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National Archives at St. Louis

Date: 07/24/2026

REQUESTER INFORMATION

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

INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much as possible)

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Conklin, Thomas, John		1898 NY

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service:

☐ Air Force ☐ Army Air Corps ☐ Army Air Force
☐ Army ☐ Marine Corps ☐ Navy
☐ Coast Guard ☐ Unknown

Type of Rank:

☐ Enlisted
☐ Officer
☐ Unknown

Service Period (Check all that apply):

☐ 1939 & Prior
☐ 1940 - 1950
☐ 1950 & After

Date & Place of Death:

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (CT/NJ/NY) 3rd District	From: 1912	To: 1918
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

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

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: C-0007796624

Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s): Rqst sed 5/17/26

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SCREENING NOTES

☒ Reviewed and Nothing Removed ☐ Items Removed and User Informed

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items:

☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. MAR 2 1912 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.
LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. MAR 11 1912 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 15, 1909.

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

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

Charles Nagel
Secretary.

PART I.

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

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

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

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

Brooklyn	New York	Kings	6
City or town.	State or Territory.	County	Congressional district.

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

5. Where were you born? Brooklyn N. Y.

6. When were you born? July (Month.) 22 (Day.) 1887 (Year.)

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

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

Thomas Conklin (Name.) 417 Myrtle Ave (Number and street.)

Brooklyn (City or town.) New York (State or Territory.)

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

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

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: "By reinstatement," or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

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

No

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

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

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

No

14. 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.
	No		

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

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
	No		

16. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 12, 13, 14, and 15.)

A first class shipfitters helper doing mechanic work at the New York navy yard.

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

Pupils School

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

S Shipfitting

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

Local Civil Service Examination Oct 3/11
No

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

Yes

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. March 1, 1912

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

(Signature) Thomas J Conklin

P. O. Address: Sittle Gull Island
City or town.
r Fort Mitchie
Number and street.
New York
State or Territory.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded March 13, 1912, 19

(Signature) C. D. Stearns
C. D. Stearns, Commander, U. S. Navy,
Inspector, 3rd Lt. House Dist.

(Official title)

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PART II.

(Part II should be executed 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 foregoing questions is employed

L. H. Service (Bureau or Service.) Little Gull Island L.H.Sta.N.Y. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)) Third (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? Second Asst. Keeper

3. State the date of appointment. Jan 27, 1912.

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

Jan 14, 1912

5. State the date of the oath. ar 1, 1912

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. Jan 14, 1912

7. What is his salary? $456.00 per ann.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries Keepers

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

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

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

Local Civil Service Examination dOct 3, 1911

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) C. D. Stearns

(Official title) C. D. Stearns, Commander, U. S. Navy, Inspector, 3rd Lt. House Dist.

Date: ——, 19

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
Washington, D. C.

SRR:AMD:ZA

March 20, 1937.

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The Honorable
The Secretary of Commerce

Sir:

The Commission's attention has been called to the probable dual service of Thomas J. Conklin in contravention of the Act of May 10, 1916, as amended, while an employee of the Navy Yard, New York, and of the Lighthouse Service, Department of Commerce, during the period December 17, 1917, to March 15, 1918, as shipfitter, $3.84 per diem, and assistant keeper, $516 per annum, respectively.

As this office has been requested by the General Accounting Office to report cases of dual employment which come to its attention, information in duplicate report as to the amount Mr. Conklin received, the name of the disbursing officer, his symbol number, voucher number, and date of payment should be forwarded to the Commission. This information is necessary to expedite a search of the pay roll records in the General Accounting Office.

By direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully,

(sdg)L.A.Moyer
Chief Examiner.

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March 22, 1937
Copy transmitted to the Bureau of Lighthouses.
(Sdg)Edw.J.Gardner
Chief,Div.of Personnel.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,D.C.,
March 29, 1937.
Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island,N.Y.,
For report and return.
For the Commissioner:

Chief,Personnel Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

May 5, 1937

RECEIVED

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.

Subject: dual service Thomas J. Conklin

Bureau (indorsement) dated March 29, 1937 on Civil Service Commission letter of March 20, 1937.

Your ( ) dated

No report has been received from your office on the above subject. Submit report or advise when same may be expected.

For the Commissioner:

C. J. Ludwig, Jr.
Chief Clerk, Bureau of Lighthouses.

To be prepared in duplicate. Indicate in blank space inclosed in parentheses whether letter, indorsement, etc.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1933

Returned to Comp:

Thomas John Conklin was employed as Assistant Keeper of Rowes Shoal S Sta from May 12 1917 to Mar 15, 1918, 516 p. a.

It is impracticable to furnish details as to the payment of his salary between Dec 17, 1917 and Mar 15, 1918, as the records are no longer available

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May 12, 1937

Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

SUBJECT: Dual service Thomas J. Conklin

REFERENCE: Bureau endorsement 3/29/37 on Civil Service Commission letter of March 20, 1937 and Bureau Form 84b of 5/5/37.

1. Thomas John Conklin was employed as Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station from May 12, 1917 to March 15, 1918 at $516.00 per annum.

2. It is impracticable to furnish details as to the payment of his salary between December 17, 1917 and March 15, 1918, as the records are no longer available.

J.T.Yates
Superintendent.

Nov. 15 1936

81 Hall street

Brooklyn N.Y.

U.S Light House Servic 3rd District

Sir

In year of 1912 To 1913 I was 1st & 2nd asst keper at Gull Island light N.Y and 1914 To 1915 I was 2nd asst at Shinnecock Light Good Ground Long Island N.Y and 1916 & 1917 I was asst keper at Roanu Shoals Light N.Y. What I want to know if I can be reinstate or if I will have to fill out a application if so will you kindly sent me a application and oblige

Yours Truly

Thomas J Conklin

Thomas J. Conklin,
81 Hall Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Nov. 18,1936

SUBJECT: Reinstatement.
REFERENCE: Your letter Nov.15,1936.

1. As your total period of service when previously employed in the Lighthouse Service, did not equal 5 years in all, you are not eligible for reinstatement, in accordance with Civil Service Rules. A record, however, has been made of your name and address and an application will be sent you the next time an examination for keeper is advertised.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

WJL:JW

August 10, 1926

Mr. Thomas J. Conklin
81 Hall Street
Brooklyn, New York

SUBJECT: Record of employment.

REFERENCE: Your inquiry August 6, 1926.

Sir:

According to the records of this office you have been employed in the Lighthouse Service as follows:

Second Assistant Keeper-Little Gull Island Light Station from Jan. 14, 1912 to Oct. 24, 1912.

First Assistant Keeper--Little Gull Island Light Station from Oct. 25, 1912 to May 1st, 1914.

Second Assistant Keeper-Shinnecock Bay Light Station from May 2, 1914 to April 15, 1916.

Assistant Keeper--------Roamer Shoal Light Station from May 12, 1917 to March 15, 1918.

Respectfully,

[illegible] T. YATES

Superintendent.

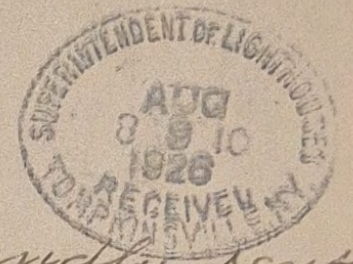
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Re-card.

Aug 4 1926

81 Hall Street

Brooklyn N.Y.



Inspector 3rd District

Dear Sir

Will you kindly send me a record of the time I was employ as asst Light House keeper as I want to turn it in to the Navy Dept

Respectfully

Thomas J Conklin

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Allegheny Steel Company
General Offices and Works
BRACKENRIDGE, PA.

New York-Buffalo-Cleveland-Detroit-Milwaukee-Chicago-St. Louis-Los Angeles

Allegheny Metal—Controls Corrosion

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Any recommendation or advice along these lines will be appreciated and considered confidential. This inquiry is made in the course of our routine work for Members and is as much in the interest of and for the protection of the employee as the employer.

Thanking you in advance for this courtesy and co-operation,

Yours very truly,
(S) H.J.CASE
Director.

hh
WJL:AF

Office, Supt. of Lighthouses, 3d Dist. Staten Island, N. Y.
September 27,1929.

REMARKS:
According to the records of this office, Thomas J. Conklin was employed from Jan. 14,1912 to April 15,1916, and from May 12,1917 to March 15, 1918. So far as the records show his services were satisfactory excepting on different occasions he was cautioned, reprimanded, and warned for inattention to duty,wrongfully charging a keeper with misconduct, and for misconduct on his own part.

J.T.YATES

Superintendent.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Division of Records and Investigations

Henry Jay Case
Director

Sept. 21, 1929.
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U.S. Lighthouse Service,
Tompkinsville, S. I.

Gentlemen:

May I ask your office for a line of information on Thomas J. Conklin, 81 Hall Street, Brooklyn, New York. who, it appears, was at one time employed by your firm from 1912 to 1916 as light house keeper.

During this employment, did you find subject dependable, willing and able to take responsibility? When he left was his record clear? Before coming to you, can you tell us with whom he was employed? If the above dates of employment are not correct, will you please give exact dates?

Any recommendation or advice along these lines will be appreciated and considered confidential. This inquiry is made in the course of our routine work for Members and is as much in the interest of and for the protection of the employee as the employer.

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J.T.YATES

Superintendent.

Form A15

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

ABSTRACT OF OFFICIAL RECORD OF EMPLOYEE

Lighthouse
(Bureau or Office)

Staten Island, New York
(Place)

Nov. 12, 1925.
(Date)

Name -Conklin, Thomas, J., Mr.
Surname first, Mr., Miss or Mrs.

July 22, 1887
(Date of Birth)

1. SERVICE RECORD

Establishment (a)	Action (b)	Position (Pay-roll title)	Rate of Pay Per Annum	Date Effective
Lighthouse-Little Gull Island Light Station	P.A.	2nd Asst. Keeper	456.00	Jan.14, 1912
-do-	do	1st Asst. Keeper	480.00	Oct. 25, 1912
Shinnecock Bay Lt.Sta.	do	2nd Asst. Keeper	456.00	May 2, 1914
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Romer Shoal Light Sta.	P.A.	Asst. Keeper	516.00	May 12,1917
-do-	Res.	-do-	516.00	Mar. 15,1918

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

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

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Incl.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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NOV 11 1925 RECEIVED SUPERINTENDENT TOMPKINSVILLE

November 10, 1925.

SUBJECT: Abstract of Official Record for Thomas J. Conklin.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y., with request that the inclosed forms be filled out and returned to the Bureau in triplicate.

H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

WJL:AJS

Office of Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.,
Staten Island, N. Y., November 12th 1925

Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The forms having been filled out as directed.

J. T. Yates

Superintendent

Thomas J. Conklin, 2nd assistant keeper, Shinnecock.

Entered service January 14,1912 as 2nd Asst.Keeper, Little Gull.

Promoted to 1st assistant, same station, Oct.25,1912.

Transferred and demoted to 2nd Asst. Shinnecock,May 2,1914.

Commended in 1914 for condition of Station (Little Gull)

Reprimanded May 19,1914 re wrongfully charging keeper (Little Gull) with selling intoxicants to soldiers.

Efficiency, 1912 - 98%
1913 - 94%
1914 - 95%

JHG

Frank Oberly, Keeper, Oct. 8,1917

Romer Shoal Light Station,

Tompkinsville, N. Y.

The probationary period of employment of Thomas J. Conklin, assistant keeper at Romer Shoal Light Station, will expire on November 11,1917. Advise this office if his services have been satisfactory, and whether or not, in your opinion, he is a suitable and competent man to receive a permanent appointment in his present position.

J. T. YATES.

Inspector

THIRD DISTRICT

Romer Shoal Lt. Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 26, 1917

1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Inspector:

Sir

I wish to state that my Asst Keeper Thomas J Conklin is in my opinion able to take care of said station I tryed him in light and found that he is satisfactory in all requirements.

Frank Eberly
Keeper

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. JUL 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. JUL 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

REQUEST

Romer Shoals July 1, 1917
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 7 days of shore liberty or leave, from July 8 to July 14, inclusive, 1917. I have had 9 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:

Fred Fuhrs., 2645 Cropsey Av Bklyn.
(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:

2645 Cropsey Ave, Brooklyn, N Y
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

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

Frank Oberly
Keeper in charge.

Thos J Conklin
(Applicant's signature.)

Asst Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT, July 2, 1917, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for seven days, from July 8th to July 14th, inclusive, 1917.

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

Approved, provided a substitute is furnished, as required by leave regulations, and name and address of substitute to be given in space provided therefore above.

J. T. YATES.

Inspector, 3rd Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 12, 15 P.M. July 8, 1917.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 3 30 P.M. July 14 1917.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 6 days 3 hours ~~days~~.

Period charged: 6 days days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

Frank Oberly
Keeper in charge.

Thos J Conklin
(Applicant's signature.)

Asst Keeper
(Title.)

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Good Ground
L. I.



Inspector 3rd District
Sir

Recieved your letter of May 5, 17. appointing me Asst Keeper at Romer Shoals Lt Sta and I beg to state that I will report to the keeper Mr Oberly on Wednesday noon May 9, 17.

Respt

Thos J. Sorklin
5/8/17.

JHG

Mr. Thomas J. Conklin, May 5,1917

Good Ground, N. Y.

Sir:-

Referring to previous correspondence relative to your appointment to the position of assistant keeper at Romer Shoal Light Station, N.Y. You are informed that you have been appointed to this position, and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to report for duty at that station at the earliest possible date after receipt of this letter. Transportation charges will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the keeper, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty. The keeper's name and address are, Frank Oberly, Tompkinsville, N.Y. Advise this office by return mail of the date on which you expect to report for duty.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES.

Inspector

Tompkinsville, N.Y., May 5,1917

Copy forwarded to keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, for his information. Report to this office promptly by mail the date on which Conklin reports for duty.

J. T. YATES.

Inspector

Taken to Romer Shoal by Tender on May 12-1917 JHG

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

LIGHT
MAY 7 1917
HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 5, 1917.

Mr. Thomas J. Conklin,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Five Hundred and Sixteen dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. - - - -) issued by the local Civil Service Board for the Third Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) W. S. GILCHRIST

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Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Frank Oberly.

Legal Residence: New York.

(See reverse side.)

11—5980

JHG

Mr. Thomas J. Conklin, May 4,1917

Good Ground,

L.I., N. Y.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter dated April 2,1917, you are advised that owing to the fact your appointment has not yet been received, definite orders have not been sent you relative to your reporting for duty as assistant keeper at Romer Shoal Light Station. Said appointment is expected in the near future. Definite orders will be sent you as soon as same is received.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES.

Inspector

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. MAY 5 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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Nominations, Conklin,
Newman, Moore, etc.

May 4, 1917.

Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York.

The Bureau is in receipt today of three nominations prepared in your office on April 26, 1917, all of which are to be effective on May 3, 1917, namely; Thomas J. Conklin, assistant keeper Romer Shoal Light Station, N. Y., James H. Newman, second assistant keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station, N. Y., and Earl Moore, assistant keeper of Falkner Island Light Station, Conn. As you may have, under the terms of Bureau Circular Letter No. 313 of April 12, 1917, placed these persons on duty on the date recommended on the nominations, the Bureau has recommended to the Department that they be made effective on that date or as soon thereafter as the nominees enter on duty.

It is noted that these nominations were received in the office of the second civil service district secretary on April 27, 1917, but were not forwarded until May 2, 1917. It is suggested that you advise the district secretary of the importance of forwarding such nominations promptly to this office, in order to avoid the necessity, if possible, of the Department issuing a prior date appointment, which it would have been unnecessary to recommend in these cases had the nominations been forwarded promptly by the district secretary.

Nominations
Dept.
Bureau
Secty 2D C. S. Dist.

Acting Commissioner

JHG

Secretary,2nd Civil Service District, May 5,1917

Customhouse,

New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Referring to nominations dated April 26,1917, effective May 3,1917, of Thomas J.Conklin, assistant keeper of Romer Shoal; James H.Newman, 2nd assistant keeper of Little Gull Island; and Earl Moore, assistant keeper of Falkner Island Light Station.

In connection therewith the following is quoted for your information from a letter received from the Bureau of Lighthouses:-

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J. T. YATES.

Inspector

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

May 7, 1917.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. MAY 9 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Dept. letter May 5, regarding nominations Newman, Moore, and Conklin.

Referred to Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York, for his information and files.

Be guided accordingly.

Acting Commissioner

Inspector has recommended the appointment to be effective May 3, 1917, and that he may have, in accordance with the provisions of Department letter of March 29, 1917, amending Rule VI, sections 7 and 8, of the Civil Service Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, placed the nominee on duty on May 3, 1917, it is recommended that the appointment be issued to take effect on that date or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Except in cases of emergency, inspectors are not authorized to assign a nominee to duty before the date on which appointment is issued by the Department. Unless, therefore, the inspector states on the nomination that the nominee has been or will be assigned to duty on a date named in the nomination, and states that the case is one of emergency necessitating assignment to duty before awaiting receipt of the notice of appointment, the Department would not be justified in issuing an appointment to take effect on a prior date, merely upon the assumption that the inspector may have assigned the nominee to duty before the issuance of the appointment certificate. It is the general rule that appointments are not effective until the date on which actually issued by the Department, and the date of effect recommended in nominations is regarded only as a tentative date unless statement to the contrary is contained in the nomination.

In view of the foregoing, the Department has issued appointments to the above-mentioned persons to take effect this date, or as soon thereafter as they enter on duty, with the understanding that they may be amended at a later date in the event the Inspector states that the interests of the service demanded assignment to duty before the date of issuance of appointments.

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON

HOUSES

May 5, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Third Inspector's nominations of the 26th ultimo, forwarded by the Bureau on the 4th instant, recommending the issuance of probationary appointments as follows:

James H. Newman, to be second assistant keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station, New York, at $456 per annum, effective May 3, 1917, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty, vice Ezra Dunn, transferred March 22, 1917.

Earl Moore, to be assistant keeper of Falkner Island Light Station, Connecticut, at $540 per annum, effective May 3, 1917, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty, vice Herbert Mick, resigned April 30, 1917.

Thomas J. Conklin, to be assistant keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, New York, at $516 per annum, effective May 3, 1917, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty, vice Frank Oberly, promoted April 30, 1917.

The Bureau's statement is noted in each case that inasmuch as the Inspector has recommended the appointment to be effective May 3, 1917, and that he may have, in accordance with the provisions of Department letter of March 29, 1917, amending Rule VI, sections 7 and 8, of the Civil Service Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, placed the nominee on duty on May 3, 1917, it is recommended that the appointment be issued to take effect on that date or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

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E. F. Sweet

Assistant Secretary.

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SECOND UNITED STATES CIVIL-SERVICE DISTRICT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
NEW YORK,

MAY 9 1917
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE

May 9, 1917.

Inspector,
Third Lighthouse District,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of May 5, relative to the delay in the indorsement of the nominationsof Thomas J. Conklin, James H. Newman, and Earl Moore, was received today.

The delay is regretted, but owing to the mass of work coming from the War and Navy establishments incident to the war, the delay was unavoidable at this time.

In future all nominations from the lighthouse districts will receive prompt attention.

Very respectfully,

G W Parker

Assistant District Secretary.

HB-NDW

(COPY)



Reinstatement,
keeper.

May 1, 1917.

Mr. Thomas J. Conklin,
88 Ryerson St.,
Brooklyn, New York.

Sir:

Referring again to your letter of April 11, 1917, requesting reinstatement as keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

The Bureau states that you have been asked by the Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York, to state whether or not you would accept the position of assistant keeper at Romer Shoal Light Station. Should you accept this position, further consideration will be given by the Inspector to your nomination therefor.

Respectfully,

J. S. Conway

(Signed) Acting Commissioner

HB-NDW Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, May 1, 1917.

To Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York, for his information, guidance, and files of office. See your indorsement of April 21, 1917.

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Acting Commissioner

Good Ground
N. Y



Light House Inspector
3rd District

Sir

Kindly change my address from 88 Ryerson St Brklyn to Good Ground. Long Island. N. Y.

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Thomas J Conklin

JHG

Mr. Thomas J. Conklin, April 26,1917

88 Ryerson Street,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter dated April 23,1917 stating you were willing to accept the position of assistant keeper of Romer Shoal Lt. Station. You are advised that you have to-day been nominated for appointment to this position, and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to hold yourself in readiness to report for duty as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be appointed to this position your services will probably be required about May 3,1917.

Respectfully,

Inspector

BOARD
HANDBOOK

THOMAS J. CONKLIN, ASST. KPR.,
ROMER SHOAL LT.,
TOMPKINSVILLE P.O.,
S.I.N.Y.

THOMAS J. CONKLIN. 516.A.
ASST. KPR. ROMER SHOAL,
LIGHT STATION.

Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) April 26,1917 (Date.) 191

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

Name, Thomas J. Conklin

Legal residence, New York

Position, Assistant Keeper

Salary, $516 per annum

Location, Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective May 3,1917

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

Former position,

Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 81.2 , Other eligibles considered:
Frank Jaycox C. Patrick A. Meehan C.

Previous incumbent, Frank Oberly Services terminated, April 30,1917

Reason, Promoted

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: No employee of District desired transfer to this position. There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station. Nos.1,3,4,7 & 11 on eligible list will only accept appointment to certain specified stations. Nos.6,8,9,10 & 12 will not accept appointment to stations where there are no family quarters provided. No 13 is not eligible for appointment to this position.

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

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J. T. YATES,

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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88 Ryerson Street
Brooklyn

Insp. C. Pelham
Inspector 3rd District



Sir

Enclosed you will find answer to your letter and I wish to state that if I am appointed to this position ~~at~~ Romer Shoal I wish you would give me time to go to Good Ground. L. I. where my furniture has been since I left Shinnecock and pack up and as I am leaving Bklyn on Wednesday for Good Ground. I respectfully

request you to notify me by Wednesday, if I am appointed to this station so I will know what to do.

Respt
T. J. Conklin

4/23/17

Form 201

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

Thos. J. Conklin,
88 Ryerson St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DIST.,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Apl. 21, 1917 191

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

Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Lt.Sta., off shore in New York Lower Bay

Salary: $516.00 per annum.

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

Fuel: 6 tons of coal and 1 cord of wood per year for 2 keepers.
(State allowance of fuel for domestic purposes, if authorized.)

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,

J T YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

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

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

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

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NOTICE TO ELIGIBLES

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

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Form 201

T. J Conklin

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88 Ryerson St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. APR 21 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

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Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service

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

If selected for this position, how soon could you report for duty? May 1 1917

(Signature) Thomas J Conklin

(Post-office address) 88 Ryerson Street

Date, April 23. 17.

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Form 201

T. J. Conklin

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Thos. J. Conklin
88 Ryerson St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes

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

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

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

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

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

(Signature) Thomas J Conklin

(Post-office address) 88 Ryerson Street

Date, April 23. 17.

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Copy WJL

88 Ryerson St.
Brooklyn

Commissioner Putnam

Sir:

I respectfully address you in regard to my being reinstated in the U.S.L.H. Service as light keeper. I resigned my position as same Apr 15,1916, owing to the fact that one of my eyes became strained and the doctor ordered me to give the work up for a while and now I am once again able to resume the work & should like to very much to do so, thanking you very much for your kind attention I remain,

Respt

sgd Thomas J.Conklin

April 11,1917.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington Apr 20 1917

To Lighthouse Inspector Tompkinsville N Y for remark & return

sgd Conway

Acting Commissioner

FWO-WJL

Subject; Bu.end.Apr 20,1917 fwdg let.Apr.11
from Thomas J.Conklin re reinstatement as
Lighthouse Keeper.

April 21,1917.

Returned to Commissioner:

The records show that Mr.Conklin's services while employed in this District were unsatisfactory and he is not considered to be a desirable man for reemployment, but, owing to the scarcity of men at the present time for employment at light stations Mr.Conklin has been asked to state whether or not he would accept employment in the position of assistant keeper at Romer Shoal Light Station. Should he be willing to accept this position, it is expected that he will be nominated for reinstatement.

J T Yates

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. NOV 6 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

BOARD OF LABOR EMPLOYMENT
NAVY YARD NEW YORK

NOV. 4TH 1916 (O)

The Inspector of Lighthouses,
Tompkinsville, S.I. N.Y.

Sir:-

Mr. Thomas J. Conklin present address 88 Ryerson St., Brooklyn, N. Y. has filed an application with the Labor Board for Shipfitter and states that he was employed in the Light House Service as a Keeper from Jan. 1912 to Apr. 1916.

Kindly advise the Labor Board if his statement is correct.

Respectfully,

J T O'Grady

Recorder.

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Office of Inspector, 3rd Lighthouse District,
Tompkinsville, N.Y. November 6, 1916.

Returned to J.T.O'Grady, Recorder, Board of Labor Employment, Navy Yard, New York, N.Y. The period of Mr. Conklin's employment in the Lighthouse Service is as follows:

2nd Assistant Keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station from January 14, 1912 to October 24, 1912.
1st Assistant Keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station from October 25, 1912 to May 1, 1914.
2nd Assistant Keeper of Shinnecock Bay Light Station from May 2, 1914 to April 15, 1916.

J T Yates

Inspector

Oct 24-12
Oct 25-12. May 1-14
Phone. May 2-14-Apr 15-16-

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Copy WJL

Long Island District
First New York
Frederick C. Hicks

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington

March 14, 1916.

Mr. George R. Putnam,
Commissioner of Light Houses,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Putnam:

I understand that Mr. Thomas H. Conklin, Jr., who is now situated at Shinnecock Light has made application to change positions with the assistant keeper at Peck's Ledge Light at South Norwalk, I believe this transfer would be agreeable to both as the light is somewhat effecting his eyes at the station where he is now situated and if you could consummate this transfer, you would confer a favor upon me.

Yours very truly,

sgd Frederick C. Hicks

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
Mar 15, 1916

To Lighthouse Inspector Tompkinsville New York for remark and return.

sgd Conway
Acting Commissioner

March 17,1916.

SUBJECT: Bu.Ltr.March 15,1916 on let.March 14,1916 from Congressman Hicks re transfer of Conklin, 2nd Asst.Keeper, Shinnecock Bay L.S.to Pecks Ledge.

Returned to Commissioner:

Since Mr.Conklin has been in the Lighthouse Service his conduct and services have been far from satisfactory.

In April 1914 he was demoted from the position of First Assistant Keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station to the position he now occupies and permitting him to transfer to any other station is not considered desirable or advisable at this time.

While in the Lighthouse Service Mr.Conklin has been reprimanded and warned on the following occasions:

By Bureau letter March 21st 1914 for permitting the engines at Little Gull Island Light Station to freeze and burst.
For misconduct, by Bureau letter of April 14th 1914 on which occasion he was demoted to the position he now occupies.
For preferring false charges against the keeper of Little Gull Island, by Bureau letter of May 19th 1914.
Reprimanded and warned re conduct, by Bureau letter of April 28th 1915.

Mr.Conklin on October 22nd 1915 addressed a letter to this office requesting that he be permitted to exchange positions with Assistant Keeper Smith at Pecks Ledge Light Station which request was refused. Copy of letter from this office to Mr. Conklin dated October 25th 1915 in regard to the matter is herewith enclosed for the information of the Bureau.

In connection with this matter the Bureau's attention is invited to letter from this office returning correspondence from the Fish and Game Commission, State of Connecticut, relative to the keeper and assistant keeper at Pecks Ledge Light Station. As Assistant Keeper Smith is concerned in this matter this also makes the transfer of Conklin and Smith objectionable.

Copy of 1914 and 1915 correspondence re Mr.Conklin's financial difficulties with the Coney Island Life Guard Association is enclosed for the Bureau's information.

The exchanging of positions by Conklin as requested in the attached correspondence is not recommended.

J T Yates

FWO/EJC.

March 20th, 1916.

Commissioner:

Referring to Bureau endorsement of March 15, 1916, relative to Thomas H. Conklin, Second Asst. Keeper of Shinnecock Bay Light Station.

Supplemental to endorsement from this office of March 17th, the Bureau is advised that there is an oil vapor light at both Shinnecock Bay and Pecks Ledge Light. While the light at Shinnecock Bay is a type B 55 mm., and the light at Pecks Ledge is a type A 35 mm., the effect upon the eyes would be practically the same.

The foregoing was inadvertently omitted from endorsement from this office of March 17th.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

HASKELL.

October 25,1915.

Thomas J.Conklin, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Shinnecock Bay Light Station,
Good Ground,N.Y.

Referring to your letter of October 22nd 1915 enclosing another letter of the same date making application for permission to exchange positions with either Second Assistant Keeper Meyer of Montauk Point Light Station or Benjamin Smith Assistant Keeper of Pecks Ledge Light Station, you are advised that your application is not approved.

In this connection it may be stated that on account of the fact that you were reprimanded and warned during the current year and as your quarters were in poor condition when the station was last inspected no application for transfer to another station or position will be considered until such time as you have proven that your conduct and efficiency warrant such action.

Yates

-----(Incorporated 1910)-----

New York, August 27, 1914.

Supt. of Light House,

Shinacock Station,

Good Ground, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to state in behalf of this Association that from last reports we find that you have a man by the name of Thomas Conklin employed as light house tender or some other position under the Government's employ around Shinacock Station.

The said Thos. Conklin was a member of the above association and while holding position of Secretary, collected money from members for dues amounting to $10.00 He also received $5.00 from said association for the purpose of having Beach badge registered in Albany. It is now nearly two years since he collected the $10.00 and almost three years since he received the $5.00. He has kept the entire amount; in other words, stolen the sum of $15.00 from this Association.

If not putting you to any extended trouble, we hope you will assist us in recovering said sum, as he has permanent employment.

Respectfully,

Sgd. Frank West,
1241-54th St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Fin. Sec'y. C.I.L.G. Assn.

Thomas J.Conklin, 2nd Assistant Keeper,
Shinnecock Bay Light Station,
Good Ground,N.Y.
Through the Keeper.

Herewith enclosed is copy of letter dated August 27th, 1914 received from the Secretary of the Coney Island Life Guard Association with request that you forward to this office a full and complete statement in regard to the matters referred to therein.

Yates.

Copy- WJL.

CONEY ISLAND LIFE GUARD ASS'N
Incorporated 1910

New York August 27, 1914.

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Brooklyn,N.Y.
Fgn., Sec'y/ C.I.L.G. Assn.

COPY-EJC.

FWO/WJL.

September 17, 1914.

Thomas J.Conklin, 2nd Assistant Keeper,
Shinnecock Bay Light Station,
Good Ground, N.J.
Through the Keeper.

Your attention is invited to the fact that reply has not as yet been received to letter addressed to you under date of September 8th, 1914 enclosing copy of letter from the Secretary of the Coney Island Life Guard Association.

You are directed to forward reply by return mail.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

Signed-Haskell,

Superintendent.

Shinnecock Bay.

9/17/14

Inspector, 3rd District.

Sir.

Your letter of Sept. 8, 1914 was received by me Sept.17, 14 and I wish to state that while I was Secretary of the Coney Island Life Guards I collected $10.00 from the members and the next week the Ass'tion was going to break up and as I was done out of money once before by this Ass' when it broke up and the treasurer kept all the money so being I was the oldest member in the Ass' I consequently kept the money and now I see the Ass' is still runnning I wish to state I will send the $10.00 as soon as I can or as much as I can and about the five dollars($5.00) that was given to me to have the beach badges registered at Albany I gave the $5.00 to a lawyer, Redmond at Temple Bar Building on Court Street, Brooklyn, who also has a Real Estate Office at Vanderbilt Ave.& Bergen Street and got a receipt and gave it to the Treasurer Mr. Eldridge so if he is looked up and his book got hold of by the Asstion the receipt will be found or the Ass' can write to Mr.Redmond and he will look it up. A also wish to state that I am sorry it went this far and I will settle with the Coney Island Life Guards as soon as I can.

Signed-Conklin,
2d Asst.

A copy of this has been sent the Coney Island Life Guards.

Wm. H.H. [illegible] JR.
[illegible]

FWO/WJL.

September 19, 1914.

Thomas J.Conklin, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Shinnecock Bay Light Station,
Good Ground,N.Y.
Through the Keeper.

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 17th relative to the matter referred to in copy of letter from the Secretary of the Coney Island Life Guard Association which was forwarded to you with letter of August 27th.

In regard to your notation that a copy of your letter of September 17th has been sent to the Coney Island Life Guard Association your attention is invited to the fact that it is contrary to the Regulations of this Service for any employee to furnish copies of Government papers to any person without proper authority and you are directed to see that this regulation is complied with in the future.

YATES.

COPY-EJC.

FWO/WJL.

September 19, 1914.

Frank West, Financial Secretary,
Coney Island Life Guard Association,
1241 - 54th Street,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Referring to your letter of August 27th, 1914 relative to Thomas J.Conklin, now Second Assistant Keeper of Shinnecock Bay Light Station who it is alleged collected and retained certain money belonging to the Coney Island Life Guard Association.

Enclosed for your information is copy of letter dated September 17th received from Mr. Conklin.

If Mr. Conklin does not remit to the Association within a reasonable length of time the $10.00 referred to in his letter, it is requested that you so advise this office.

Yates

Inspector.

Enclosure.

Shinnecock Bay,

9/17/14

Inspector, 3rd District.

Sir.

Your letter of Sept. 8, 1914 was received by me Sept.17, 14 and I wish to state that while I was Secretary of the Coney Island Life Guards I collected $10.00 from the members and the next week the Ass'tion was going to break up and as I was done out of money once before by this Ass' when it broke up and the treasurer kept all the money so being I was the oldest member in the Ass' I consequently kept the money and now I see the Ass' is still runnning I wish to state I will send the $10.00 as soon as I can or as much as I can and about the five dollars($5.00) that was given to me to have the beach badges registered at Albany I gave the $5.00 to a lawyer, Redmond at Temple Bar Building on Court Street, Brooklyn, who also has a Real Estate Office at Vanderbilt Ave.& Bergen Street and got a receipt and gave it to the Treasurer Mr. Eldridge so if he is looked up and his book got hold of by the Asstion the receipt will be found or the Ass' canwrite to Mr.Redmond and he will look it up. A also wish to state that I am sorry it went this far and I will settle with the Coney Island Life Guards as soon as I can.

Signed-Conklin,
2d Asst.

A copy of this has been sent the Coney Island Life Guards.

Wm. H.H. LAKE JR.
KEEPER.

COPY-EJC.

1241-54th St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.,
Feb.1st, 1915.

Inspector, 3rd Dist.,

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of Sept. 19th/14 about money due this Assn., from Thomas J.Conklin, Second Asst.Keeper of Shinnecock Bay, I wish to state to date he has not made any attempt to any part thereof.

I think if Mr.Conklin had any idea of paying the $10.00 he could have done so long ago or payed part of it in monthly payments.

Hoping you will assist us in securing the money due us, and thanking you for past services,

Very respectfully,

Coney Island Life Guard Assn.

Sgd.Frank West,

Fin.Sect.

FWO/WJL.

February 3, 1915.

Thomas J.Conklin, 2d Asst.Keeper,
Shinnecock Bay Light Station,
Good Ground,N.Y.
Through the Keeper.

Enclosed is copy of letter dated February 1st,1915 received from Mr. Frank West, Financial Secretary of the Coney Island Life Guard Association concerning the matter of certain money collected by you and referred to in previous correspondence. You are directed to immediately give this matter proper attention and inform this office when you have done so.

Your attention is invited to page 147 of the Regulations, 1911, Paragraph entitled "Payments of Debts."

Yates.

1241-54th St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.,
Feb.1st, 1915.

Inspector, 3rd Dist.,

Dear Sir:

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Hoping you will assist us in securing the money due us, and thanking you for past services,

Very respectfully,

Coney Island Life Guard Assn.

Sgd.Frank West,

Fin.Sect.

Shinnecock Bay.

Good Ground, Long Island.

Inspector, 3rd District,

Sir:

Your letter of Feb. 3, 1915 was received by me and I wish to state I have sent part payment of what I owe to the Coney Island Life Guard Ass'n to Frank West. I have not failed to remember what I owe to the Ass'n but until lately it has been impossible for me to reimburse them any. Please pardon the delay.

Signed-Conklin,

2 Asst.

Feb.26, 1915.

William H.H.Lake, Jr.,
Keeper.

FWO/WJL.

March 1, 1915.

Frank West, Financial Sec'y,
Coney Island Life Guard Association,
1241- 54th Street,
Brooklyn.

Referring to your letter of February 1st, 1915 relative to the indebtedness of Mr. Thomas J.Conklin, 2nd Assistant Keeper of Shinnecock Bay Light Station.

Enclosed herewith for your information is copy of letter of February 26th received from Mr.Conklin.

J.T.YATES.

Shinnecock Bay,

Good Ground, Long Island.

Inspector, 3rd District,

Sir:

Your letter of Feb. 3, 1915 was received by me and I wish to state I have sent part payment of what I owe to the Coney Island Life Guard Ass'n to Frank West. I have not failed to remember what I owe to the Ass'n but until lately it has been impossible for me to reimburse them any. Please pardon the delay.

Signed-Conklin,

2 Asst.

Feb.26, 1915.

William H.H.Lake, Mr.,
Keeper.

March 1, 1915.

Thomas J. Conklin, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
(Through the Keeper)
Shinnecock Bay Light Station,
Good Ground, N.Y.

Referring to your letter of February 26th relative to your indebtedness to the Coney Island Life Guard Association in which you state that you have forwarded a part payment to the Association referred to, you are requested to inform this office of the amount of the part payment you have made and also when you expect to make payment of the balance due.

As this matter has been the subject of correspondence since August, 1914, it is necessary that same be brought to a close without further delay.

Yates.

Inspector, 3rd District,

Sir:

Referring to your letter of Mar.1,1915 in regard to the Coney Island Life Guard Assn, I wish to state I have sent $2.00 and this coming pay day which is Saturday or Monday, I will send the balance which is $8.00, making a total of $10.00 which is the amount I owe, Hoping this will be satisfactory

Resp.

Conklin

2 Ass't.

William H.H.Lake, Jr.,
Keeper.

AN/EJC.

March 4th, 1915.

Frank West Financial Secretary,
Coney Island Life Guard Association,
1241-54th St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Referring again to your letter of February 1st, and supplementing letter from this office of March 1st, 1915, you are informed that a letter has been received this morning from Thomas J. Conklin, in regard to his indebtedness to your association, in which he states again that he has sent you $2.00 and expects to pay the balance of $8.00 on receipt of his next pay, which he expects to receive about Saturday or Monday.

Yates

Inspector.

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LIGHT
MAR 25 1916
HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR, 3D DIST.
MAR 29 1916
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

March 24, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department acknowledges receipt of the Bureau's communication of the 22nd instant, and enclosures, relative to replying to letter dated March 14, 1916, addressed to the Commissioner of Lighthouses by Congressman Frederick C. Hicks on the subject of an exchange transfer desired by Thomas J. Conklin from Shinnecock Bay Light Station, New York, to Pecks Ledge Light Station, New York.

It is noted that the Bureau is adverse to the proposed transfer for the reason that under the regulations keepers in the Lighthouse Service in order to be eligible for transfer to other stations at their own request must attain the required standard of efficiency and conduct; that Mr. Conklin's efficiency and conduct have not been satisfactory; and that it is not considered that his transfer to the position of assistant keeper of Pecks Ledge Light Station, New York, would be in the best interests of the service until such time as his conduct and efficiency warrant such transfer. With reference to the contention that the light at Shinnecock Bay is working injury to Mr. Concklin's eyes, it is noted that the lights at both Shinnecock Bay Light Station and Pecks Ledge Light Station are provided with incandescent oil vapor equipment, and that the effect upon the eyes is practically the same at each of these stations. In view of these circumstances, the Bureau is authorized to prepare a reply to Congress-

man Hicks along the lines set forth in its communication.

The letter from Congressman Hicks is returned herewith, as requested.

E. F. Sweet

Assistant Secretary.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.

MAR 28 1916

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To Lighthouse Inspector, Tomp Kingsville Ny

for his information, guidance, and files of office. Enclosed in copy of letter addressed to Congressman Hicks.

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Acting Commissioner.

Enclosure 1532.

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Thos. J. Conklin,
application.

March ~~25~~ 28, 1916.

Hon. Frederick C. Hicks,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hicks:

Referring again to your letter of March 14, 1916. on behalf of Mr. Thomas J. Conklin, second assistant keeper, Shinnecock Bay Light Station, New York, who desires to be transferred to the Pecks Ledge Light Station, New York.

I beg to advise you that under the regulations keepers in the Light-house Service, in order to be eligible for transfer to other stations at their own request must attain the required standard of efficiency and conduct, and as Mr. Conklin's efficiency and conduct have not been satisfactory, it is not considered that his transfer to the position of assistant keeper of Pecks Ledge Light Station would be in the best interests of the service until such time as an improvement is shown in the respects stated. It may be further stated that the lights at both Shinnecock Bay Light Station and Pecks Ledge Light Station are provided with incandescent oil vapor equipment, and the effect of the light upon the eyes is practically the same at each station.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) G. B. Putnam

Commissioner.

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. APR 4 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

APR 1 1916

My dear Congressman:

Referring to your letter of March 30, 1916, inclosing a letter addressed to you on March 16, 1916, by Mr. George E. Denman, on behalf of Mr. Thomas J. Conklin, second assistant keeper, Shinnecock Bay Light Station, New York, who desires to be transferred to the Pecks Ledge Light Station, New York.

I have to advise you that under the regulations keepers in the Light-house Service, in order to be eligible for transfer to other stations at their own request, must attain the required standard of efficiency and conduct, and as Mr. Conklin's efficiency and conduct have not been satisfactory, it is not considered that his transfer to the position of assistant keeper of Pecks Ledge Light Station would be in the best interests of the service until such time as an improvement is shown in the respects stated. It may be further stated that the lights at both Shinnecock Bay Light Station and Pecks Ledge Light Station are provided with incandescent oil vapor equipment, and the effect of the light upon the eyes is practically the same at each station.

The letter addressed to you by Mr. Denman is inclosed, as requested.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) William C. Redfield

Secretary.

Hon. Jesse P. Maher,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Inclosure.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.

April 3, 1916

To Lighthouse Inspector Tompkinsville NY

for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner: See previous correspondence

Clark

Chief Clerk

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

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Inclosure
Thos. J. Conklin,
application.

March 31, 1916.

Hon. Daniel J. Griffin,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to letter of March 28, 1916, addressed to you by Mr. William E. Kelly, County Clerk, Kings County, Hall of Records, Brooklyn, New York, on behalf of Mr. Thomas J. Conklin, second assistant keeper, Shinnecock Bay Light Station, New York, who desires to be transferred to the Pecks Ledge Light Station, which letter was left at this office on March 30, 1916, by your Secretary.

I beg to advise you that under the regulations keepers in the Lighthouse Service, in order to be eligible for transfer to other stations at their own request, must attain the required standard of efficiency and conduct, and as Mr. Conklin's efficiency and conduct have not been satisfactory, it is not considered that his transfer to the position of assistant keeper of Pecks Ledge Light Station would be in the best interests of the service until such time as an improvement is shown in the respects stated.

The letter of Mr. Kelly above referred to is herewith.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Lt. G. Putnam

Commissioner.

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MAR 31 1916

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Attached is copy of letter of William E. Kelly to Congressman Griffin.

Clark

Chief Clerk

Clerk.

March 28, 1916.

Hon. Daniel J. Griffin, M. C,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dan:

Will you kindly use your best efforts to have Thomas J. Conklin, of the Shinnecock Light, Long Island, Transferred to Peck's Ledge Light, Connecticut, vice Benjamin Smith, of the Peck's Ledge Light, transferred to the Shinnecock Light, this to be a mutual transfer. Both are assistant keepers and under the Department of Commerce.

I assure you Dan that this will be greatly appreciated by a number of our mutual friends.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) William E Kelly

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

To lighthouse inspector .....
for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner.

Chief Clerk

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LIGHT
APR 15 1916
HOUSES

April 14, 1916.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation, dated April 7, 1916, as second assistant keeper of Shinnecock Bay Light Station, New York, at $456 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, to take effect at the close of April 15, 1916.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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

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Thomas J. Conklin, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Shinnecock Bay Lt.Sta.,
Good Ground, N. Y.

April 10,1916

Your letter dated April 7,1916 resigning your position as 2nd assistant keeper of Shinnecock Bay Light Station, New York, has been received and forwarded to Washington, with recommendation that same be accepted, effective at the close of April 15,1916.

J T YATES

Inspector

TRANSMITTING RESIGNATION

(75)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., April 10, 1916, 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Thomas J. Conklin Position, 2nd Assistant Keeper

Legal residence, New York Station, Shinnecock Bay Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Salary, $456.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of April 15, 1916.

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

Remarks:

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GAVIGAN

J T YATES

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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COPY - JHG

Shinnecock Bay Lt.Sta.,

April 7,1916

Inspector 3rd District

Sir:

I sent a letter in to you on March 30,1916 in regard to six months leave of absence on account of injuries to my eyes while in the service, and up to the present time I have not received a reply. Now if my application for the six months leave is not accepted I wish to state that I have tried in every way to have my eyes treated and still be in the service, I have requested a transfer to a smaller light and I have asked for a six months leave of absence and I am going on five years in the service and injuries to my eyes coming from the same, I will have to resign. I dont want to resign but I cannot stay here and have my eyes get worse, so if the office cant see there way clear in transfering me to a smaller lightor granting me six months leave of absence, I respectfully send in my resignation to take effect by April 15,1916.

Respt.,

(Sgd.) Conklin, 2d Asst.

(Sgd.) Lake,

Keeper

FWO/WJL

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April 12,1916.

Thomas J.Conklin,2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Shinnecock Bay Light Station,
Good Ground,N.Y.

Referring to your letter of March 30th 1916 making application for six months' leave of absence from April 15th to October 15th 1916.

You are advised that after giving the matter careful consideration, it is found to be impracticable to approve of your application.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

Raymond Haskell

FWO-WJL

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April 10,1916.

Commissioner:

Referring to endorsement from this office dated April 3rd 1916 forwarding application of Thomas J.Conklin, 2nd Asst. Keeper, Shinnecock Bay Light Station,N.Y., for leave of absence for a period of six months.

The Bureau's attention is invited to Form 93 of this date forwarding Mr.Conklin's resignation with the recommendation that it be accepted effective at the close of April 15th 1916.

J T Yates

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

LIGHT APR 7 1916 HOUSES

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. APR 12 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

April 7, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Third Inspector's communication of the 3d instant, transmitting application of Thomas J. Conklin, second assistant keeper of Shinnecock Bay Light Station, New York, for six months' leave of absence, and, in accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 6th instant, disapproves Mr. Conklin's request, for the reason that his unsatisfactory service record renders him undeserving of special privileges which are granted only in exceptional and meritorious cases.

E. E. Scott
Acting Secretary.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
APR 11, 1916

To Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N. Y.,
for his information, guidance, and files of office.
Regarded accordingly
Conway
Acting Commissioner.

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April 3,1916.

SUBJECT: Let.Mch 30,1916 from Conklin,2nd Asst.Keeper, Shinnecock Bay Light Station requesting 6 mo.leave of absence.

Forwarded to Commissioner:

It is not considered that Mr.Conklin's record in the Service justifies favorable action on his request for six months leave of absence, as it is believed that leave of absence for extended periods should be granted only in exceptional and meritorious cases where the employee involved is deserving of special consideration on account of having rendered long, faithful and satisfactory service.

Enclosed for the Bureau's information is copy of a memorandum made by Superintendent Haskell on March 27th 1916.

The approval of the attached application is not recommended.

J T Yates

Memorandum 3/27/1916.

Mr.Conklin called at office in re transfer from Shinnecock L.Station. I told him his record wasn't clear and he was not entitled to transfer. He claimed his eyes were being affected by light and thought he was entitled to action under liability act. He acknowledged he had not used dark glasses provided. Told him Pecks Ledge was just as bad for eyes and I didn't believe he had any claim under liability act.

sgd RH

See 6021

Lighthouse Service Third District
Shinnecock Bay
March 30,1916.

Light House Inspector,

Sir:

I respectfully make application for 6 months leave of absence from April 15 1916 to October 15 1916 and if my application is accepted, I can supply a substitute or the office can decide that part. The reason I request the leave of absence is injuries to my eyes while in the Light House Service.

Respectfully,

sgd Conklin
2nd Asst.

sgd Lake Keeper

FWO/WJL

March 1,1915.

Thomas J.Conklin, 2nd Assistant Keeper,
(through the Keeper)
Shinnecock Bay Light Station,
Good Ground,N.Y.

Referring to your letter of February 26th relative to your indebtedness to the Coney Island Life Guard Association in which you state that you have forwarded a part payment to the Association referred to, you are requested to inform this office of the amount of the part payment you have made and also when you expect to make payment of the balance due.

As this matter has been the subject of correspondence since August 1914, it is necessary that same be brought to a close without further delay.

Yates

See Thos Conklin

FWO/WJL

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February 7, 1915.

Thomas J. Conklin, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Shinnecock Bay Light Station,
Good Ground, N.Y.
Through the Keeper.

Enclosed is copy of letter dated February 1st 1915 received from Mr. Frank West, Financial Secretary of the Coney Island Life Guard Association concerning the matter of certain money collected by you and referred to in previous correspondence. You are directed to immediately give this matter ~~prompt~~ proper attention and inform this office when you have done so.

Your attention is invited to page 147 of the Yates Regulations 1911, Paragraph entitled "Payment of Debts."

See Otto Conklin

WTO/WJL

February 7,1915.

Thomas J.Conklin,2nd Asst.Keeper,
Shinnecock Bay Light Station,
Good Ground,N.Y.
Through the Keeper.

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Copy W.J.L

1241-54th St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.
Feb. 1st 1915.

Inspector 3d Dist.,

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of Sept 19th/14 about money due this Assn., from Thomas J. Conklin Second Asst. Keeper of Shinnecock Bay, I wish to state to date he has not made any attempt to pay any part there of I think if Mr. Conklin had any idea of paying the $10.00 he could have done so long ago or payed part of it in monthly payments.

Hoping you will assist us in securing the money due us, & thanking you for past services

Very respectfully

Coney Island Life Guard Assn

sgd Frank West
Fin Sect.

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. FEB 27 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Shinnecock Bay
Good Ground Long Island

Inspector 3rd District
Sir

Your letter of Feb 3, 1915 was received by me and I wish to state I have sent part payment of what I owe to the Coney Island Life Guard Assn to Frank West, I have not failed to remember what I owe to the Assn, but until lately it has been impossible for me to reimburse them any, Please pardon the delay

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2 Asst.

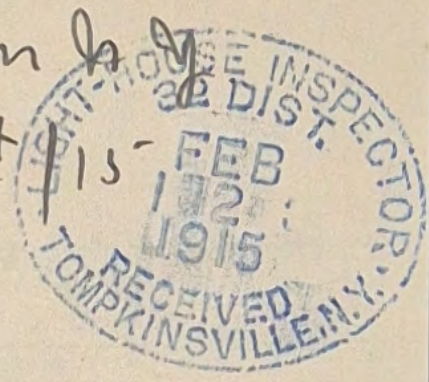
Feb 26, 1915

William H. H. Lake Jr.
Keeper

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1241-54th St.,
Brooklyn N.Y.
Feb 1st 1915



Inspector 3rd Dist.,

Dear Sir

Referring to your letter of Sept 19th/14 about money due this Assn., from Thomas J. Bonklin Second Asst Keeper of Shinnecock Bay, I wish to state to date he has not made any attempt to pay any part there of.

I think if Mr Bonklin had any idea of paying the #10.00 he could have done so long ago or payed part of it in monthly payments

Hoping you will assist us in

securing the money due us, & thanking you for past services

Very respectfully
Coney Island Life Guard
Assn.

Frank West
Fin Sect.,

JHG

Dec.22,1914

Wm. H. H. Lake, Jr., Keeper,

Shinnecock Bay Light Station,

Good Ground, N.Y.

Referring to your letter of Dec.18th,1914, re annual leave granted Thomas J.Conklin, 2nd assistant keeper of Shinnecock Bay Lt.Sta.

You will have to be a little more explicit in your question, as it is not known just what you mean by "I respectfully require where six days has been granted Mr.Conklin over the 30 days leave of absence for this calendar year, and is not chargeable to leave for 1915".

As you were advised in letter of Dec.16th, the six days of leave to be charged to the calendar year 1915, is for leave taken during that year, viz from Jan.1 to 6th,1915.

No change has been made in the Regulation governing annual leave to keepers since Circular Letter of July 3,1912 was issued.

YATES

Inspector

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
2d DIST.
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Shinnecock Bay
Light Station
Dec. 18th 1914

Inspector.

I respectfully inquire where 6 days has been granted Mr. Conklin over the 30 days leave of absence for this Calendar year, and is not chargeable to leave for 1915. I would like to know if the leave of absence has been increased since circular letter July 3rd 1912

Lake

Conklin

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FWO/EJC.

December 16th, 1914.

William H.H.Lake, Jr., Keeper,
Shinnecock Bay Light Station,
Good Ground, N.Y.

Referring to your letter of December 15th, relative to 14 days leave recently granted to Second Assistant Keeper Conklin:

You are informed that the 28 days leave heretofore taken by Mr. Conklin this year is made up of leave taken while at Little Cull Island and Shinnecock Bay Light Stations.

The only part of this leave chargeable to leave for 1915 will be six days to cover January 1 to January 6, inclusive, 1915.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

HASKELL.

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Shinnecock Bay
Light Station

Dec. 15th 1914

Inspector.

I respectfully inquire where Mr. Conklyn 2nd Asst. has had 28 days leave of absence out of 30 for this calendar year. whether the 6 days over the allowance for this year, shall be counted on the next calendar year.

Lake

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. DEC 7 1914 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. JAN 8 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE

REQUEST

S. Shinnecock Bay N.Y., December 4, 1914
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 14 days of shore liberty or leave, from December 24 to January 6, inclusive, 1914. I have had 28 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

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

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

Substitute not required
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

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

146 Clermont Ave., Brooklyn, New York
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

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

William H. H. Lake Jr.
Keeper in charge.

Thomas J. Conklin
(Applicant's signature.)

2nd Asst
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT, December 11, 1914

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for fourteen days, from December 24th 1914 to January 6th 1915, inclusive, 1914.

Substitute need not be furnished during this absence. Total of previous leave taken during this calendar year is 28 days instead of 20 days as stated above.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

Inspector, Third *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 6.30 A.M. Dec 24, 1914.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 8.45 P.M. Jan 6, 1915.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 14 days.

Period charged: 14 days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

William H. H. Lake Jr.
Keeper in charge.

Thomas J. Conklin
(Applicant's signature.)

2nd Asst
(Title.)

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FWC/WJL

December 11,1914.

Thomas J.Conklin,2nd Asst.Keeper,
(through the keeper)
Shinnecock Bay Light Station,
Good Ground,N.Y.

Your letter of December 10th relative to the amount of leave taken by you during this calendar year has been received and contents noted. As stated in letter from this office of December 7th you have, at the present time, had a total of 28 days leave. This amount includes leave granted by the keeper. Any leave granted the assistant keeper by the keeper is chargeable to the amount allowed, as well as any leave granted by the Inspector.

Yates

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Shamrock Bay
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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. DEC 10 1914 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE

Inspector 3rd District
Sir

Referring to your letter of Dec 7, in regard to the days leave of absence or shore liberty I wish to state on looking up my record I find the following day I had of at Little Gull Island and Shamrock Bay Light Stations.
On January 17, 1914 I was granted (4) four days shore liberty by the keeper on February 17, 14 I was granted 1 day shore liberty by keeper on March I was granted 1 day by the keeper on March 14, I was granted leave of absence by the Inspector for 7 days Mar. 14, to 20, "inclusive" & took 3 days extra making 10 days, on April 15, I left Little Gull to go ashore after provisions and while away an Easter blew up and I could not get back, and around the 25th April the exact date I do not remember I received permission from the keeper to go to the office with application for 3 days leave of absence which same were granted by the Inspector while at the office. On May 2, 14 I left Little Gull Island on the

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Light House Tender Rogers for Shinnecock Bay Light Station but could not get here until May 5, 1914. On Sept 9 to 15 inclusive I was granted 7 days leave of absence by the Inspector for the latter station. I did not know that the days of shore liberty granted by the keeper would be taken out of the thirty days and as I did not & could not them in my leave, I only counted the days granted by the Inspector and to my memory it came to twenty days thro' Inspector 15 days shore liberty thro' Keeper 1 day storm bound and 1 day on Tender Rogers, as I should like to know if it is possible for me to get any leave on this year or not

Conklin
2 Ass't.
William H. H. Lake Jr.
Keeper

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December 7th, 1914.

Thomas J. Conklin, 2d Asst. Keeper,
(Through the Keeper.)
Shinnecock Bay Light Station,
Good Ground, N.Y.

Referring to your application of December 5th, requesting that you be granted 14 days shore liberty, or leave from December 24th, 1914, to January 6th, inclusive, 1915, in which you state that you have had 20 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year:

You are informed that it appears from the records of this office that to date you have had a total of 28 days shore liberty or leave, 21 days while you were employed as first assistant keeper at Little Gull Island Light Station, and 7 days since you have been employed as second assistant keeper at Shinnecock Bay Light Station.

Please submit explanation as to your statement that you have had 20 days shore liberty or leave during this calendar year.

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Inspector 3rd District

Sir

I respectfully request to know how many days I have had off this year, as I would like to make out application for leave but do not know how many days I am entitled to

Respt

Conklin 2 Asst

William H. H. Lake Jr.
Keeper

August 24,1915.

William H.H.Lake,Jr.Keeper,
Shinnecock Bay Light Station,
Good Ground,N.Y.

Referring to letter dated July 20th 1915 received at this office August 23rd 1915 from Second Assistant Keeper Conklin which letter was forwarded and signed by you requesting information as to how many days leave he has had this year.

You are directed to furnish Mr.Conklin with the information he desires.

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. MAY 4 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

McC.

My dear Congressman:

Referring again to letter of March 25, 1915, addressed to you by Mr. Geo. E. Denney, of The Standard Union, Brooklyn, New York, in regard to charges preferred against Mr. Thomas J. Conklin, second assistant keeper, Shinnecock Bay Light Station, New York, which letter was received at the Department for attention, I beg to advise you that after careful investigation of the matter it has been established that Mr. Conklin has not conducted himself as a keeper should, nor has he required proper conduct from parties visiting his quarters. After careful consideration it has been decided to take no more drastic action in his case at this time than to address him a letter of reprimand, and to warn him that any further misconduct on his part will result in more severe disciplinary measures by the Department.

The letter of Mr. Denney above referred to is inclosed, as requested.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) A. L. Thurman

Acting Secretary.

Hon. James P. Maher,
Member of Congress,
555 Bedford Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

May 3, 1915.

Inclosure.

To Lighthouse Inspector ..... Tompkinsville, N.Y.

for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner: See Bureau indorsement of April 28, 1915, on Dept letter of April 20, 1915, in this case.

Clark

Chief Clerk

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May 4,1915.

William H.H.Lake,Jr.,Keeper,
Shinnecock Bay Light Station,
Good Ground,N.Y.

Referring to the matter of charges of misconduct recently preferred against Thomas J.Conklin, 2nd Assistant Keeper of Shinnecock Bay Light Station and your testimony in the matter taken at this Depot on March 27th 1915, etc.

You are hereby informed that it is your duty to see that proper conduct is maintained by all persons either residing or visiting at the station in your charge, and your attention is invited to the fact that it is also your duty to give attention to all complaints made by the assistant keepers.

Yates

Office of Inspector,3d District,
Tompkinsville,N.Y.May 4,1915.

Copy forwarded to Commissioner in accordance with Bureau's endorsement of April 28th 1915.

Yates

The Department returns herewith letter addressed to Hon. James P. Maher, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., by Mr. George E. Denney, of the Standard Union, Brooklyn, New York, in regard to the complaint lodged against Mr. Conklin, in order that the Bureau may prepare a final reply to Congressman Maher for signature at the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

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Set inclosures.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
April 28, 1915.

Referred to Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York, for his information, guidance, and files.

Inclosed are the original and copy of letter of reprimand to Conklin, t o g e t h e r with copies of letters addressed to Hon. Lathrop Brown and Mr. Wauhope Lynn in regard to this case.

Address proper letter to Keeper Lake, in accordance with this Department letter, and submit two copies thereof to the Bureau.

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Acting Commissioner

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. MAY 1 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

McC.

Thos. J. Conklin,
charges.

April 28, 1915.

Hon. Lathrop Brown,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring again to letter dated March 26, 1915, addressed to you by Mr. Thomas J. Conklin, second assistant keeper, Shinnecock Bay Light Station, New York, which letter was left by you at this office on March 29, 1915, and to undated letter addressed to you by John Martin, and others, of Good Ground, Long Island, which letter was left by you at this office on April 2, 1915, both in regard to charges which were preferred against Mr. Conklin by the first assistant keeper of the light station referred to.

I beg to advise you that after a careful investigation of the matter it has been established that Mr. Conklin has not conducted himself as a keeper should, nor has he required proper conduct of parties visiting his quarters. After careful consideration it has been decided to take no more drastic action in his case at this time than to address him a letter of reprimand and to warn him that any further misconduct on his part will result in consideration being given to taking more severe action in his case.

Respectfully,

(Signed) G. L. Putnam

Commissioner.

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Thos. J. Conklin,
charges.

April 28, 1915.

Mr. Wauhope Lynn,
54-60 Lafayette Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Referring again to your letter of March 29, 1915, in regard to charges which were preferred against Mr. Thomas J. Conklin, second assistant keeper, Shinnecock Bay Light Station, New York.

I beg to advise you that after a careful investigation of the matter it has been established that Mr. Conklin has not conducted himself as a keeper should, nor has he required proper conduct of parties visiting his quarters. After careful consideration it has been decided to take no more drastic action in his case at this time than to address him a letter of reprimand and to warn him that any further misconduct on his part will result in consideration being given to taking more severe action in his case.

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(Signed) G. L. Putnam

Commissioner.

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Reprimand.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. MAY 1 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

April 28, 1915.

Mr. Thomas J. Conklin,
Second Assistant Keeper, Shinnecock Bay Light Station, N.Y.
(Through Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York).

Referring to the investigation made at the Shinnecock Bay Light Station, New York, on March 26, 1915, by the Third Inspector, in regard to alleged misconduct on your part at the station on the night of March 13, 1915, it is evident that you have not conducted yourself as a keeper should, and have not required proper conduct of persons visiting your quarters at the station. Your attention is invited to the Instructions for the Personnel, 1911, page 147, whereon it is stated that an employee who by his conduct or that of his affairs, public or private, brings discredit upon the Lighthouse Service, shall be reported for misconduct, and you are reprimanded for your misconduct in this case. In view of this reprimand, Bureau letters of reprimand of March 21 and May 19, 1914, and letter of caution of March 24, 1914, to you, from the Third Inspector, you are warned that any further misconduct by you will necessitate consideration being given to the matter of filing charges against you with a view to your dismissal from the Service.

The fact that you have been reprimanded will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Office of Inspector,
3rd Dist. Tompkinsville, N.Y.
May 1, 1915.
Forwarded to Thomas J. Conklin, 2nd Asst. Keeper, through Keeper, Shinnecock Bay Light Sta.
Yates

(Signed) G. L. Putnam
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
WASHINGTON

LIGHT HOUSES APR 21 1915

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. MAY 1 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

April 20, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department acknowledges receipt of the Bureau's communication of the 13th instant, transmitting correspondence from the Third Inspector relative to the charges of misconduct filed by the first assistant keeper of Shinnecock Bay Light Station, New York, against Thomas J. Conklin, the second assistant keeper.

In view of all the circumstances in the case, and of Mr. Conklin's previous record, the Department has authorized the Bureau to address a letter of reprimand to Mr. Conklin, warning him that any further misconduct will be deemed sufficient cause for filing charges against him with a view to his dismissal from the service.

In accordance with the Bureau's further recommendation, authority has been granted for the Bureau to direct the Third Inspector to address a letter to William H. H. Lake, jr., keeper of the above-mentioned station, instructing him to see that proper conduct is maintained by all persons either residing or visiting at the station, and inviting his attention to the fact that it is his duty to give attention to all complaints made by the assistant keepers. It is noted that copies of the letters addressed to Messrs. Conklin and Lake will be furnished the Department for its files.

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. APR 19 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

April 13, 1915.

Subject: 3d Inspector's letter Apr. 7,1915, and inclosures, misconduct, Thos. J. Conklin, 2d asst. keeper, Shinnecock Bay L.S.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information, the Bureau concurring with the Inspector, in view of the previous record of Conklin, and with recommendation that it be authorized to address Conklin a letter of reprimand and warn him that any further violation of the Instructions for the Personnel will necessitate consideration being given to filing charges against him with a view to his dismissal from the Service. If such letter is authorized by the Department, a copy thereof will be submitted to the Department for its files. Attention in this connection is invited to the Instructions for the Personnel, 1911, page 147, whereon it is stated that an employee who by his personal conduct, or that of his affairs, public or private, brings discredit upon the Lighthouse Service, shall be reported for misconduct.

It is further recommended that the Bureau be authorized to direct the Third Inspector to address a letter to keeper Lake, instructing him to see that proper conduct is maintained by all persons either residing or visiting at the station, and inviting his attention to the fact that it is his duty to give attention to all complaints made by the assistant keepers. Attention in this connection is invited to the Instructions for the Personnel, 1911, page 144, par. headed "Oppression of subordinates,, third sub-par. If this recommendation is approved, a copy of the letter to Lake will be submitted to the Department for its files.

In connection with Department acknowledgment of April 1, 1915, of letter addressed to Hon. James P. Maher, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., by Mr. Geo. E. Denney, of The Standard Union, Brooklyn, N. Y., in regard to the misconduct above referred to on the part of Conklin, the Bureau states that in the event the Department approves the above recommendation a final reply to Congressman Maher will be prepared in this office for signature at the Department, if desired. The return to the Bureau of the letter addressed to Rep. Maher is requested.

(Signed) G T Putnam

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

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To Lighthouse Inspector ..... Tompkinsville NY

for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner:

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Chief Clerk

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April 7,1915.

Commissioner:

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau are the following papers re alleged misconduct of 2nd Assistant Keeper Thomas J. Conklin of Shinnecock Bay Light Station on the night of March 13th 1915.

Letter dated March 15th 1915 from 1st Asst.Keeper Jesse Orton, Shinnecock Bay Light Station.
Letter dated March 15th 1915 from W.H.Lake,Keeper, Shinnecock Bay Light Station.
Copy of testimony of Assistant Keepers Orton and Conklin, taken at Shinnecock Bay Light Station March 26th 1915.
Copy of Testimony of William H.H.Lake taken at Lighthouse Depot Tompkinsville,N.Y.,on March 27th 1915.

Attention is invited to the previous record of Mr.Conklin.

From the reports and testimony it is evident that Mr.Conklin has not conducted himself as a keeper should, nor has he required proper conduct of parties visiting his quarters at the station.

It is recommended that Mr.Conklin be reprimanded and warned that any further trouble of this or other kind for which he has been previously reprimanded will be considered cause for dismissal, also that this office direct a letter to keeper Lake instructing him to see that proper conduct is maintained by all people, either residing or visiting at the Station, and inviting his attention to the fact that it is his duty to give attention to all complaints made by the Assistant Keepers.

Yates

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Shinnecock Bay Lt. Sta.

March 15, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector, 3d District,

Through the Keeper.

It is with regret that I report to you the conduct of Thomas J. Conklin, 2nd Assistant Keeper of this Station on the night of March 13, 1915.

A company of men and women came at 10 P.M. with a quantity of beer which developed into a drunken brawl and continued untill 2 A.M. Sunday morning. The language and conduct of Mr. Conklin's guests was disgraceful.

We are frequently desturbed by their unnecessary noise untill midnight and after.

I would appreciate that you order Mr. Conklin to refrain from unnecessary noise and rough conduct.

sgd Jesse Orton, 1st Asst. Keeper

sgd William H. H. Lake, Jr.
Keeper

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Keeper

Shinnecock Bay Light Station

March 15th 1915

Inspector:

I respectfully report in answer to Mr.Orton's letter of March 15th/15 that Mr.Conklin came off watch at 10 P.M., March 13th and I was awakened at 10 P.M. and I heard a wagon come with a party of people and at 2 A.M. I was awakened again and I heard the wagon leaving making considerable noise. The next morning when I came off watch at sun-rise, the lawn in front of dwelling had a number of beer and whisky bottles on it. Which was evidence enough.

sgd Lake

Shinnecock Bay Light Station

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stimony taken March 26, 1915, at Shinnecock Bay Light Station nnection with the investigation of alledged misconduct on part of Thomas J? Conklin, 2d Assistant Keeper.

J. T. Yates, Inspector.
F. W. Ockenfels, Chief Clerk.

Testimony of Jesse Orton, 1st Asst. Keeper.

Mr. Yates: Mr. Orton, we have your letter of March 15, 1915, relative to the conduct of the second assistant keeper Mr. Conklin on the night of March 13, 1915, and we would like to have you tell us all of the particulars relative to his conduct on this night, and any otherm matters pertaining to the occurrence, also any similar occurrences.

Mr. Orton: Well he has had these parties more or less ever since he has been here. They would come late in the evening and stay until midnight or so. What objections I had against it have been I could not get to sleep until eleven o'clock. Whether or not a man gets his proper rest he has got to go on watch just the same. That was my objections. They came about ten o'clock; he just came off watch and I went on watch; and they had the graphaphone going and dancing on the bare floor from the time they came here until two o'clock Sunday morning. In the morning when we looked around there was a lot of beer and whiskyy bottles on the lawn, and we knew they had been drinking, and we had to pick them all up.

Q. They had beer and other liquors on the station here?

A. Mr. Lake found whiskey and beer bottles; they threw those bottles out of the window.

Q. Was there much loud noise - talking and laughing?

A.. Under the bed room window the language was something fierce, and there was vomiting fierce, and threatening to fight.

Q. Were they all men?

A. Men, women and children.

Q. From the vicinity?

A. Yes.

Q. You say this same thing has happened before?

A. Not so bad as that time.

Q. Similar, only to a lesser degree?

A. Yes.

Q. On these other occasions was their conduct such as to e objectionable?

A. No, only noisy; I could not sleep until they had gone.

Q. Do you know if the keeper has ever spoken to Mr. Conklin about these occurrences?

A. Yes; ~~he has warned him~~

Q. He has warned him?

A. Yes, and I spoke to him. Mr. Lake said he could not do anything unless I made an official complaint.

Q. He (Conklin) knows that the regulations prohibit the having of intoxicating liquors on the reservation?

A. I should think so.

Q. Did the keeper ever state that to him?

A. Not that I know of.

Q. This is the only time intoxicating liquors have been brought here?

A. So far as I know.

Q. Otherwise than this report of yours, have you had any trouble with Mr. Conklin?

A. No; I sometime ago told him I could not sleep on account of his dogs in the cellar barking and whining.

Q. Do you find him an agreeable man to get along with?

A. He is thoughtless about what he does.

Q. Do you find him a careful, willing and conscientious man in his work around the station?

A. Yes, so far as his work is concerned; I don't think there is any complaint in that way. Mr. Lake keeps him right on the job and makes him do it.

Testimony of Thomas J.Conklin,2nd Assistant Keeper.

Mr.Yates:Q. Mr.Conklin, we have a complaint about your ..uct at this station on the night of March 13th 1915 that you . several men and several women come to this station at 10 clock at night and that they staid here until 2 o'clock in the orning and that you were playing the phonograph and dancing and that you had intoxicating liquor on the station, and that these people were apparently intoxicated, throwing up and talking fight and keeping people awake. We would like to have you tell us what you can about this.

Mr.Conklin:A. I was up in the tower until 10:00 and I came down and prepared to go to bed, and at 10:30 people came down and the wife and I was going to bed and we knew the superintendent, one of the party. He had his wife and children with him. So they came up and staid; just a surprise call. We knew the party and did not like to tell them to go after hours. There was a couple of young fellows in the party that was not supposed to be with them and I told them to go. Everybody in the house was alright and I though everything was alright. Mr.Orton was on watch in the tower. Those fellows must have had some liquor hid down stairs and when I told them to go they came down and drank it and threw the bottles there for spite. I didn't know anything about it until morning. I said there was a complaint brought in and he (the Supt.previously mentioned) said he was sorry, it was done all entirely unknown to me.

Q. Didn't these people come to the station to visit you?

A. No,sir. It was 10:30. This door has a poor lock on it and they came up. I was undressed. I thought everything would be alright as Mr.Orton was up in the tower. When I saw the others, I said, "Who are those fellows." They said that they did not come with the rest.

Q. You did not have liquor in the house?

A. No, sir.

Q. Was there any drink in the house?

A. Not that I know of.

Q. If there was drink there you should have known of it?

A. Yes.

Q. How many people were here that night?

A. Man, wife, three children and his nephew, three other girls and three other fellows. The three other fellows we told to go, and they staid on the stoop.

Q. I understand parties similar to this although not quite so noisy have been heard in the past?

A. No sir. People may come down but not as a party, but come and stay for a while.

Q. Do they come at 10:30 to visit?

A. No, sir. This man on the canal is going away Sunday said if anything came up he would tell then what it was. We t have anything to do with it.

Q. You are supposed to take care of that house aren't you?

A. Yes. The disturbance was outside of the house.

Q. You claim that the people who made the disturbance outside were the three people you did not want and sent away?

A. Yes. These same folks have a habit of going to someone's house.

Q. At what time did these three people that you claim you ordered away from the station, leave?

A. As soon as they came. They came at 10:30.

Q. What time did they leave the station grounds?

A. I could not say. One party was under the influence of liquor in the first place.

Testimony of 1st Assistant Keeper Orton, recalled.

Q. Mr.Orton, we questioned Mr.Conklin and he states that there was no liquor in the house that night and that the only people that had liquor was three fellows who came that they didn't want and ordered them away. These three staid on the station and drank the beer,etc., and threw the bottles on the lawn for spite?

A. I went on watch and could not swear to it.

Q. Do you know there was drinking in the house?

A. No as I was on watch.

Q. Do you know whether he (Conklin) knew these people were coming here?

A He knew there was some of them coming, at least ~~xx~~ his wife did. She bought some things from the Lakes.

Q. Mr.Conklin claims that practically the only people who made disturbance were the three people whom he ordered away and that they were ordered away as soon as they came here.

A. In that case, who was dancing until 2 o'clock in the morning and playing the phonograph.

Q. What time was this distrubance,etc.,when they were talking under your windows and talking fight talk?

A. Between 11 o'clock and the time the rest went home. They d until the rest of the crowd went home.

Q. You didn't see any signs of any three people being parated from the rest?

A. No sir I was on watch.

Q. Is Mr.Lake, the keeper, ~~wasn't~~ at the station?

A. No sir. He went away on leave a week ago last Tuesday for fourteen days.

Q. Mr.Orton do you know anything about these people who were here that night and what their general standing is in the community?

A. No sir. But I do not suppose their standing is very good from their actions.

Testimony taken during investigation on March 27th 1915 at 3:P.M.,relative to alleged misconduct of Second Assistant Keeper Thomas J.Conklin,Shinnecock Bay Light Station. William H.H.Lake,Jr.Keeper,examined at General Lighthouse Depot,Tompkinsville,N.Y.

BOARD OF INVESTIGATION:

Inspector Joseph T.Yates,Third Lighthouse District,CHAIRMAN
Chief Clerk Frank W.Ockenfels.

...NS BY MR.YATES.

Mr.Lake we have your letter of March 15th 1915, also Assistant Keeper Orton's letter of March 15th forwarded by you relative to the alleged misconduct of 2nd Assistant Keeper Thomas J.Conklin. We would like to have you tell us as briefly as you conveniently can as to what occurred on that night.

A. Well that is just what I do not know. But around 10 o'clock I heard a wagon and around a little after two o'clock I heard the wagon leaving. There was considerable noise, laughing and talking. The next morning I came off watch at sunrise. I came out the front door and saw on the front lawn a number of whisky and beer bottles. I saw by that that something took place the night before around two o'clock. So about 10:30 when the Second Assistant got up I told him to pick up the bottles and cart them away out of sight. About half an hour after that the first assistant came to me and complained of the noise that was made over his head. He said that he was going to send in a complaint and try to have it stopped. He was going to send in a complaint and as I did not see anything to complain of I did not see why I should send in one on account of not hearing it.

Q. Have occurrences of this kind ever happened in Mr.Conklin's quarters before?

A. Well he annoyed the First Assistant on several occasions.

Q. Has the First Assistant previously complained to you about being annoyed by noise being made in Mr.Conklin's quarters?

A. Yes, sir. But he would not say so ~~before 8 o'clock~~ before the Assistant Keeper.

Have you ever heard any noise made by any of Mr.Conklin's rties?

A. Yes, Sir. One night last summer.

Q. What action did you take to stop it? Did you take any?

A. I asked him about it before the First Assistant.

Q. What did he say?

A. He said the first assistant was on watch and he did not think that they made any noise to wake any one up.

Q. Didn't the First Assistant complain to you on more than one occasion?

A. Only on the outside, not officially.

Q. Didn't you think that any complaint made was official?

A. I thought he should come out and say so before the Second Assistant.

Q. Don't you consider it a part of your position to pay attention to complaints when they are received to see that the conduct of the assistant keepers is proper or else take some action about it?

A. He did not ~~issue~~ consider it as a complaint. I told him to make a complaint and I would see about it. He said he didn't want to make a complaint.

Q. What did he complaint about when he came to you?

A. The noise overhead.

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No,Sir.

Q. Didn't you think it an unusual enough occasion to warrant going out and see?

A. No, Sir, I didn't.

Q. You heard the wagon when it arrived, didn't you?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you hear any noise, etc., on the station?

A. No, Sir.

Q. You did not know anything of this affair or hear anything of it?

A. No, sir.

Q. Did you know if Mr.Conklin had any intoxicating liquor in the house?

A. No,Sir.

Q. Did you know the people at the station on that night?

A. No,Sir.

Q. Do you know their standing in the vicinity?

A. No,Sir.

Q. Has Assistant Keeper Conklin created any disturbance or any thing else on the station?

A. No, Sir.

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Q. Do you understand, Mr.Lake, that you are in charge of that station?

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Q. And you are supposed to see that all people on that station conduct themselves properly and if there is any complaint made to you that you are supposed to look into it?

A. Yes, sir.

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Memorandum

Sir,

Inclosed for the use of the Bar in following charges against alleged misconduct of 2nd Asst K. Thomas J Conklin Shinnecock Light on the night of March 13th 1915.

Letter dated March 15th 1915 from Keeper Jesse Corbin Shinnecock LS.

Letter dated March 15th 1915 from W H. Lake Keeper Shinnecock LS.

Copy of testimony taken at Keepers Corbin and Conklin, taken at Shinnecock Light March 26th 1915.

Copy of Testimony of William H. H. Lake taken at Keepers March 27th. 1915.

From the reports and testimony it is evident, that Mr Conklin a keeper should, not be required to perform certain duties during his quarters at the station

Testimony taken during investigation on March 27th 1915 at 3:P.M., relative to alleged misconduct of Second Assistant Keeper Thomas J.Conklin, Shinnecock Bay Light Station. William H.H.Lake, Jr.Keeper, examined at General Lighthouse Depot, Tompkinsville, N.Y.

BOARD OF INVESTIGATION:

Inspector Joseph T.Yates, Third Lighthouse District, CHAIRMAN
Chief Clerk Frank W.Ockenfels.

S BY MR.YATES.

Mr.Lake we have your letter of March 15th 1915, also sistant Keeper Orton's letter of March 15th forwarded by you relative to the alleged misconduct of 2nd Assistant Keeper Thomas J.Conklin. We would like to have you tell us as briefly as you conveniently can as to what occurred on that night.

A. Well that is just what I do not know. But around 10 o'clock I heard a wagon and around a little after two o'clock I heard the wagon leaving. There was considerable noise, laughing and talking. The next morning I came off watch at sunrise. I came out the front door and saw on the front lawn a number of whisky and beer bottles. I saw by that that something took place the night before around two o'clock. So about 10:30 when the Second Assistant got up I told him to pick up the bottles and cart them away out of sight. About half an hour after that the first assistant came to me and complained of the noise that was made over his head. He said that he was going to sendin a complaint and try to have it stopped. He was going to send in a complaint and as I did not see anything to complain of I did not see why I should send in one on account of not hearing it.

Q. Have occurrences of this kind ever happened in Mr.Conklin's quarters before?

A. Well he annoyed the First Assistant on several occasions.

Q. Has the First Assistant previously complained to you about being annoyed by noise being made in Mr.Conklin's quarters?

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Department of Commerce
Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington

April 5,1915.

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Subject: Letter Wauhope Lynn, March 29,1915 and undated letter addressed to Hon. Lathrop Brown by John Martin, et al, relative alleged charges against Thomas J. Conklin, 2nd Asst. Kpr. Shinnecock Bay Light Station, N.Y.

Referred to Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N.Y., for report and return in connection with previous papers referred to him on this subject.

sgd Conway
Acting Commissioner

Office of Inspector, 3d District,
Tompkinsville, N.Y. April 8,1915.

Returned to Commissioner inviting attention to letter from this office dated April 7th relative to this matter.

Yates

Copy WJL

Good Ground

Long Island

Mr. Lathrop Brown

Dear Sir.

We, the undersigned wish you would try and do us a favor. A party of girls and fellows gave a surprise social call to Mr. & Mrs. Conklin at the Shinnecock Light Station and some young fellows not in the party by invatation came along of their own accord and before going in the house hid whiskey and beer on the reservation and took to work and scattered the empty bottles over the grounds. One of the keepers on the station put charges against Mr. Conklin for the disturbance for which same Mr. Conklin is absolutely blameless, he is likely to lose his position through this affair and so we trust you will do all you can as these charges rest entirely on the decision of Commissioner of Lighthouse Mr. Putnam at Washington.

Respt

signed

John Martin
Wilfred Wells
Edward H. Warner
Wm. Hartzel
L. Overton

Copy WJL

Municipal Court of the City of New York
Borough of Manhattan
First District
54-60 Lafayette St

Justice's Chambers
Wanhope Lynn, Justice

March 29, 1915

Mr. Putnam
Supt Lighthouse Board

Dear Sir:

My summer home is close to Shinnecock Light on Long Island and my intent is neighborly to your keepers. I have learned of some complaint against Mr. Conklin the 2nd or 3rd Keeper and his wife has come to me to give her husband a reference to you. This I gladly do gladly as the upkeep of this Light has been of the best and Mr. Conklin while a new man at this place has impressed me as a man of good general habits and if some offense against your rules has been committed I feel it is not one of neglect of duty. The little wife was fearful of losing their position, but I assured her that unless some unusal act had been done, this would not happen.

Trusting in your kindness

I am yours respectfully

sgd Wanhope Lynn

No. 504
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Rec'd to Comr inviting
attn to letter from
this office dated Apr 7

Department of Commerce and Labor.

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, The Standard
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Department of Commerce
Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington April 1,1915.

Subject: Letter of Mr.28-1915, from Geo.E.Denney, The Standard Union,Brooklyn,N.Y., to Rep.J.P.Maher, re T.J.Conklin.

Referred to Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville,New York, for report and return.

See Bureau indorsement of March 30,1915, on Conklin's letter of March 26,1915, to Representative Lathrop Brown, on this subject.

sgd Conway
Acting Commissioner

Office of Inspector 3d District,
Tompkinsville,N.Y.,April 7,1915.

Returned to Commissioner inviting attention to letter of this date from this office relative to the above matter.

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The Standard Union
Brooklyn, N.Y. March 28, 1915.

To Rep. Maher

Hon. James P. Maher,
524 Marcy Ave.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Jim,

Please, if you will, take up the matter of a complaint against Thomas Conklin, Second Assistant Keeper at Shinnecock Light L.I. The matter is not one of insubordination or disrespect to a superior. Some friends who called on him did not behave properly and the First Assistant Keeper lodged the complaint against him.

Kindest regards.

Yours very truly,

sgd Geo. E. Denney

Copy WJL

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Department of Commerce
Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington March 30,1915.

Subject:Letter addressed to Hon.Lathrop Brown,M.C.,dated March 26,1915, by Thos.J.Conklin,2d asst.keeper, Shinnecock Bay L.S.,relative charges.

Referred to Lighthouse Inspector,Tompkinsville,New York, for investigation and return with report and recommendation.

sgd Conway
Acting Commissioner

Office of Inspector,3d District,
Tompkinsville,N.Y.,April 7,1915.

Returned to Commissioner inviting attention to letter from this office of this date relative to the above matter.

Yates

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Shinnecock Bay

Lighthouse Good Ground

Mr. Congressman Brown

Dear Sir:

I take the liberty to write to you, asking you to do me a favor. On March 17, 1915, I was going to bed at 10:30 P.M. when in walked ladies and gentleman, from Good Ground & mother & 3 childred and they were 3 other men who came but they weren't wated so they left and as they had bottled beer hid on the grounds they drank it and threw the bottles in front of the house. Now the 1 Asst Keeper sent in charges against me for having the people in my house and for having intoxicating liquor which was not in the house an another thing, when this surprise call was made to my wife & I the 1 Ass't Keeper "Mr. Orton" was up in the tower from 10 P.M. to 2:30 A.M. and he could not see or hear anything that was going on. Now this surprise call was arranged unknown to me and as I am in danger of losing my position over this I wish you would do all in your power for me as this now lies with the decision of the Commissioner of Light Houses Mr. Putnam of Washington and if you can help me in any way I wish you would do so as soon as possible as every day count toward my dismissal from the service. Hoping to hear from you soon, I beg to Remain

Respt. sgd Thomas J. Conklin

Mar. 26, 15.

Collection of Debts (75)

AN/EJC.

March 4th, 1915.

Frank West, Financial Secretary,
Coney Island Life Guard Association,
1241 - 54th St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Referring again to your letter of February 1st, and supplementing letter from this office of March 1st, 1915, you are informed that a letter has been received this morning from Thomas J.Conklin, in regard to his indebtedness to your association, in which he states again that he has sent you $2.00 and expects to pay the balance of $8.00 on receipt of his next pay, which he expects to receive about next Saturday or Monday.

YATES.

Inspector.

See - Conklin Thos J

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Reprimand.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. JUN 17 1914 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

June 12, 1914.

Mr. T. J. Conklin,
Second Assistant Keeper,
Shinnecock Bay Light Station, New York.
(Through Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York.)

Referring to your letter dated June 11, 1914, (received at this office June 3, 1914) protesting against the letter of reprimand written to you by the Bureau on May 19, 1914, regarding your charge that Mr. William J. Murray, keeper, Little Gull Island Light Station, New York, sold intoxicating liquors at the light station referred to to soldiers from Fort Michie.

As you were advised in said letter of reprimand, a careful investigation of the matter at that time failed to substantiate your charges and there is no apparent reason therefore why the letter of reprimand should be withdrawn, as desired by you.

(Signed)

G. L. Putnam

Commissioner

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUN 12 1914

To Lighthouse Inspector Tompkinsville N.Y.
for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner: See your
endorsement of June 2/14

Clark
Chief Clerk.

Office of Inspector, 3d District,
Tompkinsville, N.Y. June 17, 1914.

Forwarded through the Keeper to 2nd Asst. Keeper T.J. Conklin,
Shinnecock Bay Light Station, NY Yates
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4/27/1914 (75)

146 Clermont Ave Dist.

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Inspector 3rd District

Sir

I wish to inform you that I will except the appointment as 2nd assistant at Shinnecock Bay Light Station as I dont see any other way out of it as I dont want to leave the servic. I take this liberty in not writing through the keeper as I dont get back to my station until Tuesday afternoon also I would like to know (if I am appointed to Shinnecock) will I get my belongings and my self to the said station. Waiting your reply

I Remain

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Inspector.

C.C.

Shinnecock Bay.
March 3, 1915



Inspector 3rd District

Sir

Refering to your letter of Mar. 1, 15 in regard to the Coney Island Life Guard Assn, I wish to state I have sent $2^{\#}$, and this comming pay day which is Saturday or Monday, I will send the balance which is $8^{\#}$ making a total of $10^{\#}$ which is the amount I owe. Hoping this will be satisfactory,

Respt

Conklin
2 Asst.

Williams H. H. Lake Jr.
Keeper

FWO/WJL

March 1,1915.

Thomas J.Conklin, 2nd Assistant Keeper,
(through the Keeper)
Shinnecock Bay Light Station,
Good Ground,N.Y.

Referring to your letter of February 26th relative to your indebtedness to the Coney Island Life Guard Association in which you state that you have forwarded a part payment to the Association referred to, you are requested to inform this office of the amount of the part payment you have made and also when you expect to make payment of the balance due.

As this matter has been the subject of correspondence since August 1914, it is necessary that same be brought to a close without further delay.

Yates

FWO/MJL

March 1,1915.

Frank West,Financial Sec'y,
Coney Island Life Guard Association,
1241 - 54thsStreet,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Referring to your letter of February 1st 1915 relative to the indebtedness of Mr.Thomas J.Conklin, 2nd Assistant Keeper of Shinnecock Bay Light Station.

Enclosed herewith for your information is copy of letter of February 26th received from Mr.Conklin.

J T Yates

Copy WJL

Shinnecock Bay

Good Ground Long Island

Inspector 3rd District

Sir

Your letter of February 3rd, 1915 was received by me and I wish to state I have sent part payment of what I owe to the Coney Island Life Guard Association to Frank West, I have not failed to remember what I owe to the Ass'n, but until lately it has been impossible for me to reimburse them any. Please pardon the delay.

sgd Conklin

2 Ass't

Feb 26,1915

William H.H.Lake,Jr.
Keeper

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FWC/WJL

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Keeper

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FWO/WJL

August 3,1915.

Thomas J.Conklin, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Shinnecock Bay Light Station,
Good Ground,N.Y.
Through the Keeper.

Referring to your letter without date making application for transfer to Greens Ledge Light Station, the intention being to exchange positions with assistant keeper Conklin of Greens Ledge Light Station, you are informed that it is impracticable to approve your application for transfer.

Respectfully

Yates

Good Ground
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AUG 1915 RECEIVED PORT JEFFERSON, N.Y.

Light House Inspector 3rd District

Sir

I respectfully make application for transfer to Gredis Ledge light station, N.Y. in change with William J. Conklin 1 Asst of this station and request that the transfer take place by September 15. 1915. and transportation will be at my own expense.

Respectfully

Conklin 2 Asst

Inspector.

I do not disapprove of this transfer with Mr William J. Conklin

Lake Keeper.

not approved
acct. ~~funds~~ funds
amount of 2nd asst
Conklin.

By

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 32 DIST. AUG 25 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Shinnecock Bay, L. I.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 24, 1915

Light House Inspector
Sir

I respectfully request to be transfer to New London Ledge L. H as 1st Asst in change with Mr Tucker 1st Asst. and request the transfer take place by September 15, 1915. and transportation will be at my expence.

Respectfully

Conklin

2nd Asst.

William H. H. Lake Jr.

Keeper

NWO/WJL

August 25,1915.

Thomas J.Conklin, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Shinnecock Bay Light Station,
Good Ground,N.Y.

Referring to your letter of August 24th 1915 you are informed that it is impracticable to approve of your application for permission to exchange positions with the first assistant of New London Ledge Light Station.

Yates

1914

Form 76.

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. AUG 9.30 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. SEP 1 21 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

REQUEST

S. Gunnecock Bay, (Station.) Aug 28, 1915

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 14 days of shore liberty or leave, from Sept. 5 to Sept 18, inclusive, 1915. I have had 11 days 20 hours. 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:

69 Clermont Ave (Street or R. D. Route.) Brooklyn, (City.) N.Y. (State.)

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

William H. H. Lake Jr.
Keeper in charge.

Thomas J Conklin
(Applicant's signature.)

2nd Asst
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT, August 30, 1915, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for 14 days, from September 5th, to September 18th, inclusive, 1915.

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

J. A. Yates

Inspector, Third *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 8.30 A.M. Sept. 5th, 1915.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 7.30 P.M. Sept. 19, 1915.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 14 11 hours. days.

Period charged: 14 days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

Conklin
(Applicant's signature.)

William H. H. Lake Jr.
Keeper in charge.

2nd Asst
(Title.)

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Copy WJL

1241-54th St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.
Feb.1st 1915.

Inspector 3d Dist.,

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of Sept 19th/14 about money due this Assn., from Thomas J.Conklin Second Asst.Keeper of Shinnecock Bay, I wish to state to date he has not made any attempt to pay any part there of I think if Mr.Conklin had any idea of paying the $10.00 he could have done so long ago or payed part of it in monthly payments.

Hoping you will assist us in securing the money due us, & thanking you for past services

Very respectfully

Coney Island Life Guard Assn

sgd Frank West
Fin Sect.

Conklin Wm J.

FWO/WJL

January 18,1915.

George E. Denney,
Assembly Chamber,
State of New York, Albany, N.Y.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 16th 1914 relative to Mr. Thomas Conklin and to say that Mr. Conklin is being considered with others on the eligible list in connection with the position of second assistant keeper at Stratford Shoal Light Station. Mr. Conklin will be given such consideration as is possible in accordance with Civil Service Rules.

Yates

Inspector

Denny Geo. E.

FWO/WJL

December 11,1914.

Thomas J.Conklin,2nd Asst.Keeper,
(through the keeper)
Shinnecock Bay Light Station,
Good Ground,N.Y.

Your letter of December 10th relative to the amount of leave taken by you during this calendar year has been received and contents noted. As stated in letter from this office of December 7th you have, at the present time, had a total of 28 days leave. This amount includes leave granted by the keeper. Any leave granted the assistant keeper by the keeper is chargeable to the amount allowed, as well as any leave granted by the Inspector.

Yates

FWO/EJC.

December 7th, 1914.

Thomas J.Conklin, 2d Asst.Keeper.
(Through the Keeper.)
Shinnecock Bay Light Station,
Good Ground, N.Y.

Referring to your application of December 5th, requesting that you be granted 14 days shore liberty, or leave from December 24th, 1914, to January 6th, inclusive, 1915, in which you state that you have had 20 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year:

You are informed that it appears from the records of this office that to date you have had a total of 28 days shore liberty or leave, 21 days while you were employed as first assistant keeper at Little Gull Island Light Station, and 7 days since you have been employed as second assistant keeper at Shinnecock Bay Light Station.

Please submit explanation as to your statement that you have had 20 days shore liberty or leave during this calendar year.

YAMES.

Form 76

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT

August 24 1914 , 191

Thomas J.Conklin, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
(Through Keeper)
Shinnecock Bay Light Station,
Good Ground, N.Y.

Your application of August 22nd , 1914, for 8 days leave of absence from September 9th to September 16th inclusive has been received, and your request is hereby granted, provided you furnish, at your own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform your duties and satisfactory to the Light-house Inspector.

Report by letter the date on which you leave the station, also the date on which you return to duty, and give the name of the person employed as substitute. Keep this office, and also the person left in charge of the station, advised of your address while you are absent from duty.

Yates

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Conklin Chas. J.

FWO/WJL

June 2,1914.

Forwarded to Commissioner inviting attention to letter from this office dated May 8th 1914 enclosing letter of May 5th 1914 received from Private Silas A.Clawson and Private Henry Downs whose names appeared on one of the letters of charges submitted by Mr.Conklin.

Yates

6/11/14

6/11/14 Shinnecock Light

Good Ground Long Island.

Commissioner of Light House

Washington D.C.

Through Inspector 3rd District

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Sir:

Referring to a letter dated May 19th 14 recieved by me in recieved by me in regard to charges I made against William J.Murray, Keeper of Little Gull Island, I wish to state that these charges were put against Mr.Murray a few weeks before I ever knew I was going to be transfered and were given to the Ass't Supt Mr. Vernon, Also I wish to state you will notice one of the charges were signed by the witnesses and the Private Arthur Michand of the 125th Company Ft Terry. He is the man who bought the intoxicating liquor and if he were communicated with he would willingly answer and I also wish to state if Capt Proctor of the U.S.S.Greene at New London, Conn. were written to he could put a little light on this affair, and if these charges are false I am willing to take the consequences, also I did not write this litter as a revenge against the keeper of Little Gull but to have the reprimand against my Official History removed.

T.J.Conklin
2 Ass't

P.S. This letter has been shown to the Keeper of Shinnecock Light and he didnt think his signature was necessary.
Conklin 2 Ass't

Copy

HRW-McC.

Reprimand.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. MAY 28 1914 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

May 19, 1914.

Thomas J. Conklin,
Second Assistant Keeper,
Shinnecock Bay Light Station, New York,
(Through Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York).

Referring to two undated letters recently addressed by you to the Inspector of the Third Lighthouse District, and received by him on April 25, 1914, in which you charge William J. Murray, keeper, Little Gull Island Light Station, New York, with selling intoxicating liquor at the Little Gull Island Light Station, New York, to soldiers from Fort Michie, etc.

You are advised that a careful investigation of the matter fails to substantiate your charges and it would appear that they were made by you in a spirit of revenge against the keeper referred to on account of the recent decision to transfer you from Little Gull Island Light Station, New York, on account of your conduct at that station. In this connection yourattention is invited to page 144 of the Instructions for the Personnel, 1911, where it is stated that malicious talebearing to officers in authority or detrimental criticism of the same character will be considered cause for the dismissal of the offender. You are reprimanded for your action in the matter, and are warned that further unsatisfactory conduct on your part may result in more drastic action being taken in your case.

The fact that you have been reprimanded will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

(Signed) G. B. Putnam

Commissioner.

Department of Commerce ~~and Labor~~

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

LIGHT
MAY 22 1914
HOUSES

May 21, 1914.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
3D DIST.
MAY
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RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Third Inspector's letter of the 8th instant, and enclosures, forwarded by the Bureau on the 19th instant, relative to certain charges preferred by Thomas J. Conklin, formerly first assistant keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station, New York, against William J. Murray, keeper of that station.

It appears from the correspondence in the files of the Department that bad feeling has existed between Messrs. Conklin and Murray for some time in the past, in view of which the Department, on April 14, 1914, approved a recommendation from the Bureau to the effect that it be authorized to transfer Mr. Conklin to the position of second assistant keeper of Shinnecock Bay Light Station, New York. It was recognized that Mr. Conklin was the instigator of most of the trouble at the station, but as he desired to be assigned to some other station it was thought that such action would result in a satisfactory disposition of the case.

The fact that Mr. Conklin has preferred charges against Mr. Murray which upon investigation could not be proved indicates that he does not appreciate the purport of the regulations which prohibit disrespect and detrimental criticism towards a superior

...au's recommendation to the effect that it be authorized to address a letter of caution to Mr. Conklin with respect to his conduct is therefore approved, it being noted that a copy of the letter will be furnished the Department for its files.

E. F. Dunn

Assistant Secretary.

2 inclosures.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.

MAY 26 1914

To Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York.

for his information, guidance, and files of office.

Attached is letter of reprimand to Conklin, dated May 26, 1914, with copy thereof.

See your report of May 8, 1914.

Acting Commissioner.

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May 8,1914

Commissioner.

The following correspondence re William J.Murray, keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station, New York, is enclosed for the Bureau's considerations

1. Letter, undated, from Thomas J.Conklin, 1st Asst.Keeper.
2. " " " " " " " " "
3. Copy of letter of charges, dated April 30,1914 to William J.Murray, Keeper.
4. Letter dated May 5,1914 from Keeper Murray.
5. Copy of letter dated May 5 to Commanding Officer, Fort Michie, N.Y.
6. Letter dated May 7th from Sergt.Bert Herbst, in charge of Fort Michie,N.Y.
7. Letter dated May 5th, signed by Privates Silas A.Clawson, and Henry Downs, Fort Michie,N.Y.

It is not considered by this office that the charges preferred by 1st assistant keeper Thomas J.Conklin against keeper William J. Murray are proven, and it is believed they were made in a spirit of revenge on account of Mr.Conklin's recent difficulties which resulted in his being transferred to Shinnecock Bay Light Station.

It is recommended that no further action be taken against Mr. Murray, and that a letter of caution be addressed to Mr.Conklin directing him to exercise greater care in the future to ascertain actual facts before making charges against any employee.

YATES

Little Gull Island,

Fort Michie N.Y.

Inspector 3rd District,

Sir

I, Thomas J.Conklin, 1st Asa't herebye make charges against William J.Murray Keeper of the above said station, On December 25th 1913 Mr.Murray was over to Fort Michie N.Y.along with the 2 Ass't John G.Collins and he did not return to station until one hour after sun set and the light was out (45) forty five minutes until the 2 Asst wife put a lamp in it, two soldiers accompanied Mr.Murray & Mr.Collins home in a row boat, I have two witnesses to this charge, "the two soldiers who were in the boat.

Respt.

(sgd" Thomas J.Conklin
1st Asst

Witnesses S.A.Clawson 125 Co.
Henry Downs 157 Co.

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Little Gull Island,

Fort Michie, N.Y.

Inspector 3rd District:

I do hereby charge William J. Murray, Keeper, of the above said station with selling intoxicating liquor at this station to soldiers from Ft.Michie also he was caught with whiskey when landing in a boat at Fort Michie and was brought up on charges, the same, which we withheld from your office.

Conklin

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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FWO/WJL

REGISTERED.
RECEIPT REQUESTED.

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

April 30,1914.

William J.Murray, Keeper,
Little Gull Island Light Station,
Ft.Michie, Gull Island, N.Y.

You are hereby charged:

1. With selling intoxicating liquor at the Little Gull Island Light Station to soldiers from Fort Michie.

2. With failing to exhibit the light in your charge at sunset on December 25th 1913 you having failed to return to the station from Fort Michie, N.Y., until one hour after sunset.

Copies of two letters undated which were submitted to this office by Thomas J.Conklin, 1st Assistant Keeper of the Little Gull Light Station on April 25th 1914, are enclosed.

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

Yates

Little Gull Island,
Fort Michie N.Y.

Inspector 3rd District,
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Respt.

(sgd* Thomas J.Conklin
1st Asst

Witnesses S.A.Clawson 125 Co.
Henry Downs 157 Co.

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Little Gull Island,

Fort Michie, N.Y.

Inspector 3rd District:

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Conklin

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COPY

Little Gull Island Light Station,

Fort Michie, Gull Is., N.Y.

May 5th, 1914

Lt.House Inspector 2d District

Tompkinsville, S.I., N.Y.

Sir:

I received your letter of April 30th yesterday and contents carefully noted.

I deny the charges as they are libelous and malicious falsehoods.

I beg to state that I do not or never have sold whiskey to anyone also that I have never been brought up on charges at Fort Michie for any offense My relations with the Officers and men are friendly and always have been.

Respectfully,

(Sgd.) Wm. Murray, Keeper

COPY

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FWO/WJL

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May 5,1914.

Commanding Officer,
Fort Michie, N.Y.

It has been reported to this office that William J.Murray, Keeper of the Little Gull Island Light Station had some difficulty with the War Department officials at Fort Michie on account of whiskey having been found in his possession when landing in a boat at Fort Michie.

Will you have the kindness to furnish this office with such information as may be practicable concerning this matter?

Yates
Inspector.

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COPY

Fort Michie, N. Y.

May 7th, 1914

Lighthouse Inspector,

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Your inquiry of the 5th at hand and in reply will say that during the three years that I have been in charge of Fort Michie, N.Y. there has been no difficulty between the War Department Officials and Mr.Murray.

It is my duty as Sergt.in charge of Fort Michie, N.Y. to meet every boat that docks here and make an inspection for whiskey or counterband articles, and have never found any being brought in by Mr.Murry.

I have known Mr.Murry during the three years I have been in charge here to be a sober, careful and faithful employee of the Department of Commerce.

(Sgd.) Bert Herbst,

Sergt.in Charge.

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Fort Michie, N.Y.,

May 5th, 1914

Dear Sir:

I thought I would drop you a few lines to let you know that I know nothing to amount to anything about Mr. Merrye affair or in plainer words the keeper of little gull light or Mr. Conklen eather and I wish to inform you that I never said I knew all that I know is that I was at little gull light on the night of the 25th of December 1913 and there was a small light burning instead of the regular light but I dont see as that would help anyone out and furthermore if I have got to I will swear to that and no more and I never said how long the little light was burning for I thought it was none of my business and as far as the liquer is concerns I dont know one thing about it and dont care to know and what I have writen is a true statement and I know nothing more and I dont know that what I know would help eather of them I have nothing against eather one of them and so far as I am concerned I dont care to be mixed up with there business.

Very sincerly yours,

(Sgd.) Pvt Silas A. Clawson

of 125 Co. Fort Michie, N.Y.

(Sgd.) Pvt. Henry Downs,

157 Co.

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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Original Reg. No. 1779

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2D DIST. MAY 15 1914 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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Postmark of Delivering Office and Date of Delivery.

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Dept of Commerce

(Name of sender.)

Street and Number, or Post Office Box, L. H. Dept

Post Office at TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

County ____, State ____

This card must be neatly and correctly made up and addressed at the post office where the article is registered. The postmaster who delivers the registered article must see that this card is properly signed, legibly postmarked, and mailed to the sender, without envelope or postage. G

REGISTRY RETURN RECEIPT.

Form 1548.

Received from the postmaster registered article, the original number of which appears on the reverse side of this card.

Date of delivery 5/4—, 1914.

(To be filled in by person signing receipt.)

When delivery is made to an agent of the addressee, both addressee's name and agent's signature must appear in this receipt.

Wm Finnerty

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

A registered article must not be delivered to anyone but the addressee or the person in whose care it is addressed, except upon addressee's written order or a written order from the sender transmitted by the mailing postmaster and duly verified.

When the above receipt has been properly signed, it must be postmarked with the name of delivering office and actual date of delivery and mailed to its address, without envelope or postage.

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To obtain a receipt showing delivery, indorse the *article across its face*, "Receipt desired." A check mark (✓) or (V) in the space after the words "Receipt desired," the letter "A" in the space after the words "Delivery restricted to addressee in person," or the letter "O" after the words "Delivery restricted to addressee or order," indicates that a return receipt is desired, or that delivery is restricted, as stated. The absence of a check mark or of the letters "A" and "O" indicates that no return receipt is desired and that delivery is not restricted.

Letter / Parcel } No. 2795

P. O., TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

Received for registration 5/14, 191 , *from*

Dept of Commerce & Labor

addressed to Lighthouse Inspector

2nd Dist

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 2D DIST. MAY 2 1914 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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(See printed information on this receipt.)

1¢ *class postage prepaid.*

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

April 30, 1914.

William J.Murray, Keeper,
Little Gull Island Light Station,
Ft.Michie, Gull Island, N.Y.

You are hereby charged:

1. With selling intoxicating liquor at the Little Gull Island Light Station to soldiers from Fort Michie.

2. With failing to exhibit the light in your charge at sunset on December 25th 1913 you having failed to return to the station from Fort Michie, N.Y., until one hour after sunset.

Copies of two letters undated which were submitted to this office by Thomas J.Conklin, 1st Assistant Keeper of the Little Gull Light Station on April 25th 1914, are enclosed.

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

Yates

Little Gull Island,

Fort Michie N.Y.

Inspector 3rd District,

Sir

I, Thomas J.Conklin, 1st Ass't herebye make charges against William J.Murray Keeper of the above said station, On December 25th 1913 Mr.Murray was over to Fort Michie N.Y.along with the 2 Ass't John G.Collins and he did not return to station until one hour after sun set and the light was out (45) forty five minutes until the 2 Asst wife put a lamp in it, two soldiers accompanied Mr.Murray & Mr.Collins home in a row boat, I have two witnesses to this charge, "the two soldiers who were in the boat.

Respt.

(sgd) Thomas J.Conklin
1st Asst

Witnesses S.A.Clawson 125 Co.
Henry Downs 157 Co.

Little Gull Island,

Fort Michie, N.Y.

Inspector 3rd District:

I do hereby charge William J. Murray, Keeper, of the above said station with selling intoxicating liquor at this station to soldiers from Ft.Michie also he was caught with whiskey when landing in a boat at Fort Michie and was brought up on charges, the same, which we withheld from your office.

Conklin

Conklin

May 1, 1914

Kpr. Little Gull Dsel. Lt States Thos J. Conklin left station for Shinnecock Bay Lt. and that Asst Kpr. John G. Collins reported for duty

See - Little Gull Dsel Lt.

Shinnecock Bay Lt

JBG

April 30,1914

Thomas J. Conklin, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Little Gull Island Lt.Sta.,
Fort Michie, Gull Is.,N.Y.

Referring to your letter (undated) received at this office to-day, relative to your transfer to Shinnecock Bay Lt.Sta.

On April 27th,1914 there was forwarded to you by endorsement, copy of letter of same addressed to the Master of the Tender John Rodgers, directing him to take you and your personal property to Shinnecock Bay Lt. Station, which letter you have doubtless received by this date.

YATES

Inspector

YATES

Tompkinsville,N.Y.
April 27,1914

Copy forwarded to 1st Asst.Conklin, through the Keeper of Little Gull Island Lt.Sta., for his information. Have your personal property packed and ready to be placed on board the John Rodgers when she arrives.

La Conklin. Thos. J.

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April 27,1914

Irving Hawkins, Master,

Tender John Rodgers,

New London,Ct., & Newport, R.I.

You are directed to go to Little Gull Island Station, on or before May 1st,1914, and take on board First Assistant Keeper Thomas J. Conklin, together with his personal property, and land he and his property at Shinnecock Bay Light Station.

YATES

Inspector

Tompkinsville,N.Y.
April 27,1914

Copy forwarded to 1st Asst.Conklin, through the Keeper of Little Gull Island Lt.Sta.,for his information.
Have your personal property packed and ready to be placed on board the John Rodgers when she arrives.

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April 25,1914

Thomas J. Conklin, 1st Asst.Kpr.,
Through the Keeper,
Little Gull Island Lt.Sta.,
Fort Michie,Gull Is.,N.Y.

Enclosed herewith is Department letter of April 22,1914, appointing you to the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Shinnecock Bay Light Station.

In accordance therewith, you are hereby directed to report for duty as 2nd assistant keeper at Shinnecock Bay Light Station, on May 1st,1914. Transportation will be at your own expense.

YATES

Inspector

Tompkinsville,N.Y.
April 25,1914

Copy to keeper of Little Gull Is. Lt.Sta.,for his information.

Report to this office promptly last day of service of Conklin as 1st Asst.Keeper, and date on which Collins enters on duty as 1st Asst. Keeper.

YATES

Tompkinsville,N.Y.
April 25,1914

Copy forwarded to Keeper of Shinnecock Bay Lt.Sta.,for his information.

Report to this office promptly by mail the last day of service of Orton as Asst.Keeper, the date on which he enters on duty as 1st Asst.Keeper, and the date on which Conklin reports for duty as 2nd Asst.Keeper.

YATES

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JHG

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Poughkeepsie, N.Y., April 18, 1914
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

April 21, 1914

Thomas J. Conklin, 1st Asst.Keeper.

Through the Keeper.

Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta.

Fort Michie, Gull Is., N.Y.

You are informed that you have been nominated for appointment to the position of 2nd assistant keeper of Shinnecock Bay Light Station, with pay at the rate of $456 per annum.

In accordance therewith, you are hereby directed to hold yourself in readiness to enter on duty as 2nd assistant keeper at Shinnecock Bay Light Station as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be appointed to this position, your transfer will become effective about May 1, 1914.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

F. W. Ockenfels

Chief Clerk

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JHD

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) April 18, 1914 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and demotion.

Name, Thomas J. Conklin Legal residence, New York

Position, 2nd Assistant Keeper Salary, $456.00 per annum

Location, Shinnecock Bay Light Station, N.Y. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective May 1, 1914 {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, 1st Assistant Keeper Former salary, $480 per annum

Location, Little Gull Island Light Station, N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, New position Services terminated,

Reason,

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks: Transfer approved by Department letter of April 14, 1914. Approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule 1.

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

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Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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Reprimand ~~Warned~~

April 30--- June 1, 1914

Correspondence re charges by Thos J. Conklin against Wm J.Murray Keeper of Little Gull Island . Conklin charges not substantiated and he is reprimanded and warned.

See Conklin Thos. J

Cohklin

Form 76.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT
Tompkinsville, N.Y.
April 25, 1914

Thomas J. Cohklin, 1st Asst. Keeper,
(Through William J. Murray, Keeper)
Little Gull Island, Light Station,
Ft. Michie, Gull Island, N.Y.

Your application of April 24th, 1914, for four days leave of absence from April 24th to April 27th 1914 inclusive has been received, and your request is hereby granted, ~~provided~~ you furnish, at your own expense, a ~~substitute~~ competent in all respects to ~~perform~~ your duties and satisfactory to the ~~Light-house Inspector~~.

Report by letter the date on which you leave the station, also the date on which you return to duty, and ~~give the name of the person employed as substitute.~~ Keep this office, and also the person left in charge of the station, advised of your address while you are absent from duty.

YATES

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4/24/14

Little Gull Island
Fork Michie N.Y.

Inspector 3rd District
Sir

I respect fully make application for 4 days leave of absence from April 24, to 27 inclusive, during my leave of absence my duties will be performed by the keeper and 2 Asst.

Conklin 1 Ass't

Leave of absence from April 24th To 27th Inclusive
Approved—
William J. Murray. Keeper.

Conklin T. J.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 22, 1914.

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

Sir:

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

Second Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Fifty-six dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from first assistant keeper at $480 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: New York.

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LIGHT APR 15 1914 HOUSES

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. APR 17 1914 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

April 14, 1914.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Bureau's communication of the 9th instant, transmitting letter dated April 6, 1914, and enclosures, from the Third Inspector relative to the discord existing between the keeper and first assistant keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station, New York.

After careful consideration of all the facts as presented, the Department concurs in the opinion that the transfer of the first assistant keeper, Thomas J. Conklin, to the position of second assistant keeper of Shinnecock Bay Light Station, New York, at $456 per annum, will offer a satisfactory disposition of the case, and the Bureau's recommendation to the effect that it be authorized to submit, at the proper time, nomination for Mr. Conklin's transfer is approved.

Wm J. Harris

Acting Secretary.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.

APR 15 1914

To Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N.Y.

for his information, guidance, and files of office. See your letter of April 6, 1914.

CV submit proper nomination for the proposed transfer.

Acting Commissioner.

Conklin, Thos J.

JHG

4/22 Atty Gen

Files

April 7,1914

Commissioner.

Referring to letter from this office dated April 6,1914, forwarding correspondence re Thomas J.Conklin, 1st assistant keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station, New York.

Enclosed herewith is letter, dated March 28,1914, received from Mr.Conklin, which should have accompanied our letter above referred to.

YATES

JHG

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April 6,1914

Commissioner.

The following correspondence re Thomas J.Conklin, 1st Assistant Keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station, is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

1. Letter dated March 16 from keeper Murray.
2. Memo dated March 18, made by Chief Clerk.
3. Copy of letter dated March 19 to Keeper Murray.
4. Letter dated March 21 from Keeper Murray.
5. Copy of letter dated March 24 to Asst.Kpr.Conklin.
6. Letter (undated) from 1st Asst.Conklin.
7. Letter dated March 27 from Keeper Murray.
8. Letter dated March 23 from Keeper Murray.
9. Telegram dated March 25 from Keeper Murray.
10. Letter of charges dated March 26 to 1st Asst.Conklin.(Copy)
11. Letter dated April 3 from 1st Asst.Conklin.
12. Letter dated March 26 from Keeper Murray.
13. Report, dated April 1, of Asst.Supt.Verner.

In view of the fact that the inharmonious conditions at Little Gull Island Light Station have been caused by the conduct of 1st Asst.Conklin, it is recommended that he be transferred to the position of 2nd Asst.Keeper of Shinnecock Bay Lt.Sta., with a view to giving him an opportunity to demonstrate that his services are up to the required standard, and that he is a desirable person to retain in the service.

The attention of the Bureau is invited to its letter of reprimand, dated March 21, addressed to Conklin, and also letter of warning addressed to him by this office under date of March 24, copy of which was furnished the Bureau.

YATES

C O P Y

Little Gull Island Light Station,

Fort Michie, Gull Island, N.Y.

March 16, 1914

Lighthouse Inspector 3d District

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Sir:

The 1st Assistant Keeper of this station, Mr. Thomas J. Conklin applied for and received 7 days leave of absence March 14th to 21st inclusive. Before leaving he asked me to extend his leave 5 days more which I refused in view of the fact that Mr. Conklin being charged with neglect of duty I told him it would not be advisable. He stated he would get the extended leave of absence over my head by going direct to the office. I request that any application from Mr. Conklin for extended leave be denied. I charge him with contempt and disrespect and with being a most conflicting element at the station and a detriment to the maintenance of an efficient Light & Fog Signal.

(Sgd.) William Murray, Keeper

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3.15 P.M.

Mr. Conklin called herewi with copy of letter from Keeper of 3/16/14. Said everything was all right when he left station and that he had not asked for extra leave.

He asked if he could get two extra days leave. Told him that if he wanted to ask for additional leave he should send his request through the keeper.

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FWO/EJC.

March 19th, 1914.

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Wm.J.Murray, Keeper,
Little Gull Island Lt. Station,
Fort Michie, Gull Island, N.Y.

Referring to your letter of March 16th, 1914, relative to 1st Asst. Keeper Thos.J.Conklin, charging him with contempt and disrespect, and with being a most conflicting element at the station and a detriment to the maintenance of an efficient light and fog signal.

You are requested to forward to this office statement giving full details of occasions and occurences on which you base your charges, in order that such action may be taken as may be deemed proper in the matter.

You are requested to report by mail whether or not Mr. Conklin returns to the station at the expiration of the leave granted him. For your information, it may be stated that Mr. Conklin called at this office on March 18th and asked for two days additional leave, and he was informed that if he desired any additional leave, it would be necessary for him to apply for same in the proper manner through the Keeper of the Station.

YATES

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COPY

Little Gull Is.Light Station,
Fort Michie, Gull Is., N.Y.
March 21,1914

Light House Inspector, 3d Dist.,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Sir:-

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While I was on leave of absence from Dec.30th,1913 to Jan.13th, 1914, I left orders for the Lens and Brasswork to be polished and the tower to be kept clean. I instructed also that the fog signal apparatus and house be kept clean and in good order. When I returned on Jan.14th I found the station in a filthy condition which fact I entered in the journal.

I left the station again on Feb.7th to go to the office concerning a vacancy at the Stratford Point Light Station.

I left orders that the north engine and compressor (which same machinery was damaged by freezing) be cleaned, the brasswork polished and put in first class order for laying up. These orders were disobeyed, the slightest attention not being paid to them.

On leaving here March 14th for 7 days leave of absence Mr. Conklin requested an additional 5 days leave. I refused it in a polite and respectful way and told him it would be better for him that he got back at the expiration of the stated time. He then declared that he would get the extended leave in spite of me, saying, I dont need your consent, I will go to the office and get the leave over your head.

I advised him to use a little common sense and to abide by my decision. As the boat was pulling away I asked him three times when he intended returning. He refused to answer me. I called to him the 4th time and he answered he would let me know after being to the office. In consluding I will state that Mr.Conklin is the cause of petty annoyances and trouble frequently.

Respectfully,

William J. Murray, Keeper

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FWO/RJC.

March 24th, 1914.

Thomas J.Conklin, 1st Asst.Keeper,
(THROUGH THE KEEPER,)
Little Gull Island Light Station,
Port Michie, Gull Island, N.Y.

The Keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station has advised this office that when he left the station on December 30th, 1913, he left orders for the lens and brass work to be polished, and the tower to be kept clean, also that the fog signal apparatus and fog signal house be kept clean and in good order, but that when he returned to the station which had been temporarily under your charge during the keeper's absence, he found same in a filthy condition, also that when he left the station on February 7th, he left orders that the North Engine and compressor be cleaned and brass work polished, which work you failed to do. The keeper also reports that on March 14th, the date on which you left the station for seven days leave of absence, you requested of him an additional five days leave, which the keeper disapproved, and that you then declared that you would go to the office and get the additional leave over the keeper's head, which you attempted to do when you called at this office on March 18th, and applied for leave in addition to that previously granted.

The Keeper also reports that your work at the station is not satisfactory in that you slight your duties and do the work assigned you by the keeper in a slovenly manner.

Your conduct as reported by the Keeper is of an insubordinate nature, and indicates a lack of desire on your part to execute with promptitude and zeal, the lawful orders of your superior.

You are informed that such conduct on your part will not be tolerated, and you are warned that a repetition will result in action being taken by this office towards your dismissal from the Lighthouse Service.

YATES

Tompkinsville, N.Y., March 24th, 1914.

Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained.

YATES

C O P Y

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Little Gull Island,

Fort Michie, N.Y.

Inspector 3rd District

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th instant received by me on the 26,1914, and all the charges but one are false. Now on Dec.30, 1913 I returned and landed on the Fort dock at 3.30 P.M., and as soon as I got off the Government transport the Keeper Mr.Murray got on and the only words he said were hello and good bye. During the time he was away 2nd Asst.Mr.Collins was sick and just able to keep his watch and not able to work and when the keeper returned I reported it to him. When the keeper left this station on Feb.7th to 13, 6 days without leave of absence, he left orders by the 2nd Asst.to clean the North Engine and compressor and clean the brass work which the 2nd Asst.and myself did clean and when the keeper returned the fog signal engine and compressor and house were in a first class condition. Now it is very strange after me being here at this station going on 2 1/2 years that Keeper Mr.Murray should have waited this long to put charges against me. The whole trouble is I am to long with him. I am the longest man ever to stay with him. I never have drank or used tobacco in any form and if an investigation was started I could put quite a few charges against the keeper and for the good of the service. The best thing for me to do is to be transferred as the keeper and I cannot get along. I respectfully request a transfer to some family quarter station as if I stay here much longer the keeper will find fault with everything I do and then I should resign. You will find by looking over my record and application I was working under some hot tempered men for 5 years in the Bklyn Navy Yard and I still have a good record there.

Respt.

CONKLIN, 1st Asst.

Keeper refuses to sign this.

C O P Y

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Little Gull Island Light Station,

Fort Michie, Gull Is.,N.Y.

March 27th,1914

Light House Inspector, 3rd Dist.,

Tompkinsville,N.Y.

Sir:-

It is not my wish to continue this troublesome correspondence but under the circumstances I think I am justified in this instance. On March 26th 2.30 P.M. I told the 2nd Asst.to get ready to help me row the boat to the Fort as I had mail to go. The 1st Assistant overheard the remark and without my knowledge or permission he and his wife tried to get the boat off the beach. I called to him asking? where are you going. He answered to the Fort. I said you are not. He insisted he was. I informed him once more that he could not go. He asked? Who is going to stop me. I told him I would. He declared I could'nt. I told him he would have to take the boat over my dead body.. He declared that would be easy. I went down alongside the boat to prevent him from taking it. He said If I cant have the boat neither can you and his language was most threatening. His conversation from this point was ungentlemanly and insulting. In part, he said I was a drunkard and would do anything for a drink of whiskey. Also that I could'nt make a living outside my present position and would starve to death if ever I lost it and many other insulting remarks too numerous to mention. I have to state that Mr.Conklin's actions are altogether beyond my control and positively refuses to recognize my position and I ask you to kindly consider the advisability of his transfer or removal from here.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM J. MURRAY,
Keeper

C O P Y

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Little Gull Island Light Station,

Fort Michie, Gull Is., New York

March 23rd, 1914

Light House Inspector 3rd Dist.,

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of March 19th, 1914 requesting me to report whether or not Conklin, 1st Asst. Keeper returns to the station at the expiration of the leave of absence granted him from March 14th to 21st inclusive.

Mr. Conklin returned to the station 9.30 A.M., March 23rd. Thereby showing contempt and defiance for his superiors at the office and myself.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM J. MURRAY,

Keeper

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Ro, Lighthouse Inspector

Tompkinsville,N.Y.

1st assistant Conklin returned March 24th not 23rd as reported.

MURRAY, Keeper

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

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

March 26,1914

Thomas J.Conklin, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta.,
Fort Michie, Gull Is.,N.Y.

You are hereby charged:-

1. With being absent from your duty as 1st assistant keeper of Little Gull Island Lt.Sta. without leave, from March 21st to 24th,1914, you having left the station on March 14th on 7 days leave of absence, and not returning to the station until March 24.

2. With having instigated a controversy between yourself and the keeper re the extension of the leave granted you by this office, making a threat to the keeper that you would go to this office and get additional leave over his head, which you attempted to do, you having called at this office on March 18 and requested two days additional leave, which was not granted and you were told at that time that any request for leave must come through the keeper of the station.

3. With failure to comply with the orders of the keeper, in that when he left the station on leave on Dec.30,1913, he left orders for the lens and brass work to be polished and the tower to be kept clean, also that the fog signal apparatus and fog signal house be kept clean and in good order, but that when he returned to the station, which had been temporarily under your charge during his absence, he found same in a filthy condition; also, in that when he left the station on Feb.7, he left orders that the north engine and compressor be cleaned and brass work polished, which work you failed to do.

4. With failure to do your work at the station in a satisfactory manner, slighting your duties, and doing the work assigned you be the keeper in a slovenly manner.

A copy of letter from Keeper Murray is attached hereto.

You are directed to submit any statement you may desire to make, through official channels, within three days from the receipt of this letter. Any statement made must be couched in temperate language, free from countercharges and confined to the point at issue.

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

YATES

C O P Y

Little Gull Island

4/3/14 Fort Michie, N.Y.

Inspectord 3rd District

Yours of the 26th received by me on March 31, and I hereby answer the charges that Mr.Murray put against me. On March 14 I left the above said station for 7 days leave of absence and two weeks before I left Mr.Murray granted me 5 days more than the 7 days leave and on the morning I left, Mr.Murray came to me and told me to take 2 days instead of 5 and I had made arrangements for the 5 days over my leave. I got a little angry and so Mr.Murray and I had a few words and so when I got to Brooklyn I received a letter from Mr.Murray on the 18th with charges against me and I went to the office to see about the letter and not about any leave over the keeper's head and I then wrote out a request of 3 days leave of absence and forwarded same to the keeper and told him to sign it and send it to the office and I then stayed away from the station 3 days thinking the keeper had sent it to the office and wh when I left the station on March 14 the keeper asked me when I was coming back and I told him I did not know. On December 30,1913 I returned to the above said station and as I got off the boat at the fort Mr.Murray got on and all he said was hello and good bye and when I returned to the station I would the 2nd Asst.very sick and he was sick all the time Mr.Murray was away. He was just able to do his watch and I kept the place as clean, the best one man could do and it is a rule to clean the brass here once every 3 months and it was not dirty when I was in charge so I did not touch it, but I did keep the tower in good condition. On Feb.7 Mr.Murray left the station for 6 days without leave and he left orders with the 2d Asst.to tell me to clean the north engine and brass and to cover it, so the 2nd Asst.and I went in the engine room and spent 1 whole morning cleaning up and when the keeper returned it was in first class condition and on Feb.14, 1914, the keeper found that we had a freeze out in the north engine. I am charged with failure to do my work at the station, and with doing my work in a slovenly manner. All I can say to these charges is I generally do what I am told and dont have to be told twice and my work here is done just the same as the keeper and 2nd Asst's is done, and when the keeper leaves the station to stay away over night he sometimes leaves some work to be done and when he returns and is not feeling in good humor everything we have done does not suit him. It is funny Mr.Murray waited this long to put such charges against a man who never drank or used tobacco in any form and ever since I have been able to work I have never been in such trouble and as I am not to blame for all these charges I think the best thing for me is to have me transferred as I do not want to leave the light house service.

Respt.

THOMAS J. CONNIN
1 Asst.

Statements herein are incorrect.
WILLIAM J. MURRAY, Keeper

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COPY

Little Gull Island Light Station,

Fort Michie, Gull Island, N.Y.

March 26th, 1914

Light House Inspector 3d District,

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Sir:-

It is my duty to inform you that I have positive information that the statements made by the 1st Asst. Keeper, Thomas J. Conklin in answer to the Inspectors charge of neglect of duty in letting the water jackets of engine and compressor freeze and burst on Feb. 11th and 12th were false throughout.

Mr. Conklin stated to the Asst. Supt. in person and to the Inspector by letter that he had to stay in the tower and give all his attention to the light to keep it from freezing and going out etc. and that he had been on duty 48 hours with sleep. Both statements are false in every particular.

Feb. 11th he went to bed at 9.30 P.M. and Mrs. John G. Collins stood watch until 1.30 A.M. Feb. 12th he went to bed at 8.30 P.M. and Mrs. Collins stood watch until 2.00 A.M.. This information has just come to my knowledge.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM J. MURRAY,

Keeper

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WV-HMD

April 1, 1914.

Inspector:-

Investigation, as per your instructions dated March 30, 1914, of the trouble between Keepers at the Little Gull Island Light Station, discloses the statements, contradictions, cha rges and countercharges usual in such cases. Although all containing much truth, useless as evidence upon which a definite and impartial conclusion could be based, because of the differing standpoints of view and the conflicting, yet perhaps honest convictions and ideas entertained by the different persons as to duty, discipline, justice, etc., I have gone fully and carefully over the entire matter with all the Keepers and their families, singly and collectively, and the gist of it all is; that all are in certain measure to blame and lack of employment more than all else.

As to the charges themselves, everyone is susceptible of a somewhat satisfactory explanation and a wholly different interpretation, but the salient facts are:

Conklin, the 1st Assistant, a fine, clean and husky fellow - excellent material for a good keeper - is young, impulsive, full of a commendable spirit of American confidence and independence but somewhat careless, lacking good judgment or a proper realization of the importance of discipline. He has been quick at times to re-

sent the remarks and actions of the Keeper and, while not openly disobedient, has incurred his enmity, lost his confidence and contributed largely to bring about open rupture by insisting open doing his own work in his own and a way not satisfactory to the Keeper, nor in a proper spirit, all of which the Assistant now realizes and for which he expresses a willingness to make amends by future proper conduct and attention to duties. To this end I endeavored, but without success, to arrange a temporary truce contingent upon the Assistant's future conduct, etc., as outlined above, to which the Keeper however would not assent, declaring it "impossible to longer get along with him" (the Assistant), for these and the other reasons set forth in his charges against him.

The Keeper's letter of March 26, 1914, submitted as additional evidence of the falsity of the statements contained in the Assistant's letter of March 7, 1914, may serve as an illustration of the little reliance that should be placed upon much of the evidence submitted in this and the majority of similar cases.

Mrs. John G. Collins confirms in part only, Keeper's statements as to nights of 11th and 12th of February and says, "I told Mr. Conklin to go to bed and I would look after things and call him if anything happened. I heard him go upstairs but whether to his room or not, I couldn't say. Upon both nights after finishing our card playing, I rapped on this door and received prompt answer from him. Of course, I couldn't say whether he was in bed or not, nor for what length of time he had been in his room".

Conklin admits the truth of the foregoing and says in explan-

ation, that he had upon the nights referred to gone to his room, but a few moments before Mrs. Collins' call, for a cup of coffee and something to eat as is usual about those hours, and more particularly upon such nights as those were.

On the whole, the Keeper, though not without sin, is in the main right and justified in his actions, which, it would seem, were, in the circumstances, necessary for the maintenance of discipline and for the good of the Service, and that the change at his station, which he suggests to that end, is necessary, must be admitted.

I would suggest, however, the transfer rather than the dismissal of Conklin, as there is in him the making of a good and valuable man, and he comes, as I have learned, of a very worthy and respectable family.

WILDERS VERNER
Asst. Superintendent, LHS.

JHG

REGISTERED MAIL
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March 26,1914

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March 21,1914

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Respectfully,

William J. Murray, Keeper

C O P Y

Little Gull Island,

Fort Michie, N.Y.

3/28/14

Inspector 3rd District,

Sir:

If there is no chance of my being transferred from this station soon, kindly accept my resignation to take effect by April 15,1914. I have no fault to find with this station, only the Keeper and I cannot agree. Trusting to receive a favorable reply soon, I am

Respt.

Conklin

1 Asst.

Murray,

Keeper

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Office of the Secretary
Washington

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March 25, 1914.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Bureau's communication of the 21st instant, and the action taken with regard to the neglect of duty on the part of Thomas J. Conklin, first assistant keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station, New York, has been noted. The papers enclosed with the Bureau's communication are returned herewith as requested.

(Signed) E. F. Sweet
Acting Secretary.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAR 27 1914

To Lighthouse Inspector Tompkinsville, N. Y.
for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner:

Clark
Chief Clerk.

Repremand

March 21, 1914

Department letter to Thos. J.Conklin 1st Asst. Kpr Little Gull Isld Lt.
Repremand him for negligence in allowing to jacket of the engines to freeze and cautions him that recurrence of such neglectwill result in drastic action.
See Conklin, Thos J.

Conklin

March 21, 1914

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. MAR 25 1914 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

HRW-D

Reprimand.

March 21, 1914.

Thomas J. Conklin.
First Assistant Keeper, Little Gull Island Light-Station, N.Y.,
(Through Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N.Y.)

Referring to the freezing and bursting of the engine and compressor cylinders at Little Gull Island Light-Station, on the night of February 11, 1914.

It appears that you failed to take reasonable precautionary measures, such as blowing the water out of the jacket of the cylinders, (although you knew that such action had been taken twice during the present winter season to prevent freezing,) starting engine occasionally to prevent freezing, and using heating torch to keep cylinders warm.

You are reprimanded for your negligence in this instance and cautioned that a recurrence of such neglect will result in more drastic action being taken in your case.

The fact that you have been reprimanded will be entered in the files of the Department, the Bureau and the Inspector's as a part of your official history.

(Signed) G T Putnam

Acting Commissioner.

HRW-D

Bureau of Lighthouses,
March 21, 1914.

To Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N.Y., for his information, guidance and files of his office. You are requested to have Conklin given full instructions as to the care of machinery at this station.

Acting Commissioner.

Tompkinsville, N.Y., March 25th, 1914.

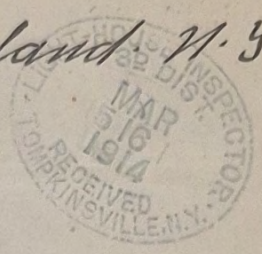
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YATES

Conklin.

3/14-/1914

Little Gull Island N.Y.



Inspector 3rd District

Sir

I left the above said station for 7 days leave of absent on March 14- 1914 and during my stay of absent my address will be 146 Clermont Ave ~~Brooklyn N.Y.~~

Conklin 1st Asst.

Murray. Keeper.

Memo

By letter without date, recd Feb 20-14,
he applied for 7 days leave from Mar 14-20 inc.
Feb 20, 1914 - approved -
Left Station Mar 14 -
Leave authorized expired Mar 21 -
He rptd to Sta. 930 am Mar ~~24~~ 24

He & Kpr had controversy before he left the sta. about additional leave which the keeper declined to grant him -
He called at the office on Mar 18 and asked for additional leave, which was not granted.
He has been rec. for a reprimand a/c engineer's report.
He was warned May. 24, 1914 -

3/25/14

JHG

March 11,1914

Commissioner.

The following correspondence re Thomas J.Conklin, 1st assistant keeper at Little Gull Island Light Station, N.Y., is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

1. Letter dated Feb.15 from William Murray, keeper.
2. Letter dated Feb.26 from William Murray, keeper.
3. Report dated Feb.26 of Oscar C.Luther, Asst.Supt.
4. Copy of letter of charges dated Feb.28 to Thomas J.Conklin, 1st assistant keeper.
5. Letter dated March 7 from Thomas J.Conklin.

It is considered that had Mr.Conklin exercised good judgment and taken reasonable precautionary measures, the engine and compressor cylinders would not have frozen and burst, and it is therefore recommended that he be reprimanded and informed that a recurrence of such neglect will make it necessary that more drastic action be taken in his case.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

HOPKINS

C O P Y

Little Gull Island Light Station,

Fort Michie, Gull Island, N.Y.,

Feb.15,1914

Light House Inspector,

Tompkinsville,N.Y.

Sir:-

I have to report that on Feb.11th or 12th,1914 the north engine was badly damaged by parts #2 and 3 cylinder casing and vaporizer jacket. The casing split along the top. A 4 inch hole was burst through the vaporizer jacket.

The station was in charge of 1st Asst.Keeper Thomas J. Conklin, and he states that the large heating stove was kept going constantly and that he took every precaution to prevent the water ~~freezing~~ systems from freezing. This particular engine was last in operation on Feb.7th and was all right up to the night of Feb.11th when the temperature dropped to 12 below zero. I beg mention that the pump, cistern and waste pipe of dwelling are frozen solid at this time.

(Signed) Murray, Keeper

On Feb.13 & 14 this place was swept by big seas, the landing was swept away, also 10 feet of the stone dock. The Asst.Keeper and myself worked all day saving the boats and other property. We have been storm bound up to the present time.

C O P Y

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Little Gull Is.Light Station,

Fort Michie, Gull Island,N.Y.

Feb.26th,1914

Light House Inspector,

Tompkinsville,N.Y.

Sir:

While making repairs to engine damaged by freezing Mr. Murphy decided to look at the compressor. On investigating it was found that the back head water jacket and the inside head water jacket was Bursted. Mr.Murphy is forwarding list of parts needed to repair compressor.

(Signed) MURRAY, Keeper

COPY

Little Gull Island
Busted Cylinder.

General L.H.Depot,
2-26-14

Inspector;

In accordance with your orders of Feb.24/14 I proceeded to Little Gull Island to investigate the matters of keepers allowing engine cylinder water jacket to freeze up and burst during the night of Feb.11-12.

It appears from the statement of the first assistant keeper, who was the only keeper on the station at the time the accident occurred, that he was keeping a good fire going in the signal house stove and had no fear of anything freezing so long as there was a good fire, although he knew that the water had been drawn out of jacket, to the cylinder that is now broken, twice during the present winter to prevent just such a condition. He states that he thought there was no danger and he expected to have to start the engine as the weather was threatening, also that the same engine had been run two days before the accident. Asked why he had not drained the cylinder as a precautionary measure, he said that it took so long to refill the jacket that he didnt like to do it fearing trouble from overheating engine cylinder while the jacket was refilling there being no provision for priming the jacket to refill before starting the engine. He had not thought of starting the engine or of using the heating torch to keep the cylinder warm.

The reason given for the station being left with only one man, was that the keeper was absent on leave and the second assistant was allowed to go to New London for provisions and got storm bound, thus leaving the station for 48 hours with only one keeper on it.

(Signed) LUTHER

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JHG

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

Feb.28,1914

Thomas J. Conklin, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Little Gull Island Lt.Sta.,
Fort Michie, Gull Island,N.Y.

You are hereby charged with neglect of duty, you having permitted the engine and compressor cylinders at Little Gull Island Light Station, to freeze and burst on the night of February 11,1914, and with having failed to take precautionary measures, such as blowing the water out of the jacket of the cylinders, although you knew that such action had been taken twice during the present winter season to prevent freezing, starting engine occasionally to prevent freezing, and using heating torch to keep the cylinder warm.

You are directed to submit any statement you may desire to make, through official channels, within three days from the receipt of this letter. Any statement made must be couched in temperate language, free from countercharges and confined to the point at issue.

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

YATES

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COPY

Little Gull Island,

Fort Michie, N.Y.

3/7/14

Inspector 3rd District

Sir:

Your registered letter of Feb.28,1914 received by me on March 7,14. On Feb.11,14, the 2nd Asst.left the station to go after provisions and a North West gale blew up and he could not get back and everything was O.K. that night.On the 12th Feb.the storm was worse and still it was impossible for the 2nd asst. to land, so after I got the light agoing it was so cold that the air would freeze in the tanks of the light and the light would almost go out and therefore I had to stay with it constantly and as soon as I got a chance I came down and opened all the valves to drain the engine and as no water came out I was under the impression that the engine had been drained. I also had to break the ice in the cistern in order to get water for the engines when I needed it,&ak at 3 A.M. on Feb.12 the weather was 12 below zero and there was a big fire going in the engine room, and I had to give all my attention to the light to keep it lit, up to then I had been on watch 48 hours without sleep. I sincerely hope you will be a little lenient with me as this is my first error, and, because it was impossible for one man to take care of everything.

(Signed) Conklin, 1st Asst.

Murray, Keeper

Conklin, Thos. J.

Form 76

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

FWO/EJC.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Feb. 20th, 1914

Thos. J. Conklin, 1st Asst. Keeper, (Through the Keeper,)
Little Gull Island Light Station,
Fort Michie, Gull Island, N.Y.

Your application of Feb. 19th, 1914, for seven days leave of absence from March 14th to March 20th, 1914 inclusive, has been received, and your request is hereby granted, provided you furnish, at your own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform your duties and satisfactory to the Light-house Inspector.

Report by letter the date on which you leave the station, also the date on which you return to duty, ~~and give the name of the person employed as substitute.~~ Keep this office, and also the person left in charge of the station, advised of your address while you are absent from duty.

YATES.

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Little Gull Island L I
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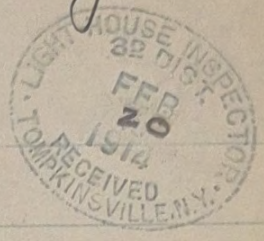
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Inspector 3rd District

Sir

I respectfully request 7 days leave of absence from March 14, to 20th inclusive from the above said Station. During my stay of absence my duties will be performed by the Keeper + 2 Asst



Thos J. Conklin
1 Asst

Approved-
Wm J. Murray Keeper

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER

STATE OF NEW YORK

ALBANY

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. JAN 16 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Bklyn, Jan. 16, 1914

Inspector Yates, Esq.,
Inspector Third District,
Tompkinsville, S. I.

My dear Mr. Yates—

Some time ago I visited you in the interest of my brotther-in-law, Thomas Conklin. The matter was fixed up and now he is getting alongg finely at Shinnecock Light. It is his brother that I am interested in just now. He is the bearer of this letter. Congressman James P. Maher desires that he enteres the Government service and would appreciate anything that you can do for him.

He is physically able for the place, is young and ambitious. If you can do anything for him it will be appreciated by myself and by the Congressman. Trusting that I will see you in the near future and hpping thst Mr. Conklin is successful in being appointed, I am,

Yours very truly,

Wm. E. Deane

This letter was rec'd with form 2010 1-15 from 2d Dist Straitsford School to Wm J Conklin —

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11/4/14

Shinnecock Bay



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Resigned
April 15-1916

Inspector 3rd District

Sir

I respectfully make application for transfer to any of the following stations

T. J. Conklin 2 Ass't

X	Absecon	Keeper	
X	Block Island North	"	"
X	Block Island South East	"	"
X	Beaver Tail	"	"
X	Bristol Ferry	"	"
X	Borden Flats	"	"
X	Bullock Point	"	"
X	Bergen Point	"	"
X	Barnegat	"	"
X	Black Rock	"	"
X	Coney Island	"	"
X	Cold Spring Harbor	"	"
X	Connimicut	"	"
X	Conanicut	"	"
X	Cedar Island	"	"
X	Dutch Island	"	"
X	Eatons Neck	Keeper	
X	Faulkners Island	"	"
X	Greens Ledge	"	"
X	Great Captains Island	"	
X	Governors Island	Keeper	
X	Gould Island	"	"
X	Hudson City	"	"
X	Hog Island	"	"
X	Hortons Point	"	"
X	Little Gull Island	"	"
X	Lloyds Harbor	"	"
X	Long Beach Bar	"	"
X	Mussell Bed Shoals	"	"
X	Montauk Point	"	"
X	Morgen Point	"	"
X	Newport Harbor	"	"

North Dumpling Keeper
New London Ledge " "
New Haven " "
Old Field Point " "
Orient Point " "
Penfield Reef " "
Racks Ledge " "
Princess Bay " "
Plum Beach " "
Prudence Island " "
Pomham Rocks " "
Point Judith " "
Plum Island " "
Rockland Lake " "
Rondout " "
Rose Island " "
Stratford Shoal Harbor " "
Stratford Point " "
Sands Point " "
Stepping Stones " "
Saugertus " "
Sea Girt " "
Sassafras Point " "
Sturgeon Keeper
Sea Haven " "
South West Ledge " "
Sabine Point " "
Saybrook Breakwater " "
Saybrook, Lynde Point " "
Throgs Neck Keeper
Tucker Beach " "
Wickford Harbor " "
Warwick " "
Watch Hill " "

T. J. Conklin
2 Asst

Williams H. H. Lake Jr.
Keepers

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Inspector 3rd District

Sir

I respectfully ~~make~~ application for transfer to any of the folloing Stations.

Absecon	Keeper	Eatons Neck	Keeper
Block Island North	" "	Faulkners Island	"
Block Island South East	" "	Greens Ledge	Keeper
Beaver Tail	" "	Great Captains Island	" "
Bristol Ferry	" "	Governors Island	" "
Borden Flats	" "	Gould Island	" "
Bullock Point	" "	Hudson City	" "
Bergen Point	" "	Hog Island	" "
Barnegat	" "	Horton Point	" "
Black Rock	" "	Little Gull Island	" "
Coney Island	" "	Loyds Harbor	" "
Cold Spring Harbor	" "	Long Beach Bar	" "
Conanicut	" "	Mussell Bed Shoals	" "
Connecticut	" "	Montauk Point	" "
Cedar Island	" "	Morgen Point	" "
Dutch Island	" "	Newport Harbor	" "

Conklin 2 Asst

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New London Ledge	" "
New Haven	" "
Old Field Point	" "
Orient Point	" "
Penfield Reef	" "
Picks ledge	" "
Princess Bay	" "
Plum Beach	" "
Prudence Island	" "
Pomham Rocks	" "
Point Judith	" "
Plum Island	" "
Rockland Lake	" "
Rondaut	" "
Rose Island	" "
Stratford ~~Harbor~~ Shoal	" "
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Stepping Stones	" "
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Sea Girt	" "
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South West Ledge	" "
Sabine Point	" "
Saybrook Breakwater	" "
Saybrook, Lynde Point	" "
Throgs Neck	" "
Tucker Beach	" "
Wickford Harbor	" "
Warwick	" "
Watch Hill	" "

Conklin
2 Asst

William H. H. Lake Jr.
Keeper

JHG

Oct.2,1914

Thomas J. Conklin, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Shinnecock Bay Lt.Sta.,
Good Ground, N.Y.

Referring to your letter of October 1,1914 relative to your transfer to the position of first assistant keeper at Fire Island Light Station.

You are informed that the position of first assistant keeper at Fire Island Light Station has already been filled.

YATES

Shinnecock Bay
Good Ground
L. I.

10/1/14
Asst Keeper Failed

Inspector 3rd District

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2nd DIST.
OCT 2 1914
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Sir

I have heard that there is a first Asst. position vacant at Fire Island and I would like to know if I could be recommended for the position at that Station, as I have no fault to find with this station, only I would like to be on an off shore station and to have position again as first Asst

Conklin
2 Asst

William H. H. Lake Jr.
Keeper

Copy WJL

9/17/14

Coney Island Life Guard asso-

Inspector 3rd District

FWO/WJL

Your letter of Sept 8,14 was received by me Sept.17,14 and I wish to state that while I was secretary of the Coney Island Life Guards I collected $10.00 from the members and the next week the Association was going to break up and as I was done out of money once before by this Association and the treasurer kept all the money so being I was the secretary in the Ass' I consequently kept the money and when the Ass' is going I wish to state I will pay this over to the Ass' as much as I can and about the Bar Badges that was given to me by Mr. Hudson at Temple Bar Beach and also that I found Estate Office at Treasurer's receipt & gave it to the Treasurer and when the book got hold of it went this far and I will settle with the Coney Island Life Guards as soon as I can.

Shinnecock Bay

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September 19,1914.

Frank West, Financial Secretary,
Coney Island Life Guard Association,
1241 - 54th Street,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Referring to your letter of August 27th 1914 relative to Thomas J.Conklin, now Second Assistant Keeper of Shinnecock Bay Light Station who it is alleged collected and retained certain money belonging to the Coney Island Life Guard Association.

Enclosed for your information is copy of letter dated September 17th received from Mr.Conklin.

If Mr.Conklin does not remit to the Association within a reasonable length of time the $10.00 referred to in his letter, it is requested that you so advise this office.

Yates

Inspector

Enclosure.

sgd Conklin,
2 Ass't

A copy of this has been sent the Cone Island Life Guards.

sgd William H.H.Lake Jr.
Keeper

Le Conklin Thos J.

Shinnecock Bay

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sgd Conklin,
2 Ass't

A copy of this has been sent the Cone Island Life Guards.

sgd William H.H.Lake Jr.
Keeper

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September 17,1914.

Thomas J.Conklin, 2nd Assistant Keeper,
Shinnecock Bay Light Station,
Good Ground,N.Y.
Through the Keeper.

Your attention is invited to the fact that reply has not as yet been received to letter addressed to you under date of September 8th 1914 enclosing copy of letter from the Secretary of the Coney Island Life Guard Association.

You are directed to forward reply by return mail.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

Haskell

Superintendent.

September 8,1914.

Thomas J.Conklin, 2nd Assistant Keeper,
Shinnecock Bay Light Station,
Good Ground,N.Y.
Through the Keeper.

Herewith enclosed is copy of letter dated August 27th 1914 received from the Secretary of the Coney Island Life Guard Association with request that you forward to this office a full and complete statement in regard to the matters referred to therein.

Yates

CONEY ISLAND LIFE GUARD ASS'N.
Incorporated 1910

New York, August 27,1914.

Supt. of Light House,

Shinacock Station,

Good Ground, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to state in behalf of this association that from last reports we find that you have a man by the name of Thomas Conklin employed as light house tender or some other position under the Government's employ around Shinacock Station.

The said Thos.Conklin was a member of the above association and while holding position of Secretary, collected money from members for dues amounting to $10.00. He also received $5.00 from said association for the purpose of havin Beach badge registered in Albany. It is now nearly two years since he collected the $10.00 and almost three years since he received the $5.00. He has kept the entire amount; in other words, stolen the sum of $15.00 from this Association.

If not putting you to any extended trouble, we hope you will assist us in recovering said sum, as he has permanent employment.

Respectfully,

sgd Frank West
1241-54 St.
Brooklyn, N.Y.
Fin.,Sec'y.C.I.L.G.Assn.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT

August 24 1914 , 191

Thomas J.Conklin, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
(Through Keeper)
Shinnecock Bay Light Station,
Good Ground, N.Y.

Your application of August 22nd , 191 4, for 8 days leave of absence from September 9th to September 16th inclusive has been received, and your request is hereby granted, provided you furnish at your own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform your duties and satisfactory to the Light-house Inspector.

Report by letter the date on which you leave the station, also the date on which you return to duty, and give the name of the person employed as substitute. Keep this office, and also the person left in charge of the station, advised of your address while you are absent from duty.

Yates

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Shinnecock Bay Lt. Station

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
3D DIST.
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Sir

I respectfully make application for 8 days leave of absence from Sept 9. th Sept 16, inclusive and during my stay of absence the Keeper and first Asst Kpr will attend my duties

Conklin
2 Asst.

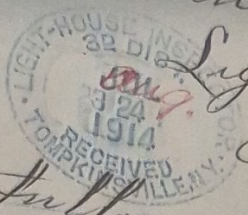
William H. H. Lake Jr.
Keeper

Shinnecock Bay
Light Station

Aug 22nd 1914

Inspector.

I respectfully report that the 1st Asst. and myself are willing to perform Mr Conklins duties while he is on his leave of absence



Lake

(73) Shinnecock Bay
Light-Station

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTION
2d DIST.
SEP 4
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Aug 3rd 1914

Inspector.

I respectfully state that I am enclosing a letter that was sent to this station

Lake

Coney Island Life Guard Ass'n.

(INCORPORATED 1910)

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2ND DIST. SEP 4 1914 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

New York, August 27, 1914.

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Good Ground, N.Y.

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Respectfully, Frank West
1241-54 St
Brooklyn N.Y.

F.W., Sec'y. C.I.L.G. Assn.

Coney Island Life Guard Ass'n.
(INCORPORATED)
Return 3 days
R. West 1241-54 St Bklyn L.I.

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Supt. of Light House,

Shinecock Station,

Goodground, N.Y.

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Coney Island Life Guard Asso

3rd District Shinnecock Bay

Sir

Your letter of Sept 8,14 was received by me Sept.17,14 and I wish to state that while I was secratary of the Coney Island Life Guards I collected $10.00 from the members and the next week the Ass'tion was going to break up and as I was done out of money once before by this Ass' when it broke up and the treasurer kept all the money so being I was the oldest mamber in the Ass' I consequently kept the money and now I see the Ass' is still running I wish to state I will send the $10.00 as soon as I can or as much as I can and about the five dollars ($5.00) that was given to me to have the beach badges registered at Albany I gave the $5.00 to a lawyer Redmond at Temple Bar Building on Court Str Bklyn who also has a Real Estate Office at Vanderbilt Ave & Bergen Street and got a receipt & gave it to the Treasurer Mr.Eldridge so if he is looked up and his book got hold of by the Ass'tion the receipt will be found or the Ass' can write to Mr.Redmond & he will look it up, I also wish to state that I am sorry it went this far and I will settle with the Coney Island Life Guards as soon as I can.

sgd Conklin,
2 Ass't

A copy of this has been sent the Cone Island Life Guards.

sgd William H.H.Lake Jr.
Keeper

Conklin

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FWO/RJC.

April 21st, 1914.

Wm.J.Murray,Keeper,
Little Gull Island Light Station,
Fort Michie,Gull Island,N.Y.

Referring to your letter of April 19th, 1914, stating that it will be necessary to suspend 1st Asst.Keeper Conklin, for gross disobedience and refusing duty unless you receive orders to the contrary:

You are informed that if you have any legitimate complaint or charges to make, same should be submitted to this office, giving full details and particulars, and after considering same, should such action be deemed necessary, this office will take steps towards suspending Mr.Conklin from duty and pay.

In this connection, you are informed that Mr.Conklin has been recommended for transfer to the position of 2nd Asst.Keeper of Shinnecock Bay Light Station, and it is expected that this transfer will be effected about May 1st.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

F.W.OCKENFELS.

Conklin

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April 21,1914

William J. Murray, Keeper,

Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta.,

Fort Michie, Gull Is.,N.Y.

In reply to your letter of April 19, you are informed that no official letters have been sent from this office to either you or the assistant keepers within the past three weeks.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

F. W. Ockenfels

Chief Clerk

Little Gull Is- Light Station
Front middle Gull Is- N. Y.

April 19th 1914

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
2d DIST.
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TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

Light House Inspector,
Tompkinsville
N. Y.

Sir

Would you please inform me wheather or not any Official letters have been sent to the station of late. That should have been shown to me I have been informed that the 1st asst. Mr Conklin has received such Mail unknown to me I beg to inform you that it will be necessary to suspend the 1st asst for gross disobediance & refusing duty, Unless I receive orders to the Contrary from You.

Respectfully-
Wm. J. Murray Keeper.

(75)

Thomas J.Conklin $456.a.
2nd Asst.Keeper,
Shinnecock Bay
Light Station.

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Thomas J.Conklin,2nd Asst.Keeper,
Shinnecock Bay Light Sta.,
Good Ground,N.Y.

JHG

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) April 18, 1914 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and demotion.

Name, Thomas J. Conklin Legal residence, New York

Position, 2nd Assistant Keeper Salary, $456.00 per annum

Location, Shinnecock Bay Light Station, N.Y. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective May 1, 1914 { the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, 1st Assistant Keeper Former salary, $480 per annum

Location, Little Gull Island Light Station, N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, New position Services terminated,

Reason,

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks: Transfer approved by Department letter of April 14, 1914. Approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule 1.

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

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BUTLER JHB

YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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Little Gull Isld

(15)

Form 76

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

FWO/RJC.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Feb. 20th, 1914

Thos. J. Conklin, 1st Asst. Keeper, (Through the Keeper.)
Little Gull Island Light Station,
Fort Michie, Gull Island, N.Y.

Your application of Feb. 19th, 1914, for seven days leave of absence from March 14th to March 20th, 1914 inclusive, has been received, and your request is hereby granted, provided you furnish, at your own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform your duties and satisfactory to the Light-house Inspector.

Report by letter the date on which you leave the station, also the date on which you return to duty, and give the name of the person employed as substitute. Keep this office, and also the person left in charge of the station, advised of your address while you are absent from duty.

YATES.

11—882

Little Gull

(75)

Form 76

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT
Tompkinsville, N.Y.
April 25, 1914

Thomas J. Conklin, 1st Asst. Keeper,
(Through William J. Murray, Keeper)
Little Gull Island, Light Station,
Ft. Michie, Gull Island, N.Y.

Your application of April 24th, 1914, for four days leave of absence from April 24th to April 27th 1914 inclusive has been received, and your request is hereby granted, ~~provided~~ you furnish, at your own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to ~~perform~~ your duties and satisfactory to the Light-~~house Inspector~~.

Report by letter the date on which you leave the station, also the date on which you return to duty, ~~and give the name of the person employed as substitute.~~ Keep this office, and also the person left in charge of the station, advised of your address while you are absent from duty.

YATRS

11—882

Little Gull Isld

Reprimand Warned

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April 30--- June 1, 1914

Correspondence re charges by Thos J. Conklin against Wm J.Murr
Keeper of Little Gull Island . Conklin charges not substantia
and he is reprimanded and warned.

See Conklin Thos. J

Little Gull Isld (15)

FWO/RJC. 4-27 29

April 21st, 1914.

Wm.J.Murray,Keeper,
Little Gull Island Light Station,
Fort Michie,Gull Island,N.Y.

Referring to your letter of April 19th, 1914, stating that it will be necessary to suspend 1st Asst.Keeper Conklin, for gross disobedience and refusing duty unless you receive orders to the contrary:

You are informed that if you have any legitimate complaint or charges to make, same should be submitted to this office, giving full details and particulars, and after considering same, should such action be deemed necessary, this office will take steps towards suspending Mr.Conklin from duty and pay.

In this connection, you are informed that Mr.Conklin has been recommended for transfer to the position of 2nd Asst.Keeper of Shinnecock Bay Light Station, and it is expected that this transfer will be effected about May 1st.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

F.W.OCKENFELS.

See Conklin.

Little Gull Isld

(75)

JHG

April 7,1914

Commissioner.

Referring to letter from this office dated April 6,1914, forwarding correspondence re Thomas J.Conklin, 1st assistant keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station, New York.

Enclosed herewith is letter, dated March 28,1914, received from Mr.Conklin, which should have accompanied our letter above referred to.

YATES

(75)

C O P Y.

Little Gull Island,

Fort Michie, N.Y.

3/28/14

Inspector 3rd District,

Sir:

If there is no chance of my being transferred from this station soon, kindly accept my resignation to take effect by April 15,1914. I have no fault to find with this station, only the Keeper and I cannot agree. Trusting to receive a favorable reply soon, I am

Respt.

Conklin

1 Asst.

Murray,

Keeper

(75)

JHG

April 6,1914

Commissioner.

The following correspondence re Thomas J.Conklin, 1st Assistant Keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station, is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

1. Letter dated March 16 from keeper Murray.
2. Memo dated March 18, made by Chief Clerk.
3. Copy of letter dated March 19 to Keeper Murray.
4. Letter dated March 21 from Keeper Murray.
5. Copy of letter dated March 24 to Asst.Kpr.Conklin.
6. Letter (undated) from 1st Asst.Conklin.
7. Letter dated March 27 from Keeper Murray.
8. Letter dated March 23 from Keeper Murray.
9. Telegram dated March 25 from Keeper Murray.
10. Letter of charges dated March 26 to 1st Asst.Conklin.(Copy)
11. Letter dated April 3 from 1st Asst.Conklin.
12. Letter dated March 26 from Keeper Murray.
13. Report, dated April 1, of Asst.Supt.Verner.

In view of the fact that the inharmonious conditions at Little Gull Island Light Station have been caused by the conduct of 1st Asst.Conklin, it is recommended that he be transferred to the position of 2nd Asst.Keeper of Shinnecock Bay Lt.Sta., with a view to giving him an opportunity to demonstrate that his services are up to the required standard, and that he is a desirable person to retain in the service.

The attention of the Bureau is invited to its letter of reprimand, dated March 21, addressed to Conklin, and also letter of warning addressed to him by this office under date of March 24, copy of which was furnished the Bureau.

YATES

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COPY

Little Gull Island Light Station,

Fort Michie, Gull Island, N.Y.

March 16, 1914

Lighthouse Inspector 3d District

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Sir:

The 1st Assistant Keeper of this station, Mr. Thomas J. Conklin applied for and received 7 days leave of absence March 14th to 21st inclusive. Before leaving he asked me to extend his leave 5 days more which I refused in view of the fact that Mr. Conklin being charged with neglect of duty I told him it would not be advisable. He stated he would get the extended leave of absence over my head by going direct to the office. I request that any application from Mr. Conklin for extended leave be denied. I charge him with contempt and disrespect and with being a most conflicting element at the station and a detriment to the maintenance of an efficient Light & Fog Signal.

(Sgd.) William Murray, Keeper

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COPY

3/18/14

3.15 P.M.

Mr. Conklin called herewx with copy of letter from Keeper of 3/16/14. Said everything was all right when he left station and that he had not asked for extra leave.

He asked if he could get two extra days leave. Told him that if he wanted to ask for additional leave he should send his request through the keeper.

F.W.O.

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FWO/BJC.

March 19th, 1914.

Wm.J.Murray, Keeper,

Little Gull Island Lt. Station,

Fort Michie, Gull Island, N.Y.

Referring to your letter of March 16th, 1914, relative to 1st Asst. Keeper Thos.J.Conklin, charging him with contempt and disrespect, and with being a most conflicting element at the station and a detriment to the maintenance of an efficient light and fog signal.

You are requested to forward to this office statement giving full details of occasions and occurences on which you base your charges, in order that such action may be taken as may be deemed proper in the matter.

You are requested to report by mail whether or not Mr. Conklin returns to the station at the expiration of the leave granted him. For your information, it may be stated that Mr. Conklin called at this office on March 16th and asked for two days additional leave, and he was informed that if he desired any additional leave, it would be necessary for him to apply for same in the proper manner through the Keeper of the Station.

YATES

(75) 6

COPY

Little Gull Island,

Fort Michie, N.Y.

Inspector 3rd District

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th instant received by me on the 26,1914, and all the charges but one are false. Now on Dec.30, 1913 I returned and landed on the Fort dock at 3.30 P.M., and as soon as I got off the Government transport the Keeper Mr.Murray got on and the only words he said were hello and good bye. During the time he was away 2nd Asst.Mr.Collins was sick and just able to keep his watch and not able to work and when the keeper returned I reported it to him. When the keeper left this station on Feb.7th to 13, 6 days without leave of absence, he left orders by the 2nd Asst.to clean the North Engine and compressor and clean the brass work which the 2nd Asst.and myself did clean and when the keeper returned the fog signal engine and compressor and house were in a first class condition. Now it is very strange after me being here at this station going on 2 1/2 years that Keeper Mr.Murray should have waited this long to put charges against me. The whole trouble is I am to long with him. I am the longest man ever to stay with him. I never have drank or used tobacco in any form and if an investigation was started I could put quite a few charges against the keeper and for the good of the service. The best thing for me to do is to be transferred as the keeper and I cannot get along. I respectfully request a transfer to some family quarter station as if I stay here much longer the keeper will find fault with everything I do and then I should resign. You will find by looking over my record and application I was working under some hot tempered men for 5 years in the Bklyn Navy Yard and I still have a good record there.

Respt.

CONKLIN, 1st Asst.

Keeper refuses to sign this.

COPY

(75) Form 260

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT — BELVIDERE BROOKS, GENERAL MANAGER

RECEIVER'S No.	TIME FILED	CHECK
16 N Y	Recd. by 6 M	15 Paid 1:15 P M

SEND the following message subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Received at St.George,N.Y. March 25,1914
Dated, New London Depot, Conn. 25

Ro, Lighthouse Inspector

Tompkinsville,N.Y.

1st assistant Conklin returned March 24th not 23rd as reported.

MURRAY, Keeper

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COPY

Little Gull Is.Light Station,
Fort Michie, Gull Is., N.Y.
March 21,1914

Light House Inspector, 3d Dist.,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of March 19th relative to my letter of March 16th containing charges against the 1st Asst.Keeper Thomas J. Conklin, requesting me to forward details of occasions occurences on which I base my charges.

In the past year the 1st Asst's manner and bearing towards me has been contemptible and disrespectful perpetually. The occasions have occurred generally through the 1st Asst. slighting and doing slovenly any work I requested done by him. Instead of following out my orders he would do the work to please himself, never caring what I thought about it or how much and often I protested. You will ask why I did not report this man before now. I beg to state that I know his parents, also that I am a peaceable man and try my best to avoid trouble.

While I was on leave of absence from Dec.30th,1913 to Jan.13th, 1914, I left orders for the Lens and Brasswork to be polished and the tower to be kept clean. I instructed also that the fog signal apparatus and house be kept clean and in good order. When I returned on Jan.14th I found the station in a filthy condition which fact I entered in the journal.

I left the station again on Feb.7th to go to the office concerning a vacancy at the Stratford Point Light Station.

I left orders that the north engine and compressor (which same machinery was damaged by freezing) be cleaned, the brasswork polished and put in first class order for laying up. These orders were disobeyed, the slightest attention not being paid to them.

On leaving here March 14th for 7 days leave of absence Mr. Conklin requested an additional 5 days leave. I refused it in a polite and respectful way and told him it would be better for him that he got back at the expiration of the stated time. He then declared that he would get the extended leave in spite of me, saying, I dont need your consent, I will go to the office and get the leave over your head.

I advised him to use a little common sense and to abide by my decision. As the boat was pulling away I asked him three times when he intended returning. He refused to answer me. I called to him the 4th time and he answered he would let me know after being to the office. In consluding I will state that Mr.Conklin is the cause of petty annoyances and trouble frequently.

Respectfully,

William J. Murray, Keeper

FWO/EJC.

March 24th, 1914.

Thomas J.Conklin, 1st Asst.Keeper,
THROUGH THE KEEPER.)
Little Gull Island Light Station,
Fort Michie, Gull Island, N.Y.

The Keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station has advised this office that when he left the station on December 30th, 1913, he left orders for the lens and brass work to be polished, and the tower to be kept clean, also that the fog signal apparatus and fog signal house be kept clean and in good order, but that when he returned to the station which had been temporarily under your charge during the keeper's absence, he found same in a filthy condition, also that when he left the station on February 7th, he left orders that the North Engine and compressor be cleaned and brass work polished, which work you failed to do. The keeper also reports that on March 14th, the date on which you left the station for seven days leave of absence, you requested of him an additional five days leave, which the keeper disapproved, and that you then declared that you would go to the office and get the additional leave over the keeper's head, which you attempted to do when you called at this office on March 18th, and applied for leave in addition to that previously granted.

The Keeper also reports that your work at the station is not satisfactory in that you slight your duties and do the work assigned you by the keeper in a slovenly manner.

Your conduct as reported by the Keeper is of an insubordinate nature, and indicates a lack of desire on your part to execute with promptitude and zeal, the lawful orders of your superior.

You are informed that such conduct on your part will not be tolerated, and you are warned that a repetition will result in action being taken by this office towards your dismissal from the Lighthouse Service.

YATES

Tompkinsville, N.Y., March 24th, 1914.

Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained.

YATES

(75) 8

COPY

Little Gull Island Light Station,

Fort Michie, Gull Is., New York

March 23rd, 1914

Light House Inspector 3rd Dist.,

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of March 19th, 1914 requesting me to report whether or not Conklin, 1st Asst. Keeper returns to the station at the expiration of the leave of absence granted him from March 14th to 21st inclusive.

Mr. Conklin returned to the station 9.30 A.M., March 23rd. Thereby showing contempt and defiance for his superiors at the office and myself.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM J. MURRAY,

Keeper

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

March 26,1914

Thomas J.Conklin, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta.,
Fort Michie, Gull Is.,N.Y.

You are hereby charged:-

1. With being absent from your duty as 1st assistant keeper of Little Gull Island Lt.Sta. without leave, from March 21st to 24th,1914, you having left the station on March 14th on 7 days leave of absence, and not returning to the station until March 24.

2. With having instigated a controversy between yourself and the keeper re the extension of the leave granted you by this office, making a threat to the keeper that you would go to this office and get additional leave over his head, which you attempted to do, you having called at this office on March 18 and requested two days additional leave, which was not granted and you were told at that time that any request for leave must come through the keeper of the station.

3. With failure to comply with the orders of the keeper, in that when he left the station on leave on Dec.30,1913, he left orders for the lens and brass work to be polished and the tower to be kept clean, also that the fog signal apparatus and fog signal house be kept clean and in good order, but that when he returned to the station, which had been temporarily under your charge during his absence, he found same in a filthy condition; also, in that when he left the station on Feb.7, he left orders that the north engine and compressor be cleaned and brass work polished, which work you failed to do.

4. With failure to do your work at the station in a satisfactory manner, slighting your duties, and doing the work assigned you be the keeper in a slovenly manner.

A copy of letter from Keeper Murray is attached hereto.

You are directed to submit any statement you may desire to make, through official channels, within three days from the receipt of this letter. Any statement made must be couched in temperate language, free from countercharges and confined to the point at issue.

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

YATES

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COPY

Little Gull Island Light Station,

Fort Michie, Gull Is.,N.Y.

March 27th,1914

Light House Inspector, 3rd Dist.,

Tompkinsville,N.Y.

Sir:-

It is not my wish to continue this troublesome correspondence but under the circumstances I think I am justified in this instance. On March 26th 2.30 P.M. I told the 2nd Asst.to get ready to help me row the boat to the Fort as I had mail to go. The 1st Assistant overheard the remark and without my knowledge or permission he and his wife tried to get the boat off the beach. I called to him asking? where are you going. He answered to the Fort. I said you are not. He insisted he was. I informed him once more that he could not go. He asked? Who is going to stop me. I told him I would. He declared I could'nt. I told him he would have to take the boat over my dead body.. He declared that would be easy. I went down alongside the boat to prevent him from taking it. He said If I cant have the boat neither can you and his language was most threatening. His conversation from this point was ungentlemanly and insulting. In part, he said I was a drunkard and would do anything for a drink of whiskey. Also that I could'nt make a living outside my present position and would starve to death if ever I lost it and many other insulting remarks too numerous to mention. I have to state that Mr.Conklin's actions are altogether beyond my control and positively refuses to recognize my position and I ask you to kindly consider the advisability of his transfer or removal from here.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM J. MURRAY,
Keeper

(75)

COPY

Little Gull Island

4/3/14 Fort Michie, N.Y.

Inspectord 3rd District

Yours of the 26th received by me on March 31, and I hereby answer the charges that Mr.Murray put against me. On March 14 I left the above said station for 7 days leave of absence and two weeks before I left Mr.Murray granted me 5 days more than the 7 days leave and on the morning I left, Mr.Murray came to me and told me to take 2 days instead of 5 and I had made arrangements for the 5 days over my leave. I got a little angry and so Mr.Murray and I had a few words and so when I got to Brooklyn I received a letter from Mr.Murray on the 18th with charges against me and I went to the office to see about the letter and not about any leave over the keeper's head and I then wrote out a request of 3 days leave of absence and forwarded same to the keeper and told him to sign it and send it to the office and I then stayed away from the station 3 days thinking the keeper had sent it to the office and wh when I left the station on March 14 the keeper asked me when I was coming back and I told him I did not know. On December 30,1913 I returned to the above said station and as I got off the boat at the fort Mr.Murray got on and all he said was hello and good bye and when I returned to the station I would the 2nd Asst.very sick and he was sick all the time Mr.Murray was away. He was just able to do his watch and I kept the place as clean, the best one man could do and it is a rule to clean the brass here once every 3 months and it was not dirty when I was in charge so I did not touch it, but I did keep the tower in good condition. On Feb.7 Mr.Murray left the station for 6 days without leave and he left orders with the 2d Asst.to tell me to clean the north engine and brass and to cover it, so the 2nd Asst.and I went in the engine room and spent 1 whole morning cleaning up and when the keeper returned it was in first class condition and on Feb.14, 1914, the keeper found that we had a freeze out in the north engine. I am charged with failure to do my work at the station, and with doing my work in a slovenly manner. All I can say to these charges is I generally do what I am told and dont have to be told twice and my work here is done just the same as the keeper and 2nd Asst's is done, and when the keeper leaves the station to stay away over night he sometimes leaves some work to be done and when he returns and is not feeling in good humor everything we have done does not suit him. It is funny Mr.Murray waited this long to put such charges against a man who never drank or used tobacco in any form and ever since I have been able to work I have never been in such trouble and as I am not to blame for all these charges I think the best thing for me is to have me transferred as I do not want to leave the light house service.

Respt.

THOMAS J. CONKLIN

1 Asst.

Statements herein are incorrect.
WILLIAM J. MURRAY, Keeper

(75)

C O P Y

Little Gull Island Light Station,

Fort Michie, Gull Island, N.Y.

March 26th, 1914

Light House Inspector 3d District,

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Sir:-

It is my duty to inform you that I have positive information that the statements made by the 1st Asst. Keeper, Thomas J. Conklin in answer to the Inspectors charge of neglect of duty in letting the water jackets of engine and compressor freeze and burst on Feb. 11th and 12th were false throughout.

Mr. Conklin stated to the Asst. Supt. in person and to the Inspector by letter that he had to stay in the tower and give all his attention to the light to keep it from freezing and going out etc. and that he had been on duty 48 hours with sleep. Both statements are false in every particular.

Feb. 11th he went to bed at 9.30 P.M. and Mrs. John G. Collins stood watch until 1.30 A.M. Feb. 12th he went to bed at 8.30 P.M. and Mrs. Collins stood watch until 2.00 A.M.. This information has just come to my knowledge.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM J. MURRAY,

Keeper

Little Gull

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March 21, 1914

Department letter to Thos. J.Conklin 1st Asst. Kpr Little Gull Isld Lt.
Repremand him for negligence in allowing to jacket of the engines to freeze
and cautions him that recurrence of such neglectwill result in drastic action.

See Conklin, Thos J.

Little Gull Isld (75) 27

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March 11,1914

Commissioner.

The following correspondence re Thomas J.Conklin, 1st assistant keeper at Little Gull Island Light Station, N.Y., is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

1. Letter dated Feb.15 from William Murray, keeper.
2. Letter dated Feb.26 from William Murray, keeper.
3. Report dated Feb.26 of Oscar C.Luther, Asst.Supt.
4. Copy of letter of charges dated Feb.28 to Thomas J.Conklin, 1st assistant keeper.
5. Letter dated March 7 from Thomas J.Conklin.

It is considered that had Mr.Conklin exercised good judgment and taken reasonable precautionary measures, the engine and compressor cylinders would not have frozen and burst, and it is therefore recommended that he be reprimanded and informed that a recurrence of such neglect will make it necessary that more drastic action be taken in his case.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

HOPKINS

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

(75) 13

WV-HMD

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

COPY

April 1, 1914.

Inspector:-

Investigation, as per your instructions dated March 30, 1914, of the trouble between Keepers at the Little Gull Island Light Station, discloses the statements, contradictions, cha rges and countercharges usual in such cases. All, though containing much truth, useless as evidence upon which a definite and impartial conclusion could be based, because of the differing standpoints of view and the conflicting, yet perhaps honest convictions and ideas entertained by the different persons as to duty, discipline, justice, etc., I have gone fully and carefully over the entire matter with all the Keepers and their families, singly and collectively, and the gist of it all is; that all are in certain measure to blame and lack of employment more than all else.

As to the charges themselves, everyone is susceptible of a somewhat satisfactory explanation and a wholly different interpretation, but the salient facts are:

Conklin, the 1st Assistant, a fine, clean and husky fellow - excellent material for a good keeper - is young, impulsive, full of a commendable spirit of American confidence and independence but somewhat careless, lacking good judgment or a proper realization of the importance of discipline. He has been quick at times to re-

sent the remarks and actions of the Keeper and, while not openly disobedient, has incurred his enmity, lost his confidence and contributed largely to bring about open rupture by insisting open doing his own work in his own and a way not satisfactory to the Keeper, nor in a proper spirit, all of which the Assistant now realizes and for which he expresses a willingness to make amends by future proper conduct and attention to duties. To this end I endeavored, but without success, to arrange a temporary truce contingent upon the Assistant's future conduct, etc., as outlined above, to which the Keeper however would not assent, declaring it "impossible to longer get along with him" (the Assistant), for these and the other reasons set forth in his charges against him.

The Keeper's letter of March 26, 1914, submitted as additional evidence of the falsity of the statements contained in the Assistant's letter of March 7, 1914, may serve as an illustration of the little reliance that should be placed upon much of the evidence submitted in this and the majority of similar cases.

Mrs. John G. Collins confirms in part only, Keeper's statements as to nights of 11th and 12th of February and says, "I told Mr. Conklin to go to bed and I would look after things and call him if anything happened. I heard him go upstairs but whether to his room or not, I couldn't say. Upon both nights after finishing our card playing, I rapped on his door and received prompt answer from him. Of course, I couldn't say whether he was in bed or not, nor for what length of time he had been in his room".

Conklin admits the truth of the foregoing and says in explan-

ation, that he had upon the nights referred to gone to his room, but a few moments before Mrs. Collins' call, for a cup of coffee and something to eat as is usual about those hours, and more particularly upon such nights as those were.

On the whole, the Keeper, though not without sin, is in the main right and justified in his actions, which, it would seem, were, in the circumstances, necessary for the maintenance of discipline and for the good of the Service, and that the change at his station, which he suggests to that end, is necessary must be admitted.

I would suggest, however, the transfer rather than the dismissal of Conklin, as there is in him the making of a good and valuable man, and he comes, as I have learned, of a very worthy and respectable family.

WILDERS VERNER

Asst.Superintendent, LHS.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

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

Feb.28,1914

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Thomas J. Conklin, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Little Gull Island Lt.Sta.,
Fort Michie, Gull Island,N.Y.

You are hereby charged with neglect of duty, you having permitted the engine and compressor cylinders at Little Gull Island Light Station, to freeze and burst on the night of February 11,1914, and with having failed to take precautionary measures, such as blowing the water out of the jacket of the cylinders, although you knew that such action had been taken twice during the present winter season to prevent freezing, starting engine occasionally to prevent freezing, and using heating torch to keep the cylinder warm.

You are directed to submit any statement you may desire to make, through official channels, within three days from the receipt of this letter. Any statement made must be couched in temperate language, free from countercharges and confined to the point at issue.

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

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C O P Y

Little Gull Island,

Fort Michic, N.Y.

3/7/14

Inspector 3rd District

Sir:

Your registered letter of Feb.28,1914 received by me on March 7,14. On Feb.11,14, the 2nd Asst.left the station to go after provisions and a North West gale blew up and he could not get back and everything was O.K. that night.On the 12th Feb.the storm was worse and still it was impossible for the 2nd asst. to land, so after I got the light agoing it was so cold that the air would freeze in the tanks of the light and the light would almost go out and therefore I had to stay with it constantly and as soon as I got a chance I came down and opened all the valves to drain the engine and as no water came out I was under the impression that the engine had been drained. I also had to break the ice in the cistern in order to get water for the engines when I needed it,&~~MX~~ at 3 A.M. on Feb.12 the weather was 12 below zero and there was a big fire going in the engine room, and I had to give all my attention to the light to keep it lit, up to then I had been on watch 48 hours without sleep. I sincerely hope you will be a little lenient with me as this is my first error, and, because it was impossible for one man to take care of ~~everything~~.

(Signed) Conklin, 1st Asst.

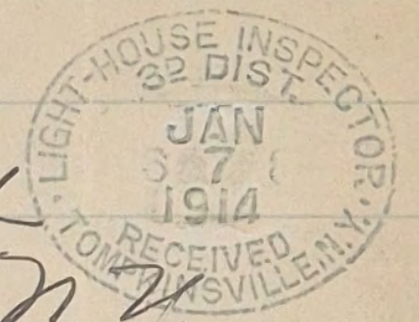
Murray, Keeper

Conklin

Jan 1, 1914.

Little Gull Island

Fork Michie N.Y.



Inspector 3rd District

Sir

I returned to the above said station on the 30 of December 1913. after 16 days leave of absence

Conklin 1 Asst
and Acting Keeper.

Conklin - T. J.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT

Tompkinsville, N.Y., November 18th , 1913.

Thomas J. Conklin, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Little Gull Island Light Station,
Fort Michie, N. Y.

Your application of November 14th , 1913 , for 16 days leave of absence from December 14th to December 29th, 1913 has been received, and your request is hereby granted, provided you furnish, at your own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform your duties and satisfactory to the Light-house Inspector.

Report by letter the date on which you leave the station, also the date on which you return to duty, and give the name of the person employed as substitute. Keep this office, and also the person left in charge of the station, advised of your address while you are absent from duty.

YATES

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11/14/13 Little Gull Island
Fort Michie N.Y.



Inspector 3rd District
Sir

I respectfully request sixteen (16) days leave of absence from December Fourteenth (14) to twenty ninth (29), (inclusive) from the above said Station, during my stay of absence, the Keeper and 2nd Asst Keeper will attend my duties

Respectfully

Thomas J Conklin
1st Asst Keeper.

approved. Murray Keeper.

Mch 13th 7
" 24th 3
May 1st 7
Aug 15th 2
" 4th 2
Sept 21 days

Butler - previous leave Denied
Jan 1st 1914

8/1/13.

Little Gull Island

Fort Michie

Inspector 3rd Distrct N.Y.

Sir

I, left the above said station, on Friday Aug the first for 7 days leave of absence, and during my stay of absence my address will be 1466 Clermont Ave, Bklyn N.Y.

Conklin 1 Asst.

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Copy.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
3D DIST
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1913
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

July 28, 1913.

Sir:

Referring to the assistance rendered by you and the keeper and second assistant keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station, New York, on April 27, 1913, to the Captain and crew of the schooner Pall S. C. Vought which foundered on Little Gull Island Reef, the Department commends you for the service rendered on the occasion in question and will note the fact on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

(Signed) William C. Redfield

Secretary.

Mr. Thomas J. Conklin,
First Assistant Keeper, Little Gull Island Light Station, N.Y.,
Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUL 29 1913

To Lighthouse Inspector Tompkinsville, N.Y.
for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner:

Burlingame
actg Chief Clerk.

July 28, 1913-

Dept Commends ~~Lt~~ Thos. J. Conklin
for assistance rendered Lt Lehr & Crew
of Lehr Pilot Apl 27, 1913

Lee - Conklin Thos J.

Form 76

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

FWO/EJC.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT

July 17th, , 1913

Thos.J.Conklin,(1st Asst.Keeper,)
Through the Keeper, Little Gull Island Lt.Station,
Gull Island, Fort Michie,
New York.

Your application ~~ex~~ (without date), ~~1913~~ , for 7 days leave of absence from August 1st to 7th, 1913, inclusive has been received, and your request is hereby granted, ~~provided you furnish, at your own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform your duties and satisfactory to the Light-house Inspector~~.

Report by letter the date on which you leave the station, also the date on which you return to duty, ~~and give the name of the person employed as substitute.~~ Keep this office, and also the person left in charge of the station, advised of your address while you are absent from duty.

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Little Gull Island
Fort Michie
N.Y.



Inspector 3rd District OK
Sir usual form no substitute

I respectfully make application for 7 days leaves of absence from Aug 1st to Aug 7th inclusive. The keeper and his 2 Asst will attend my duties during my stay of absence

Very Respectfully
J Conklin
1 Asst

Approved— Murray Keeper

Little Gull Island
Fort Michie
N.Y.

3/25/13

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
2d DIST.
MAR
27
1913
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

Inspector 3rd District

Sir

I returned to the above said Station after seven days leave of absence on the 20th day of March, 1913.

Conklin
1 Asst

Murray Keeper.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECT.
2D DIST.
MAR
14
1913
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

South Gull Island
Fork Mitchell
NY.

3/13/13

Inspector 3rd District

Sir

I left the above said Station on March the 13, 1913. During my leave of absence my address will be 946 Clermont Ave Bklyn NY.

Conklin
1 Asst

Murray. Keeper

Form 76

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT

Tompkinsville, N.Y., February 17th, , 1913

Conklin, 1st Asst. Keeper,
(Through the Keeper,)
Little Gull Island, Light Station,
Fort Mitchie, N.Y.

Your application of Feb. 15th, , 1913, for seven days leave of absence from Mar. 13 to Mar. 19 (Inc.) has been received, and your request is hereby granted, ~~provided~~ you furnish, at your own expense, a ~~substitute~~ competent in all respects to perform your duties and satisfactory to the ~~Light-house Inspector.~~

Report by letter the date on which you leave the station, also the date on which you return to duty, ~~and give the name of the person employed as substitute.~~ Keep this office, and also the person left in charge of the station, advised of your address while you are absent from duty.

YATES

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT

Tompkinsville, N.Y., February 17th, , 1913

Conklin, 1st Asst. Keeper,
(Through the Keeper,)
Little Gull Island Light Station,
Fort Mitchie, N.Y.

Your application of Feb. 15th, , 1913, for seven days leave of absence from Mar. 13 to Mar. 19 (Inc.) has been received, and your request is hereby granted, ~~provided~~ you furnish, at your own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform your duties and satisfactory to the Light-house Inspector.

Report by letter the date on which you leave the station, also the date on which you return to duty, ~~and give the name of the person employed as substitute~~. Keep this office, and also the person left in charge of the station, advised of your address while you are absent from duty.

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Little Gull Island
Fort Mitchie
N. Y.

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Inspector 3rd District

Sir

I respectfully request 7 days leave of absence from March 13, till March 19, (inclusive), during my stay of absence my duties will be performed by the Keeper and 2 Ass't.

Conklin 1st Asst

Approved. Murray. Keeper.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. DEC 13 1912 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE

12/8/12

Little Gull Island
Fort Mitchie
N. Y.

Inspector 3rd District

I returned from the
above said station on Dec 3rd 10 a.m.
after leave of absence of 12 days

Conklin 1 Asst Keeper.

Murray Keeper

Form 76

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT

Tompkinsville, N.Y. Nov.14, 1912

Thomas J. Conklin, 1st Asst Keeper,

Through the Keeper, Little Gull Island

Your application of October 8th, 1912, for 12 days leave of absence November 22nd to Dec. 3rd has been received, and your request is hereby granted, ~~provided you furnish, at your own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform your duties and satisfactory to the Light-house Inspector.~~

Report by letter the date on which you leave the station, also the date on which you return to duty, ~~and give the name of the person employed as substitute.~~ Keep this office, ~~and also the person left in charge of the station,~~ advised of your address while you are absent from duty.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT

Tompkinsville, N.Y. Nov.14, 1912

Thomas J. Conklin, 1st Asst Keeper,

Through the Keeper, Little Gull Island

Your application of October 8th, 1912, for 12 days leave of absence November 22nd to Dec. 3rd has been received, and your request is hereby granted, ~~provided you furnish, at your own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform your duties and satisfactory to the Light-house Inspector~~.

Report by letter the date on which you leave the station, also the date on which you return to duty, ~~and give the name of the person employed as substitute~~. Keep this office, ~~and also the person left in charge of the station~~, advised of your address while you are absent from duty.

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
2d DIST.
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Little Gull Island
10/31/92 Fort Mitchel
N.Y.

Inspector 3rd District

I respectfully request leave of absence from the above said station for 12 days Nov. 21 to Dec 3rd. during my stay of absence my duties will be performed by the keeper & 2nd Asst

Very Respectfully
Conklin
1 Asst.

Approved-
Murray. Keeper.

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Oct. 18,1912

Thomas J. Conklin, 2nd Asst.Keeper,

Through the Keeper,

Little Gull Island Lt.Sta.

There is forwarded to you to-day appointment as 1st Assistant Keeper at Little Gull Island Light Station.

In accordance therewith, you will enter on duty as 1st Assistant Keeper at Little Gull Island Light Station, on October 25th,1912.

YATES

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

October 16, 1912.

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

Sir:

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

First Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum,

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

(By promotion from second assistant keeper at $456 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) R. O. SHIELDS

Chief of Appointment Division.

ED

Acting

Appropriation:
Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:
Thomas Pickup.

Legal Residence:
New York.

11-3802

Form 78 **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.
October 14, 1912 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Promotion

Name, Thomas J. Conklin Legal residence, New York

Position, 1st Assistant Keeper Salary, $480 per annum

Location, Little Gull Island Light Station, N.Y.

Effective October 25, 1912 or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. on the actual date of entrance on duty.

Former position, 2nd Assistant Keeper Former salary, $456. per annum

Location, Little Gull Island Light Station, N.Y.

Rank in list of eligibles, Rating, Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, Thomas Pickup Services terminated, October 24, 1912

Reason, Transferred.

Remarks:

Payable from "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses"

CHIEF CLERK
BUTLER
ASPINWALL

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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

11—2314



Little Gull Island
Fort Mitchie
11/8/12 N.Y.

Inspector 3rd District

I left the above said station on Nov 22nd, 1912 at 3 p. m. during my stay of absence my address will be 417 Myrtle Ave, Bklyn. N.Y.

Conklin / Asst.

Murray Keeper.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
3rd DIST.
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Little Gull Island
10/16/12 Fort Mitchie
N.Y.

Inspector 3rd District

Sir

I am willing to accept any of these stations if there are any vacant, or will be.

Thomas J. Conklin
2 Asst
Murray Keeper.

Beavertail	R. I	1st Asst
Bristol Ferry	R.I.	Keeper
Bullock Point	R.I.	Keeper
Block Island North	R.I.	Keeper
Block Island South East	R.I	1st Asst
Bridgeport Harbor	Conn.	Keeper
Bergen Point	N. J.	Keeper
Conanicut Island	R. I.	Keeper
Cedar Island	N. Y.	Keeper
Connecticut River	Conn.	Keeper
Calves Island	Conn	Keeper
Chapel Hill Beacon	N. J.	Keeper
Dutch Island	R.I.	Keeper

✓ Esopus Meadows	N.Y.	1st Asst
✓ Fire Island	N.Y.	Keeper
✓ Four Mile Point	N.Y.	1st Asst
✓ Gull Rocks	N.Y.	Keeper
✓ Gould Island	R.I.	Keeper
✓ Great Captain Island	R.I.	Keeper
✓ Horton Point	Conn	1st Asst
✓ Hudson City	N.Y.	1st Asst
✓ Lime Rock	N.J.	Keeper
✓ Lloyd Harbor	R.I.	Keeper
✓ Morgan Point	N.Y.	Keeper
✓ Newport Harbor	Conn	Keeper
✓ North Dumpling	R.I.	Keeper
✓ Old Field Point	N.Y.	Keeper
✓ Prudence Island	N.Y.	Keeper
✓ Pomham Rocks	R.I.	Keeper
✓ Point Judith	R.I.	Keeper
✓ Plum Island	R.I.	1st Asst
✓ Point Comfort Becon	N.Y.	Keeper
✓ Princess Bay	N.J.	Keeper
✓ Passaic	N.Y.	Keeper
✓ Rose Island	N.J.	Keeper
✓ Rondout	R.I.	Keeper
✓ Stepping Stones	N.Y.	Keeper
	N.Y.	Keeper

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Sabine Point	R I	Keeper
Sands Point	N. Y.	Keeper
Shinnecock Bay	N.Y.	1st Asst
Stratford Point	Conn	1st Asst
Sandy Hook	N. J.	1st Asst
Saugerties	N. Y.	Keeper
Wickford Harbor	R I	Keeper
Warwick	R. I.	Keeper
Watch Hill	R. I.	1 Asst
West Point	N. Y.	Keeper
Throgs Neck.	N. Y.	Keeper
Coney Island	N. Y.	Keeper
Saybrooke (Lynde Point)	Conn	Keeper
North Brothers Island	N. Y.	Keeper
Norsacki Low Island		Keeper
Sea Girt		Keeper
Absecon Atlantic City	N. J.	Keeper
~~Cape May~~	~~N. J.~~	~~Keeper~~

Thomas J Conklin
2 Asst

U.S. LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2D DIST. NOV 4 1913 RECEIVED PORT JEFFERSONVILLE, N.Y.

Little Gull Island
Fort Mitchie
9/31/12 N.Y.

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Inspector 3rd District.

I am willing to accept any of these stations when there is a vacancy.

New list received Nov. 6-1914 JHP.

Eouklin, 1 Asst.
monthly 1 keeper.

Absecon.	Atlantic City	Keeper
Beaver Tail.	Conanicut Island	" "
Bristol Ferry.	Mt. Hope Bay	" "
Bullock Point.	R. I.	" "
Block Island North.	R.I.	" "
Block Island S.E.	R.I.	" "
Coxsackie	Low Island	" "
Coney Island	N.Y.	" "
Cedar Island	N.Y.	" "
Conanicut Island	R.I.	" "
Eatons Neck	N.Y.	" "
Fire Island		" "
Faulkner Island	Conn.	" "
Great Captain Island	Conn	" "

LIGHT HOUSE INSPEC. 2d DIST.
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Gould Island.		Keeper
Hortons Point.	N.Y.	" "
Ludlam Beach	Sea Island City	" "
Newport Harbor	R.I.	" "
North Dumpling	N.Y.	" "
North Brothers Island	N.Y.	" "
Plum Island	N.Y.	" "
Princess Bay.	N.Y.	" "
Passaic	N.J.	" "
Prudence Island		" "
Saybrook Breakwater	Conn.	" "
Saybrook, Lynde Point	Conn.	" "
Sand's Point	Manhasset Neck	" "
Stuyvesant	Hudson River	" "
Sea Haven	Tucker Beach	" "
Sea Girt		" "
Watch Hill	R.I.	" "
Warwick	R.I.	" "
Little Gull		

Thomas J. Conklin
, Asst.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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Little Gull Island
Fort Mitchie
N.Y.

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Inspector 3rd District.

I am willing to accept any of these stations when there is a vacancy.

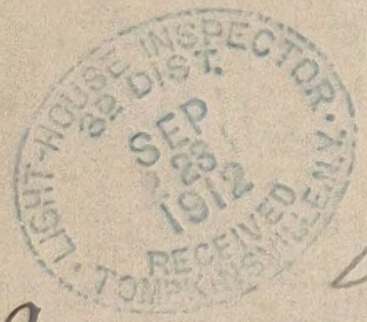
Conklin 1 Asst.
Murray Keeper.

Absecon	Atlantic City	Keeper
Beavertail	Conanicut Island	" "
Bristol Ferry	Mt Hope Bay	" "
Bullock Point	R.I.	" "
Block Island North.	R.I	" "
Block Island S.E.	R.I.	" "
Coxsackie	Low Island	" "
Coney Island	N.Y.	" "
Cedar Island	N.Y.	" "
Conanicut Island	R.I.	" "
Eatons Neck	N.Y.	" "
Fire Island		" "
Falkners Island	Conn.	" "
Great Captain Island	Conn.	" "
Gould Island		" "

INSPECTOR'S DIST.
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Peirtons Point	N. Y.	Kaper
Ludlam Beach	Sea Island City	" "
Newport Habor	R. I.	" "
North Dumpling	N. Y.	" "
North Brothers Island	N. Y.	" "
Plum Island	N. Y.	" "
Princess Bay	N. Y.	" "
Passaic	N. J.	" "
Prudence Island		" "
Saybrook Breakwater	Conn	" "
Saybrook, Lynde Point	Conn	" "
Sands Point	Nyuhasset Neck	" "
Styvesant	Hudson River	" "
Sea Haven	Tucker Beach	" "
Sea Girt		" "
Watch Hill	R. I.	" "
Warwick	R. I.	" "
Little Gull		

Thomas J. Conklin
1 Asst.



September 18. 1912
Little Gull Island
Ft Mitchie N. Y.

Inspector Of 3rd District

I returned to the
abore said station on Septembr 18-1912
at 4 P.M. from 6 days leave of absence.

Thomas J Conklin
2nd Asst Keeper

Murray. Keeper.



Sep 14 - 1912.

Little Gull Island
New York

Inspector Of 3rd District

Maybold
Ltr me question for leave
reply there 9/18 N

I left this station
Sep 12. 1912 at 8 o'clock for 6
days and doing my leave my
address will be 417 Myrtle
Ave. Bklyn.

Butler
Check monthly report for
this Dist if he takes 5, or
6 days

Thomas J Conklin
2nd Asst.

Inspector.

Mr Conklin received 5-day Leave of Absence
instead of 6 days.

Murray J. Keeper

Form 76

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT

Tompkinsville, N.Y.
Sept. 3, 1912, 191

Thos. J. Conklin, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Little Gull Island Lt. Sta.,
Fort Michie, N.Y.

Your application of Aug. 29, 1912, for 6 days leave of absence from September 12 to 17th, inclusive, has been received, and your request is hereby granted, ~~provided you furnish, at your own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform your duties and satisfactory to the Light-house Inspector~~.

Report by letter the date on which you leave the station, also the date on which you return to duty, ~~and give the name of the person employed as substitute~~. Keep this office, and also the person left in charge of the station, advised of your address while you are absent from duty.

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Conklin, Thos J -

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Sept. 3, 1912, 191

Thos. J. Conklin, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Little Gull Island Lt. Sta.,
Fort Michie, N.Y.

Your application of Aug. 29, 1912, for 6 days leave of absence from September 12 to 17th, inclusive, has been received, and your request is hereby granted, ~~provided you furnish, at your own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform your duties and satisfactory to the Light-house Inspector~~.

Report by letter the date on which you leave the station, also the date on which you return to duty, ~~and give the name of the person employed as substitute~~. Keep this office, and also the person left in charge of the station, advised of your address while you are absent from duty.

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
3d DIST.
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Little Gull Island Lt Sta.
Fort Mitchie N.Y.
Aug. 29, 1912.

Inspector 3rd District

I respectivly request a leave of absence from the above said station from Sept 12 till the 17, (inc.) My duties will be performed by the keeper and 1 Asst during my stay of absence

Thomas J. Conklin
2 Asst.

Approved.
Summary. Keeper.

E. K.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of the Inspector of
Third Lighthouse District
Tompkinsville, New York.

Aug.14,1912

T. J. Conklin, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Little Gull Light Station.

Referring to recent inspection of the Light-Station at which you are employed.

The excellent condition of the light as to cleanliness, orderliness and operation is commendable, and the fact will be entered on your record.

Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained.

LIGHT-HOUSE 32 DIST. INSPECTOR N.Y.
JUL 22 1912
RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

July 19. 1912
Little Gull Island N.Y.

Inspector 3rd District

Arrived back to this station
on July 19-1912. at 4 P.M.

Since
Thomas J Conklin
2 asst keeper

Keeper.

(23)

July 19, 1912

Thos J. Conklin returned to Little Gull Isld. July 19, 1912 at 4 p.m.

See Thos.J.Conklin 2nd. Asst. Kpr.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2ND DIST. JUL 11 1912 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR JUL 17 1912 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

Gull Island
Light Station
Inspector 2nd District

Copy on
attach
Carbon

Return to Lee
for'd them Kfm

Dear Sir

I Thomas J
Conklin 2 Asst have left
the above said station at
4 p.m. on July 9, 1912. for
ten days absence and dur-
ing my stay of absence
my address will be 417
Myrtle Ave. Bklyn N.Y.

Thomas J. Conklin
2 Asst

Murray. Keeper.

July 16, 1912

Letter from Thos J.Conklin 2nd. Asst Keerper Little Gull Island, States he started on leave July 9, 1912, Gives address

See Conklin, Thos. J.

FHP

July 11, 1912

Returned to Thomas J. Conklin, 2nd Assistant Keeper, through the Keeper, with instructions to forward the attached and all other communications addressed to this office through the keeper of the station in accordance with instructions to Light keepers.

Little Gull Island, Fort Mitchie, N. Y.

Lighthouse Inspector,
3rd District.

I Thomas J. Conklin 2nd Asst. have left the above station at 4 p. m. on July 9, 1912 for ten days absence and during my stay of absence my address will be 417 Myrtle Ave. Brooklyn, N. Y.

Thomas J. Conklin.

2nd Asst.

Correct-Edgar Gyher,
Light-House Inspector.

SUBJECT:

Light-House Service.

No. of Letter.

Received ____ 190__

Personal to ____

FHP

Form 76

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3d DISTRICT

Tompkinsville, N. Y. June 19, 1912

T. J. Conklin, 2nd Asst. Keeper,

Little Gull Island Light Station.

Your application of June 16th , 1912, for 10 days leave of absence from July 9th to the 18th inclusive. has been received, and your request is hereby granted, ~~provided you furnish, at your own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform your duties and satisfactory to the Light-house Inspector.~~

Report by letter the date on which you leave the station, also the date on which you return to duty, ~~and give the name of the person employed as substitute.~~ Keep this office, and also the person left in charge of the station, advised of your address while you are absent from duty.

Lee Conklin, T. J.

11—683

JHG Filed

June 19,1912

William J. Murray, Keeper,

Little Gull Island Lt.Sta.,

Fort Michie, Gull Is.,N.Y.

The probationary period of employment of Thomas J. Conklin, 2nd assistant keeper at your station, will expire on July 13,1912. Advise this office promptly as to whether or not his services have been satisfactory, and whether he is a suitable and competent man to receive a permanent appointment.

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT,
GENERAL DEPOT.
OFFICE OF ENGINEER, 3D DISTRICT,
Tompkinsville, N. Y., , 190

Light-House Engineer.

SUBJECT:

NO. OF INCLOSURES.

FHF

Form 76

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Department of Commerce and Labor

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11—882

Little Gull Island
6/16/12 Fort Mitchie N.Y.



Inspector 3rd District

Dear Sir

I respectfully request a leave of absence from this Light Station, from July 9, till July 18. My duties will be performed by the Keeper & his first Asst during my stay of absence.

Conklin
2 Asst. Keeper.

Recommended
Murray Keeper.

OFFICE OF FIELD-HOUSE INSPECTOR, THIRD DISTRICT, LOWER QUARANTINE.

M. E. Cornell, Light-House Inspector.

FHP

SUBJECT:

Light-House Inspector,

1912

May 13, 1912

Whalen Brothers,

Grand St. Cor. Driggs Ave.,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Referring to your letters of March 20th and May 6th, 1912, re: alleged indebtedness of Thomas J. Conklin, Second Asst. Keeper, Little Gull Island Light Station. Enclosed for your information is copy of letter dated May 11th, 1912 received from Mr. Conklin.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

Re Conklin Thos. J.

Re -

FHF-Copy

Little Gull Island Station,

5/11/12

Office of Inspector 3rd District.

Dear Sir:

Through the keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station I received letters in regard to money matters owing to Whalen Bros. for furniture and clothing and I am very sorry it went as far as it did. On the day I left Brooklyn I sent them a card stating my new address and told them I would pay the balance in monthly payments $5.00 a month and as it cost a few cents extra to have it sent in money orders I asked him if they could not meet me half way and send me stamped envelope to send money and receipt books in but did not receive any reply. About two months ago I sent them another card asking them why they did not answer my first card but still I got no answer till I received this letter from you. Below you will find copy of letter I sent to Whalen Bros. and I sincerely hope everything will come out alright as I am very very sorry it ended in such a way. Hoping you will understand this great error I beg to remain,

Respectfully,

(Signed) Thomas J. Conklin,
2nd Asst. Keeper.

Whalen Bros.

Dear Sir:

I received a letter from the Inspector of Lighthouses 3rd District in regard to balance on account of furniture and

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clothing. Now I cannot pay you in weekly payments as I used to do in the city but will pay you in monthly payments $5.00 every month starting in June around the eighth which is the time I receive my salary. Again I ask you if you could not send me stamped envelope so I can send money and receipt books to you as it cost quite a little extra every time I send it, also please let the Light House Dept. know everything is all right also please look up and find out what became of the cards I sent you, one from Washington Avenue and one from Little Gull Island. Hoping to hear from you soon and that everything is satisfactory, I remain,

(Signed Thomas J. Conklin,

2nd Asst. Keeper.

FHP

May 13, 1912

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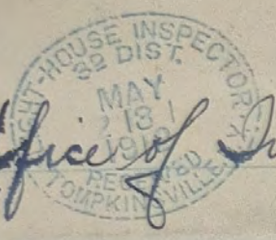
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Little Gull Island Station
5/11/12.



Office of Inspector 3rd District

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Respt

Thomas J. Lockhin 2 Asst. K.

Whalen Bros

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(Murray. Keeper

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Thomas J. Conklin
2 Asst. Keeper.

FHF-Copy

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(Signed Thomas J. Conklin,

2nd Asst. Keeper.

5/16

S.H.

May 8, 1912.

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Forwarded to Second Assistant Keeper Conklin, through the Keeper, Little Gull Island Light Station for comment and return to this office.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
"LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, THIRD DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y."

S.H.

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
3D DIST.
MAY
13
1912
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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

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Inclosure

RECEIVED 1912 MAR 20 COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

WHALEN BROS.
FURNITURE, CARPETS AND CLOTHING
GRAND STREET, Cor. Driggs Ave.
TELEPHONE, 2497-8 GREENPOINT
164-170 SMITH STREET, Cor. Wyckoff St.
TELEPHONE, 5330 MAIN

BROOKLYN, N. Y., MAR 20 1912 191

Inspector of Lights Lines

Sir

On or about Mar 14-11 Mary Conklin wife of Chas. Conklin now Employed as asst. Lt House Keeper at Little Gull Is. Contracted a bill for Clothing amounting to $25.50 for which they have Paid $16.00 leaving a balance of $9.50 which we are unable to Collect.

Also on Sept 30-09- Furniture amounting to 64.30
Oct 2 09 " " " 20.00
Aug 10-10 " " " 9
Total Cr. Mdse not Del. 93.30 / 16 / 77.30

For which they Paid on account - To Dec 15/11 - 54.00
Leaving a bal. on Fur acc. 23.30

which we are unable to recover by reason of the great distance they have gone.

Hoping that you will give this matter your kind attention and thanking you in advance we are Resp Whalen Bros.

Total Due $32.50

OFFICE OF

JOHN L. WHALEN

WHALEN BROS.

FURNITURE, CARPETS AND CLOTHING

GRAND STREET, Cor. Driggs Ave.

TELEPHONE, 2497-8 GREENPOINT

~~167-170 SMITH STREET, Cor. Wyckoff St.~~

TELEPHONE, 6330 MAIN

BROOKLYN, N. Y., MAY 6 1912 191

Capt. Stearn

RETURN IN 5 DAYS TO GRAND STREET STORE

WHALEN BROS.

FURNITURE AND CARPETS.



BROOKLYNS BIGGEST HOUSES N.Y.

U.S. POSTAGE TWO CENTS

First Class.

REGISTERED 118258

R.R. Inspector of Lighthouses

Tompkinsville Richmond Co. N. Y.

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Newbold -

Ltr and home premium correspondence

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JOHN L. WHALEN

OFFICE OF

WHALEN BROS.

FURNITURE, CARPETS AND CLOTHING

GRAND STREET, Cor. Driggs Ave.
TELEPHONE, 2497-8 GREENPOINT

~~164-170 SMITH STREET~~, Cor. Wyckoff St.
TELEPHONE, 5330 MAIN

BROOKLYN, N. Y., MAY 6 1912 191

Capt. Stearns

Dear Sir

Your letter at hand and in reply beg to state that the name Charles was an Error it should have read Thos J. Conklin

Whalen Bros

Newbold =
List and Name previous Correspondence
WHS

S.H.

May 8, 1912.

Letters of March 30th. and May 6, 1912, from Whalen Bros. Brooklyn, N. Y., re: alleged indebtedness of Thomas J. Conklin, 2nd Assistant Keeper, Little Gull Island Light Station.

Forwarded to Second Assistant Keeper Conklin, through the Keeper, Little Gull Island Light Station for comment and return to this office.

Engineer, 3d L. H. District.

Collections of debts.

S.H.

March 22, 1912.

Whalen Bros.,

170 Smith Street,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Referring to your letter of March 20, 1912, stating that Charles Conklin is indebted to you on account of bill contracted for clothing, you are informed that there is no employee of the above name under the direction of this office. There is however, an employee by the name of Thomas J. Conklin, who is the Second Assistant Keeper at Little Gull Island Light Station, Fort Michie, N. Y.

Inspector.

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

January 27, 1912.

Sir:

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

Second Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Fifty-six dollars

per annum, for a probationary period of six months, effective

beginning January 14, 1912, on and after which date you have

continuously served in the above-mentioned position.

Retention in the service after the expiration of your probationary period shall be equivalent to absolute appointment.

(Civil-service certificate No. .....)

(Vice George L. Brightman.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) ROBT. M. PINDELL, JR.

Chief Clerk.

Mr. Thomas J. Conklin,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

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PWP

January 16, 1912.

Irving Hawkins, Master,

Lighthouse tender JOHN RODGERS,

New London, Conn.

Sir:-

You are informed that there is atthe Chelsea Dock, New London, Conn., a lot of furniture belonging to Mr. Thomas J. Conklin, Second Assistant Keeper, Little Gull Island Light-Station.

When convenient, and you are in the vicinity of Little Gull Island on other business, you will deliver this furniture to the Second Assistant Keeper of Little Gull Island Light-Station.

It is suggested that you communicate direct with the 2d Asst. Keeper of that station, informing him when the furniture will be delivered, so he will be prepared to receive it.

Respectfully,

C. D. STEARNS,

Commander, U.S.N.
Inspector.

Copy to Thomas J.Conklin,
2d Asst.Keeper, Little Gull Is.
Lt.Station, through the keeper,
for his information.

C.D.STEARNS,

Commander,U.S.N.,Inspector.

Thomas J.Conkiin,2nd Asst.Keeper,

Little Gull Island,

Light Station,

Ft.Michie, Gull Island,N.Y.

Thomas J.Conklin $456.a.

2 A.K.Little Gull

Isld.Light Station.

Form 73 **ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE**

PWP

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., January 15, 1912. , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, probationary appointment.

Name, Thomas J. Conklin Legal residence, New York

Position, Second assistant keeper Salary, $456 per annum

Location, Little Gull Island Light-Station, N.Y.

Effective Jan. 14, 1912, on the actual date of entrance on duty.

Cancelled

Former position, Former salary,

Location,

Rank in list of eligibles, 3 Rating, Asst.Kpr. Percentage, 83.0

Other eligibles considered, George J.Thomas - Declined*
William H. Follett - Declined.

Letters of declination inclosed, Thomas and Follett.

Previous incumbent, George L.Brightman Services terminated, Dec.30,1911.

Reason, Resigned. Dismissal will be recommended in near future, acct. failure to give due notice before resigning.

Remarks: Payable from "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses."

*First accepted, but after being ordered to station, declined as per attached letter.

Checked
Butler
returned
Aspinwall

JOSEPH T. YATES

Superintendent, L.H.Service.
(In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.)

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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

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Form 73 **ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE**

PWP.

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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January 15, 1912. , 191

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Effective Jan. 14, 1912 on the actual date of entrance on duty.

Former position, Former salary,

Location,

Rank in list of eligibles, 3 Rating, Asst.Kpr. Percentage, 83.0

Other eligibles considered, George J. Thomas - declined*
William H. Follett - declined.

Letters of declination inclosed, Thomas and Follett.

Previous incumbent, George L.Brightman Services terminated, Dec.30,1911

Reason, Resigned. Charges preferred for failure to give due notice of intention to resign.

Remarks: Payable from "Salaries,Keepers of Lighthouses."

*Mr.Thomas at first accepted the position, but on being ordered to the station, stated he would be unable to go,as per attached letter.

No employee of the district desired transfer to this position.

O. D. STEARNS,
Commander,U.S.N., Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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

11—2314

Little Gull Island Light Station

January 14th 1912

Light House Inspector 3rd District.

Tompkinsville S.I.

N.Y.

Sir

I have to inform you That Mr Thomas J. Conklin reported to me for duty As 2nd Assistant Keeper of the Station in my Charge At 4.30 P.M. today.

Mr. Conklins. Furniture being at the Chelsea Docks New London. He requests That it be brought to the Light. By Tender. There being no other way of landing it here.

Respectfully.

William J. Murray. Keeper

Little Gull Is Light Station

Via Fort Michie Gull Is

N.Y.

PWP

January 9, 1912.

Thomas J. Conklin,

Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Sir:-

You have been selected for appointment as Second Assistant Keeper, Little Gull Island Light-Station, N. Y., and are hereby directed to proceed to the station and report to the keeper, Mr. William J. Murray, whose post office address is Fort Mitchie, Gull Island, N. Y. Show him this letter, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty.

Transportation will be at your expense.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH T. YATES,

Superintendent, L.H.S.
In the absence and by direction
of the Inspector.

Copy to the Keeper of
Little Gull Island Light-Station,
with instructions to inform this
office promptly by letter of the date
of Mr. Conklin's entrance on duty
as second assistant keeper of the
station.

JOSEPH T. YATES

Superintendent, L.H.S.
In the absence and by direction
of the Inspector.

PWP

January 6, 1912.

Thomas J. Conklin,

117 Washington Avenue,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:-

Referring to your communication stating you will accept appointment as second assistant keeper, Little Gull Island Light-Station.

You will please call at this office at the earliest practicable moment, for further examination as to your fitness for employment in the Lighthouse Service. You will please come prepared to proceed at once to the station for duty, if selected.

Transportation will be at your expense.

Respectfully,

C. D. STEARNS,

Commander, U.S.N.
Inspector.

TJL

January 6, 1912.

George J.Thomas,

Tompkinsville,N.Y.

Sir:-

You have been selected for the position of second assistant keeper, Little Gull Island Light Station, N.Y., and are directed to proceed to the station named and report to keeper, William J.Murray, whose post office address is - Fort Michie, Gull Island, New York. Show him this letter which will be his authority for assigning you to duty.

Transportation will be at your expense.

Respectfully,

C.D.Stearns,

Commander,U.S.N.,
Inspector.

Copy to the keeper of
Little Gull Is. with
instructions to inform
this office,promptly by
letter, when Mr. Thomas
reports for duty.

C.D.Stearns,

Commander,U.S.N.,
Inspector.

Form 201

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Geo.J.Thomas,

Wm.H.Follett,

Thos.J.Conklin

Office of Inspector, 3rd District,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.
Jan. 4, 1911.

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of

Second assistant keeper

at Little Gull Island Light-Station, N.Y.

This station is On Little Gull Island, Eastern Entrance Long Isld.Sound.
(Here state whether station is ashore or afloat.)

The salary is $456 per annum per annum.

There are quarters for keepers and families, who must furnish their own furniture except stoves.
(Here state whether Government quarters are provided at this station by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Fuel 12 tons coal, 1-1/2 cords wood per yr for 2 keepers. Rations allowance 30¢ per day.
(Here state allowance of fuel and rations, if any.)

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

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

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

Respectfully,

C. A. SEARLES,
Commander, U.S.N., Inspector.

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

Would you decline this position if it were offered to you? .....

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

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

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

.....

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

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.....

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(*Signature:*) .....

(*Post-office address:*) .....

Date, ...,

11—749

PMP

January 3, 1912.

George J. Thomas,
Avenue L. & E. 94 St.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:-

Referring to your communication stating you will accept appointment as second assistant keeper of Little Gull Island Light-Station:

Please call at this office at the earliest practicable moment, for further examination as to your fitness for employment in the Lighthouse Service.

Please come prepared to proceed at once to the station for duty, if selected for the position.

Transportation will be at your expense.

Respectfully,

C. D. STRAHNS,
Commander, U.S.N.
Inspector.

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JED

May 2d, 1911.

Thomas J. Conklin,

#177 Washington Avenue,

Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 1st, 1911, and to say that the enclosed Application blank (Form #1025), if filled out in accordance with printed instructions and returned to this office, will receive consideration at the next examination.

Respectfully,

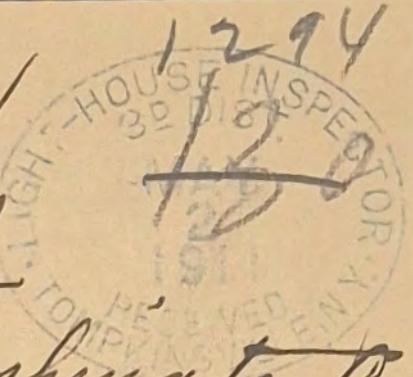
Captain, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

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To

177 Washington Ave.
Albyn N.Y.

Dear Sir

Kindly inform me how to get an application or where to apply for a position as light House keeper. I am at present employed under the Government at the New York Navy Yard and am also a member of the Coney Island Life Guards Association. I am married and have no children and I do not,

drink or use tobacco in any
form and can furnish good
refferances, Hoping to hear
from you at your earliest
convenience I Beg to Remain

Thomas J. Cockhill

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Form 93 JHG

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y., April 8, 1918, 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Thomas J. Conklin — Position, Assistant Keeper

Legal residence, New York — Station, Romer Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Salary, $516.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of March 15, 1918

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

Remarks:

ASPINWALL — Ok to pay Conklin
BUTLER — JHG 4/8

J. T. YATES

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Romer Shoal

Mar 6,1918

Inspector 3rd District,

Sir:

Kindly accept my resignation to take effect March 15,1918, as I am returning to Navy Yard, New York as a shipfitter and for better service to the Government.

Respectfully,

Thos. J. Conklin

88 Ryerson St.,

Brooklyn, N.Y.

Frank Oberly,

Keeper

April 17, 1918.

Thomas J.Conklin, Asst.Keeper,
THROUGH THE KEEPER,
Romer Shoal Light Station,
Watkinsville,N.Y.

March 7,1918.

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LIGHT AND FOG SIGNAL INSPECTOR, TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y. RECEIVED APR 22 1918

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation, dated February 6, 1918, as assistant keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, New York, at $516 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, effective at the close of March 15, 1918.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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

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Thomas J.Conklin,Asst.Keeper,
THROUGH THE KEEPER,
Romer Shoal Light Station,
Tompkinsville,N.Y.

March 7,1918.

Your letter dated March 6,1918 resigning your position as assistant keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station has been received and will be accepted, effective at the close of March 15th 1918 or as soon thereafter as another man can be obtained to take your place. You will be advised of the effective date of your resignation as soon as your successor has been selected.

J T Yates

JHG

Frank Oberly, Keeper,

Romer Shoal Light Station,

Tompkinsville, N. Y.

March 7,1918

Referring to the resignation of Thomas J. Conklin as assistant keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station. If you know of anyone who would like to be considered for this position, have him fill out one of the enclosed application blanks and forward same to this office at the earliest possible date.

J. T. YATES.
Inspector

JHG

March 13,1918

Thomas J. Conklin, Assistant Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Station
Tompkinsville, N. Y.

You are advised that John M. Condolan has to-day been directed to relieve you as assistant keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station. The date of his arrival at that station will be the last day of your service and your resignation will be effective that date.

J. T. YATES.
Inspector

Copy forwarded to Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, for his information. Report to this office promptly by mail the last day of service of Conklin and the date on which Condolan enters on duty as assistant keeper.

J. T. YATES.
Inspector

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THIRD DISTRICT

Romer Shoal Light Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 20, 1918

Inspector:

Sir.

I wish to inform this office that Asst-keeper Thos. J. Conklin has left position March 15-1918. and Asst keeper John M. Gondolon has has not reported for duty he was to report March 22.

Respectfully
Frank Clark
Keeper.

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

Thomas J. Conklin,
88 Ryerson Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

March 29,1918

You are hereby charged with leaving your duties as assistant keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station and remaining absent from the station without authority, the keeper of the station having notified this office that you left the station on March 15,1918 and have not since returned.

You are directed to submit any statement you may desire to make through official channels, within three days from the ...nade must be couched in ...rges and confined to ... you will so state ...tor

RETURN RECEIPT.

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number which appears on the face of this Card.

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Thomas J. Conklin
(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 3/30, 1918

Form 3811

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

L. J. T. YATES.

Inspector

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

APR 1 1918 RECEIVED

Romer Shoals
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 31, 1918

Inspector 3rd District

In reply to your letter of March 29-1918. I wish to state that on March 15. 1918 I got leave to go ashore by the keeper Mr Oberly, and when I got ashore I received a letter stating that John Gondola was to take my place as asst keeper and as soon as he reported that was the time I was relieve of my duties as Asst keeper. On March 17. 1918 John Gondola came to me and asked me how he was going to get over so I told him I would take him over and introduce him to the keeper so we got to the station on March 17. 1918 and as my time was up John Gondola got leave from the keeper to go ashore and get his things and return in three days and I complying with your letter of March 12. 1918 I left him as I was no longer in the service. and I told Mr Oberly keeper to let the offic know the the Asst reports and I was

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1918 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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release. I would like to know if there is a mistake in makeing that charge of your letter of March 29. 1918 and did I not go by your ordors you had in your letter of March 13. 1918. Yk

I Remain Respectfully

Thomas J Conklin

88 Ryerson Street

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U.S. Light-House Inspector 2nd Dist. APR 8 1918 RECEIVED TOMPKINS

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LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. APR 8 1918 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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Romer Shoal St Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 7, 1918

Inspector:

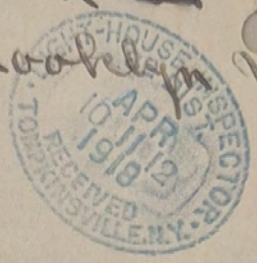
Sir

I wish to inform this office that Asst. Keeper Thomas J. Conklin left position March 15 and reported back with Asst keeper J. M. Gondolan March the 17th and I gave him three days to go g and get his things and report for duty and he has not reported for duty so I inform this office about as soon as I could.

He was to report March 20th and he did not notify Thomas J. Conklin about it.

Respectfully
Frank Oberly
Keeper

88 Ryerson St
Brooklyn N.Y.



Inspector 2nd District

Sir

Kindly let me know if my check has been sent to me if not would like to hear from you as soon as you can and oblige

Respectfully.

Thos J Conklin

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Inspector 3rd District
Sir

Referring to your letter of April 26, ult. directing me to hold myself in readiness to report for duty as Asst Keeper at Roman Shoals Lt Ho. I beg to state I am all packed up and ready & would like to know if you have sent any definite orders as yet to Gate. I have failed to receive any

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Thos J. Conklin
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. DEC 6 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Romer Shoals
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

December 3, 1917

Inspector 3rd District
Sir

See file 2666

In reply to your letter of Nov-26-1917. I would like to know what it means when in your letter it read, that it is impracticable for this offic to grand waivers to such employe in order that they may obtain employment in other department of the Government. Does this mean that I must be granded the right from the Light House Commission-er. Now I have no fault to find with this place, only it is impossiable for my family & self to live on Asst Keepers wages and live as how & pay rent, and buy food both for the Light House and my home, It makes it very hard to make ends meet. I have a chance to have my. Name place back on the list of Shipfitter at Navy Yard, that is if you will grant the change for better service to the Government. I respectifully request you to (or write) this, and if my request is granted I dont mean it to take affect at once but just as soon as I am call back to Navy Yard, maybe not for month or two.

Respectifully
Lon. J. Conklin Asst Keeper

Frank Cobb Keeper

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Thomas J.Conklin,Asst.Keeper,
THROUGH THE KEEPER,
Romer Shoal Light Station,
Tompkinsville,P.O.S.I.N.Y.

December 8,1917.

Referring to your letter of December 3rd you are advised that the matter referred to therein has been reconsidered and assent is hereby granted for you to be certified for employment, or employed, as shipfitter at the Navy Yard, New York.

J T Yates

Form 206 FILE No. 8

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

PLACE, Tompkinsville, N.Y.

DATE, May 26,1917, 191

To the MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Stapleton, N.Y.

SIR:

Please examine Thomas J. Conklin, Assistant Keeper, Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.

nativity, United States; age, 30; height, 5 feet, 6½ inches;

weight, 160 pounds; color of hair, Light; color of eyes, Blue

distinguishing marks, Scar on right knee and scar on nose.

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

When the examination has been completed the findings should be recorded on this blank and the blank returned to the applicant.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES.
Lighthouse Inspector.

(Signature of applicant:) A

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.) Witnessed by. B. Keeper, Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, Marine Hospital, Stapleton, N. Y.

DATE, June 13,1917, 191

To LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,

SIR: This certifies that I have this day examined the eyesight, hearing, and physical condition of Thomas J. Conklin, and find him physically { disqualified / ~~qualified~~ } in accordance with rules approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce, respecting the treatment by the Public Health Service of light keepers and assistant light keepers of the Lighthouse Service pursuant to the Act of Congress approved August 28, 1916.

He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.

R. W. Hart

Asst. *Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.*

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* If qualified, strike out the word "disqualified" and the paragraph following. 11—5999

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Lighthouse Inspector.

(Signature of applicant:) A. Thomas J. Conklin

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.) Witnessed by. B. Frank S. Lord, Keeper, Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHT INSPECTION 3R DIST. JUN 15 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

Romer Shoals
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 14, 1917

Inspector 3rd District

Sir

On June 13. 1917 I was examine by a doctor at the Marine hospital at Stapleton S. I and I was disqualify for defective vision in my left eye. Now as this is the only fault the doctor found, he requested me to get glasses to suit my eye and then return to him and he would qualify me as my eye were strain while I was at Shinnecock. light Station but would come back with the help of glasses. and I also wish to state that the defective vision of my left eye does not intefere with performing my dutys. as Asst Keeper or Keeper in the Light House Service

Respectfully.

Conklin Asst Keeper.

Frank Aberly
Keeper.

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June 14,1917

Commissioner:-

Referring to Bureau Circular Letter No.296, dated February 10, 1917, relative to physical examination of keepers and assistant keepers by the Public Health Service, and to payagraph 2 on page 3 of said circular.

The Bureau is advised that on June 13,1917, Thomas J. Conklin, assistant keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, New York, was given a physical examination by the U. S. Public Health Service, at the Marine Hospital, Stapleton, N. Y., and owing to defective vision he was found physically disqualified.

In view of the difficulty of obtaining men at this time, it is recommended that Mr.Conklin be retained in the service.

J. T. YATES.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON

JUN22 1917 HOUSES

June 21, 1917.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 32 DIST. JUN 25 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

For the reasons stated in the Third Inspector's letter of the 14th instant, and in accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 19th instant, the Department hereby approves the retention of Thomas J. Conklin in the position of assistant keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, New York, notwithstanding the fact that owing to defective vision he was found physically disqualified to receive the benefits of the Act of August 28, 1916, which provides for free medical relief by the Public Health Service to light keepers and assistant keepers of the Lighthouse Service.

E. F. Sweet

Assistant Secretary.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

JUN 22 1917

To Lighthouse Inspector, ... Tompkinsville NY .....

for his information, guidance, and files of office.

Acting Commissioner

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

May 26,1917

Thomas J. Conklin, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Station,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Enclosed is Form 206 "Record of Physical Examination of Light Keeper or Assistant Light Keeper", addressed to the United States Public Health Service, requesting that you be given a physical examination, for the purpose of determining whether or not you are entitled to medical relief without charge at hospitals and other stations of the Public Health Service, pursuant to the Act of Congress, approved Auguse 28,1916. A copy of the provision contained in said Act is quoted in District Circular Letter No.187, dated May 21,1917.

Under the terms thereof it will be necessary for you to submit to said examination and be found physically qualified before you will be entitled to the benefits provided for by the Act of August 28,1916. As said benefits will be solely to your personal advantage it is to your interest to give this matter attention at the earliest opportunity.

After you have been given a physical examination by the medical officer designated on attached Form 206, said Form 206 will be returned to you by the medical officer. You will then send it to this office so that it may be recorded, after which it will be returned to you. The original copy of Form 206 will then be your property, and you are directed to preserve it and keep it in your possession for future reference.

J. T. YATES

Inspector

P.S. - Enclosure to be signedby Thomas J.Conklin where marked A, and by keeper where marked B.

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. MAY 26 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Frank Oberly,
.....Keeper
Romer Shoal
.....Light Station,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.
.....

May 18, 1917

Furnish the information called for below in regard to Assistant Keeper Thomas J. Conklin .....and return this sheet to this office.

Be careful to see that the information given is accurate.

Height...5.....feet...6.½..inches.

Weight...160...pounds

Color of Hair...Light.....

Color of eyes..Color.of.eyes.....Blue.....

Distinguishing marks..Scar on right knee & scar on nose

J. T. YATES

Inspector

Date.....May..22..1917.

Returned to Inspector, the information requested having been inserted above.

Frank Oberly ..Keeper

ASPINWALL:

Note on his service card in red ink, as follows:-
"Disqualified on a/c of defective vision. No entitled to free medical relief by Public Health Service."

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSP. 3D DIST. NOV 23 24 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Romer Shoals
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

November 22, 1917

Inspector 3rd District

Sir

In close you will find a letter I received and ordor, and I respectifully request you to state thrue me to the labor board at Navy Yard N.Y. if the Light House Dept would exsept the change for letter service to the goverment if I should be call back to Navy Yard as Shipfitter.

Respectfully.

Thos. J. Conklin
Ass Keper

Frank Aberly
Keeper

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BOARD OF LABOR EMPLOYMENT

NAVY YARD NEW YORK

NOV.19th 1917 (O)

Mr. Thos.J.Conklin,

88 Ryerson St.,

Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter requesting to have your name placed back on the list of shipfitters, you are advised that your request has been complied with this date, but before you can be certified you must comply with the inclosed Executive Order issued Apr. 2nd, 1917. Copy inclosed.

Respectfully, & best wishes,

Sgd.J.F.O'Grady,

Recorder.

EXECUTIVE ORDER ISSUED APRIL 2, 1917

In view of the present emergency conditions and until further notice, the Civil Service Commission is directed to refuse examination to any person who is, or who has been within three months of the date of the examination, employed in the Government service, or to certify any such person who is on the eligible register of the Commission, unless such person submits the written assent of the department or office in which he is or has been employed to his taking such examination or to his being so certified. Such assent shall be based solely upon the finding, after due consideration, by such department or office, that the person can render better service for the Government in the place for which the examination is held.

This order is issued solely because of the present international situation and will be withdrawn when the emergency is past.

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Thos.J.Conklin,Asst.Kpr.,
(THROUGH THE KEEPER),
Romer Shoal Light Station,
Tompkinsville,N.Y.

November 26th, 1917.

In reply to your letter of November 22d, 1917, you are advised that on account of shortage of Assistant Lighthouse Keepers at the present time, it is impracticable for this office to grant waivers to such employees in order that they may obtain employment in other departments of the Government.

The two papers received with your letter are returned herewith.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

F.W.OCKENFELS