter came back to go in bathing and I addressed her as Georgia, and she became indignant and refused to answer me, and her daughter advised me that it was because I addressed her in that way.

(Q) What year did you take charge of Great Capt. Isl. Lt. Sta., and Mrs. Oliver leave station?

(A) April, 1916.

(Q) Are you still on friendly terms with Mrs. Bennett, her daughter?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Mr. Buske how long have you been in the Lighthouse Service?

(A) Going on 17 years.

(Q) Have you been in the Lighthouse Service continuously?

(A) With the exception of six weeks which I took off.

(Q) What stations have you been at during that time?

(A) Three stations; Romer Shoal, West Bank Great Captain Isl. Light Station.

(Q) Have you any friends in Port Chester that you go to visit?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) How often are you away from the station over-night?

(A) Last month I was away one night.

(Q) When you go on leave where do you usually go?

(A) To New York.

(Q) Have you any particular friends in Port Chester?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Isn't there any body that you stop and call on in any of the stores to which you go for provisions, etc.?

(A) None in particular. In the store I deal with where we go for supplies groceries, etc. there is a man by the name of Horton. I spend a good deal of time in his place.

(Q) Is there any other place besides that?

(A) Now the only one there is a man by the name of Horton from whom we get our supplies from, a fellow who has a paper store by the name of Kelly and the brothers on Farwell Island, and a man by the name of Huss where we make our landing.

(Q) Do the Husses have a dock there?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Are they in business there?

(A) I don' know the people. There is quite a family of them, Uncles, Aunts, etc. There are three or four houses of them there. I gave them a bunch of lobsters, and he gave me lobster frames and said if I get any lobsters to give him some, so I did. They take charge of our boat in stormy weather and when we are away over night.

(Q) Do you ever put up in Port Chester over night?

(A) No Sir, never since I come to the station, except sometimes when I get to Port Chester from New York around two o'clock in the morning, but never any other time.

(Q) Are there any houses you visit in Greenwich?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Do you know the man who lives in the house on top of the hill?

(A) I think you mean a fellow by the name of Richie.

(Q) Do you know him personally?

(A) No Sir, I only see him when I go to the station off and on.

(Q) Did you ever come to New York with him?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Did you ever meet him in New York?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Did you ever come from New York with him?

(Q) Did you ever notice any lights that might appear as signals from Richie's house?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Did you ever notice any flashing lights of any kind?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) What nationality is Mr. Richie?

(A) American, I think.

(Q) Do you know his business?

(A) No.

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August 10, 1918.

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Capt. Roger Welles,
Director of Naval Intelligence,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Welles:

Referring again to your letter of July 24 (A-5 FBO-WJC:20961-902), with reference to the loyalty of Robert Buske, keeper of Great Captain Island Light Station.

I beg to inclose for your information copy of report dated August 8, 1918, received from the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Tompkinsville, N. Y., relative to this matter. Copies of the report of investigation and of the memorandum report of the inspection of the light station, referred to in the report of August 8, are also inclosed. As suggested by the Superintendent of Lighthouses, this Bureau would be pleased to have these reports compared with the records of your office and to be informed of any discrepancies, and also to be furnished any information you may have which would warrant further action. No further action will be taken in the matter pending receipt of further report from your office.

Very truly yours,

Acting Commissioner.

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COPY to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y., for his information, guidance, and files. You will be further advised upon receipt of reply from the Director of Naval Intelligence.

Acting Commissioner.

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Office of Inspector, 3rd Lighthouse District,
Tompkinsville, N.Y. August 20, 1917.

Returned to Commissioner inviting attention to report from this office dated August 16th 1917.

Mr. Buske was observed when he called at this office on August 17th and for a number of years past he has called at this office frequently on account of having been employed in this vicinity, but this office has never noted any language or conduct that would indicate that he is suffering from some mental disease as referred to in attached letter.

In view of the charge in the attached letter that Mr. Buske has pro-German tendencies, it is recommended that the writer be called upon to furnish evidence as to remarks or conduct on the part of Mr. Buske on which the charge is based.

J T Yates

H B Bureau of Lighthouses August 22, 1917.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, with statement that the Bureau concurs in the views of the Inspector. It is recommended that the Bureau prepare a letter, for signature at the Department, to Mr. Taylor, requesting that he furnish the information indicated by the Inspector, and also informing him of the dismissal of Nelson, if the Department in the meantime has approved Bureau recommendation of August 20th for his dismissal. All of the papers in this case are now at the Department.

Acting Commissioner

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In reply refer to No.
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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. SEP 20 1918 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Conway:-

Referring to your letter of August 10, regarding Robert Buske, keeper of Great Captain Island Light Station, there is no further information in the files of the Naval Intelligence indicating any additional pro-German activities or lack of proper appreciation of his duties, than that transmitted in my letter of July 24th.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. SEP 24 1918 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

In the memo of Mr.Yates it is stated that the keeper was absent from his station; that there appeared to be a lack of proper watch to observe anyone landing on the station; and that there were found pictures of the Kaiser,VonHindenburg and other German military pictures and also many letters written in German.

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In view of the memo of Mr.Yates together with the facts transmitted in my letter of July 24th, I reiterate the opinion that Buske should be either dismissed from the service or transferred to a position of less importance.

Yours very truly,

Roger Welles,
Rear Admiral U.S.N.
Director of Naval Intelligence.

Hugo R. Johnstone
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By direction.

Mr.J.S.Conway,
Acting Commissioner Bureau of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

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September 19, 1918.

Director of Naval Intelligence,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

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Sir:

Referring to your letter of September 13, 1918 (20961-902;A-5 FBO-MRP), with reference to the loyalty of Robert Buske, keeper of Great Captain Island Light Station.

I beg to state that this matter is being investigated and that you will be further advised in regard thereto at an early date.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

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September 19, 1918.

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Subject:- Letter, Sept. 13, Office of Naval Intelligence, relative to Robert Buske- pro-German.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y., for prompt report with recommendation, attention being invited to Bureau indorsement on copy of letter of August 10, to the Director of Naval Intelligence, and to previous correspondence.

Acting Commissioner.

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Office of Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.,
JTY-DC Tompkinsville, N.Y. September 20, 1918.

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Returned to Commissioner:

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau are copies of the following correspondence, in regard to this matter: Letter from the Aide for Information, 3d Naval Dist. Naval Base 8, dated August 29th, 1918 and letter of September 19, 1918; copy of letter from this office to Aide for Information, Section Base 8, August 30th, also copy of affidavit from Mrs. C.A. Oliver.

The pictures of the Kaiser, VonHindenburg, etc. were all in postal card form all having been received by Mr. Buske prior to the date of the entry of the U.S. into war; also all other matters, such as conversations, etc. were prior to the entry date of the U.S. into the war.

This office, from such evidence as has been submitted and considering the source from which it has been obtained, etc., does not consider it sufficient evidence to warrant the charge of disloyalty against Keeper Buske. Great Captain Island Light Station as far as military operations are concerned is a very unimportant station, for as a point of observation, there is very little, if any, that can be observed from this station. This office does not consider the dismissal or transfer of Mr. Buske warranted, and same is not recommended.

J.T. Yates

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECT. 3D DIST. SEP 20 1918 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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(Signed). J. S. Conway

Acting Commissioner.

Office of Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.,
JTY-DG Tompkinsville, N.Y. September 20, 1918.

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J. T. Yates

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Sept. 23, 1918.

Subject: 3rd Supt's. ind. Sept. 20, 1918, re Robert Buske, disloyalty.

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Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y. for report and recommendation as to advisibility of taking the following action:

1. Reprimand keeper for apparent laxity in precautions against allowing visitors on light station in view of Department instructions, with reference to assistant keeper's relatives staying there over night.

2. Reprimand assistant keeper for same.

3. Also include in letter of reprimand to the keeper a reference to the rumors concerning him, which in view of the fact that he had in his possession a picture of the Kaiser, etc., gave rise to suspicion and doubt of his loyalty, thus scandalizing and otherwise embarrassing the Lighthouse Service; emphatic reference to be made to the fact that a loyal citizen should be above criticism and that an employee of the Government must abide by the spirit and letter of his oath of office.

Further action by the Bureau in this matter will be deferred pending receipt of your reply.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Sept. 23, 1918.

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Acting Commissioner.

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Rec to ONI in acc. with
preguing 3d's rpt JJC Sep 28

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Tompkinsville, N.Y., Sept. 27th, 1918.

Returned to Commissioner with the recommendation that action be taken in this matter as outlined in Bureau endorsement of September 23rd.

J. O. Yates

Chief says
Prep ltr to ONI embodying 3d's rec also above and submit for chief's fourth consid. JJC Sep 30

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Case #8D-45





Navy Department,
Office of
Aide for Information,
3rd Naval Dist.,

NAVAL BASE #8
TOMPKINSVILLE, S.I.
AUGUST 29, 1918.

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FROM: Asst. for Information,
Naval Base #8, Tompkinsville, SI.
TO: J.T. Yates, Superintendent,
Office of Third Lighthouse District,
Tompkinsville, Staten Island, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Robert Buske, Keeper of Great Captain Island Lighthouse Station.

REFERENCE: Your request for further investigation of subject.

1. In compliance with your request this office forwwarded the minutes of the investigation conducted by you in your office, Tompkinsville, Staten Island, N.Y. on July 31, 1918 to the office of Aide For Information No. 280 Broadway, New York City requesting that they give this matter their immediate attention. Meanwhile we had checked up Buske's statement that he had never applied or had he ever paid dues to any organization and mentioned particularly the German American Alliance.

2. Our investigation discloses the fact that Robert Buske applied for membership in the above organization on July 15, 1915 and at that time gave as his address the Lighthouse Depot, Tompkinsville, Staten Island. Further, that he paid dues amounting to 50 cents for the year, 1915. His application card for membership is now a matter of record. This card printed, in German, transcribed reads as follows: "I undersigned approve of the principles and aims of the foregoing Alliance and apply for admission as member, (SIGNED) Robert Buske. Buske was proposed by one "John Scheible", who when interviewed by Operative attached to this office states that he does not recall whether or not Buske had ever attended any mertings of the Alliance, or that he had any other connection other than that shown on the record.

3. This office is likewise in receipt of an affidavit dated August 22, 1918 signed by Mrs. G.A. Oliver, in which she takes oath to the following statement as made by Robert Buske.

"that he would never go to arms against Germany"

"that the Army and Navy of the United States was composed

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practically of Germans."

"that the United States had no business to enter the war".

She mentions that Buske always maintained that Germany was in the right from the start of the war. Original affidavit herewith attached.

4. Buske's denial that he knew anyone by the name of "De Kalma" is confirmed after an investigation conducted by our Bridgeport office.

5. This above information is forwarded to your for whatever action you may deem it necessary to take.

(Sgd) A.McKinney, Jr.

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT)
County of Fairfield) SS
Town of Greenwich)

I, Mrs. G.A. Oliver, having first being duly sworn depose and says: that in the latter part of April, Robert Buske, Keeper of Great Captain's Island Light said to me: "that he would never go to arms against Germany", "That the Army and Navy of the United States was composed practically of Germans". Boske always maintained Germany was in the right from the start of the war. "The United States had no business to enter the war."

Sworn to before me this 22 day of August, 1918

(Sgd) Mrs. G.A. Oliver

Andrew A. Radel
NOTARY PUBLIC

Jospeh P. Keating,
WITNESS

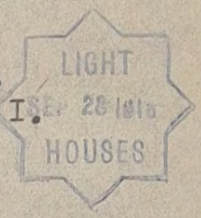
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Case #8D-45

Navy Department,
Office of
Aide for Information
Third Naval Dist.

Sept. 18, 1918.
Tompkinsville, S.I.



FROM: Office of Aide for Information.
Naval Base #8, Tompkinsville, S.I.

TO: Mr. J.T. Yates,
Lighthouse Depot,
Tompkinsville, S.I.

SUBJECT: Robert Buske, Keeper of Great Captain Island Lighthouse Station.

REFERENCE: Your letter August 30, 1918.

1. In response to your request, contained in reference we have been advised that the remarks credited to the subject as mentioned in the affidavit of Mrs. G.A. Oliver, were made in the latter part of April 1916 in the presence of Mrs. G.A. Oliver, Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett and Mr. Alonzo Stillwell.

2. Mr. Stillwell is residing at present in Huntington, L.I. N.Y.

3. This conversation is reported to have taken place at the Lighthouse. The information does not specify which Lighthouse.

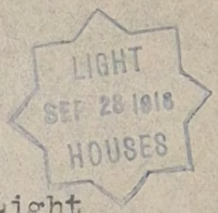
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August 30,1918.

Aide for Information,
Section Base 8,
General Lighthouse Depot,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.



SUBJECT: Robert Buske, Keeper Great Captains Island Light Station.

REFERENCE: Your letter August 29, 1918.

Sir:

In connection with your letter of August 29th, information is requested as to whether or not you can furnish names of any witnesses who were present during the conversation referred to between Mrs. Oliver and Robert Buske, also the place at which same took place and year.

Respectfully,

J.T. Yates

Superintendent.

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October 4, 1918

Director of Naval Intelligence,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

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Sir:

Referring to your letter of September 13, 1918 (20961-902-4-5 FBO:MRP) and previous correspondence regarding question of loyalty of Robert Buske, keeper of Great Captain Island Light Station, New York.

I take pleasure in stating that a further investigation of this matter has been made, and I beg to inclose copy of a report dated September 20, 1918, together with copies of papers referred to therein, from the Superintendent of the Third Lighthouse District; also copies of Bureau indorsement of September 23, and Superintendent's reply of September 27, 1918.

On consideration of these papers and before taking further action, I would be pleased to be further advised of your views in this matter.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
Oct. 4, 1918.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y. for his information, guidance and files, attention being invited to your indorsement of Sept. 27, 1918.

Acting Commissioner

GERMAN CONSULATE
No. 2 EAST REDWOOD STREET.
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Baltimore, Md., February 13, 1923.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES FEB 16 1923 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

The Bureau of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
N.E. cor. Ninteenth Street and Penna. Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Sir :

Mrs. Therese Buske, widow, residing in the City of Königsberg, Germany, under date Nov. 17, 1922, writes :-

" My son Robert Buske has been living in the United States for nearly forty years, has been duly naturalized as an American citizen and was a pilot for many years.

He took part in the Spanish-American War, upon the conclusion of which he was appointed by the Government as the captain or keeper of a lighthouse. To the best of my knowledge, the last station he had was at Stapleton Island (State of New York ?).

He is said to have died at the Marine Hospital on January 18th 1919.

Will you kindly confirm the fact and date of his death and ascertain the place of his death and what became of his personal effects. etc "

Will you kindly let me have such information, if any, as your records disclose in regard to the position or station of Mr. Buske in the Lighthouse Service, the place and date of his death and manner of disposition of his personal effects, to enable me to answer the inquiry of his mother.

Begging you to pardon the trouble occasioned by me in this matter and thanking you in advance for the desired information, I remain,

very respectfully

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
FEB 15 1923

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

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner

K. Ruhstrat
Acting German Consul.

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February 15, 1923.

Mr. H. Ruhstrat, Acting German Consul,
No. 2 East Redwood Street,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:

1. Referring to letter of February 13, 1923 from your office, with reference to Robert Buske, formerly keeper 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.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.
February 21, 1923.

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2/24/23 wrote German consul
copy to 5th

SUBJECT: Robert Buske, former keeper Great Captains Island Light Station.

REFERENCE: Bureau's endorsement February 15th forwarding letter February 13th from the German Consulate.

Returned to Commissioner.

Robert Buske, former keeper of Great Captains Island Light Station, died at the U. S. Marine Hospital, Stapleton, Staten Island, N.Y. on January 8, 1919. All personal effects and salary due, on account of services rendered by Mr. Buske, were turned over to his sister, Johanne Gilbert, 43 Curtis Place, New Brighton, Staten Island, upon presentation of certificate of administration. Mrs. Gilbert also took charge of the interment of Mr. Buske.

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RG-EK

February 24, 1923.

Mr. H. Ruhstrat, Acting German Consul,
No. 2 East Redwood Street,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:

1. Referring again to your letter dated February 13, 1923, quoting part of a letter from Mrs. Therese Buske, requesting information regarding her son Robert Buske:

2. You are respectfully informed that Robert Buske was formerly keeper of Great Captains Island Light Station. He died at the U. S. Marine Hospital, Stapleton, Staten Island, N. Y., on January 8, 1919. All personal effects and salary due were turned over to his sister, Johanne Gilbert, 43 Curtis Place, New Brighton, Staten Island, upon presentation of certificate of administration. Mrs. Gilbert also took charge of the interment of Mr. Buske.

Respectfully,

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

NOTE.—This sheet is to be used only in cases of persons appointed in the Department of Commerce and Labor after June 30, 1903.

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 10, 1904.

To the Heads of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce and Labor:

For the purpose of enabling the Department to obtain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are hereby requested to furnish the information called for by the questions in Part II of this form, relative to each person appointed or employed in your Bureau after June 30, 1903, now serving or hereafter appointed or employed, and to have every such person answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. Officers in charge, subordinate to heads of Bureaus, are expected to review this sheet, after it has been executed, to see that all questions have been answered, and, after doing so, to forward it immediately to the head of the Bureau for transmission to the Department.

Final Certificate of Naturalization of Robert Buske, District Court of U.S., Southern District of N.Y.,, New York, N.Y., Dec. 7, 1895. (Ret'd 2-27-1917)

Geo. B. Cortelyou

Secretary.

PART I.

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

1. What is your full name? (Do not use initials, but spell out each name and state whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. Example: Mr. John Richard Doe.)

2. How do you write your name on the pay roll? Robert Buske

3. What is your present legal (voting) residence? (Give city or town, State or Territory, county and Congressional district.) Stapleton, S. I. | N. Y. | Richmond | —
(City or town. | State or Territory. | County. | Congressional district.)

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

5. Where were you born? Germany

6. When were you born? May (Month.) 24 (Day.) 1873 (Year.)

7. Are you pensioned by the U. S. Government? (Answer "Yes" or "No.") Yes

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8. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (If so, give below their names, relationship, the Departments and Bureaus or Services in which they are employed and the positions they occupy.)

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
No				

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

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

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

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

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
U. S. Navy	April 12 - 1897	October 1900	Expiration of time

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

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
U. S. Navy	Nov 1900	October 1901	Physicel disability

14. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service for the Government, indicated in your answers to questions 11, 12, and 13.)

Rail Road Fireman

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

German & English Public school

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

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

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

written by me. Robert Buske

19. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled November 22th, 1901

Witness:

(Signature) Robert Buske

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address:

City or town.

Number and street.

State or Territory.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded _____, 190

(Signature) _____

(Official title) _____

PART II.

(Blanks in Part II are to be filled by the executive officers of the various Bureaus of the Department, or, at their direction, by some official who can give the information desired. If unable to answer any question, indicate that fact.)

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

Light House Service | Greens Ledge Lt. Station | Third

Bureau or Service. | Place (city, town, or station). | District.

2. To what position has he been appointed?

3. State the date of appointment.

4. State the date the appointee or employee entered on duty.

5. What is his salary?

6. From what appropriation is he paid?

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

8. If classified, state the date of classification.

9. In what manner did the appointee or employee enter the service? (Examples: "Appointed before position was classified;" or "by reinstatement;" or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau, or Service, position and salary, if known.)

10. Is the appointee or employee required to give bond?

(Signature) _____

(Official title) _____

Date: _____, 190

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

(COPY)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

February 24, 1923.

Mr. H. Ruhstrat, Acting German Consul,
No. 2 East Redwood Street,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:

1. Referring again to your letter dated February 13, 1923, quoting part of a letter from Mrs. Therese Buske, requesting information regarding her son Robert Buske:

2. You are respectfully informed that Robert Buske was formerly keeper of Great Captains Island Light Station. He died at the U. S. Marine Hospital, Stapleton, Staten Island, N. Y., on January 8, 1919. All personal effects and salary due were turned over to his sister, Johanne Gilbert, 43 Curtis Place, New Brighton, Staten Island, upon presentation of certificate of administration. Mrs. Gilbert also took charge of the interment of Mr. Buske.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. R. Putnam

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

WJL.HP

February 21, 1923.

Sir:

SUBJECT: Robert Buske, former keeper Great Captains Island Light Station.

REFERENCE: Bureau's endorsement February 15th forwarding letter February 13th from the German Consulate.

Returned to Commissioner.

Robert Buske, former keeper of Great Captains Island Light Station, died at the U. S. Marine Hospital, Stapleton, Staten Island, on January 8, 1919. All personal effects and salary due, on account of services rendered by Mr. Buske, were turned over to his sister, Johanne Gilbert, 43 Curtis Place, New Brighton, Staten Island, upon presentation of certificate of administration. Mrs. Gilbert also took charge of the internment of Mr. Buske.

J. T. Yates.

Baltimore, [illegible]

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The Bureau of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
N.E. cor. Nineteenth Street and Penna. Ave. N. W.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Mrs. Therese Buske, widow, residing in the City of Konigsberg, Germany, under date Nov. 17, 1922, writes:-

" My son Robert Buske has been living in the United States for nearly forty years, has been duly naturalized as an American citizen and was a pilot for many years.

He took part in the Spanish-American War, upon the conclusion of which he was appointed by the Government as the captain or keeper of a lighthouse. To the best of my knowledge, the last station he had was at Stapleton Island (State of New York?).

He is said to have died at the Marine Hospital on January 18th 1919.

Will you kindly confirm the fact and date of his death and ascertain the place of his death and what became of his personal effects. etc"

Will you kindly let me have such information, if any, as your records disclose in regard to the position or station of Mr. Buske in the Lighthouse Service, the place and date of his death and manner of disposition of his personal effects, to enable me to answer the inquiry of his mother.

Begging you to pardon the trouble occasioned by me in this matter and thanking you in advance for the desired information, I remain,

Very respectfully

H. Ruhstrat (Sgd)

Acting German Consul.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
Feb. 15, 1923
To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y. for remark and return.

J. S. Conway (Sgd)
Acting Commissioner.

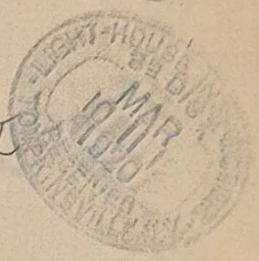
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Hillsdale Oregon
March 5th 1920

(05)

Inspector Third Light House District
Tompkinsville
New York



Dear Sir.- Buske

Am writing you for some information concerning my brother Robert Buske, I wrote him and the letter came back stamped, "deceased" so would be very much obliged if you would let me know when did he die and from what and what became of his estate & belongings and by whom was he buried and where? An old mother is very anxious concerning him and I have written her nothing about him until I can learn something definite myself. concerning him. Hoping you will be able to furnish me with the facts as soon as possible, and thanking you in advance for an early reply. I remain Yours Truly

Wm Buske
Hillsdale
c/o George Gress Oregon

FILE COPY

WJL:SS

Mr. Wm. Buske,
Hillsdale, Oregon,
C/o George Gress.

March 12th, 1920.

SUBJECT: Robert Buske, former keeper of Great Captain Island Light Station.

REFERENCE: Your letter March 5th, 1920.

Sir:

1. Robert Buske, late keeper in this Service died at the Marine Hospital, Stapleton, S.I. on January 8th, 1919.

2. Mrs. Johanna Gilbert, 43 Curtis Place, New Brighton, S.I.N.Y. was appointed by the Surrogate Court as administratrix of the estate of Robert Buske and all personal belongings etc. of Mr. Buske were turned over to her.

3. It is suggested that you communicate with Mrs. Gilbert for any further information you desire.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

Superintendent.

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death 1919

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y., Jan. 9, 1919 . 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The Bureau is advised of the death ~~Herewith is transmitted the resignation~~ of the following-named employee:

Name, Robert Buske

Position, Keeper

Legal residence, New York

Station, Great Captain Island Lt. Sta. and Jones Rock Light, Conn.

Salary, $624.00 per annum

Mr. Buske died on January 8, 1919.
~~The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of~~

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

Remarks:

Vc
Mess

J. T. YATES.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4023

Memo

. Robert Burke Keeper Great Capt Island
Lgt St Sta died at Marine Hospital State
Island last night

above was reported by his brother in law
Robert Gilbert, 43 Curtis Place New Brighton
S. I. Stated they had take charge of remains
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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. NOV 12 1918 RECEIVED TOMPK'S'VILLE, N.Y.

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Gt Capt Island Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

November 2nd, 1918

Superintendent of Lighthouse -
Tompkinsville, N. Y.

I respectfully request to have my pay check for month October forwarded to U.S. Marine Hospital

Robert O Burke
Keeper

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

REQUEST

Gt Capt Island Sta. October 16th, 1918
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 18 days of shore liberty or leave, from October 16th to November 4th, inclusive, 1918 I have had 2 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

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

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

_____, _____
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

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

U.S. Marine Hospital
or Curtis Place 43 New Brighton, N.Y. New York, New York
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

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

Robert J. Burke
Keeper in charge.

Robert J. Burke
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT, Oct. 18, 1918, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for 18 days, from Oct. 16th to Nov. 2nd, inclusive, 1918.

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

J. T. YATES.

Inspector, Supt. 3rd Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 6 PM Oct 16, 1918.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 12 M. Nov 2, 1918.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 16 3/4 days.

Period charged: 16 3/4 days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

Robert J. Burke
Keeper in charge.

Robert J. Burke
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

REQUEST

Great Capt Island (Station.), November 2nd, 1918

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted ~~Five~~ 5 days of shore liberty or leave, from November 2nd to November 6th, inclusive, 1918. I have had 25 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:

None (Name.), None (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:

Marine Hospital (Street or R. D. Route.), Stapleton S. I. (City.), N. Y. (State.)

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

Robert O. Buske
Keeper in charge.

Robert O. Buske (Applicant's signature.)

I Keeper (Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, ~~3rd~~ DISTRICT, Nov. 4, 1918, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for five days, from Nov. 2nd to Nov. 6th, inclusive, 1918.

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

J. T. YATES

~~Inspector~~, Supt. 3rd *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At ~~10 A. M.~~ Octo 12 M. Nov 2, 1918.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At ~~12 M.~~ Nov Bus Nov 10, 1918.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: ~~5~~ 8¼ days.

Period charged: ~~5~~ 8¼ days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

Robert O. Buske
Keeper in charge.

Robert O. Buske (Applicant's signature.)

I Keeper (Title.)

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Ole Anderson, Assistant Keeper, Oct. 18,1918

Great Captains Island Light Station,

Port Chester, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Leave of absence, Keeper Buske.

You are advised that Keeper Buske has been granted 18 days leave of absence, beginning October 18,1918. Mr.Buske is at the U. S. Marine Hospital, Stapleton, Staten Island, where he is about to undergo an operation.

J. T. YATES.

October 16 1918.

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OCT 16 1918
HOPKINSVILLE, KY.

To Lighthouse Superintendent -

Hopkinsville. Ky.

enclosed are request for leave of absence. I wish to inform the Light house Superintendent it is impossible for me to furnish a Substitute to perform my duties

Robert Burke
Keeper

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Aptmt

Buske, Keeper of Gt. Capt. Isl. Light Station called at office and stated he had been down to Marine Hospital and the doctor told him he thought he had quinzy but that he would have to stay there for observation. His neck was swollen & he had a lump under his chin.

He did not know how long he would have to stay there. I told him to get a substitute and submit application for leave. He said he had to go to hospital and did not think he could get a substitute. Told him to get one and then submit a leave. He took forms with him.

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Deceased
1st
Per

November 11th 1918

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1918
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

To Light house Superintendent -
Tompkinsville N. Y.

I have returned to duty November 10th
with instructions to returned to U.S. Marine
Hospital for Treatment November 14th,
enclose are leave of absence report.

Robert A Burke
Keeper

Returned form 76 for correction
Nov 11-1918

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WJL:SS

April 11th, 1919.

Johanne Gilbert,
43 Curtis Place,
New Brighton, S.I.N.Y.

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SUBJECT: Check for the services of the late Robert Buske.

Madame:

1. Enclosed find check in the amount of $118.22 due the late Robert Buske for services as Keeper of Great Captains Island Light Station, from November 1st, to December 29th, 1918 inclusive.

2. Certificate of administration should accompany check when it is cashed.

3. The letters of administration recently left at this office by you are herewith returned.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. OCKENFELS

1st. Asst. Supt.

SEND GREETING:

KNOW YE, That we, having inspected the Records of our Surrogate's Court in and for the County of Richmond, do find that on the 19th day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen by said Court, Letters of Administration of the goods, chattels and credits of

ROBERT BUSKE

late of the County of Richmond, deceased, were granted and committed unto

JOHANNE GILBERT

and that it does not appear by said Records that said Letters have been revoked.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have caused the seal of office of the Surrogate's Court of the County of Richmond to be hereunto affixed.

(Seal)

WHITNESS, Hon. J. HARRY TIERNAN, Surrogate of our said County, at the County of Richmond, the 19th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

(Signed) William Finley,

Clerk of the Surrogate's Court

FILE COPY

WJL:SS

February 18th, 1919.

Mrs. Johanna Gilbert,
43 Curtis Place,
New Brighton, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Salary due for services rendered by the late, Robert Buske, as Keeper of Great Captain Island Light Station.

Madam:

1. In your letter of February 1st, 1919, you stated that you were the sister of Robert Buske deceased, late Keeper of Great Captain Island Light Station. You are therefore advised that there is due the late Robert Buske for services rendered $125.22. Before payment can be made to the estate of Robert Buske, it will be necessary for this office to have an attested copy of the letters of administration or a certificate of qualification as executor, as the case may be.

2. When the attested copy of letters of administration has been received, this office will then be able to permit the removal of Mr. Buske's belongings at Great Captain Island Light Station. If you are not the next of kin of Robert Buske, it would be appreciated if you would forward this letter to the proper party.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Respectfully,

F. W. OCKENFELS

1st. Asst. Superintendent.

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of ~~One hundred twenty-five 22/100 dollars~~ for his services rendered as Keeper of Great Captain Island Lt.Station, during the period from Nov.1,1918 to Jan.8,1919, inclusive; that the funeral expenses amounting to $, have been paid out of own personal funds; that the deceased left no property, either real, personal, or mixed, except the above claim, and that letters of administration have neither been asked for nor granted, and to the best of the knowledge and belief of the affiant no administration will be asked for. The receipted bills covering funeral expenses are attached hereto.

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I hereby certify that the above-mentioned is personally well known to me to be the identical person named; that is a creditable perso

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this

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Robert Burke
Pay Estate

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Died Jan 8, 1919

Increase 624.a
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170.00 Salary
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Pond 4-21000

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PC:

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ready to pay salary

Dear Bambi

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WJL:38

Mrs. R. Gilbert,
43 Curtis Place,
New Brighton, N.Y.

February 6th, 1919.

SUBJECT: Belongings of Robert Buske, late Keeper of Great Captain Island Light Station.
REFERENCE: Your letter February 1st, 1919.

Madam:

Before any consideration can be given to the matter of turning over to you the belongings of the late Robert Buske, it will be necessary for you to satisfy this office that you are the authorized party to receive same.

Respectfully,
J. T. YATES

Superintendent.

Capt. W
C.C. - Burke / Lee
Lee Mail

Feb 1 / 19

Mrs Yates

Dear Sir

Whould you Please let me know whot I can do in regards to my Brother who Died and was Keeper of Great Capt Lt. Sta. as I would like to get his belonings from the Island. as I live at St George could you Please send a Tender for it or will I have to get it myself.

Respt Yours

Mrs R Gilbert

43 Curtis Place

New Brighton

FILE COPY

JRG

Mr. Robert Buske,

C/O U. S. Marine Hospital,

Stapleton, N. Y.

Dec.13,1918

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SUBJECT: Leave of absence.
REFERENCE: Your letter Dec.12,1918.

1. Referring to your letter dated Dec.12,1918 transmitting form 76 requesting leave of absence for 25 days from Dec.7th to 31st inclusive. You are advised it will be necessary for you to furnish a substitute during your absence, and as the name and address of the substitute is not shown on your application for leave, you are directed to forward that information to this office.

J. T. YATES.

Sick

U. S. Marine Hospital N. J.

December 12th 1918



To Light house Superintendent -

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enclosed are request for sick leave or shore liberty, Dec 7th I took relapse and had to be taken ashore from my Station, being very late at the time and owing to my sickness it was impossible for me to furnish a substitute to perform my duties

Respectfully

Robert O Burke

Keeper

Third letter requesting him to furnish schedules.

Yes

F. F. G

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTORS 3D DIST. DEC 18 1918 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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Died 1-8-19

REQUEST

Gt Capt Island Lt. Sta., Dec 5, 1918
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 25 days of shore liberty or leave, from Dec 7th to Dec 31st, inclusive, 1918. I have had about 35 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:

None (Name.), None (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:

U.S. Marine Hospital (Street or R. D. Route.), Stapleton, N.Y. (City.), N.Y. (State.)

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

Robert O. Buske
(Applicant's signature.)

Robert O. Buske
Keeper in charge.

Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, ~~3rd~~ DISTRICT, ~~Dec. 13, 1918~~, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for 25 days, from Dec. 7th to Dec. 31st, inclusive, 1918.

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

J. T. YATES.

Inspector, ~~xxxxxx~~ Supt. 3rd *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

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

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

Period of absence: ____ days.

Period charged: ____ days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper in charge.

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(Title.)

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Sept 27
Copy
Ltr to you this

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6 inclosures.
CONFIDENTIAL.

"(COPY)"

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. OCT 7 1918 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

October 4, 1918

Confidential
Determined to be an
Administrative Marking
Not National Security Information
By alw NARA Date 8-17-76

Director of Naval Intelligence,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Sir:

Referring to your letter of September 13, 1918 (20961-902-A-5 FBO:MRP) and previous correspondence regarding question of loyalty of Robert Buske, keeper of Great Captain Island Light Station, New York.

I take pleasure in stating that a further investigation of this matter has been made, and I beg to inclose copy of a report dated September 20, 1918, together with copies of papers referred to therein, from the Superintendent of the Third Lighthouse District; also copies of Bureau indorsement of September 23, and Superintendent's reply of September 27, 1918.

On consideration of these papers and before taking further action, I would be pleased to be further advised of your views in this matter.

Respectfully,

(Signed)
Commissioner.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
Oct. 4, 1918.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y. for his information, guidance and files, attention being invited to your indorsement of Sept. 27, 1918.

Acting Commissioner

Buske died on Jan 8-19.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Sept.23,1918.

SUBJECT: 3rd Supt's. ind. Sept.20,1918, re Robt.Buske,disloyalty.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses,Tompkinsville, N.Y. for report and recommendation as to advisability of taking the following action:

1. Reprimand keeper for apparent laxity in precautions against allowing visitors on light station in view of Department instructions, with reference to assistant keeper's relatives staying there over night.

2. Reprimand assistant keeper for same.

3. Also include in letter of reprimand to the keeper a reference to the rumors concerning him, which in view of the fact that he had in his possession a picture of the Kaiser,etc., gave rise to suspicion and doubt of his loyalty, thus scandalizing and otherwise embarassing the Lighthouse Service; emphatic reference to be made to the fact that a loyal citizen should be above criticism and that an employee of the Government must abide by the spirit and letter of his oath of office.

Further action by the Bureau in this matter will be deferred pending receipt of your reply.

(Signed) Bowerman,
Acting Commissioner.

FWO/EJC.

Tompkinsville,N.Y., Sept.27th,1918.

Returned to Commissioner with the recommendation that action be taken in this matter as outlined in Bureau endorsement of September 23rd.

J.T.YATES

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Sept. 23, 1918.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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Subject: 3rd Supt's. ind. Sept. 20, 1918, re Robert Buske, disloyalty.

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Acting Commissioner

FWO/EJC.

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Sept. 27th, 1918.

Returned to Commissioner with the recommendation that action be taken in this matter as outlined in Bureau endorsement of September 23rd.

J.T. YATES

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON September 19, 1918.

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Subject:- Letter, Sept. 13, Office of Naval Intelligence, relative to Robert Buske- pro-German.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y., for prompt report with recommendation, attention being invited to Bureau indorsement on copy of letter of August 10, to the Director of Naval Intelligence, and to previous correspondence.

Conway
Acting Commissioner.

Office of Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.,
JTY-DG Tompkinsville, N.Y. September 20, 1918.

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Returned to Commissioner:

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau are copies of the following correspondence, in regard to this matter: Letter from the Aide for information, 3d Naval Dist. Naval Base 8, dated August 29th, 1918 and letter of September 18, 1918; copy of letter from this office to Aide for Information, Section Base 8, August 30th, also copy of affidavit from Mrs. G.A. Oliver.

The pictures of the Kaiser, VonHindenburg, etc. were all in postal card form all having been received by Mr. Buske prior to the date of the entry of the U.S. into war; also all other matters, such as conversations, etc. were prior to the entry date of the U.S. into the war.

This office, from such evidence as has been submitted and considering the source from which it has been obtained, etc., does not consider it sufficient evidence to warrant the charge of disloyalty against Keeper Buske. Great Captain Island Light Station as far as military operations are concerned is a very unimportant station, for as a point of observation, there is very little, if any, that can be observed from this station. This office does not consider the dismissal or transfer of Mr. Buske warranted, and same is not recommended.

J.T. Yates

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Navy Department,
Office of Naval Intelligence,
Washington

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September 13, 1918.

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My dear Mr. Conway:

Referring to your letter of August 10, regarding Robert Buske, Keeper of Great Captain Island Light Station, there is no further information in the files of the Naval Intelligence indicating any additional pro-German activities or lack of proper appreciation of his duties, than that transmitted in my letter of July 24th.

In the memo of Mr. Yates, it is stated that the Keeper was absent from his station; that there appeared to be a lack of proper watch to observe anyone landing on the station; and that there were found pictures of the Kaiser, VonHindenburg and other German military pictures and also many letters written in German.

In view of the memo of Mr. Yates together with the facts transmitted in my letter of July 24th, I reiterate the opinion that Buske should be either dismissed from the Service or transferred to a position of less importance.

Yours truly,
Rodger Welles,
Rear Admiral, U.S.N.,
Director of Naval Intelligence,

Hugo R. Johnstone,
By direction.

Mr. J.S. Conway,
Acting Commissioner, Bu. of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

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By ____ NARA Date 8/19/24

Navy Department,
Office of
Aide for Information,
3rd Naval Dist.,

NAVAL BASE #8.
TOMPKINSVILLE, S.I.
AUGUST 29, 1918.

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FROM: Asst. for Information,

TO: Naval Base #8, Tompkinsville, SI.
J.T. Yates, Superintendent,
Office of Third Lighthouse District,
Tompkinsville, Staten Island, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Robert Buske, Keeper of Great Captain Island Lighthouse Station.

REFERENCE: Your request for further investigation of subject.

1. In compliance with your request this office forwarded the minutes of the investigation conducted by you in your office, Tompkinsville, Staten Island, N.Y. on July 31, 1918 to the office of Aide For Information No. 280 Broadway, New York City requesting that they give this matter their immediate attention. Meanwhile we had checked up Buske's statement that he had never applied or had he ever paid dues to any organization and mentioned particularly the German American Alliance.

2. Our investigation discloses the fact that Robert Buske applied for membership in the above organization on July 15, 1915 and at that time gave as his address the Lighthouse Depot, Tompkinsville, Staten Island. Further, that he paid dues amounting to 50 cents for the year, 1915. His application card for membership is now a matter of record. This card printed, in German, transcribed reads as follows: "I undersigned approve of the principles and aims of the foregoing Alliance and apply for admission as member, (SIGNED) Robert Buske. Buske was proposed by one "John Scheible", who when interviewed by Operative attached to this office states that he does not recall whether or not Buske had ever attended any mertings of the Alliance, or that he had any other connection other than that shown on the record.

3. This office is likewise in receipt of an affidavit dated August 22, 1918 signed by Mrs. C.A. Oliver, in which she takes oath to the following statement as made by Robert Buske.

"that he would never go to arms against Germany"

"that the Army and Navy of the United States was composed

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practically of Germans."

"that the United States had no business to enter the war". She mentions that Buske always maintained that Germany was in the right from the start of the war. Original affidavit herewith attached.

4. Buske's denial that he knew anyone by the name of "De Kalma" is confirmed after an investigation conducted by our Bridgeport office.

5. This above information is forwarded to your for whatever action you may deem it necessary to take.

(Sgd) A.McKinney, Jr.

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT)
County of Fairfield)
Town of Greenwich) SS

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I, Mrs. G.A. Oliver, having first being duly sworn depose and says: that in the latter part of April, Robert Buske, Keeper of Great Captain's Island Light said to me: "that he would never go to arms against Germany", "That the Army and Navy of the United States was composed practically of Germans". Boske always maintained Germany was in the right from the start of the war. "The United States had no business to enter the war."

Sworn to before
me this 22 day of August. 1918 (Sgd) Mrs. G.A. Oliver

Andrew A. Radel
NOTARY PUBLIC

Jospeh P. Keating,
WITNESS

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Navy Department,
Office of
Aide for Information
Third Naval Dist.

Sept. 18, 1918.
Tompkinsville, S.I.

FROM: Office of Aide for Information.
Naval Base #8, Tompkinsville, S.I.

TO: Mr. J.T. Yates,
Lighthouse Depot,
Tompkinsville, S.I.

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SUBJECT: Robert Buske, Keeper of Great Captain Island Lighthouse Station.

REFERENCE: Your letter August 30, 1918.

1. In response to your request, contained in reference we have been advised that the remarks credited to the subject as mentioned in the affidavit of Mrs. C.A. Oliver, were made in the latter part of April 1916 in the presence of Mrs. C.A. Oliver, Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett and Mr. Alonzo Stillwell.

2. Mr. Stillwell is residing at present in Huntington, L.I. N.Y.

3. This conversation is reported to have taken place at the Lighthouse. The information does not specify which Lighthouse.

A. McKinney, Jr.

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August 30,1918.

for Information,
ection Base 8,
General Lighthouse Depot,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

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SUBJECT: Robert Buske, Keeper Great Captains Island Light Station.

REFERENCE: Your letter August 29, 1918.

Sir:

In connection with your letter of August 29th, information is requested as to whether or not you can furnish names of any witnesses who were present during the conversation referred to between Mrs. Oliver and Robert Buske, also the place at which same took place and year.

Respectfully,

J.T. Yates

Superintendent.

In Reply
Refer to

Case #8D-45.

Navy Department

Office of

Aide for Information

Third Naval District

Sept.18,1918.
Tompkinsville,S.I.

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From: Office of Aide for Information.
Naval Base #8,Tompkinsville, S.I.

To: Mr.J.T.Yates.
Lighthouse Depot.
Tompkinsville,S.I.

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Third Naval District

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NAVAL BASE #8
TOMPKINSVILLE, S. I.
AUGUST 29th 1918

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From: Assistant for Information,
Naval Base #8, Tompkinsville, S. I.

To: J. T. Yates, Superintendent,
Office of Third Lighthouse District,
Tompkinsville, Staten Island, N. Y.

Subject: Robert Buske, Keeper of Great Captain
Island Lighthouse Station

Reference: Your request for further investigation
of Subject.

1. In compliance with your request this office forwarded the minutes of the investigation conducted by you in your office, Tompkinsville, Staten Island, N. Y., on July 31st 1918 to the Office of Aide for Information No. 280 Broadway, New York City requesting that they give this matter their immediate attention. Meanwhile, we had checked up Buske's statement that he had never appied or had he ever paid dues to any organization and mentioned particularly the German American Alliance.

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"that he would never go to arms against Germany"

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"that the United States had no business to enter the War".

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Chas. Kinney J.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT)
County of Fairfield,) SS
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Sworn to before me this 13 day of August, 1918.

(SIGNED) Mrs G A Oliver

Andrew A Rader
NOTARY PUBLIC.

Joseph P. Keating
WITNESS

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Aide for Information,
Section Base 8,
General Lighthouse Depot,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

August 30, 1918.

SUBJECT: Robert Buske, Keeper Great Captains Island Light Station.

REFERENCE: Your letter August 29, 1918.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

J.T. Yates

Superintendent.

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August 5, 1918.

Robert Buske, Keeper,
Great Captains Island Lt. Sta.,
Port Chester, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Visit of Relatives.

Herewith returned is your letter of August 3, 1918 for signature.

Upon signing this letter return promptly to this office.

J.T. Yates

Grt. Captains Isl. Lt. Stq.
Port Chester, N.Y.

August 3, 1918.

To Lighthouse Superintendent,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

I respectfully request permission to have my Sister and Brotherinlaw make me a visit at this Station, they are Loyal American Citizens of #45 Curtis Place, New Brighton Staten Island, N.Y.

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Supervisor

Return to Keeper
Ask for sig.
J. P.

Gt Capt Island Lt. Sta.
Port Chester N. Y.
August 3rd, 1918

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3RD DIST. AUG 5 1918 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

To Lighthouse Superintendent
Tompkinsville N. Y.

I respectfully request permission to have my Sister and Brother-in-Law make me a visit at this Station, they are Loyal American Citizens of # 43 Curtis place New Brighton Staten Island N. Y.

Robert Burke
Keeper

Grant permission

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

August 5, 1918.

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Great Captains Island Lt. Sta.,
Port Chester, N.Y.

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J. T. Yates
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August 12, 1918.

Robert Buske, Keeper,
Great Captains Island Lt. Station,
Port Chester, New York.

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SUBJECT: Permission to have Sister and Brotherinlaw visit you at Great Capt. Island Light Station.

REFERENCE: Your letter August 3, 1918.

Permission is hereby granted you to have your sister and Brotherinlaw visit you at Great Captain Island Light Station.

J.T. Yates

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

July 26, 1918.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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SUBJECT:- Letter, July 24, Office of Naval Intelligence, relative to Robert Buske- pro-German.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y., for immediate investigation and report. In view of the present situation along the coasts of the United States, and of the last paragraph of the attached letter from Capt. Welles, this matter is considered of special and urgent importance, and your office is asked to take prompt action. Return the attached letter with your reply.

Putnam

Office of Supt. of Lighthouses, 3d Dist.,
WJL-DG Tompkinsville, N.Y. August 8, 1918.

Returned to Commissioner:

Attention is invited to report of investigation, copy attached, held at this office on July 31, 1918, also to copy of memorandum report of inspection of the Station on July 30,1918, copy attached. This office is unable to find any evidence that would warrant any action being taken in this matter. It is recommended that copies of this report be given to the Intelligence office of the Navy Department, with the request that they compare same with their records and advise this office of any discrepencies that they can find between their records and these reports, and that they furnish this office with any information they may have which would warrant further action in this matter.

J.T. Yates

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Navy Department,
Office of Naval Intelligence,
Washington,

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By cllln NARA Date 8/10/26

July 24, 1918.

My dear Mr. Putman:

Owing to continued reports received by one of our representatives regarding aliens in the Lighthouse Service, one Robert Buske, keeper of the Great Captain Island Light Station, Lonf Island Sound, was investigated. It appears that Buske was born in Germany, 1873; was naturalized in the District Court, Southern District of New York, 1895 and is decidedly pro-German.

Inquiry developed the fact that subject, about two years ago, during the time of the German drive, expressed great delight at the apparant success of the German Army. Subject is further reported to have said to Mrs. W.B. Bennett, Belle Haven Ave., Port Chester, N.Y., to which Mrs. Bennett has made affidavit, that, "If the United States want to war with Germany, he would not fight with them".

Charles Nossiter of White Plains, N.Y. recently received a letter signed "A Voter", which embodied the following statement: "That after war was declared by the United States against Germany, the sentiments expressed by subject were thoroughly pro-German and if that same person (Buske) was still in charge of so important a position, expecially in these times when submarines are so near our coast, I deem it advisable to put the Federal Authorities wise."

It is further reported that Buske goes ashore almost daily and is considered very careless in regard to his important duties as Lighthouse Keeper.

Among the references given by Buske, was one George L. Egbert, 48 Arrietta St., Tompkinsville, S.I. At an interview with Egbert regarding Buske, Egbert stated he would not vouch for Buske and believes that he cannot be trusted. Egbert, however, would not divulge his reasons for making this statement.

Great Captain Island Light Station is so placed as to make an admirable point of observation.

In view of the pro-German attitude and carelessness as to the duty of Buske and the importance of this position, I am of the opinion that he should be either dismissed from the Service, or transferred to a position of less importance.

Very truly yours,

Roger Welles,
Capt. U.S.N. Director of Naval Intelligence

Mr. George R. Putman,
Commissioner, Bureau of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

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July 20, 1918.

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MEMO

Regarding Inspection of Great Captain Island Light Station, and investigation at Station re loyalty of Keeper, Robert Buske.

Arrived at station at 10:45 a.m. July 30, 1918 landed on Station and did not see anyone about. Went up to back door of Asst. Keepers quarters and Asst. Keepers wife came to door asked her for Keeper. She said he was not about, and for the Asst. who she said was in the house. Asked her to tell him t come out, as the Supt. of Lighthouses, wished to see him. Had to wait about fifteen minutes before he came out. The Asst. when he came out said the Keeper was out by the bell buoy to the West of the Island pulling his lobster pots. Said he could see his boat from the Station and thought he would come back to station at once, waited until 12:10 p.m. Keeper did not return to station by that time. While waiting inspected the station found Same in good condition, except oil waste in paint locker. Keepers pantry and cook stove dirty, also there appears to be a lack of proper day watch at station, to observe anyone landing on station.

Was accompanied by Mr. McKinney of U.S. Naval Intelligence Bureau during the inspection of the station and a lot of old letters, etc., in kitchen cabinet draw belonging to Keeper. Overhauled them and found clippings on the war from the Stats Zietung, Postal card pictures of the Kaiser, Von Hindenburg and other German military pictures, also many letter written in German. As we could not read German the cards and some of the letter and clippings were brought to Depot for investigation. Written orders were left at Station for Keeper Buske to report to Depot at 10:00 a.m. July 31, 1918 for interview.

J.T. Yates.

July 30-th 1918

Robert Burke
Keeper Great Gaffs Isl light

Sir.

You will report in person to the office of Supt of lighthouses Tenafkinnville N.Y. at 10 a.m. on July 31st 1918. ~~Pass instructions with Supt.~~

J. V. Yates
Supt lighthouses.

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August 7, 1918.

SUBJECT: Investigation held in the office of Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Lighthouse District, July 31, of Robert Buske, Keeper, Great Captain Island Light Station.

Copy forwarded to Alexander McKinney, Agent, Naval Intelligence Bureau, Section Base 8, General Lighthouse Depot, Tompkinsville, N.Y. for information. It is requested that you make comparison with any notes or records you have and advise this office as to any discrepencies.

J.T. Yates

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INVESTIGATION, held at the office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District on July 31, 1918, to obtain information concerning the disloyalty of Robert Buske, Keeper, Great Captains Island Light Station.

Board of Investigation;

J.T. Yates, Supt. of Lighthouses, Chairman
F.W. Ockenfels, 1st Asst. Superintendent,
Alexander McKinney, of the Naval Intelligence office, Section Base 8.

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Robert Buske, Keeper of Great Captain Island Light Station, Port Chester, New York, was questioned as follows:

(Q) Mr. Buske where were you at 11:00 a.m. July 30th?

(A) July 30th I was off Manursing Island Reef Buoy.

(Q) How far is that from your station?

(A) About one mile.

(Q) What were you doing off this buoy?

(A) I was pulling lobster pots.

(Q) At 11:00 o'clock July 30th, did you see the Lighthouse Tender Larkspur stop at your station?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) You recognized the Larkspur?

(A) I could not tell it was the Larkspur, but I knew it was a Lighthouse Tender.

(Q) When you saw the Lighthouse Tender at your Station, why didn't you return?

(A) I didn't think I could get back to the Station before the Tender Left.

(Q) How often do you go to your lobster pots?

(A) About every other day.

(Q) How many pots have you set?

(A) About 60 pots.

(Q) How many lobsters do you average a day?

(A) Sometimes from 25 to 30 pounds.

(Q) What disposition do you make of your lobsters?

(A) I sell some to the public in Port Chester.

(Q) Do you sell them to any particular person or anyone in general.

(A) Anyone that wants them.

(Q) How often do you go to Port Chester with them.

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(A) Every couple of days, sometimes three or four days when weather is fit.

(Q) When you go to Port Chester how long are you away from the Station, from the time you leave until you get back?

(A) Three hours in the morning.

(Q) Do you have any set regulations at the Light Station to be maintained for the day watch to observe anyone landing on on the Station?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) What method do you follow to see that no one lands on Station?

(A) There is always one of us there.

(Q) On the 30th I landed at the Station and was not observed until I went up to the Assistant's quarters and knocked on the door; how do you account for that?

(A) I gave him directions before I left Station that I was going and that he was to look out for the Station, that was eight o'clock in the morning.

(Q) Do you have any visitors at the Station?

(A) There are people that come for water from the neighboring Islands to camps.

(Q) Do they come to the Station or just come to the well for water?

(A) They come up to the Station.

(Q) Did you receive orders that no visitors were to be allowed on the Station?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Then why are these people permitted to come up to the Station?

(A) They come up to the station before we see them, then we chase them off and show them the sign. They sometimes ask permission to get water.

(Q) Since you received notice excluding visitors from Light Station, have you ever had any visitors there at any time?

(A) No Sir.

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(Q) Has Assistant?

(A) Yes Sir, he had a sister there.

(Q) She come there and stopped with him?

(A) Yes Sir, she was there over night and also his wife's sister and husband.

(Q) Have you ever had any trouble with any of the people in Port Chester?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Have you ever had any trouble or disagreement with the fishermen around there?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Did you ever tell anybody in Port Chester that if the U.S. goes to war with Germany you would not fight with them?

(A) No Sir, I never did.

(Q) You never made that remark?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Do you know of any action or talk on your part that would lead people to believe that you were disloyal to the U.S.?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Do you consider that you are thoroughly loyal to the U.S. in every way?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Do you hold the interests of the U.S. above those of Germany?

(A) Yes Sir, I do to the last minute?

(Q) Did you make any purchases of any Liberty Bonds?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) How many and of what issue?

(A) Second and third issue. One $50 bond of the 1st and one $50 of the 2nd, and some war saving stamps.

(Q) How many war saving stamps have you?

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(A) $2.50 worth.

(Q) You bought them recently?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Do you know a Mr. DeKalma of Port Chester?

(A) I may know him by sight but not by name.

(Q) How often do you visit the Vogopole Cigar Store in Port Chester?

(A) We go to one store to get tobacco and papers, I don't know the name.

(Q) Do you know a family by the name of Farwell on the neighboring Island?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Are you sure that you know of no man by the name of Dekalma, by name?

(A) I don't know anyone by that name.

(Q) How many Farwells live on Farwell's Island?

(A) Only one family. There are four boys in the family. I think they are all American born. I think their father is American born, I am not sure.

(Q) Are you personally acquainted with the father and four boys?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) How many are you acquainted with?

(A) I never saw the father.

(Q) Are you acquainted with the four boys?

(A) No, only two of the boys.

(Q) Do you know a man by the name of Dekalma?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Do you know of a man with a name similar to DeKalma?

(A) I know a man from Greenwich by the name of Collins, two of them go lobstering.

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(Q) Do you know their nationality?

(A) I think they are Americans.

(Q) Have you any relatives in Germany?

(A) I have a mother and two sisters in Germany.

(Q) Where in Germany do they live?

(A) In Coenigisberg.

(Q) Have you any male relatives in Germany?

(A) I have a half sister and she has a boy. I think he is around the neighborhood of 22 or 23.

(Q) Is that boy in the Army?

(A) I cannot say.

(Q) Are your sisters married?

(A) One of them is a widow, the other is an invalid the last I heard.

(Q) How long since you have heard from either your mother or sister?

(A) About four years ago.

(Q) Have you communicated with them since?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Are you a member of any society?

(A) I am a Spanish American War Veteran.

(Q) Any other society?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Have you ever been a member of a social or business or any other society?

(A)* No Sir.

(Q) Postive?

(A) Yes Sir.

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(Q) Have you ever belonged to any insurance society?

(A) I belonged to the Prudential at one time. I dropped out of it 17 years ago.

(Q) You were never connected with any German Society at any time?

(A) No Sir. They have me listed as a member of the National Peace Society, German American Peace Society, National Bond they call it. I never went to a meeting.

(Q) You never joined?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Did they have your name listed?

(A) Yes Sir. They use to send me letters to come to the meetings.

(Q) Why did they have your name listed as a member?

(A) Before the war broke out they were talking about having half a million members of different nationalities. I really don't know what it was as I never bothered with them.

(Q) Do you know of a party by the name of Mrs. W.B. Bennett, Belle Haven Avenue, Port Chester?

(A) Yes Sir. I don't know whether she is the Mrs. Bennett you refer to, the only Bennett I know is the daughter of Mrs. Oliver, she is married.

(Q) Who is Mrs. Oliver?

(A) She is the widow of the former Keeper of Great Captain Island Light Station.

(Q) You said she had a daughter that was married?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Is the daughters married name Bennett?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Do you know whether it is this Mrs. W.B. Bennett or not?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) You don't know her initials.

(A) No Sir.

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(Q) Did you ever talk with Mrs. Bennett about the war situation?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Did you ever talk with her about the U.S. entering the war with Germany?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) When did you last see Mrs. Bennett?

(A) I passed her on the Street a couple of months ago.

(Q) Did you speak with her at that time?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) How long since have you had conversation with Mrs. Bennett?

(A) When I first took charge of Great/Captain Island Light station two years ago last April.

(Q) Was Mrs. Bennett at the Station at that time?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Was Mrs. Oliver at the station at that time?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) You went to the Statich as Keeper shortly after Mr. Oliver died?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Did Mrs. Oliver and her daughter Mrs. Bennett remain on the Station until you arrived?

(A)* Yes Sir.

(Q) Did they leave shortly after you arrived?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) When you saw Mrs. Bennett last she was on the Street?

(A) I passed her in the trolley car and she was walking on the Street. I think it was her I am not positive.

(Q) Do you know a a party in White Plains by the name of Charles Nossiter?

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(A) No Sir.

(Q) Do you know a party on Staten Island by the name of George L. Egbert?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Have you had business dealings with Mr. Egbert?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) What were your business dealings with Mr. Egbert?

(A) I purchased uniforms and clothing from him.

(Q) Do you owe this Mr. Egbert any money?

(A) I did owe him a little bill of $3.00.

(Q) Has that since been paid?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) When was that paid?

(A) Four months ago.

(Q) For how long a time did you owe the $3.00?

(A) Nearly a year.

(Q) Did he write to you about it?

(A) Yes Sir, and I paid him just as soon as I received the letter from him.

(Q) Do you deal with Mr. Egbert now?

(A) Yes Sir, I was just up there this morning and bought a cap.

(Q) Are you still on friendly terms with Mrs. Bennett?

(A) Well I am, but they don't seem so.

(Q) Do you know of a reason why they should not be on friendly terms with you?

(A) Only because I called her mother Georgia.

(Q) Did you know Mrs. Oliver before you went to Great Captain Island Light Station?

(A) Yes Sir.

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(Q) How long before you went to Great Captain Island Light Station?

(A) Nine or ten years.

(Q) Where did you first meet Mrs. Oliver?

(A) When I was Assistant at Romer Shoal Light Station.

(Q) Was she at the Romer Shoal Light Station at that time?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Was she married at that time?

(A) Yes Sir, she had just been married.

(Q) Was she living with her husband, Mr. Oliver?

(A) Yes Sir, she had permission to keep house.

(Q) While at Romer Shoal Light Station did you always address her as Georgia?

(A) Yes Sir, after I became acquainted with her.

(Q) Did she object to that name at that time?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) When you first went to Great Captain Island Light Station and met her, did you address her as Georgia?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Did she appear to object being addressed in that manner?

(A) No Sir, she shook hands with me and we talked together.

(Q) When did she first object to being called Georgia?

(A) After she had been away from the station a year or so she together with her daughter came back to go in bathing and I addressed her as Georgia, and she became indignant and refused to answer me, and her daughter advised me that it was because I addressed her in that way.

(Q) What year did you take charge of Great Capt. Isl. Lt. Sta., and Mrs. Oliver leave station?

(A) April, 1916.

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(Q) Are you still on friendly terms with Mrs. Bennett, her daughter?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Mr. Buske how long have you been in the Lighthouse Service?

(A) Going on 17 years.

(Q) Have you been in the Lighthouse Service continuously?

(A) With the exception of six weeks which I took off.

(Q) What stations have you been at during that time?

(A) Three stations; Romer Shoal, West Bank Great Captain Isl. Light Station.

(Q) Have you any friends in Port Chester that you go to visit?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) How often are you away from the station over-night?

(A) Last month I was away one night.

(Q) When you go on leave where do you usually go?

(A) To New York.

(Q) Have you any particular friends in Port Chester?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Isn't there any body that you stop and call on in any of the stores to which you go for provisions, etc.?

(A) None in particular. In the store I deal with where we go for supplies groceries, etc. there is a man by the name of Horton. I spend a good deal of time in his place.

(Q) Is there any other place besides that?

(A) Now the only one there is a man by the name of Horton from whom we get our supplies from, a fellow who has a paper store by the name of Kelly and the brothers on Farwell Island, and a man by the name of Huss where we make our landing.

(Q) Do the Husses have a dock there?

(A) Yes Sir.

(Q) Are they in business there?

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(A) I don' know the people. There is quite a family of them, Uncles, Aunts, etc. There are three or four houses of them there. I gave them a bunch of lobsters, and he gave me lobster frames and said if I get any lobsters to give him some, so I did. They take charge of our boat in stormy weather and when we are away over night.

(Q) Do you ever put up in Port Chester over night?

(A) No Sir, never since I come to the station, except sometimes when I get to Port Chester from New York around two o'clock in the morning, but never any other time.

(Q) Are there any houses you visit in Greenwich?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Do you know the man who lives in the house on top of the hill?

(A) I think you mean a fellow by the name of Richie.

(Q) Do you know him personally?

(A) No Sir, I only see him when I go to the station off and on.

(Q) Did you ever come to New York with him?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Did you ever meet him in New York?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Did you ever come from New York with him?

(Q) Did you ever notice any lights that might appear as signals from Richie's house?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) Did you ever notice any flashing lights of any kind?

(A) No Sir.

(Q) What nationality is Mr. Richie?

(A) American, I think.

(Q) Do you know his business?

(A) No.

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In Reply
Refer to

CASE #8D-45

Navy Department
Office of
Aide for Information
Third Naval District



NAVAL BASE #8,
TOMPKINSVILLE, S. I.
AUGUST 9th 1918.

CONFIDENTIAL:

From: Office of Aide for Information,
Naval Base #8, Tompkinsville, S. I.

To: J. O. Yates,
Office of Inspector, Third District,
Tompkinsville, Staten Island, N. Y.

Subject: Robert Buske, Keeper of Great Captain Island Lighthouse Station.

Reference: Investigation held in the office of Superintendent, 3rd Lighthouse District, July 31st 1918.

1. This office is in receipt of the minutes of the investigation of Robert Buske, Keeper of Great Captain Island Lighthouse Station.

2. We will forward these minutes through to our main office advising that they make comparison with their records of the case.

3. We will advise you further as to our findings.

COPY.

JEH.
Inclosures.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

August 10, 1918.

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST AUG 12 1918 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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Capt. Roger Welles,
Director of Naval Intelligence,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Welles:

Referring again to your letter of July 24 (A-5 FBO-WJC;20961-902), with reference to the loyalty of Robert Buske, keeper of Great Captain Island Light Station.

I beg to inclose for your information copy of report dated August 8, 1918, received from the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Tompkinsville, N. Y., relative to this matter. Copies of the report of investigation and of the memorandum report of the inspection of the light station, referred to in the report of August 8, are also inclosed. As suggested by the Superintendent of Lighthouses, this Bureau would be pleased to have these reports compared with the records of your office and to be informed of any discrepancies, and also to be furnished any information you may have which would warrant further action. No further action will be taken in the matter pending receipt of further report from your office.

Very truly yours,

(Signed).

Acting Commissioner.

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COPY to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y., for his information, guidance, and files. You will be further advised upon receipt of reply from the Director of Naval Intelligence.

Acting Commissioner.

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DISTRICT INSPECTOR
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

73 Lurkie Place
New Brighton
April 21, 1918

Dear Sir.

I have packed all the things of Capt. Buske, at Great Captaine Island, which are all ready for you to bring on at your convenience

Sincerely
Mrs. R. Gilbert

Will have next tenders bring them to depot
J. G.

Holzhau
N.Y.

Rec'd via John Rider 5/20/19

March 21, 1919
3:10 P.M.

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Capt W.
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March 21, 1919
3:10 PM.

Mrs. Johanne Gilbert, sister of Robert Buske late keeper Gt Capt Island called at office at left letters of administration appointing her as administratrix on estate of Buske.

She wanted to know if we could transport Buske's goods from Gt. Capt Is. to St. George. She also desires authority to go to Gt Capt Island & Sta to pack up the goods. Told her we would send her a letter granting such authority also stating whether or not tender would bring goods to St George

Will bring guard when packed and ready the to let us know

J. B.

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HWL/HB

March 22nd, 1919

Mrs. Johanne Gilbert,
43 Curtis Place,
New Brighton, S. I.

SUBJECT: Goods belonging to Robert Buske, late Keeper at Great Captains Island Light Station.

REFERENCE: Your call at this office on March 21st, 1919.

Madam:-

1. Receipt is acknowledged of administration papers on the estate of Robert Buske, late Keeper at Great Captains Island Light Station, appointing you as Administratrix, which papers were delivered by you in person on March 21st, 1919.

2. In accordance with your request permission is hereby granted you to enter Great Captains Island Light Station for the purpose of packing up the goods belonging to the late Robert Buske. Show this letter to the Keeper and he will permit you to attend to the above matter. Also, inaccordance with your request, the goods will be transported by Lighthouse Tender from Great Captains Island Light Station to this depot, upon this office receiving notification from you that same are packed and ready for such transportation.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

Superintendent.

Office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District,
Tompkinsville, N.Y. March 24th, 1919.

WJL:SS

Copy forwarded to Ferdinand Heizman, Keeper, Great Captains Island Light Station, Port Chester, N. Y. for his information.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Tender John Rodgers.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 19th, 1919.

The following articles were removed from Great Captains Island Lt. Station

X 12 Chairs
X 1 Rocking Chair
X 2 Beds
X 2 Springs
X 3 Bundles, Mattress + Bedding
X 3 Tables, ✓ 1 Round 2 Oblong. 1 set of table leaves.
X 1 Bureau with Mirror-
X 2 Chiffonier
✓ 1 Boat - ✓ 1 pr. Oars - 1 pr. Rowlocks - 1 painter.
X 1 Engine with shaft, propeller and bed.
X 4 Boxes
X 1 Bundle shades
X 1 Barrel
X 1 Day Bed.

O.K. 5/20/19
J.H.

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LSC/TS

Mrs. Johanne Gilbert, May 20th, 1919.

43 Curtis Place,

New Brighton, S. I.

SUBJECT: Goods belonging to Robert Buske, late keeper at Great Captains Island Light Station.

REFERENCE: Letter from this office of March 22nd, 1919.

Dear Madam:

1. There is enumerated below list of the material delivered to this depot to-day by lighthouse tender "John Rogers", which was the personal property of the late Robert Buske, late keeper at Great Captains Island Light Station:

12 Chairs
1 Rocking chair
2 Beds
2 Springs
3 Bundles, Mattress and Bedding
3 Tables, 1 Round 2 Oblong, 1 crate of table leaves
1 Bureau with mirror
2 Chiffoniers
1 Boat - 1 pr. oars- 1 pr. Rowlocks -1 painter
1 Engine with shaft, propeller and bed
4 Boxes
1 Bundle Shades
1 Barrel
1 Day Bed.

2. This property will be delivered to your representative upon receipt of a written request from you.

3. For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Respectfully,

E. W. Ockenfels.

1st. Ass't. Superintendent.

43 Curtis Place,
New Brighton,
May 27, 1919.

HOUSE INSPECTOR
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TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

Dear Sir,

Your letter received stating that the goods of the late Robt. Buske is ready to be taken away, I kindly allow bearer to move them from your place,

Sincerely
Mrs. R. Gilbert.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

May 28, 1919.

Received from the Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District, Tompkinsville, N.Y., the following personal effects of the late Robert Buske, late Keeper, at Great Captains Island Light Station.

12 chairs
1 Rocking chair
2 Beds
2 Springs
3 Bundles, Mattress and Bedding
3 Tables, 1 Round, 2 Oblong, 1 crate of table leaves.
1 Bureau with mirror
2 Chiffoniers
1 Boat- 1 pr. oars- 1 pr. Rowlocks- 1 painter
1 Engine with shaft, propeller and bed
4 Boxes
1 Bundle shades
1 Barrel
1 Day Bed.

This property is delivered to Mrs. Johanne Gilbert, 43 Curtis Place, New Brighton, Staten Island, N.Y., Administratrix of Estate.

Received above excepting boat and equipment.

Johanna Gilbert
Administratrix of Estate.

JHG

Robert Buske, Keeper,
Great Captain Island Light Station,
Port Chester, N. Y.

Jan.6,1918

SUBJECT: Leave of absence.
REFERENCE: Our letter Dec.13,1918.

1. You are directed to forward to this office with the FINAL Report filled out, Form 78 granting you leave of absence from Dec.7th to 31st,1918, and also to furnish the name and address of the substitute who performed your duties during your absence.

J. T. YATES.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

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4th Dist. Island Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 6th, 1917

Inspector -

I respectfully request permission to have my Niece, Mrs. Minnie F. Grumlick, respectively, of Ck 185 4th Ave new Brighton. S.I. keep House for me at this Station, during the Summer.

respectfully

Robert T Burke
Keeper

FWO-WJL

Robert Buske,Keeper,
Gt.Captains Island Light Station,
Port Chester,N.Y.

March 7,1917.

Your letter of March 6th 1917 requesting permission to have your niece keep house for you during the summer has been received.

You are advised that this office has no objections in the matter provided you are satisfied that the party referred to is a reliable and loyal American citizen.

J T Yates

USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY. FORM 8.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS. 8—4789-2

RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

1. Name: (Surname first. Given name in full. For women write Miss or Mrs. before given name.)
Buske, Robert

2. Department:
Commerce

3. Bureau, office, or service:
3rd Lighthouse District

4. Designation of position:
Keeper

5. Occupation (if not clearly shown by answer to question 4):
Lighthouse Keeper

6. Annual earnings: $630

7. Kind of appropriation: LS

8. Present rate of pay: $624 PA

9. Initial rate of pay: 480

10. Total length of service (give the total of ALL U. S. GOVT. SERVICE with the exceptions stated on the back of this card)—
Substitute— Years: Months:
Regular— Years: 13 Months: 1

11. State, Territory, or foreign country of birth (do not give town):
Germany

12. Race: W

13. Sex: Male

14. Date of birth— Month: May Year: 1873

15. Kinds of schools attended, years attended, and degrees taken:
ES

16. Marital condition: S

17. War veteran? Spanish

18. Appointed from— Congressional district and State: 11New York County: Richmond

19. Civil service status:
C

20. Method by which classified status was obtained:
CE

. Place of employment— City: Great Captains Isl.L.Sta. State: Port Chester New York

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LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR 3RD DIST. SEP 19 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE

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August 24, 1916.

ment of Commerce:

tain data to the Bureau of Efficiency in con-
es of the probable cost of retirement of civil
artment requests that you give to the best of
and return this form to Inspector, 3rd Lt. House Dist.
st practicable date. Please give this matter

E. F. Sweet
Acting Secretary.

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civil establishment of the United States. If

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7. Marital condition, (single, married, widow, widower, or divorced) single.
8. Service in Civil or Spanish War, Philippine Insurrection, Indian Campaign, or other military engagement Yes, Spanish War. If none so state _____.
9. Congressional District (under present Congressional apportionment) to which your present appointment is charged.
Congressional District, 72 nd; State, New York; County Richmond
10. If classified, indicate by "Yes" the method by which you originally obtained your competitive classified status. Competitive examination, _____. Non-competitive examination, _____. Individual Executive order specifying you by name, _____. Blanket Executive order covering entire class, _____. Classified by Act of Congress, _____. Reinstated under individual Executive order, _____. Reinstated under blanket Executive order, _____. Reinstated in position classified by Executive order, _____. Reinstated in position classified by Act of Congress, _____.

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Form A.

Department of Commerce
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August 24, 1916.

To Officers and Employees of the Department of Commerce:

In order to be able to furnish certain data to the Bureau of Efficiency in connection with the preparation of estimates of the probable cost of retirement of civil employees of the United States, the Department requests that you give to the best of your ability the following information and return this form to Inspector, 3rd Lt. House Dist. _____ at the earliest practicable date. Please give this matter immediate attention.

It is important that this
letter be answered promptly

E. F. Dunne
Acting Secretary.

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1. Name: Robert T Buske.
2. Character of your work during official hours: General work about the light Station and Keeping watch.
3. Total amount of compensation received from the Government during the year ended June 30, 1916; $ 640. If in service less than one year, state number of months served, _____, and total amount of compensation received, $ _____.
4. Service in any other department or civil establishment of the United States. If none, so state.

Department or establishment	Bureau	From (date)	To (date)
None	—	—	—

5. Rate of compensation at original entry into the Government service: $ 480.
6. Educational training:
   Elementary school, years public, 5 years
   High school, years _____
   College or University, years _____
   Special courses of study, years _____
   (e.g. law, architecture, business, political science, technical, etc.)
   Degrees taken _____
7. Marital condition, (single, married, widow, widower, or divorced) single.
8. Service in Civil or Spanish War, Philippine Insurrection, Indian Campaign, or other military engagement yes, Spanish War. If none so state _____.
9. Congressional District (under present Congressional apportionment) to which your present appointment is charged.
   Congressional District, 22 nd; State, New York; County Richmond
10. If classified, indicate by "Yes" the method by which you originally obtained your competitive classified status. Competitive examination, _____. Non-competitive examination, _____. Individual Executive order specifying you by name, _____. Blanket Executive order covering entire class, _____. Classified by Act of Congress, _____. Reinstated under individual Executive order, _____. Reinstated under blanket Executive order, _____. Reinstated in position classified by Executive order, _____. Reinstated in position classified by Act of Congress, _____.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. JUL 18 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

July 18, 1916.

Robert Buske, Keeper,
Great Captains Island Light Station,
Port Chester, N.Y.

Referring to letter from this office of July 15th relative to the report that the fog signal at the station in your charge was not in operation on the morning of July 14th during thick fog, and to your reply thereto dated July 17th 1916.

Advise this office when the fog signal was started and also when it was stopped on the date referred to.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. JUL 22 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Great Capt Island Lt. Sta.
July 20th, 1916.

Inspector -

In reply to enclosed letter. Fog signal was started at this Station from 9-p.m. 13th, to 4-15-a-m-14th, and from 7-a-m-14th, to 11-a-m-14th

R. Buske

FWO-WJL

July 18,1916.

Robert Buske,Keeper,
Great Captains Island Light Station,
Port Chester,N.Y.

Referring to letter from this office of July 15th relative to the report that the fog signal at the station in your charge was not in operation on the morning of July 14th during thick fog, and to your reply thereto dated July 17th 1916.

Advise this office when the fog signal was started and also when it was stopped on the date referred to.

J T Yates

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Great Captains Island Lt. Sta.

July 17th, 1916.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR, N.Y. 3d DIST. JUL 18 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Inspector-

in reply to enclosed copy letter why the fog signal at this Station was not in operation of July 14th 1916 during thick fog.

and to submit full explanation why fog signal was not in operation.

Lowers at the time refered to, said fog signal at this Station has been in operation as indicated on recording chart.

Respectfully

Robert Buske

Keeper

TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

July 15,1916.

Robert Buske,Keeper,
Great Captains Island Light Station,
Port Chester,N.Y.

It has been reported to this office that the fog signal at Great Captains Island was not in operation on the morning of July 14th 1916 during thick fog.

Submit full explanation as to why the fog signal was not in operation at the time referred to.

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R. Buske

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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Great Captains Island Lt. Sta.
April 1st, 1916

Inspector -

I report to you this day of having taken charge of this Station, as Keeper, transferred as Keeper from Wm. J. Buck Lt. Sta.

R O Buske

E O D April 1-1916

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
3D DIST.
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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Wat Bunker Lt Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 1st, 1916

Inspector -

Have left this Station this day to report for duty as Keeper of Great Captains Island light Station

R D Bunker

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Robert Buske, Keeper,

West Bank Light Station,

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

March 23,1916

Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated March 20,1916 appointing you to the position of keeper of Great Captain Is.Lt.Sta., and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to proceed to the station named and relieve the present keeper, Mrs.Georgia A.Oliver, without fail, on the close of March 31st, giving her receipt for the station and all Government property for which she has been responsible, in triplicate on Form 30, one copy of which is to be forwarded to this office. Inform this office promptly by letter when you have relieved Mrs.Oliver and taken charge of Great Captain Island Lt.Sta.

Millard Caler, 1st Assistant Keeper of Execution Rocks Lt.Sta. has been appointed to relieve you at the close of March 31st and take charge of the station. You will turn over to Mr.Caler on his arrival the station and all Government property for which you have been responsible, taking receipt therefor in triplicate on Form 30, one copy of which is to be forwarded to this office. Three copies of Form 30 were sent you March 17th. Advise this office promptly by letter when you have turned the station over to Mr.Caler.

J T YATES

Inspector

Robert Buske, Keeper,
Gt. Captains Isld. Lt. Sta.,
Port Chester, N.Y.

Robert Buske, $624.a.
Kpr.Great Capt Island,
Light Station.

Form 73 JHG

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) March 17,1916 (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and demotion.

Name, **Robert Buske** Legal residence, **New York**

Position, **Keeper** Salary, **$624 per annum**

Location, **Great Captain Island Lt.Sta. and Jones Rocks Light, Conn.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses**

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

Former position, Keeper Former salary, **$648 per annum**

Location, **West Bank Light Station, N.Y.**

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

Previous incumbent, Georgia A. Oliver Services terminated, **March 31,1916**

Reason, **Expiration of temporary appointment.**

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks: Letter from Mr.Buske requesting this transfer attached hereto.

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

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J T YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Robert Buske, Keeper, March 17,1916

West Bank Light Station,

Tompkinsville, N. Y.

You are informed that you have to-day been nominated for appointment to the position of keeper of Great Captains Island Lt.Sta., and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to hold yourself in readiness to enter on duty in that position as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be appointed to this position your services will probably be required about April 1,1916.

Enclosed are three copies of Form 30 which you will fill out to show all the Government property under your charge at West Bank Lt.Sta., in order that you may obtain the necessary receipts for same from your successor. Further instructions in regard to these forms will be given you later.

J T YATES

Inspector

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Commissioner: March 17,1916

Referring to Forms 78 forwarded to the Bureau to-day recommending the appointments of Robert Buske to the position of keeper of Great Captain Island Lt.Sta.; Millard Caler to the position of keeper of West Bank Lt.Sta.; and John E.Bergen to the position of 1st Assistant Keeper of Execution Rocks Lt.Sta.

It is requested that this office be notified promptly of the appointments of these men so that the necessary orders may be issued in sufficient time so they may enter on duty in their respective positions on April 1,1916.

J T YATES

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
MAR 22 1916
HOUSES

March 20, 1916.

Mr. Robert Busko,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Sir:

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

~~Keeper~~

in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~

at a salary of ~~Six Hundred and Twenty-four~~ dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from keeper at $648 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Georgia A. Oliver.

Legal Residence: New York.

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
2d DIST.
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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

March 13th, 1916

Inspector -

I respectfully submit a new list of Stations in duplicate, showing the Stations arranged in alphabetical order and positions to which I would accept transfer as Keeper in the event of a vacancy, and request to have the previous old list canceled.

Respectfully.

Robert Buske
Keeper

Transferred to
Keeper of
St. Capt 2nd
April 1-1916

March 13th 1916



X	Absecon,	St. Sta.
X	Barnegat,	" "
X	Cape May,	" "
X	Cape Henlopen,	" "
X	Chapel Hill,	" "
X	Great Captains Island,	" "
X	Montauk point,	" "
X	North Brother Island,	" "
X	Point Comfort,	" "
X	Princess Bay	" "
X	Richmond, S. I.	" "
X	Stratford point,	" "
✓	Wadehauck,	" "

Robert Ruske
Keeper.

March 13th, 1916.

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Robert Burke
Keeper

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

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

February 23rd, 1916

Inspector -

I heard Mr. Alvin, the Keeper of Great Captains Island died, I respectfully request to be considered for that Station, as I have had my list transfer list in for that Station over two (2) years.

Respectfully.

Robert F Duske
Keeper

Position of Keeper, Great Captains Island Lt.Sta.

Robert Buske, keeper, West Bank - entered service Jan.16,1903 as assistant keeper of Romer Shoal. October 1,1904 transferred to keeper of Greens Ledge. Resigned September 3,1909. Reinstated January 17,1910 as keeper of West Bank. Average efficiency 94%.

Alfred Nelson, assistant keeper, Great Captains Island - entered service November 13,1908 as assistant keeper of Romer Shoal. Transferred to Assistant keeper of Plum Beach Jan.18,1909. Appointed keeper of Cold Spring Harbor Dec.31,1909. Transferred to keeper of Stratford Shoal Aug.19,10. Transferred and demoted (own request) April 10,1914 as assistant keeper of Great Captains Is. Cautioned re condition of station while at Stratford Shoal. Average efficiency 97%.

August F. Biedermann, keeper, Greens Ledge - entered service June 5,1913 as 2nd Assistant of Race Rock. Appointed 1st assistant Race Rock Nov.16,1913. Appointed Keeper of Race Rock March 26, 1914. Appointed keeper of Greens Ledge April 16,1915. Dec.6,1915 cautioned re bad condition of station, Greens Ledge. Average efficiency 85%.

William H. Hedges, keeper, Race Rock - entered service August 8,1914 as 2nd assistant of Race Rock. Promoted to keeper of same station May 1,1915. Average efficiency 77%.

William F. Petzolt, assistant keeper of Stratford Point, entered service April 6,1913 as assistant keeper of Governors Island. Transferred to assistant keeper of Stratford Point on May 1,1914. Average efficiency 95%.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. FEB 15 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

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

February 12th, 1916

Inspector -

in reply to the District Circular letter No. 95, dated Nov 10, 1915 relative to form 76, shore Liberty or leave of absence of Keepers,

and in reply to letter dated February 9, 1916 Why I did not forward form 76 for last month for leave of absence,

I wish to state to the Inspector of having misunderstood reading of circular letter that form 76 had to be submitted for all leave of absence,

The Assistant keepers of this Station have now been inform of Circular letter No 95 of forwarding form 76 for all leave of absence,

enclosed is requisition for 60 forms No. 76 for leave of absence,

Respectfully

Robert Burke
Keeper

TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR · TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y. · FEB 15 1916 RECEIVED

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

February 12th, 1916

Inspector -

I respectfully request that I be granted the two (2) days shore Liberty I have had for month of January 1916, from 10. a.m. the 8th to 4. pm. the 7th

Respectfully

Robert Buske

Keeper

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Robert Buske, Keeper,
West Bank Lt.Sta.,
Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Feb.15,1916

Referring to your letter dated February 12,1916 requesting leave of absence from January 5th to 7th,1916.

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

J T YATES

Inspector

JHG

Robert Buske, Keeper,

West Bank Light Station,

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Feb. 18,1916

The Form 76 received to-day covering leave of absence taken by you and the assistant keepers at West Bank Light Station, have been approved, and the duplicate copies are returned herewith.

Your attention is invited to the fact that these forms are incorrectly made out in the following respects:- Date on which form was filled out must be inserted at top of form; the words "Substitute not required" must be written in, when applicable, in place designated by paragraph 2 of "Instructions" on back of form; the "Request" for leave must be signed by you to the left of the signature of the assistant keeper; nothing should be written by you under the heading "Authority". The dates on which leave are requested should be inclusive - for instance in your request you ask for two days from Jan.5th to 7th, inclusive, which is three days.

You are directed to see that forms are properly made out in the future.

J T YATES

Inspector

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Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2 DIST. FEB 18 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

REQUEST

West Davis St. Sta., January, 1916
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 2 days of shore liberty or leave, from January 5th to January 7th, inclusive, 1916. I have had 2 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

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

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

_____, _____
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

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

Tompkinsville Post Office, Tompkinsville, New York
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

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

Robert T. Busker
(Applicant's signature.)

_____
Keeper in charge.

Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

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

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for two days, from Jan. 5th to Jan. 6th, inclusive, 1916.

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

J. D. Yates

Inspector, Third *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 10. A.M. Jan 5th, 1916.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 4. P. M. Jan 7th, 1916.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 2 6/24 days.

Period charged: 2 6/24 days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

Robert T. Busker
(Applicant's signature.)

Robert T. Busker
Keeper in charge.

Keeper
(Title.)

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Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) Dec. 24, 1915 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Increase in compensation.

Name, Robert Bucke, Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper Salary, $648 p.a.

Location, West Bank Light Station, N.Y. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

Former position, Keeper Former salary, $624 p.a.

Location, West Bank Light Station, N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, Robert Bucke Services terminated, Dec. 31,1915

Reason, Increase in compensation

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks: In accordance with Bureau letter of Dec.17,1915.

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

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GAVIGAN

YATES

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
JAN 3 1916
HOUSES

December 29, 1915.

Mr. Robert Buske,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Six Hundred and Forty-eight dollars per annum, effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $624 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: New York.

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2ND DIST. DEC 21 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

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

December 20th, 1915

Inspector:-

Dear Sir-

I regret very much to say personally, here of late at this Station I have had a considerable bit of trouble with the Assistant Keepers, no doubt the Inspector and the Department is aware of the fact that I do all I can on this Station to keep the Assistants here, no sooner are they here when appointed for this Station, the will either want to be transferred or complain of the distance they have to go ashore after a short time they have been here,

now that the first Assistant keeper has also Tendered his resignation to take effect December 5th I respectfully request of the Inspector and the Department to grant me this favor and have Mr Joseph J. Bryan appointed as one of the Assistant Keepers for this Station as he is a clean sober man and have known him for the last 30 years, I am under no obligation to him whatsoever, although the department have had a lot of trouble with him while he was in the service before, but I can assure the Inspector of the fact when he is here with me he will stay and cause the Department no more inconvenience

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trusting this letter will receive your worthy consideration
I am,

Respectfully yours

Robert Brooks

Keeper

JHG

Robert Buske, Keeper, Dec. 30,1915

West Bank Light Station,

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

You are advised that the salary of the position of keeper of West Bank Light Station will be increased from $624.00 to $648.00 per annum, and of the 1st assistant keeper from $480.00 to $516.00 per annum, both effective beginning January 1,1916.

YATES .

Inspector

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

New list received Nov. 15 1915

THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. NOV 12 1915 RECEIVED

Inspector. Sir,

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

November, 1915.

Enclosed herewith is a list of Stations which I would like to be transfred to. in the Event of a Vacancey. Eather As Keeper or Asst Keeper,

✗ Bridgeport. Conn,	✗ Peck Ledge. Conn,
✗ Blackrock. Conn,	✗ Roundout. N.Y,
✗ Coxsackie. N.Y,	✗ Rockland. N.Y,
✗ Coldspring. N.Y,	✗ Stuyvesant. N.Y,
✗ Esopus Meadows. N.Y,	✗ Saugerties. N.Y,
✗ Fire Island. N.Y,	✗ Stepping stones. N.Y,
✗ Four mile Point. N.Y,	✗ Stonington. Conn,
✗ Falkners Island. N.Y,	✗ Say brook. Conn,
✗ Fort Wardsworth. N.Y,	✗ Stony Point. N.Y,
✗ Great East Island N.Y,	✗ Shinnecock. N.Y,
✗ Great Beds. N.Y,	✗ Sands Point N.Y,
✗ Greens Ledge. Conn,	✗ South West Ledge. Conn,
✗ Hudson City. N.Y,	✗ Terrytown. N.Y,
✗ Horton Point. N.Y,	✗ Throgs Neck. N.Y,
✗ Loyds Harbor. N.Y,	✗ West Point N.Y,
✗ North Brothers Island. N.Y,	✗ Watch Hill. R.I,
~~New London Harbor. Conn,~~	Ellsworth J Smith, 2d Asst Keeper,
~~Passaic. N.J,~~	Robert Buske. Keeper,

Inspector. Sir,

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

THIRD DISTRICT
LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
3D DIST.
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November, 1915

Enclosed herewith is a list of Stations which I would like to be transfred to, in the Event of a Vacancy. Either As Keeper or 1st Asst Keeper,

Bridgeport. Conn,
Blackrock. Conn,
Corsackie. N.Y,
Coldspring N.Y,
Esopus Meadows. N.Y,
Fire Island. N.Y,
Four Mile Point. N.Y,
Falkners Island. N.Y,
Fort Wardsworth. N.Y,
Great East Island. N.Y,
Great Beds. N.Y,
Greens Ledge, Conn,
Hudson City. N.Y,
Horton Point. N.Y,
Loyds Harbor. N.Y,
North Brothers Island N.Y,
New London Harbor. Conn,
Passaic. N.J,
Peck Ledge. Conn,
Roundout, N.Y,
Rockland. N.Y,
Stuyvesant. N.Y,
Saugerties. N.Y,
Stepping stones. N.Y,
Stonington Conn,
Saybrook. Conn,
Stony Point. N.Y,
Shinnecock. N.Y,
Sands Point. N.Y,
South West Ledge. Conn,
Tarrytown. N.Y,
Throgs Neck. N.Y,
West Point. N.Y,
Watch Hill. R.I,

Ellsworth J Smith, 2d Ast Keeper
Robert T Duske, Keeper

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. SEP 30 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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

September 29th, 1915.

Inspector:-

owing to the fact of Thomas Thomson first assistant Keeper of this Station, having Tendered his resignation to take effect October 2d, 1915. while ashore, and therefore requesting to have his pay check sent to his home, I wish to inform the Inspector of his indebtness to me for board and borrowed cash money which amounts in all to $4.50, Inspector please kindly have me protected in order to obtain from him the above mentioned amount, thanking you in advance, I am,

yours Respectfully.

Robert Buske.
Keeper.

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he will
have to attend
himself to
matter

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FWO/EJC.

October 1st, 1915.

Robert Buske, Keeper,
West Bank Light Station,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Referring to your letter of September 29th, concerning the matter of alleged indebtedness of First Assistant Keeper Thomson for board and money borrowed:

You are advised that this is a personal matter and should be settled by yourself and Mr. Thomson.

YATES

attached 1485

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 32 DIST. SEP. 29 1915 RECEIVED

Inspector,

Bay Shore N.Y.
Sept 26th 15.

Sir.

Your letter of 21st inst with copies of letters received from Keeper Burke of West Bank Light Station referring to check and letter which I asked you to investigate received and note contents and in answer would draw your attention to the very crude manner in which he has tried to make his account tally with the amount of the check which I gave him to cash, to do so he goes back to the month of January and charges me with one days board at 45cts and February 15 days and March 12 days at the same rate which totals up to pretty nearly the amount of check $13.37. all but 77 cts which he claims he gave me the day I left the Station and which statement is absolutely false from beginning to end and in order to explain the matter properly so that you will more fully understand it I will tell you just how things stood

When I went to West Bank Station I was told that it was customary for each man to pay $9.00 per month in advance for his subsistence and that he received no money back for the days he was off on liberty which I agreed to and did do each month I was there even to the last and when I received the check for Feb for $13.37 I gave it

to Mr Buske to cash for me and take out the $9.00 and bring me back the balance due me which was $4.37 and when he returned he said he had spent it all but when I went ashore he would go with me and borrow the amount and pay me I told him I was perfectly satisfied with that arrangement and spent the remainder of the time there in perfect harmony with him as I had no reason to doubt his word and that night during my watch I wrote the farewell auto-graphic note on the fly leaf of the watch book which he quotes in his letter to you and says is self explanatory which he has used to cover up and make good his side and as far as it goes is correct, as at the time I wrote it I supposed he was a man of his word and intended to do as he agreed to, however we went ashore at Hāpeiblon the next day and went to street to take a trolly car for Tompkinsville and he gave me $10.00 and said he would meet me at the post office at Tompkinsville and try and have the balance for me I told him not to bother as I was sure there would be a letter there from my wife with car fare and he could send it to me any time whenever he had it to spare but he said he would be there, but when I arrived at the post office there was no letter there and I waited there all day expecting to either meet him or get a letter but he did not show up and it

looked very suspicious, but even then I did not condemn him but when I reached my home and my wife told me she had sent the money and the letter should have reached Tompkinsville post office the day Mr Buske was there. I began to surmise that he might have got it from the post office especially when he deceived me by not meeting me at the post office as he promised faithfully to do and what makes it worse my wife had to borrow the money to send me after all I refrained from complaining to you before I did and would not have done so if he had been a man and answered my letter which I wrote him in a friendly way and told him he need not let the small account he owed me stand in the way of our friendship
I dont wish you to think I am looking for sympathy but on the contrary I am only asking for a square deal for I can assure you Mr Buske ought to be better able to spare the small amount than for me to loose it as he has no one but himself to support and I have a family of 7 depending on me and he should have been honorable enough to have done the right thing but I presume he thought as I was easy and done my best

to please him and get along peacefully while with him at the station I would let it go by and I can assure you I very much regret having to do this

I respectfully refer you to Keeper Peterson of L.H. Ledge Station Conn and also Keeper Cook of North Hook Beacon Station Sandy Hook as to my honesty and financial standing when I left them.

Thanking you for your many past favors
I am yours very respectfully
Arthur Behne.

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FWO/KJC.

October 1st, 1915.

Copy forwarded to Robert Buske, Keeper, West Bank Light Station, Tompkinsville, N.Y., for comment and return.

YATES

AJC.

Bay Shore, N.Y.,
September 26th, 1915.

Inspector

Sir:

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Thanking you for your many past favors, I am yours very respectfully,

Signed-ARTHUR HERNE.

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

FWO/EJC.

October 1st, 1915.

Copy forwarded to Robert Buske, Keeper, West Bank Light Station, Tompkinsville, N.Y., for comment and return.

J. T. Yates

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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Bay Shore, N.Y.,
September 26th, 1915.

Inspector

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

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

October 3rd, 1915

Inspector.-

in reply to enclosed contends of copy letter of Arthur Herne, formerly 1st Assistant keeper of this Station, in reply I wish to State, December 28-1914. when he reported for duty as 1st Assistant keeper, I told him that each man had to pay $9.00 per month in advance for his ration while ashore as he stated is correct, but he did not agree to do this as he claimed he was paying for two rations while ashore, when I explain this matter to him if he payed at the rate 45¢ per day while at Station would equal the amount $9.00. per month while ashore, more or less it comes to $3.00 extra for each man per month in order to live and furthermore I was not obligid to board him, however, he agreed to pay 45¢ per day for his ration while at Station.

in regards to his check which he gave me in advance for month of March, the amount was taken out of it for the number of meals he had not payed, for the month of January and February as I had stated in my previous letter, the day he left Station he received the balance of the amount of his check and when we got ashore we parted at Stapleton and had made no arrangements to meet him

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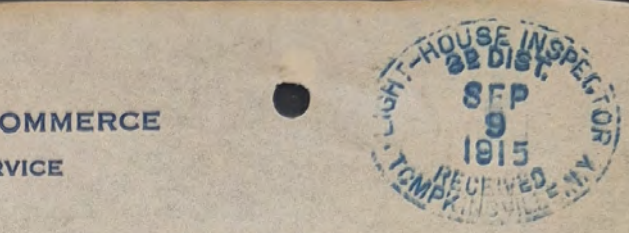
at the post office and I certainly had no need to borrow money, this is a true statement to my honesty.

Respectfully.

Robert Buske.
Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

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West Bank, N. Y.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

September 6th, 1915

Inspector-

the amount of Mr. Kerns check received for the month of February was for the sum of $13.37 which he gave to me in advance for his mess bill for the month March,

below is showing a bill for the number of ~~each~~ days of each month he owed to me for ration and of the balance he was received of the above amount

January	1	day at the rate of 45 cents per day	$0.45
February	15	days " " " " " " " "	6.75
March	12	" " " " " " " " "	5.40
Total	28	" Total amount	$ 12.60

he received the balance of $0.77¢ which was due him

Robert Buske

FWO/"JL

August 31,1915.

Robert Buske,Keeper,
West Bank Light Station,
Tompkinsville,S.I.N.Y.

Referring to your letter of August 30th 1915 concerning the matter of letter from Mr.Arthur Herne who was formerly employed at your station and asking to be informed of the amount of Mr.Herne's check for the month of February.

Yousare advised that Mr.Herne's check for February was for the sum of $48.40. His check for March was for the sum of $9.67.

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Bay Shore, N.Y.
Aug 19th 1915

August 24, 1915.

Robert Buske, Keeper,
West Bank Light Station,
Tompkinsville, S.I.N.Y.

Enclosed for your information and full report thereon is copy of letter dated August 19th 1915 received from Mr. Arthur Herne.

Yates

Sir:

Bay Shore, N.Y.
Aug 19th 1915.

While serving as first asst. keeper of West Bank Station I gave the keeper my pay check to cash for me and told him to take out the amount due him for my mess bill and bring me back the balance which he failed to do but instead kept it all and all I got out of it was fifty cents when I left the station. I also found upon reaching my home that my wife had sent me a letter containing two dollars to pay my fare home and which I should have received before leaving the Station and as Mr. Buske got the mail the day before I left I have every reason to believe that he must have opened it and kept the money, and which caused me much inconvenience and delay and necessitated me to make a trip to Sandy Hook and borrow the money to get home from Mr. Poe keeper of the Main St. Station there who is a friend of mine. I have refrained from reporting this matter to you before hoping he would be conscientious enough to make this good but as yet have not received any response to my communications and thought perhaps you could bring this matter to his attention and by doing so you will greatly oblige me. Also please let me know if I am eligible for reinstatement in the Service. Thanking you for past favors, I am very respectfully yours,

sgd Arthur Herne

Office of Inspector, 3d District,
Tompkinsville, N.Y. August 20, 1915.

Buske-

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January 20,1915.

Robert Buske,Keeper,
West Bank Light Station,
Tompkinsville,S.I.N.Y.

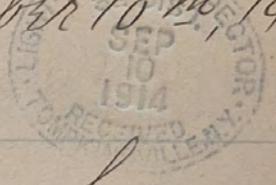
It being understood that you will be ashore, you are directed to report at this office today., or to-morrow.

Yates

Telephoned Quarantine Hospital
1/20/15- 11 20 a.m.
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Buske, Robt

West Bank Lt. Sta.
September 10th, 1914



Inspector:-

I wish to thank you for having forwarded Charles H. Hubbers check through me, which has enabled me to obtain the money from him which he owed for ration etc, to this Station.

Respectfully,

Robert Buske,
Keeper.

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West Bank. St Sta.
February 14th, 1914.

Inspector

Sir:-

In the Event of a Vacancy I would respectfully request To be considered as Keeper at some Station with Family quarters so that I can have my old Age Mother with me. Following is a list of Stations I would like To be considered as Keeper at, In the Event of a Vacancy, namely.

X Falkner Island
X Great Captain Island
X Stratford Point
X North Brother Island

New list received 3/14/16

Robert Buske.
Keeper.

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Re West Point

August 14, 1913.

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Robert Buske, Keeper,
West Bank Light Station,
Tompkinsville, S.I., N.Y.

Your letter of August 11th in explanation of the matter of small row boat lost from your station on August 1st, has been received and is not considered satisfactory. As stated in letter of August 4th, you will be held responsible for the recovery of the boat, and you are directed to make inquiry and search until it is found.

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August 14, 1913.

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C. Inspector
Third District
Tompkinsville. N. Y.

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Inclosed record to make from this date until further

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referring to the small row boat reported lost August 1st. I wish to state to the Inspector that I was ashore with the small boat getting mail provisions and necessarily articles for Station. when I got back to Station I could not hoist the boat up on account of rough sea bad weather etc. so I had to leave the boat out in the water with the painter made fast to gallery railing waiting for the sea and wind to moderate down so that I could hoist boat up. instead wind and sea increased to a heavy thunder and rain storm which swamped the boat. when I saw the condition of the boat I tried all I could to save her, taking and overhauling one of the boat falls and was trying to hook the boat on from the gallery. as the boat rose up with a sea I took a round turn with the painter on one of the railing stanchions so that I could hook the block on. and when the sea went down it parted the painter and nothing more could be done. as the wind and sea was then very rough and to dangerous to lower the sail boat in order to go after

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vamped boat. I also wish to state to the Inspector that I have tried and done all that could be done in order to recover the boat but I can not find her.

Respectfully

Robert Burke

Keeper

FWO-LC

August 4th, 1913.

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Robert Buske, Keeper,
West Bank Light Station.
Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Referring to your report of August 2nd stating that small row boat was lost from your station on August 1st, you are informed that this office considers you negligent in not taking measures to secure the boat as ample warning could be observed in advance of the storm.

You are informed that you will be held responsible for the recovery of the boat, and you are requested to advise this office when same is recovered.

YATES

West Bank L. Sta.
August 2nd, 1913



Sir.

I Respectfully report to you the afternoon of August 1st, 1913 little row boat got lost from this Station at about ✱ 6.30 p.m. during a heavy S.E. thunder and rain Storm which lasted several hours, boat swamped and parted painter while out in the water and moored fast To Station To main gallery railing, the weather was too bad at the Time To lower the big boat and To go after her To save her

Respectfully

Robert Burke. Keeper.

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West Bank Light Station,
August 2nd, 1913.

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Inspector,
Tompkinsville,N.Y.

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Respectfully,
Signed- Robert Buske, Keeper.

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June 17th, 1913

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Inspector

referring To the probationary period of employment of Edwards H. Thurber, 2nd Assistant keeped of this Station, which will escpire July 7th, 1913. I Respectfully wave To inform the Office and the Inspector, that his services wave been very satisfactory during the probationary period, and that he is now a suitable and competent man To receive a permanent appointment.

Respectfully

Robert Burke
Keeper

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June 6,1913

Robert Buske, Keeper,

West Bank Light Station,

Tompkinsville,N.Y.

The probationary period of employment of Charles H.Thurber, 2nd Assistant Keeper at West Bank Light Station, will expire on July 7,1913. Inform 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.

JHG

May 22,1913

Robert Buske, Keeper,

West Bank Lt.Sta.

Tompkinsville,N.Y.

Referring to your letter of May 22,1913 requesting transfer to the position of Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, should a vacancy occur at that station, and to your statement "or any other station for which I have also made an application".

Your attention is invited to Circular Letter of Oct. 23,1912, copy herewith, to which no reply was ever received from you, so that at the present time you have no list filed in this office of stations to which you would accept transfer.

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May 22nd 1913

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C C Sir.

I Respectfully make an application for a Transfer for the Romer Shoal light Station New York lower bay. N. Y. should a vacancy occur at that Station, so that I can be with Mr Joseph J. Bryan the Assistant Keeper of that said Station or any other Station for which I have also made an application as I have known Mr Joseph J. Bryan for 25 years and have always found him To be clean sober and Industrious Man

Respectfully

Robt Buske
Keeper

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Thurber

June 8, 1913 -

Kfpr. West-Bunks states Chas. N. Thurber
reported for duty as 2d asst. Kfpr. June 8, 1913

See West Bunk

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

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July 2, 1912.

Mr. Robert Buske,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Six Hundred and Twenty-four dollars per annum,

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

(By change from $52 per month.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,
(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: New York.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., June 8, 1912 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Change in compensation.

Name, Robert Buske Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper Salary, $624. per annum

Location, West Bank Light-Station, N.Y.

Effective July 1, 1912 or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. ~~on the actual date of entrance on duty.~~

Former position, Keeper Former salary, $52. per month

Location, West Bank Light-Station, N.Y.

Rank in list of eligibles, Rating, Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, Robert Buske Services terminated, June 30, 1912

Reason, Change in compensation.

Remarks: Payable from "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses"

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Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved.

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WASHINGTON

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October 9, 1911.

Robert Buske, Keeper,

West Bank Light Station,

New Dorp, Staten Island, N. Y.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of September 29th, 1911 re: failure to sign a letter forwarded by the 1st Assistant Keeper:

Your statement that "I was not aware that I would have to sign it", is not satisfactory, as in view of your length of service you should, by this time, know that all communications addressed to this office by Assistant Keepers should be forwarded through and endorsed by the Keeper of the Station.

Respectfully,

Commander, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

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August 28, 1911.

Letter from Robert Buske, Keeper West Bank Light Station, N. Y. re: chargeing 1st Assistant keeper with disobedience of orders.

See Colvill, C. F.

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West Bank. Lt Sta.
July 22nd, 1911

To Comdr. C. D. Stearns. U.S.N.
Inspector Third District
Tompkinsville. N.Y.

Sir.

referring to the circular letter dated June 15th, 1911. for transfer which keepers or asst keepers would desire to obtain in case opportunity for transfer or promotion should occur.
I respectfully herewith giving the names of the three Stations I desire for transfer as keeper Stratford point Lt Sta. Falkners Island Lt Sta. and Plum Island Lt Sta.

Respectfully.

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Robert Buske
Keeper

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March 10, 1911.

Robert Buske, Keeper,
West Bank Lt.Station,
New Dorp, Staten Island.

Sir:

At the recent inspection of the station in your charge, it was found that you were not in uniform.

You are hereby cautioned that the Instructions to Light-Keepers, in regard to the wearing of your uniform, should be strictly adhered to.

Respectfully,

W. M. DOYLE.
Captain U.S.N.,
Inspector.

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February 23, 1911.

William Wallace Young,
No. 2 Rector Street,
New York City, N.Y.

Sir:-

Inclosed herewith, for your information, is copy of letter received from Mr. Robert Buske, Keeper of West Bank Light-Station, in regard to the claim of Herman Vogel against him.

Respectfully,

R. M. DOYLE.

Captain U.S.N.,
Inspector.

West Bank N.Y. Lt. Sta.
February 20th, 1911.

To Capt. R.M.Doyle, U.S.N.,
Inspector Third District
Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Sir:

Referring to aopgpy letter received from Mr. William Wallace Young, together with copy letter and bill of Herman Vogel, in connection with Mr. Vogel's claim against me. I have to state in regards to this matter that I have notified Mr. William Wallace Young that I don't owe Mr. Herman Vogel any money.

Respectfully,

Robert Buske,

Keeper.

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February 8, 1911.

William Wallace Young,
2 Rector Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 2, 1911, enclosing letter of Mr. Herman Vogel, together with bill, in connection with Mr. Vogel's claim against Robert Buske, Keeper of West Bank Light-Station.

I have to state for your information that this office cannot be made an agency for the collection of claims against employees of the Service. If, however, it can be proven that an employee is guilty of moral turpitude, steps may be taken toward removing him from the service, which action would not in any manner assist in the collection of the claim.

A copy of your letter, with enclosures, has been referred to Mr. Buske.

The papers enclosed with your letter are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Captain, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

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February 8,1911.

Robert Buske, Keeper,
West Bank Lt.Station.

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith for your information is copy of letter received from Mr. William Wallace Young, together with copy of letter and bill of Herman Vogel, in connection with Mr. Vogel's claim against you.

Respectfully,

R. M. Dyer

Captain, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

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ARTHUR G. STILES
COUNSEL

LAW OFFICES OF
WILLIAM WALLACE YOUNG
TWO RECTOR STREET
NEW YORK CITY

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February 2nd, 1911.



Inspector, Third District.
Lighthouse Service,
Tompkinsville, N. Y.

My dear Sir:-

On January 10th, 1911, I made a complaint on behalf of my client, Herman Vogel vs Robert Buske. On the 21st of January you wrote me enclosing a letter in which Mr. Buske denied his indebtedness. Enclosed please find letter from Mr. Herman Vogel, in regard to this matter and kindly note its contents and you will be able to see that this claim has not been paid. I am also enclosing an itemized statement of this account and I trust you will endeavor to have this amount paid so that this matter may be adjusted without commencing suit.

Yours truly,

William Wallace Young.

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P. S. I would request that you return to me enclosures after you have looked them over.

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Law office of
William Wallace Young,
Two Rector Street
New York City.

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Arthur G. Stiles,
Counsel

February 2nd, 1911.

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Yours truly,
WILLIAM WALLACE YOUNG

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P.S. I would request that you return to me enclosures after you have looked them over.

W.W.Y.

Norwalk. Conn. Jan.31,1911.

Security Mercantile Agency,
Bridgeport, Conn.

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Gentlemen.

As per your request I enclose itemized bill. Buske did not pay this bill. He said he was going to Europe for a few weeks vacation and would return to the same Station, Greens Ledge Light-Station, Conn. and would pay me on his return. He had money enough with him then to pay this bill, but said he did not know how much he would need for this trip, so I said I would oblige him, and let the bill stand until his return. I have not seen him since, neither has he settled his bill. Since that time there has been nothing bought of me for that Station, either for cash or credit.

Respectfully yours,

Herman Vogel.

	lbs. Sugar,	.30
	1 lb. coffee,	.25
	1 lb. butter,	.35
	3 bread,	.15
	1 H.O. oats,	.14
	2 dz. fresh eggs,	.70
	3 cs cake	.67
	2½ lbs. bacon,	.50
Sept.6,	2 cans milk,	.20
	6 cans cor. beef,	.90
	4 " Roast beef,	1.00
	1 pk. matches,	.10
	4 tobacco,	.20
	Salt	.40
	Potatoes,	1.10
	50 onions,	.25
	3 H.O. oats,	.42
	6 Soap,	.25
	3 lbs. coffee,	.75
	3 cans milk,	.30
	2 lb . butter	.70
	5 lbs. sugar,	.30
	1 Lea & Perrins S.	.45
	4 Bread	.20
Sept.7,	Pepper,	.10
	1 lb. butter,	.35
	2 bread,	.10
Sept.11,	1½ doz. crullers,	.15
	2 doz. eggs,	.70
	1 lb. butter,	.35
	2 Bread,	.10
	3 lbs. dog bread,	.30
	1 c tomatoes,	.10
Sept.13,	1 lb. butter,	.35
	2 Bread,	.10
	1 lb. spiced beef,	.40
	1 lb. Bologna,	.20
Sept.14	Cheese,	.33
	2 lb. coffee,	.50
	5 sugar,	.30
	1 Cabbagem	.09
Sept.20	4 cans milk,	.40
	2 lb. coffee,	.50
	2 lb. butter,	.74
	4 Bread,	.20
	1½ doz. crullers,	.15
		$17.09

Sep.29,	Potatoes,	.60
	2 lb. Butter,	.74
	Bread,	.15
	Biscuits,	.20
	5 lb. sugar,	.30
	2 c Milk,	.20
	1 lb. Liver Bologna	.26
	4 tobacco	.20
		$19.74

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January 21, 1911.

William Wallace Young,
2 Rector Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of January 10th, 1911, relative to claim of Herman Vogel against Robert Buske,-

Inclosed herewith, is a copy of a letter received from Mr. Buske in regard to this matter.

Respectfully,

R. M. DOYLE.
Captain U.S.N.,
Inspector.

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West Bank N.Y. Lt. Sta.,
January 18th, 1911.

To Capt. R.M. Doyle, U.S.N.,
Inspector, Third District.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of January 13th, with the copy of a letter received from William Wallace Young, relative to a claim of Herman Vogel against me amounting to $19.74, has been received and in regards to this matter, I have to state that I don't owe Mr. Herman Vogel of South Norwalk, Conn. no money. A year ago last August I settled up all bill for groceries contracted for Greens Ledge, Conn. Light-Station while was then the Keeper of that Station. Furthermore, I have to state Mr. Herman Vogel was told by me when I settled up with him, thereafter not to hold me responsible for any more groceries contracted for that station as I was then getting ready to leave that station to make my mother a visit in Europe. I request the Inspector to have this charge of this bill against me withdrawn from my official record as I don't owe Mr. Herman Vogel of South Norwalk, Conn. no money as I have stated am an innocent man of this charge and bill against me.

Respectfully,

Robert Buske,

Keeper.

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West Bank N. J. Lt Sta.
January 18th, 1911

To Capt R. M. Doyle U. S. N.
Inspector Third District

Dear Sir.

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owe Mr. Herman Vogel of South. Norwalk. Conn.
no money as I have stated. am an Innocent
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Respectfully

Robert Buske
Keeper

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1-18 43 Let from, rel bill owed Herman Vogel, states does not owe him any money. Gives expl.

1-21 44 Let to Wm. Wallace Young re yours 10th re claim of Herman Vogel against Robert Buske. Enc copy let recd from Buske on matter.

2-8 45 Let to, enc copy let from Wm. Wallace Young with copy bill of Herman Vogel re Vogel's claim against you.

2-2 46 Let from Wm. Wallace Young, states on 1/10 made a complaint on behalf of his client Herman Vogel vs Robert Buske. Enc let from Vogel with bill. Trusts we will endeavor to collect this.

2-8 47 Let to above, ack above. states this office cannot be made an agency for collection of claims. If an employee is found guilty steps will be taken to remove him from service. Copy your let. with enc referred to Buske. Retns papers herewith 3243

2-23 48 Let to Wm. Wallace Young, enc copy let recd from- re claim of Herman Vogel against him.

3-10 49 Let to cautioned, not in uniform.

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January 13, 1911.

William Wallace Young,
Two Rector Street,
New York City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 10th, 1911, relative to a claim of Mr. Herman Vogel against Mr. Robert Buske, Keeper at West Bank Light-Station, and to say that this matter will be called to the attention of Mr. Buske.

Respectfully,

R. M. DOYLE.
Captain U.S.N.,
Inspector.

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January 13, 1911.

Robert Buske, Keeper,
West Bank Light-Station,
New Dorp, Staten Island, N.Y.

Sir:

Inclosed herewith, for your information is copy of letter received from William Wallace Young, relative to a claim of Herman Vogel against you amounting to $19.74.

Please inform me what you propose to do in regard to this matter.

Respectfully,

R. M. DOYLE.
Captain U.S.N.,
Inspector.

Arthur ...
Counsel.

William ...
Two Rector St.
New York City.

Jan. 10th, 1911.

U.S.Government Lighthouse Dept.
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

My client Mr. Herman Vogel has a claim against Mr. R. Buske, amounting to $19.74. Mr. Buske is attached to your station at West Bank. Would you kindly call to the attention of Mr. Buske this indebtedness and aid me in collecting this claim?

Yours truly,

WILLIAM WALLACE YOUNG.

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ARTHUR G. STILES
COUNSEL

LAW OFFICES OF
WILLIAM WALLACE YOUNG
TWO RECTOR STREET
NEW YORK CITY

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January 10th, 1911.

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U. S. Government Lighthouse Dept.,

New York City.

Gentlemen:-

My client Mr. Herman Vogel has a claim against Mr. R. Buske amounting to $19.74. Mr. Buske is attached to your station at West Bank. Would you kindly call to the attention of Mr. R. Buske this indebtedness and aid me in collecting this claim?

Yours truly,

William Wallace Young.

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January 5, 1911.

Robert Buske, Keeper,
West Bank Lt. Sta.,
New Dorp, Staten Is. N.Y.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 4, 1911, requesting transfer to Falkner Island Light-Station, Conn. or Stratford Point Light-Station, Conn., in the event of a vacancy, and to say that your letter has been placed on file for consideration at the proper time.

Respectfully,

R. M. DOYLE.

Captain U.S.N.,
Inspector.

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West Bank. N. Y. Lt Sta
January 4th, 1911

To Capt. R. M. Doyle. U. S. N.
Inspector Third District

Dear Sir.

I have to state previous to the application which I made for Transfer and appointment as Keeper of Falkners Island. Conn. light Station in Event of a Vacancy. I also request to be considered for Transfer and appointment as Keeper of Stratford Point. Conn. light Station in Event of a Vacancy. should there at any time occur a Vacancy of any these two light Stations I request the Inspector to give me the first preference as I would like to make a home for myself

Respectfully

Robt J Buske
Keeper

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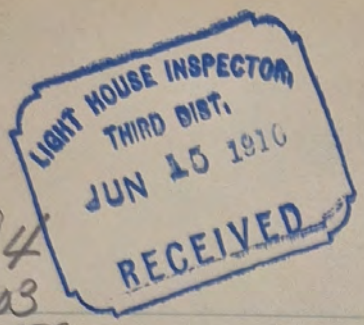
Robert Buske, Keeper,
West Bank Light-Station,
New Dorp, Staten Island, N.Y.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 15th, making application for transfer and appointment to the position of Keeper of Falkner Island Light-Station, Conn. and to state that same has been placed on file and will receive due consideration when a vacancy occurs at that station.

Respectfully,

R. M. DOYLE.
Captain U.S.Navy,
Inspector.



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West Bank N.Y. St Sta.
June 15th 1910

To Capt. R. M. Doyle U.S.N.
Inspector Third District.

Sir.

I respectfully request the Inspector and the Department to have me considered for Transfer and appointment for the position as Keeper of Falkner Island Light Station Long Island Sound, in the event of a vacancy

Very Respectfully.

Robert Burke.
Keeper.

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Feb.24,1910.

Robert Buske, Keeper,

West Bank Light-Station,

New Dorp, N. Y.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of 19th instant, and to say that if you will have the furniture, etc. mentioned delivered at this depot, a tender will take same to the West Bank Light-Station, when convenient.

Respectfully,

Captain, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

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Form 95 LETTER TRANSMITTING OATH OR PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

OFFICE OF THE Inspector, 3rd L. H. DISTRICT

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

February 2nd, 1910.
(DATE)

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

I have the honor to inclose herewith, properly filled out, the oath ~~and personal question sheet~~ of Robert Buske
(STATE CORRECT NAME OF APPOINTEE)
who was appointed Keeper in the Light House Service,
(STATE OFFICIAL TITLE HERE)
at West Bank Light Station (N.Y.).
(STATE OFFICIAL NAME OF AID HERE)
by Department letter of January 12, 1910. Mr. Buske
(DATE)
actually entered on duty under this appointment on January 17, 1910.
(DATE)
Oath of Office dated,
Feb. 2, 1910.

Respectfully,

R. M. Dove

Captain, U.S.Navy,
Inspector.

Strike out "Personal question sheet" if one has already been furnished.

Oaths and personal question sheets should be sent to this Office for transmission to the Department at the earliest practicable date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

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January 29, 1910.

Gentlemen:-

Returned herewith, the date of effect having been changed, in accordance with the Board's request of the 26thninstant, from January 1 to January 17, 1910, is Department letter of the 12th instant appointing Robert Buske keeper of West Bank Light-Station, New York, it appearing that he actually entered upon duty at the station on the 17th instant.

Respectfully,

Ben. J. Cable,

Acting Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

1ST INDORSEMENT, Light-House Board, Washington, D.C., Feb.1,1910. Respectfully referred to the Inspector of the Third Light-House District for his information, proper action, and return to this office as soon as practicable. By order of the Board: F.C.Rose, Actg. Chief Clerk.

2ND INDORSEMENT?Office of Inspector, 3d Dist., Tompkinsville, N.Y. Feb.2,1910, Respectfully returned to the Light-House Board, contents noted.R.M.Doyle, Captain, U.S.N., Inspector.

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197 Robert Buske, appt. returned for amendment.

January 17, 1910.

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D.C.

Sirs:-

I have the honor to return herewith Department letter of January 12, 1910, reinstating and appointing Mr. Robert Buske keeper of West Bank Light-Station, N. Y., with salary at the rate of $52 per month, with the request that it be made effective beginning January 17, 1910, the date of his entrance on duty, instead of January 1, 1910.

Respectfully,

C. Thomas.

Captain, U. S. Navy,

Inspector.

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RLM-NO. 197

January 14, 1910.

Robert Bueke,
67 Jackson Street,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Sir:-

I have to inform you that your appointment of January 12, 1910, as keeper of the West Bank Light-Station, N.Y., with salary at the rate of $52 per month, has been received at this office.

You will please enter on duty at the earliest possible moment as keeper of the station above named, and report by letter to this office when you have done so.

When you have entered on duty you will prepare receipt in triplicate on form No.31 for all Government property at the station and forward one copy to this Office.

Respectfully,

C. Thomas

Captain, U. S. Navy,

Inspector.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

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Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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January 12, 1910.

Mr. Robert Buske, of New York, is hereby appointed Keeper of West Bank Light-Station, New York, in the Light-House Service, at a salary of Fifty-two dollars per month, this appointment to be effective beginning January 17, 1910., ~~he having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served in the above-mentioned position.~~ (vice Herbert W. Sisson.)

Payment of the compensation authorized in this appointment is subject to the oath of office being taken.

(By reinstatement in accordance with Certificate No. 417.)

(Signed) BENJ. S. CABLE

Acting Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Office of the Inspector, Third L. H. Dist.,

Tompkinsville, N. Y.,

The Light-House Board,

December 27th, 1909.
(Date)

Washington, D. C.

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) reinstatement
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)

of (2) Robert Buske of (3) New York
(Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) (State of legal residence)

from (4) .....
(Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)

at (5) .....
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)

at (6) $..... to (7) assistant keeper
(Salary now paid) (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)

at (8) West Bank Light-Station, N. Y. at
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)

(9) $7.50 per mo., effective beginning (10) Jan.1,1910 ~~(the date~~
(Salary recommended)

~~of his entrance on duty)~~ (or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty)
(Strike out the clause not appropriate)

in the place of (11) .....
(State name of *last* person holding position)

who (12) ..... on (13) .....
(Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) (Last day of service)

Mr. (14) ..... stands No. (15) ..... in list of eligibles,

Class (16) ....., with an average of (17) ..... per cent, and

was considered with (18) .....

(19) letters of declination of ..... herewith.

Respectfully,

C. Thomas

Captain, U.S.N., Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

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Approved, and respectfully forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

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NOTE.—This form should be sent to the Light-House Board in duplicate. Letters of declination, if any, should be sent with this letter.

This letter is returned for correction of items Nos. .....

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December 27, 1909.

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs:-

Referring to the Board's letter (No. 5645) of December 23, 1909, relative to the reinstatement of Mr. Robert Buske as keeper, stating that Mr. Buske's nomination is held up pending a settlement of the case of Mr. Herbert W. Sisson, keeper of West Bank Light-Station, N. Y., and suggesting that Mr. Buske be reinstated in the position of assistant keeper, pending a vacancy in the grade of keeper, to which he may be promoted,-

I have the honor to forward herewith nomination of Mr. Robert Buske for position of assistant keeper of West Bank Light-Station, N. Y., at a salary of $37.50 per month.

In connection with this matter, the Board's attention is invited to my letter of December 3, 1909, forwarding a letter dated November 29, 1909, received from Mr. Sisson requesting that he be relieved as keeper of West Bank Light-Station, N. Y. on December 10, 1909, or as soon as practicable; also to my letter of December 13, 1909 (in reply to Board's letter No.8442, of December 6, 1909) forwarding a letter from Mr. Sisson, dated December 11, 1909, stating that the letter of November 29, 1909, was his resignation, etc.

It is assumed, as both positions of first and second assistant keeper at this station are already filled, that it is the Board's intention to make the appointment of Mr. Buske a temporary one, that he may perform the duties of keeper at West Bank Light-Station, N. Y., the station having been short handed since Mr. Sisson left, at the close of December 10,1909.

Respectfully,

C. Thomas.

Captain, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR,
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#67 Jackson St. 24
Tompkinsville. S. I.
N. Y. December 26th 1909.

To Capt. C. Thomas U. S. N.
Inspector Third District
Tompkinsville N. Y.

Sir.

replying to your letter of the 24th instant I have the honor in compliance with your instruction to state that I will accept to be reinstated to the position of assistant keeper of West Bank light Station pending a vacancy in the grade of keeper.

yours Respectfully.

Robert Buske.

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December 24, 1909.

Robert Buske,

67 Jackson Street,

Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Sir:-

As it is not known when action will be taken in the case of the late keeper of West Bank Light-Station, please inform me if you wish to be reinstated to the position of assistant keeper of that station, with pay at the rate of $37.50 per month, pending a vacancy in the grade of keeper.

Respectfully,

C. Thomas.

Captain, U.S.N.,

Inspector.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
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Robert Buske, reinstatement.

December 23, 1909.

LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR
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The Inspector of

The Third Light-House District,

Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 7th instant, recommending the reinstatement of Robert Buske as keeper of West Bank Light-Station, N. Y., in place of Herbert W. Sisson, the Board states that Mr. Buske's nomination is held in this Office, pending a settlement of Mr. Sisson's case. As it is not known when final action will be taken in Sisson's case, the Board suggests, if Mr. Buske so desires, that he be reinstated in the position of assistant keeper, pending a vacancy in the grade of keeper, to which he may be promoted.

Respectfully,

W B Caperton

Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

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1909 #494 Buske, Robert Folder No. 2

12-23 23 Let.from Bd.asking if Buske would accept asst.keeper West Bank.pending action in re.Sisson.

12-26 24 Let.from-will accept asst.keeper West Bank.pending vacancy as keeper.

12-27 25 Let.to Bd.sending nomination of Buske, with explanations as to appt.etc.West Bank.

12-27 26 Rec.appt.of- reinstatement - asst.keeper West Bank.

1-14 27 Let.to W.Bank, notified R.Buske, directed to rept.as keeper, turn over property, etc. #197

1-14 28 Let.to Buske,notified of appt. keeper West Bank, directed to enter on duty soon possible.

1-17 29 Let.to Bd.returns appt.for correction in date. keeper W.Bank.

1-12 30 Appt.of- keeper West Bank.

2-1 31 Bd.fwds.Dept.let. changing date of appt.of Buske keeper West Bank, retd.to Bd.noted.

2-2 32 Let.to Bd.sends Oath Office of- keeper West Bank.

2-9 33 Let.from, ask for leave 7 hours.

2-24 34 Let.to-notified if furniture sent to depot, tender will take it to West Bank.

6-15 35 Let to Marine Hospital, sending Robert Buske, kpr West Bank for treatment. 3310.

6-15 36 Let from,asks to be considered for transfer for kpr Falkners Is on event of a vacancy.

6/16 37 Let to West Bank,Robert Buske, rel making application transfer to kpr Falkner Is.Same placed on file.

1-4 38 Let from,rel to a transfer.

1-5 39 Let to,ack above,name on file for consideration.

1-10 40 Let from Wm.Wallace Young rel act.due Herman Vogel.Asks to call matter to his attention.

1-13 41 Let to above,ack above.

1-13 42 Let to,enc copy let from W.W.Young re a/c owed Herman Vogel.

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

RLM-NO. 494/97

Office of the Inspector, 3rd L. H. Dist.,

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C.

December 7, 1909.
(Date)

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) reinstatement
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)

of (2) Robert Buske of (3) New York
(Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) (State of legal residence)

from (4) .....
(Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)

at (5) .....
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)

at (6) $..... to (7) Keepor
(Salary now paid) (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)

at (8) West Bank Light-Station, N.Y. at
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)

(9) $52. month, effective beginning (10) December 14.1909 (~~the date~~
(Salary recommended)

of ~~discontinuance of duty~~) (or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty)
(Strike out the clause not appropriate)

in the place of (11) Herbert W. Sisson
(State name of *last* person holding position)

whose (12) last date of Service will be on (13) Dec.10,1909.
(Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) (Last day of service)

Mr. (14) ..... stands No. (15) ..... in list of eligibles,

Class (16) ....., with an average of (17) ..... per cent, and

was considered with (18) .....

(19) letters of declination of ..... herewith.

Mr. Buske's application for reinstatement herewith. Respectfully,

F.W.Ockenfels,

CHIEF CLERK.

(In the absence, and by direction of Inspr.)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

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Approved, and respectfully forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

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LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR
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57 Jackson Street,
Tompkinsville, Staten Island, N.Y.
December 7th, 1909.

The Light-House board,

Washington, D.C.

Sirs;

desiring to visit my aged mother in Germany I obtained from the light house board through the Inspector leave of absence for six months from the 1st November, 1909, with the privilege of applying for reinstatement as light-house Keeper, when ready to return to duty. I am now ready for return to duty and I have the honor to apply to the board for reinstatement as keeper of my own Station at Greens Ledge, Conn., or at such other of the same class as may be available at this time. I have to add to my request the information that I have no relative whatever in the U.S. Government service and the fact that circumstances in my old home abroad permitted me to return to duty much sooner than I expected when I asked for leave.

Very Respectfully,

Robert Buske, Keeper

on leave from Green's Ledge Light-Station.

LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR
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67 Jackson Street.
Pompkinsville, Staten Island.
N. Y. December 7th. 1909.

To Capt. C. Thomas. U.S.N.
Inspector Third District.

Sir.

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Very Respectfully.

Robert Burke. Keeper.
on leave from Greens Ledge Light-house

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Very Respectfully,

Robert Buske, Keeper

on leave from Green's Ledge Light-Station.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

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2ND INDORSEMENT

OFFICE INSPECTOR, 3D L. H. DIST.

Tompkinsville, N. Y., Oct. 25, 1909.

Robert Buske, services discontinued as keeper Greens Ledge Light-Station, Conn.

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Respectfully returned to the Light-House Board, contents having been noted. Attention is invited to the fact that Department letter of October 1st has been altered to read that Mr. Buske may make application for reinstatement at any time prior to the close of October 11, 1909, instead of 1910.

C. Johnson.

Captain, U.S.Navy,
Inspector.

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Respectfully,

Ormsby McHarg,

Acting Secretary.

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Light-House Board
October 22, 1909

pectfully referred to the

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By order of the Board.

F.C.Rose,
Acting Chief Clerk.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

Office of the Secretary

Washington

October 21, 1909.

Gentlemen:-

Returned herewith, the date of effect having been changed from September 30, 1909, to October 11, 1909, in accordance with the Board's request of the 19th instant, is Department letter dated October 1, 1909, discontinuing without prejudice the services of Robert Buske, keeper of Greens Ledge Light-Station, Connecticut, it appearing that he remained on duty at the station until the close of October 11, 1909.

Respectfully,

Ormsby McHarg,

Acting Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

Department of Commerce and Labor

Light-House Board
October 22,1909

Respectfully referred to the Inspector of the Third Light-House District for his information, proper action, and return to this office as soon as practicable.

By order of the Board.

F.C.Rose,

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Office of the Secretary
Washington

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Acting Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

Department of Commerce and Labor
Light-House Board
October 22,1909

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By order of the Board.
F.C.Rose,
Acting Chief Clerk.

RLM-NO. 494-50

Robert Buske -
Separation from Service.

October 12,1909.

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D.C.

Sirs:-

Referring to my endorsement of October 7, 1909, on Department letter dated October 1, 1909, concerning the separation from the service of Robert Buske, Keeper of the Greens Ledge Light-Station, Conn., etc.:-

I have the honor to inform the Board that Mr. Buske's last date of service at the station named was October 11.

Respectfully,

C. Thomas.

Captain, U.S.Navy,

Inspector.

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October 9, 1909.

Robert Buske, Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light-Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith is a copy of Department letter of October 1st, discontinuing your services without prejudice as keeper of the Greens Ledge Light-Station.

Report by letter the date on which you leave the station.

Before leaving the station, turn over the Government property for which you have been responsible to the assistant keeper, taking receipt therefor in triplicate on form No. 31 and forward one copy of same to this office.

Respectfully,

C. Thomas

Captain, U.S.Navy,
Inspector.

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Office of the Secretary

Washington

October 1, 1909.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to the request of Robert Baske, keeper of Greens Ledge Light-Station, Connecticut, requesting that he ve separated from the service without prejudice, for a period of six months, and to the Board's request that this action be effective at the close of September 30, 1909, the Department discontinues his services without prejudice, as such keeper, effective at the close of September 30, 1909, with the understanding that he may make application for reinstatement at any time prior to the close of September 29, 1910.

Respectfully,

(SGD) Ormsby McHarg,

Acting Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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2ND Indorsement

Robert Buske - Separation from Service.

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Respectfully returned to the Light-House Board, contents noted. Mr. Buske has not yet left the station, but the last date of service will be reported later.

George N.Hayward,

Lieut.Commander, U.S.N.,
Asst. to the Inspector.

(In the absence, and by direction of the Inspector.)

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LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR, THIRD DIST, OCT 7- P.M. RECEIVED

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(SGD) Ormsby McHarg,
Acting Secretary.

1st Endorsement: Light-House Board, Washington, Oct. 5, 1909. Respectfully referred to the Inspector of the Third Light-House District for his information, proper action and return to this office as soon as practicable. Thaddeus S. Clark, Chief Clerk.

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Washington

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Respectfully,

(SGD) Ormsby McHarg,

Acting Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

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Washington

LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR, THIRD DIST. OCT 25 A.M. RECEIVED

October 1, 1909.

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Respectfully,

Ormsby McHarg,

Acting Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

Office of the Secretary

Washington

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Respectfully,

Ormsby McHarg,

Acting Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

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Robert Buske ret.
separation from
Service.

September 23, 1909.

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D.C.

Sirs:-

Referring to the Board's letter of September 17, 1909, concerning the application of Mr. Robert Buske, keeper of Greens Ledge Light-Station, for six months' leave of absence, etc.:-

I have the honor to forward herewith a letter of this date from Mr. Buske requesting that he be separated from the Service, without prejudice, for a period of six months, with the understanding that he may be reinstated for duty. upon his return ~~for duty~~.

Respectfully,

C. Thomas

Captain, U.S.Navy,
Inspector.

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September 23,1909.

Captain C. Thomas, U.S.Navy,

Inspector, Third District.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 20th instant, I have the honor, in compliance with your instruction, to advise you that, for the purpose of visiting my aged mother, In Germany, I desire to be separated from the Service, without prejudice, for a period of six months, with the understanding that I may be reinstated upon my return to duty.

If agreeable to the Inspector, the Board, and the Department, it is my earnest desire to be reinstated at my present station; and, if I return before the six months named, I will present my respectfuly request to be reinstated on my return or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Very respectfully,

(SGD) Robert Buske,

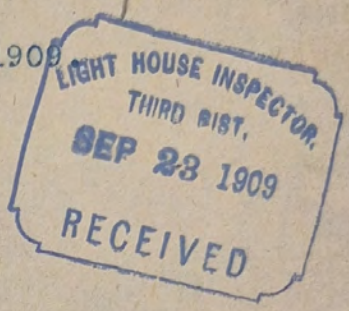
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September 23,1909



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Inspector, Third District.

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Very respectfully,

(SGD) Robert Buske,

Greens Ledge Light-Station.

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Sept. 20, 1909.

Robert Buske, Keeper,

Greens Ledge Light Station,

Rowayton, Conn.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith, for your information, is a copy of a letter dated Sept. 17. 1909, from the Light House Board, relative to your application for leave for six months.

If you desire to be separated from the service, without prejudice, with the understanding that you may be reinstated upon your return to duty, please advise me to that effect at once.

Respectfully,

Captain, U.S.Navy, Inspector.

Department of COMMERCE AND LABOR,
Light House Board,

Washington, September 17, 1909.

...e enclosure.

Robert Buske
resignation.

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The Inspector of

The Third Light House District,

Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of September 13, 1909, forwarding the application of Robert Buske, keeper of Greens Ledge Light ...station, for leave of absence, without pay, for a period of six months, with the recommendation that his services be discontinued without prejudice, the Board states that before taking action in this case it desires that Mr. Buske be informed that the Board is unable to grant his request for leave of absence without pay for a period of six months, but will, if he so desires, ask the Department to separate him from the service without prejudice, with the understanding that he may be reinstated in his present position upon his return to duty at the expiration of six months.

Respectfully,

K. HILES,
Captain, U.S.N.,
Naval Secretary.

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Robert Buske,
resignation.

September 17, 1909.

The Inspector of

The Third Light-House District,

Tompkinsville, N. Y.

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Respectfully,

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Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

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Sept. 13, 1909.

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Light-House Inspector,

3rd District,

Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Sir:-

I respectfully forward application to you requesting to be granted a leave of absence without pay, to enable me to go on a visit to my mother in Germany, said period of leave to be for 6 months to commence October 1st, 1909.

Very respectfully,

Robert Buske

Keeper.

APPROVED:
C. Thomas.
CAPTAIN, U.S.N.
Inspector 3d L. H. District.

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Sept. 13, 1909.

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs:-

I have the honor to forward herewith the application of Robert Buske, Keeper of Greens Ledge Light-Station, Conn., for leave of absence, without pay, for a period of six months, with the recommendation that his services be discontinued without prejudice, to take effect at the close of September 30, 1909.

This application is approved by me, and a recommendation for the temporary appointment of a man to take his place during his absence will be forwarded later.

Respectfully,

C. Thomas.

Captain, U.S.Navy,

Inspector.

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Greens Ledge Lt. Sta.

Sept. 13, 1909.

Light-House Inspector,

3rd District,

Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Sir:-

I respectfully forward application to you requesting to be granted a leave of absence without pay, to enable me to go on a visit to my mother in Germany, said period of leave to be for 6 months to commence October 1st, 1909.

Very respectfully,

Robert Burke

Keeper.

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Sept. 8, 1909.

Robert Buske, Keeper,
Greens Ledge Lt. Sta.,
Rowayton, Conn.

Sir:-

Your communication of the 4th instant, making application for six months' leave of absence to visit your relatives in Germany, has been received.

In reply you are informed that it will be necessary to discontinue your services without prejudice for the period stated; at the expiration of which you can, if you so desire, be reinstated into the Service.

In answer to your inquiry as to whether or not the assistant keeper can take your place while you are on leave, you are informed that this office cannot state before hand who will be nominated for appointment to the keepership of Greens Ledge Light-Station.

Respectfully,

C. Thomas

Captain, U.S.Navy,
Inspector.

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Greens Ledge. Conn. Lt Sta.
September 4th. 1909.

To Capt. C. Thomas. U.S.N.
Inspector Third District.
Pompkinsville. N.Y.

Sir.

I Respectfully request the Office to grant me leave of absence for (6) Six months. to take affect from October 1st 1909. as I want to go to Germany and make my mother & Sisters a Visit. Please advice me what to do. whether or not the Assistant Keeper of this Station could take my place as Keeper. during my absence.

yours very Respectfully.

Robert Buske.
Keeper.

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Greens Ledge. Conn. Lt Sta.
April 17th 1909.

To Capt. C. Thomas U.S.N.
Inspector Third District.

Sir.

Referring to the letter dated April 15th 1909. for the transfer and appointment to the position of Keeper of Sandy Hook light Station. Sandy Hook. New Jersey. Has been received. I have to state to the Office that I decline to accept the position on account that I will request the Office this full to grant me leave of absence for 6 months! So that I can go to Germany and make my Mother a visit which I have not seen for 25 years.

yours Respectfully.

C.J.

Robert Buske.
Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
"LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR, THIRD DISTRICT,
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Department of Commerce and Labor

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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February 16, 1909.

Robert Buske, Keeper,

Greens Ledge Light-Station,

Rowayton, Conn.

Sir:-

Replying to your communication of the 15th instant, you are informed that this office has no objection to your lobstering, providing it does not interfere with your duties as keeper of Greens Ledge Light-Station.

Respectfully,

C. Thomas.

Captain, U.S.Navy,

Inspector.

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Greens Ledge Conn. Lt Sta.
February 15th 1909.

To Capt. C. Thomas U. S. N.
Inspector Third District
Tompkinsville N. Y.

Sir.

I respectfully request to know if the Office has any objection to us Lobstering as it does not interfere with our duty at this Station.

yours Respectfully.

Robert Burke.
Keeper.

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2-15	1	Asks if any objection to lobstering
2-16	2	No objection to lobstering providing no interference to duty.
4-15	3	Let.to- ask if wish transfer to Sandy Hook #3003
4-17	4	Let.from- does not wish transfer to Sandy Hook.
9-4	5	Let.from- ask for leave.to visit Germany-
9-8	6	Let.to- given infor.how can secure leave for visiting Germany
9-13	7	Let.from, ask for leave without pay to visit Germany.
9-13	8	Let.to Bd.fwds.appl.for leave rec. temporary appt.of man to take pla ce.
9-17	9	Let.from Bd.re.granting leave for six months- services to be discontd.without prejudice.
9-20	10	Let.to- given copy Bd. t.let.re.discontinuing services for six months without prejudice.
9-23	11	Let.from- desires to secure leave- discharge without prejudice understood. Germany.
9-23	12	Let.to Bd.fwds.let.from Buske, agreeing to be separated from service without prejudice, for six months leave.
9-30	13	Let.from Eatons Neck, repts. Buske, leaving sta.on Larkspur, for Four Mile Pt. #52
10-1	14	Let.from Eatons Neck, returns check favor Buske. #52
10-5	15	Bd.fwds.Dept.let.giving effective date when Buske to leave for six months- retd. last day of service will be reptd.
10-9	16	Let.to- given copy dept.let.granting leave for six months- discharge without prejudice. Greens Ledge.
10-12	17	Let.to Bd.given date of Buske's last date of service.
10-1	18	Dept.let.discontinues services of- at clost of Sept.30th-09 may be reinstated
10-22	19	Bd.fwds.Dept.let.changing date of discontinuance of service from Sept.30th to Oct.11th-keeper Greensledge. retd.to Bd. attention called to error in year.
12-7	20	Let.from, repts. return from Germany, wants reinstatement. to Greens Ledge or some other sta.
12-7	21	Rec.appt.-reinstatement of - at West Bank, keeper.
12-24	22	Let.to-ask if wish reinstatement as asst.keeper West Bank, pending action in re.keeper.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
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LIGHT HOUSES JAN 23 [illegible]

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Jan. 22,1919

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

SUBJECT: Robert Buske, Keeper, Died

1. Returned herewith for amendment is Department letter, in duplicate, dated December 5,1919 increasing the pay of Robert Burke. The Bureau is advised that this man's name is Buske, not Burke.

CHIEF CLERK JAN 31 1919 LIGHT HOUSES

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JAN 30 1919

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

JAN 28 1919

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

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Acting Commissioner.

APPROVED 1919 JAN 30 AM 9 SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

RECEIVED 1919 JAN 30 AM 9 INSPECTOR TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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January 11,1919

SUBJECT: Pay of position of keeper and assistant keeper at Great Captain Island Light Station.
REFERENCE: Bureau endorsement January 7,1919.

1. Returned to Commissioner

2. The notice of increase in the case of Robert Buske (dated Dec. 5,1918) and of Ole Anderson (Dated Dec.5,1918) are returned for amendment so that allowance of $60 per annum for (b) will not be paid until certificates of proficiency have been furnished.

3. Letter from this office of October 23,1918 stated that the $5 allowance for power fog signal should only be allowed upon a keeper passing an examination demonstrating his knowledge and efficiency in the matter of oil engines, and of all the notices of increase so far received for various keepers in this District, the notices for the keepers of Great Captains Island are the only ones that included the $60 per annum for (b), it being the intention to allow this $60 for (b) only upon certification of proficiency in accordance with Bureau letter of July 12,1918 and letter from this office of October 23,1918.

J. T. YATES.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Is Burke correct?

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 5, 1918.

Mr. Robert Burke,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 624 per annum to $ 900 per annum, effective November 1, 1918.

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,

Clifford Harding
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Chief of Appointment Division.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 5, 1918.

Mr. Robert Burke,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 624 per annum to $ 900 per annum, effective November 1, 1918.

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 Bastine

Chief of Appointment Division.

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