DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Name THOMAS H. CURTIS Date of birth November 7, 1874

Designation MASTER, SAN FRANCISCO LIGHTSHIP NO. 83.

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

(Including military, naval, and civilian service. Each department, branch, or independent office in which applicant served in a civilian capacity should be listed separately)

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army		None					
Navy		None					
Marine Corps		None					
Civilian employment	See attached statement.						
Total service	25 years, 0 Months, 14 days						

Does applicant receive or has he applied for a pension from the Government under any law? ..... If so, give number of pension certificate or of claim: .....

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the War Risk Insurance Act? ..... If so, give number of claim: .....

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the Federal Compensation Act, as amended? .....

If so, state the compensation received: .....

STATEMENT BY FISCAL YEARS OF BASIC PAY RECEIVED DURING LAST FIVE YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREMENT

(Compute service on basis of 30 days a month. Do not include periods of leave without pay, rations, quarters, or other allowance)

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year		
Master, San Francisco Lightship No. 83	Nov.	1	1935	June	15	1938	$2460. A.	$6457.50
do	June	16	1938	Oct.	31	1940	2520. "	5985.00

Total compensation for last five years of active service $12442.50

Average compensation for last five years of active service $2488.50

Annual rate of retired pay ($2488.50 × years 25-14/360 (Not exceeding 30) + 40) = 1557.73

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THE TREASURY
DEPARTMENT OF ~~COMMERCE~~XXXXX
LIGHTHOUSE ~~SERVICE~~ U. S. COAST GUARD

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

COMMANDER,
~~Superintendent of Lighthouses,~~

Date September 30, 1940.

San Francisco District

San Francisco, Calif.
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective close October 31, 1940. on the basis of service shown hereon.

My permanent address on retirement will be, 817, The Alameda, Berkeley, California.

(Name)

Master, San Francisco Lightship No. 83
(Designation)

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

City San Francisco, Calif. *Date* 1 October, 1940

Submitted to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $ 1557.73 per annum, effective at the close of 31 October, 1940.

It is certified that the record of service and pay shown on Page 2 is correct as shown by the records of this office, and that all Government service shown has been verified.

BY DIRECTION

COMMANDER, USCG
~~Superintendent of Lighthouses~~
COMMANDER, SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, *Washington, D. C.*, ...

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

.....
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT, U.S. COAST GUARD,
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, OCTOBER 1, 1940.

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

NAME THOMAS H. CURTIS DATE OF BIRTH NOVEMBER 7, 1874

DESIGNATION MASTER, SAN FRANCISCO LIGHTSHIP NO. 83

ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE - CIVILIAN

	BEGINNING	ENDING
War, Steersman, U.S.Engrs., Jacksonville, Fla.	July 25, 1905.	Sept. 5, 1906.
Mate, Coast & Geodetic Survey	Dec. 26, 1907.	Jan. 31, 1908.
7th, 1st, 3rd, 9th & 3rd Lighthouse Dists., 1st Officer, Continuous service	Feb. 10, 1908.	Jan. 15, 1916.
USSB, Merchants Fleet Corporation, Master	May 22, 1918.	Sept. 5, 1918.
do	Sept. 10, 1918.	Oct. 31, 1918.
do	Nov. 16, 1918.	Dec. 17, 1918.
QMC, Army Transport Service, Nantes, France, Master.	Dec. 18, 1918.	Apr. 2, 1919.
USSB, Merchants Fleet Corporation, Master	Apr. 3, 1919.	Oct. 13, 1919.
	Nov. 8, 1919.	Dec. 6, 1919.
	Dec. 12, 1919.	May 20, 1920.
Foreman, 7th Lighthouse Dist.	July 24, 1922.	Nov. 6, 1922.
Master, do	Nov. 23, 1922.	Jan. 22, 1923.
1st Officer, do	Apr. 1, 1927.	Mar. 31, 1932.
2nd Officer & Master, 18th Lighthouse Dist. & San Francisco District, U.S. Coast Guard	Apr. 1, 1932.	Oct. 31, 1940.

Total service..... 25 years, 0 months, 14 days.

Form 9a

THE TREASURY
DEPARTMENT OF ~~COMMERCE~~
~~LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE~~ U. S. COAST GUARD

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION, DISABILITY RETIREMENT

(Act of March 4, 1925)

NAME OF CLAIMANT THOMAS H. CURTIS DESIGNATION MASTER

Height 69 inches Weight 179 pounds. Complexion Fair

Color of eyes Gray Color of hair Gray

Here give a complete personal description, together with permanent marks and scars other than those described below in physical examination: No tatoos or operative scars. Old healed fractures of both clavicles.

Description of duties of position (to be filled in by Superintendent of Lighthouses):

Claimant makes the following statement in regard to the origin, nature, and extent of the alleged disability: "Chronic constipation of three months duration with attacks of belching gas, nausea, and vomitting, blood in stools, loss of 30 pounds in past three years".

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Visual acuity (uncorrected): R. E. 20/200 L. E. 20/200

With correction in spectacles: R. E. 20/100 L. E. 20/100

Accommodation: Reads Jaeger No. 12 at 13 inches, without correction.

Reads Jaeger No. 12 at 13 inches, with correction.

Central color vision (binocular) Normal (Name method used) Ishihara plates

Inspection Reacts to L & A. Extra-ocular movements normal. Both lenses opaoque.

Pupils Normal Pupillary reaction Normal

Hearing: Whispered voice (unaccentuated) heard with R. E. at 1/20 ft., L. E. at 20/20 ft.

Appearance of right drum Crecent of drum remains on bottom of right canal; left drum Normal

Is there any disease of the middle or internal ear or mastoid? No If so, specify -------

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Condition of nose and sinuses Normal

Condition of mouth and throat, including tonsils and teeth Mouth and throat negative, Tonsils normal. All upper and lower teeth extracted, now wearing upper and lower dentures.

Bones, joints, muscles, including atrophies Normal
(Express limitation of motion, if any, in degrees and joint involved)

Respiratory system Negative

Cardiovascular system:

(a) Heart Rough systolic murmers heard beat at apex, also over precordium and in / aortic area

(1) Murmurs Systolic (2) Arrhythmias No contra-indicated

(b) Pulse rate: (1) Sitting 64 (2) After exercise / -- (3) 2 minutes after exercise -----

(c) Blood pressure: (1) Sitting—Syst. 130 Diast. 70 (2) After ex.—Syst. --- Diast. -----

(d) Condition of blood vessels Normal

Evidence of thyroid or other endocrine disturbance Negative

Abdomen and gastro-intestinal system, including hernia Negative, except for caroinoma adeno, of descending colon.

Genito-urinary system:

Urinalysis—Sp. gr. 1.017 Reaction Acid Albumin Negative Sugar Negative

Sediment microscopic (required when albumin or sugar is found) -------

Reflexes, motor disturbances, etc.:

(a) Station Normal (e) Gait Normal

(b) Tremor Normal (f) Coordination Normal

(c) Patellar reflexes Normal (g) Peripheral circulation Normal

(d) Other motor disturbances None

Alcohol Negative Drugs Negative Syphilis Negative Epilepsy Negative

Other neurological findings None

General impression See diagnosis.

Here describe fully nature of disability: Barium enema X-ray suggestive of neoplasm with napkin-ring carcinomatous infiltration descending colon.

Is disability to perform duty of a permanent character? Yes

Is it indicated that applicant may recover from disability and be fit for restoration to active duty? No Do you recommend reexamination with this in view? No

I HEREBY CERTIFY that upon examination --do-- find the above-named claimant to be disabled for useful and efficient service by reason of the disability above described, which is not due to vicious habits, intemperance, or willful misconduct on his part.

The examining physician must be in the Federal Service

U. S. Marine Hospital
(Place of examination)

(S) L.G. Petch
L. G. Petch
(Examining surgeon)

26 September, 1940
(Date)

A.A. Surgeon, U.S.P.H.S.
(Title and branch of medical service)

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24 September, 1940.

Medical Officer in Charge,
U. S. Marine Hospital,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Thomas H. Curtis, Master, San Francisco Lightship No. 83, will report to your Hospital on or about September 26th for a medical examination on the enclosed Form 9a for disability retirement.

Will you please have the required examination given to Mr. Curtis, returning the Form, in duplicate, to this Office when completed.

Very truly yours,

R. S. PATCH,
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard,
Chief of Staff,
San Francisco District.

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT, U.S. COAST GUARD,
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, OCTOBER 1, 1940.

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Master, do	Nov. 23, 1922.	Jan. 22, 1923.
1st Officer, do	Apr. 1, 1927.	Mar. 31, 1932.
2nd Officer & Master, 15th Lighthouse Dist. & San Francisco District, U.S. Coast Guard	Apr. 1, 1932.	Oct. 31, 1940.

Total service..... 25 years, 0 months, 14 days.

Navy

Form 93
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
~~LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE~~ U.S. COAST GUARD
Approved Oct. 1, 1938

NOTICE OF ~~RESIGNATION OR~~ DEATH

District Coast Guard Officer,
OFFICE ~~SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES~~, 12th Naval DISTRICT,

COMMANDANT, COAST GUARD,
~~COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES~~: San Francisco, California, 21 November, 1942.

Herewith is transmitted the { notice of death, / ~~resignation~~, } in duplicate, of the following-named employee:

Name, CURTIS, Thomas H. Position, Retired Master

Legal residence, California Station, San Francisco Lightship #83.

Salary, $1557.73 per Annum - retired pay

~~The acceptance of this resignation { with / without } prejudice is recommended effective at the close of~~

Death occurred on 14 November, 1942. (Date) Died at the Marine Hospital, San Francisco, Calif.

~~This employee has taken leave in excess of the amount earned.~~

~~If deduction for excess leave has not been made, state reasons.~~

REMARKS: (In case of death, if person had 25 years or more of service, give name, degree of relationship, and address of next of kin.

At the time of his retirement on 31 October, 1940, Thomas H. Curtis had 25 years, 0 months, 14 days of Government service. His next of kin, his widow, Mrs. Margaret E. Curtis, lives at 6417 Irwin Court, Oakland, California.

COMMANDER, USCG
H.C. PERKINS
By direction. ~~Superintendent of Lighthouses.~~

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce,

12 November, 1940.

From: Commander, San Francisco District.
To : Commandant.

Subject: Thomas H. Curtis, Master, San Francisco Lightship, Retired 31 October, 1940 - Last paid.

1. The retirement of Thomas H. Curtis at the close of 31 October, 1940, was approved by the Department on 15 October, 1940. He was last paid as Master of San Francisco Lightship #83 on the 15-31 October, 1940, payroll, Voucher No. 12-62231, settled in the accounts of G. F. Allen, Chief Disbursing Officer, San Francisco, California, Symbol No. 1-112, Amount $105.00

By direction,

P. B. CRONK.

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Curtis phoned me last night. Said he had four days leave due July 1st. Has seen a doctor - is resting before going to the hospital Friday. Will advise office of results of hospital examination.

8 JULY, 1940

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CURTIS MASTER DEPARTED ON FOUR DAYS LIBERTY VIA ARIADNE FOURTEEN TEN

FROM: S.F. LIGHTSHIP

ACTION: COMFRANDIST

TOR NNCS NR 1 2231 OG

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1 July, 1940.

Federal Housing Administration,
San Francisco, California.

Gentlemen: -Attention D.C.McGinness, Director-

1. Referring to your Form Letter of Inquiry dated June 26,1940, Case No. 04-512535, Curtis, Thomas H., you are advised that Thomas H. Curtis is Master of San Francisco Lightship and has been in the employ of the Government for a period of over 24 years. His present pay is $2520.00 per annum, as given in your letter of June 26th.

Very truly yours,

P. B. CRONK,
Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Coast Guard,
Commander, San Francisco District,
By direction.

FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

June 26, 1940

Please Refer to:
Case No. 04-512835
Mortgagor CURTIS, Thomas H.

Personnel Director
U. S. Government Coast Guard
424 Customs House
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

The Federal Housing Administration has received an application for mutual mortgage insurance involving the subject mortgagor who states that you are his immediate superior in his employment and states further in his application the following:

Employed by:	U. S. Government Coast Guard
Term of employment:	23 yrs.
Present position:	Master, Pilot Boat
Present salary:	$2520.

Your confirmation of the statements shown above including any other information that will enable us to make an intelligent decision is respectfully requested. We would especially appreciate some indication by you as to the probability of continued employment.

Your reply will be held in the strictest confidence. You may use any method of acknowledgment most convenient to you. Your reply may be made on the bottom or reverse side of this letter if you choose. In any event, it is desired that you refer to the above captioned case number in your reply.

Your prompt consideration of this request will be sincerely appreciated, and for your convenience a franked, self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

J. D. McGinness

Director

Enclosures

FHA 2016 (c) 16279

Form 2655
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. COAST GUARD
Revised February 1938

U. S. COAST GUARD

OFFICIAL DISPATCH

TRANSMIT

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DATE 26 MARCH, 1940

FROM COMMANDER, SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT

TO (FOR ACTION) MASTER, SAN FRANCISCO LIGHTSHIP NO. 83

UNLESS DESIGNATED OTHERWISE TRANSMIT THIS DISPATCH AS NITE.

TO (FOR INFORMATION)

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MAIL TO

TELEPHONE TO

MESSENGER TO

OUTGOING HEADING

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TEXT

FIRST OFFICER MARTIN WILL RETURN YOUR LIGHTSHIP APRIL FIFTH
YOUR LIBERTY MAY BE TAKEN WHEN HE RETURNS TO DUTY

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INITIALS OF "RELEASING" OFFICER

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Form 2655
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. Coast Guard
Revised February 1938

U. S. COAST GUARD

OFFICIAL DISPATCH

TRANSMIT

DATE 26 MARCH, 1940

FROM COMMANDER, SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT		CODE
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26 MARCH, 1940

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REQUEST INFORMATION IF RELIEF T H CURTIS MASTER AVAILABLE

FRIDAY MARCH TWENTYNINTH

FROM SANFRANCISCO L.S.

ACTION COMFRANDIST

U.S. COAST GUARD
COMMUNICATIONS
D.C.O.
S.F.DIV.

TOR NNCS TOD CNTR 1604 CX

R NR 17 AND 18 BD

Form 2655
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. Coast Guard
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U. S. COAST GUARD

OFFICIAL DISPATCH

TRANSMIT

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DATE 23 FEBRUARY, 1940.

FROM
COMMANDER, SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT

TO (FOR ACTION)
MASTER, SAN FRANCISCO LIGHTSHIP NO. 83
AT SAN FRANCISCO BAR

UNLESS DESIGNATED OTHERWISE TRANSMIT THIS DISPATCH AS NITE.

TO (FOR INFORMATION)

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MESSENGER TO

OUTGOING HEADING

NMC V NNC NR 9 T Z QUAC 232250 NNCS P GR14

TEXT

REMAIN ON STATION UNTIL FRIDAY MARCH FIRST LIBERTY MAY BE TAKEN

COMMENCING MARCH FIRST

U.S. COAST GUARD
COMMUNICATIONS

NMC # 9
2251-JH/0G

S.F.DIV
D.C.O.

Confirmation

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STANDARD FORM No. 6
(Approved by the President 3/28/24)
Revised Dec. 5, 1929

PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

(To be prepared by appointee in own handwriting)

Department or Establishment San Francisco Dist. U.S.E. G.L.H. **Date** Oct. 11- 1939.

1. Name in full (Mr., Miss, or Mrs.) Curtis (Surname) Thomas (Given name) Haven (Middle name)
2. Present address 817 (Number) The Alameda (Street) Berkeley (City) Calif. (State)
3. Legal (voting) residence 6th (State and Congressional District) Alameda (County) Berkeley (City or town)
4. Where born Florida (State or foreign country) Key West (City or town) When born Nov. 27. 1874 (Month Day Year)
5. If foreign-born, state whether naturalized or alien
6. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √ If Mrs., state other names under which previously employed.

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

7. Number and ages of dependents domiciled with you Wife Margaret E. Curtis 59. Years
8. A complete record of your past service for the United States Government other than military or naval:

BRANCH OF SERVICE	PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
				Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
U. S. Engineers	Jacksonville	Ja Master Mate, Master	60.00 Mo	July	25	1906	Sept.	5	1907
" " L H. Dept	7. Dist.	Mate & Master	80 "	Feb	10	1908	Jan.	15	1916
" " Shipping Board	Philadelphia	1st Officer & Master	140 "	May	5	1918	May	20	1921
" " C. G. S.	Key West	Wire Drag Mas.	50 "	Sept.	1	1907	Feb.	5	1908
" " L. H. S.	7th Dist	1st Officer & Master	160 "	July	24	1922	Jan.	22	1923
" " " "	7th "	1st Officer & Master	170 "	Mar.	8	1927	to	date	

9. Are any members of your family, who are domiciled with you, in the U. S. Government service? If so, state below:

NAME	POSITION AND DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE IN WHICH EMPLOYED	RELATIONSHIP
Elmer Pershing Curtis	Position / Department or office 2nd Lieut U.S.A.	Son
	Position / Department or office	
	Position / Department or office	

10. Do you now hold any State or municipal office? If so, state below:

(Title) (Location) No (Date appointment expires)

11. Are you the wife of a disabled veteran or widow or orphan of a person who was in the military or naval service?

(Wife, widow, or orphan) (Name of veteran) No (Organization and last year of service)

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

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

Enlisted 1909 Naval Militia Discharged 1913.
Rank 1st Lieutenant Rank 1st Lieutenant
Organization Organization

Enlisted Discharged
Rank Rank
Organization Organization

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13. State any special qualifications not involved in your present position (for instance, lawyer, physician, civil engineer, knowledge of foreign languages, etc.) Spanish

14. Statement of principal employment other than with the United States Government:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	POSITION AND CHARACTER OF WORK	LENGTH OF SERVICE
Various Sailing Ships	Ordinary Seaman to Master	10 Years.
P & O S S Co.	2. Master and Mate	8 "
Private Yachts.	Master	5 "
Shipping Board Ships	Mate & Master	3 "

15. Education. Indicate by circling the number of years:

Common school	High school	College	(Name of college, degrees, and dates conferred)
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 (8)	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	

16. In case of emergency, notify Margaret E. Curtis

Relationship Wife Post office address 817 The Alameda Berkeley Calif.

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

Thos. H. Curtis

(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

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Commendations Two.

1st Oct. 28. 1909. for courage and resolution from Capt. U.S.N.H.B. Caperton

2nd Nov. 1-1910. Skill in rescueing the crew of the Schooner H. H. Homan.

Signed by. A. Conover acting Commissioner

L. H. Spencer.



SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT
OCT 30 1940
U. S. COAST GUARD

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. Coast Guard
Washington, D. C.

CP-75

24 October, 1940.

From: Commandant.
To: Commander, San Francisco District.

Subject: Retirement of Thomas H. Curtis, master, San Francisco Lightship No. 83.

Inclosure: 1. Form 2249, Department Notice of Retirement.

1. The inclosure is approval of retirement under the Lighthouse Service Retirement Law.

2. In order to preclude the possibility of overpayment it is requested that Headquarters be advised as early as practicable as to the payroll (stating D.O. Voucher Number, name of disbursing officer, and symbol number) on which this person was paid for his last (final) active duty. In furnishing this information state also the period covered by the final payment and the amount thereof.

By direction,

N. R. STILES,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

U. S. COAST GUARD

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT SEP 5 1939 COAST GUARD

Commander, San Francisco District,
U. S. COAST GUARD
(For Lighthouse Office)

Lighthouse Service

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CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

U. S. COAST GUARD (5)
REC'D AUG 18 1939 By
ANS'D

August 15,1939.

From: Commander, San Francisco District.
To: Commandant.

Subject: Verification service record Thomas H. Curtis, Master, 18th Lighthouse District.

Reference: (a) Bureau Lighthouses indorsement June 20 on letter from 18th Superintendent of March 16.
(b) Commandant's letter 28 July, 1939.

Reference (a) cannot be located in Lighthouse Office and there is no record of its receipt. It is requested that a duplicate be furnished for completion of the service record of Captain Curtis.

By direction:

O.L. Jenkins

O.L. JENKINS,
Acting Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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1st indorsement.
29 August, 1939.

From: Commandant.
To: Commander, San Francisco District.

Returned with Bureau of Lighthouses Indorsement of June 20, and copy of letter of May 17,1939, from the General Accounting Office verifying Mr. Curtis' service in the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, as requested above.

By direction,

R.J. Gross

R.J.Gross,
Assistant to the Chief Personnel Officer.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

WASHINGTON

In reply please quote
R-111107-JMW

May 17, 1939.

Department of Commerce,
Office of the Assistant Secretary,
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

In reply to your letter of March 29, 1939, copy inclosed, wherein you request a statement showing the service of Thomas H. Curtis in the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey from December 1907 to February 1908, you are advised the records of this office have been examined and show that he was paid for service as follows:

Period	Days	Rate
12/1/07 to 12/25/07	Not borne on rolls	
12/26/07 to 12/31/07	5	$50.00 p. m.
1/1/08 to 1/31/08	28	55.00 "
1/1/08 to 1/31/08	2	60.00 "
2/1/08 to 2/29/08	Not borne on rolls	

Respectfully,

P. D. Fallon,

Asst. Chief, Records Division.

Incl.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Office of the Superintendent
San Francisco, Calif.

March 16, 1939.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. There is forwarded herewith a letter dated March 4, 1939, from Captain T. H. Curtis, Master of San Francisco Lightship no. 83, giving information regarding his service with the U. S. Shipping Board and with the Coast and Geodetic Survey and requesting that this service be verified. There are also enclosed letters from the U. S. Maritime Commission and the Coast and Geodetic Survey dated February 18, 1938, and December 3, 1937, addressed to Captain Curtis regarding his service.

2. It is requested that the service of Captain Curtis be verified through the Civil Service Commission at Washington as explained in letter of the United States Maritime Commission.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

/s/ O. L. JENKINS

Assistant Superintendent

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Office, Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Calif., June 2, 1939.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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E-K Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., June 20, 1939.

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For the Commissioner:

R. J. Gross, Chief, Personnel Division.

Commander, San Francisco District,
U. S. COAST GUARD
(For Lighthouse Office)

August 15,1939.

From: Commander, San Francisco District.
To: Commandant.

Subject: Verification service record Thomas H. Curtis, Master, 18th Lighthouse District.

Reference: (a) Bureau Lighthouses indorsement June 20 on letter from 18th Superintendent of March 16.
(b) Commandant's letter 26 July, 1939.

Reference (a) cannot be located in Lighthouse Office and there is no record of its receipt. It is requested that a duplicate be furnished for completion of the service record of Captain Curtis.

By direction:

O. L. JENKINS

O.L. JENKINS,
Acting Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION
AUG 2 1939
U. S. COAST GUARD

HEADQUARTERS

ADDRESS THE COMMANDANT, U. S. COAST GUARD
AND REFER TO No. CP-75

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

WASHINGTON 28 July, 1939.

From: Commandant.
To: Commander, San Francisco District.

Subject: Verification service record Thomas H. Curtis, master, 18th lighthouse district.

Reference: (a) Bureau of Lighthouses indorsement June 20 on letter from 18th Superintendent of March 16.

Inclosure: 2. Form 2806 and Form 13.

Attached are copies of certified Form 2806 and Form 13, verifying the previous Government service of Thomas A. Curtis, Master, Lightship No. 83. Verification of service in the Coast and Geodetic Survey was forwarded your office on June 20.

By direction,

R J Gross

R. J. Gross
Assistant to the Chief Personnel Officer.

No. _____

Curtis (SURNAME) Thomas (FIRST NAME) H. (SECOND NAME)

DATE OF BIRTH			LEGAL VOTING RESIDENCE		
MONTH	DAY	YEAR	STATE AND CONG. DISTRICT	COUNTY	CITY OR TOWN

SEX _____ RACE _____

RETIREMENT AGE _____

MILITARY SERVICE _____ YES _____ NO _____

MILITARY PENSION OR WAR RISK COMPENSATION _____ YES _____ NO _____

REFERENCE	NATURE OF ACTION	POSITION AND GRADE	SALARY		EFFECTIVE DATE	DEPARTMENT OR ESTABLISHMENT OFFICIAL STATION	TOTAL SERVICE		
			PAY LESS ALLOWANCES	BASIC PAY			MOS.	DAYS	YRS.
	Appt.	1st Officer - SS POLLUX		$140 pm	5-22-18	USSB Merchant Fleet Corp.			
	Pro.			145	6-21-18				
	Disch.				9-5-18				
	Appt.	1st Officer - SS LAKE GARDNER		145	9-10-18				
	Disch.				10-31-18				
	Appt.	Master - SS LAKE LINDEN		360	11-18-18				
	Disch.				12-17-18				
	Appt.	MASTER - S S LAKE LINDEN		300	4-3-19				
	Pro.			330	8-20-19				
	Disch.				10-13-19				
	Appt.	Master - SS LAKE FACUNDUS		330	11-8-19				
	Disch.				12-6-19				
	Appt.	Master SS NIPMUC		375	12-12-19				
	Disch.				5-20-20				

EDUCATION: (INDICATE NUMBER OF YEARS)

COMMON SCHOOL 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

HIGH SCHOOL 1 2 3 4

COLLEGE 1 2 3 4

DEGREES, IF ANY _____

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS _____

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Thomas H

(E) (FIRST NAME) (SECOND NAME)

DATE OF BIRTH			DATE	DESIGNATION	OFFICE
MONTH	DAY	YEAR			
SEX	RACE				
RETIREMENT AGE					

	FISCAL YEAR DEDUCTIONS AND SERVICE CREDIT CONTRIBUTIONS	TONTINE DEDUCTIONS	NET FISCAL YEAR DEDUCTIONS AND SERVICE CREDIT CONTRIBUTIONS	DEPARTMENTS ESTABLISHMENTS WILL NOT USE THIS COLUMN	BALANCE FORWARD	TOTAL CREDITED TO EMPLOYEE	DATE OF ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT / REMARKS
.story Certified correct:			6-6-39 E.W. Andersen Director, Division of Personnel Supervision and Management				

Standard Form No. 13
Approved by the President
12-26-26—Revised 1-10-28

(COPY)

ABSTRACT OF OFFICIAL RECORD OF U. S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE

(For the use of the department to which the employee has been transferred)

INSTRUCTIONS

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

2. A complete official record in the Federal service of the employee named should be set forth on this abstract. If an employee is transferred to another department, an abstract will be prepared in duplicate, showing his appointment in the department from which transferred and all changes of grade or compensation while therein. The original, properly executed, will be transmitted to the department to which transferred, the duplicate to be retained in his personal file. Should such employee be again transferred the second department will prepare an abstract setting forth the data contained in that received by it, with the addition of his record while in the second department, such abstract to be transmitted to the department to which he is transferred, a duplicate being retained.
In the case of a reinstatement, the department in which the employee is reinstated should apply to the establishment in which the former service was rendered for an abstract of record in the case. Statements of employees must not be accepted unless verified from official records.

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

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

5. In the case service was per diem and continuous through the calendar year, so state; if intermittent, give dates of beginning and ending of actual employment, with the number of days served.

NAME: CURTIS, Thomas H. (Surname first, Mr., Miss, or Mrs.) — Not of record (Date of birth)

War Department
(Department and office in which last service was had. See Paragraph 2 of Instructions)

Washington, D. C. (Place) — July 14, 1939 (Date)

I. SERVICE RECORD

ESTABLISHMENT (a)	ACTION (b)	POSITION (Pay-roll title)	RATE OF PAY (c)	DATE EFFECTIVE
War:				
S.S. LAKE LINDEN-	Appt.	Master	$240 p.m.	12-18-18
Quartermaster Corps,				
Army Transport Service,	Sal.Chgd.	"	10 p.d.	3-28-19
Nantes, France.				
	Term.	"	10 p.d.	4-2-19

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

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

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

II. STATEMENT OF DEDUCTIONS FOR RETIREMENT FUND—BY FISCAL YEARS

(See Instructions No. 3)

BEGINNING—			ENDING—			DEDUCTIONS		BEGINNING—			ENDING—			DEDUCTIONS	
Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	Dollars	Cents	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	Dollars	Cents

Do records show employee has made application for refund of any portion of amount shown above? - (Yes or No)

If the records show that refund of the above deductions has been made in whole or in part, state the amount or amounts, and period or periods covered and give claim number. (If none, so state) -

State leaves of absence in current calendar year: annual -; sick -; without pay -

State any leave of absence in excess of six months in the aggregate in any calendar year: -

The foregoing is a complete abstract of the official record on file in this office showing all Federal service to date of the employee named herein.

W.A.Kenyon
(Signature)

Countersigned ....., 19.....

Acting Director of Personnel
(Official title)

(Signature)

(Official title)

Furnished to:
The Director of Personnel,
Director of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

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(COPY:LH)

May 17, 1939.

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Department of Commerce,
Office of the Assistant Secretary,
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

In reply to your letter of March 29, 1939, copy inclosed, wherein you request a statement showing the service of Thomas H. Curtis in the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey from December 1907 to February 1908, you are advised the records of this office have been examined and show that he was paid for service as follows:

Period	Days	Rate
12/1/07 to 12/25/07	Not borne on rolls	
12/26/07 to 12/31/07	5	$50.00 p. m.
1/1/08 to 1/31/08	28	55.00 "
1/1/08 to 1/31/08	2	60.00 "
2/1/08 to 2/20/08	Not borne on rolls	

Respectfully,

(Signed) P. D. Fallon

Asst. Chief, Records Division.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

March 16, 1939

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. There is forwarded herewith a letter dated March 4, 1939, from Captain T. H. Curtis, Master of San Francisco Lightship No. 83, giving information regarding his service with the U. S. Shipping Board and with the Coast and Geodetic Survey and requesting that this service be verified. There are also enclosed letters from the U. S. Maritime Commission and the Coast and Geodetic Survey dated February 18, 1938, and December 3, 1937, addressed to Captain Curtis regarding his service.

2. It is requested that the service of Captain Curtis be verified through the Civil Service Commission at Washington as explained in letter of the United States Maritime Commission.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

/s/ O. L. JENKINS

Assistant Superintendent

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Office, Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Calif., June 2, 1939.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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H. W. Rhodes.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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R. J. Gross

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
MAR 17 1939
SAN FRANCISCO

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
March 16, 1939.

Captain T. H. Curtis,
Master, San Francisco Lightship No. 83.

1. Your letter of March 4th, 1939, has been forwarded to the Bureau with the request that your services with the U. S. Shipping Board and with the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey be verified through thenU. S. Civil Service Commission at Washington.

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For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

O. L. JENKINS
Assistant Superintendent.

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H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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March 16, 1939.

Captain T. H. Curtis,
Master, San Francisco Lightship No. 53.

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For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

U. L. JENKINS
Assistant Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SAN FRANCISCO BAR L.S.# 83,
MARCH,4th. 1939.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,
18TH. DIST. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

SUBJECT: REPLY TO COMMUCATION FROM THE U.S. SHIPPING BOARD.

1-- ON MAY ,15 1918 I JOINED THE HOLLAND SHIP POLLUX THAT WAS TAKEN OVER BY THE U.S.SHIPPING BOARD THE CAPTAIN WAS JAMES CLARK I SERVED AS iST. OFFICER ON HER I WAS ON SEVERAL SHIPS OWNED BY THE SHIPPING BOARD GOING FROM ONE TO THE OTHER AS ORDERED I WAS IN THE PARTY THAT BROUGHT THE LAKE GARDNER OUT FROM MONTREAUL WAS iST. OFFICER OF HER AND ON NOVEMBER 18TH. WAS PROMOTED TO MASTER OF THE S.S. LAKE LINDEN MADE SEVERAL TRIPS TO EUROPE AND TO CUBA, WAS PAID OFF IN NEW ORLEANS IN NOVEMBER 1919 .

2-- FROM THE LAKE LINDEN I WENT TO NEW YORK AND TO MONTREAUL AND BROUGHT THE LAKE FAGUNDUS TOOK A CARGO OF FLOUR TO ST. JOHNS N.F. AND FROM THERE TO BOSTON MASS. AND WAS TRANSFERED TO THE S.S. NIPMUC, I TOOK HER TO NEW ORLEANS LOADED CARGO FOR FRANCE THE ENGINEE WAS A.E.SCOTT, AND THE iST. OFFICER WAS CAPT. JOHN MILIKEN AND IN OCTOBER 1921 WAS PAID OFF IN NORFOLK, VA.

3-- THE DATES MAY NOT BE EXACT BUT MY WHOLE TIME WITH THE SHIPPING BOARD WAS ABUT THREE YEARS ~~Actual~~ .AND A HALF. ~~[redacted]~~

4-- I AM NOT SURE OF THE DATE THAT I JOINED THE COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY BUT I THINK IT WAS DEC. 1, 19o7 SERVED WITH CAPT. N.H.HECK WITH A WIRE DRAG AT KEY WEST FLORIDA TILL FEB. 1,1908 AND ON FEB 8 TH. I JOINED THE LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE AS MATE ON THE L.H.TENDER LAURE, STATIONED IN THE 7TH. DIST.

4 -- I WILL BE PLEASED TO HAVE THIS TIME STRAIGHTENED OUT FOR MY FUTURE RECORD.

SIGNED Thos. H. Curtin
MASTER ,L.S.#83.

UNITED STATES MARITIME COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1938.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis
San Francisco Bar Lightship, #83
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 26, 1938, requesting that we furnish you a record of your service on certain vessels under the control of the U. S. Shipping Board for a period of about two years, beginning April 1, 1918, which you desire for use in establishing credit for such service for retirement purposes.

The proper procedure is for you to make formal request for certification of your service on vessels under the control of the U. S. Shipping Board, to the U. S. Civil Service Commission through your immediate superior, Bureau of Lighthouses. In your request, it will be sufficient for you to name the various vessels on which you were employed and the approximate dates of service on each. The U. S. Civil Service Commission will then request the U. S. Maritime Commission to verify the service claimed by you and to submit on the form provided for that purpose, all particulars of your employment with the U. S. Shipping Board.

After verification by us, you will be given credit for such time as is considered government service in accordance with the regulations of the U. S. Civil Service Commission.

Very truly yours,

F. W. Jones

F. W. JONES
Division of Operations and Traffic

IN REPLY ADDRESS THE DIRECTOR
U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY
AND NOT THE SIGNER OF THIS LETTER

AND REFER TO No. 40-LS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

WASHINGTON

December 3, 1937.

Mr. Thos. H. Curtis,
1502 Beverly Place,
Berkeley, Calif.

My dear Sir:

This is in reply to your letter of November 24th to Captain N. H. Heck of this Bureau.

No record can be found of your employment by this Bureau. Therefore, the record of your services can only be obtained from the General Accounting Office through reference to the original payrolls. This matter should be handled by the Bureau of Lighthouses with whom you are now employed.

Through reference to the annual reports, it is found that Captain N. H. Heck was in charge of a wire drag party in Key West, Florida from March 13, 1907 to June 4, 1907 and from December 19, 1907 to May 26, 1908. The disbursing officer of this Bureau at that time was Scott Nesbit. This information is necessary for the General Accounting Office to find the payrolls.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
THE DISTRICT ENGINEER
P. O. BOX 4970
JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

WAR DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES ENGINEER OFFICE
U. S. COURTHOUSE AND POST OFFICE BUILDING
JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

REFER TO FILE NO.

Curtis, Thomas H.

SUPERINTENDENT
NOV 8 1937
SAN FRANCISCO

November 5, 1937.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
Customhouse,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with request contained in your letter dated October 30, 1937, there is inclosed herewith a summary of official record, covering the services of Mr. Thomas H. Curtis in the Jacksonville, Florida, Engineer District.

Very truly yours,

Earl North,
Lieut. Col., Corps of Engineers,
District Engineer.

Inclosure:
Form No. 25.

WAR DEPARTMENT

SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL RECORD OF CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE

Name: Curtis, Thomas H. _____
(Surname, first, Mr., Miss, or Mrs.)

_____
(Date of birth)

SERVICE RECORD

Branch of Service and Station	Action (a)	Position (Pay-roll title)	Rate of Pay (b)	Date Effective
War-Engr., Jacksonville, Fla.	Temp. A.	Steersman,	$ 600	7-25-05
Do	Term.	"	600	9-23-05
Do	Prob. Appt.	Mate,	900	9-24-05
Do	Chg. in Pay	"	720	11-1-05
Do	Furl.	"	720	9-5-06
Do	Term. furl.	"	720	9-5-07

(a) Indicate the nature of the action according to the following key abbreviations: P.A., probational appointment; Exc., excepted from examination; E.O., Executive order; Rein., reinstatement; Trans., transfer; Pro., promotion; Red., reduction; Res., resignation; Rem. C., removed for cause; Rem. R., removed, reduction of force; W.O.P., nonpay status for period of 6 months or more; R.W.O.P., return from nonpay status.

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

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STATEMENT OF DEDUCTIONS FOR RETIREMENT FUND

Date	Amount	Date	Amount	Date	Amount	Date	Amount	Date	Amount
No retirement deductions were taken.									

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

CERTIFICATE TO BE MADE ON TRANSFER OR SEPARATION

(Station) Jacksonville, Florida.

(Date) November 5, 1937.

The foregoing is a correct summary of the official record of Thomas H. Curtis (Name of employee) based on the official records of this office or official certification from the other offices in which he was employed.

He was last paid to include September 5, 1906.

(Signature)

Earl North,
Lieut. Col., Corps of Engineers,
District Engineer.
(Official title)

WAR DEPARTMENT
Form No. 25
Approved September 11, 1922

3—8427 U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1934

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October 30, 1937.

The District Engineer,
U. S. Engineer Office,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

1. Mr. Thomas H. Curtis, Master of San Francisco Lightship No. 83 in this District claims service as pilot, mate and master of the Government Dredge KEY WEST in your District during the years 1905 and 1906. It is requested that this Office be furnished with a copy of his official record for use in connection with his retirement record.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Very truly yours,

O. L. JENKINS

Assistant Superintendent of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.

REFER TO FILE No. LHP:EP

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
OCT 18 1937
SAN FRANCISCO

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

October 11, 1937

Mr. Thos. H. Curtis, Master of San Francisco Bar Lightship
Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Calif.

In compliance with your request of September 24, 1937, and endorsement thereon by Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Calif., relative to your service in the Lighthouse Service, prior to your transfer to the 18th District, the 18th Superintendent is today being furnished with a copy of Form 2806, showing your service prior to your transfer to the 18th District.

It will be noted that service as Foreman has been inserted from July 24, 1922 to November 6, 1922. In the event that you have knowledge of any other service than this period when you were at Sand Key Lightstation and other service shown on Form 2806, it is requested that you advise the dates as close as possible, and a further search will be made to obtain the desired information.

W. W. Emerson

Superintendent of Lighthouses

EMA

OFFICE, SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., OCTOBER 18, 1937.

Forwarded to Master, San Francisco Lightship No. 83, for checking and return of Form 2806 to this Office for permanent records.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

O. L. Jenkins

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

San Francisco, Calif.,
September 24, 1937.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 7th District,
Key West, Florida.

(Through the Superintendent of the 18th Dist.)

Sir:

I respectfully request that the records be checked on my previous service as foreman in the Lighthouse Service. My appointment to the Tender Ivy was March 8, 1927. You will recall that we built the Pile driver and later went to Sand Key Light Station and built that steel dock before I had been appointed to the Ivy. I have all of my time straight and will trust that you will have a record so that I can have it recorded.

Respectfully,

Thos. H. Curtis
Master San Francisco Bar Lightship
Room 424 Custom House
San Francisco, Calif.

OFFICE, SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., SEPTEMBER 25, 1937.

Forwarded to Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Seventh Lighthouse District,
Key West, Florida.

Abstract of Official Record furnished to this Office by you on May 25, 1932, does not give a record of the service of Captain Curtis as a Foreman. It is requested that Form 2806 be furnished this Office giving the complete Government service of Mr. Curtis up to the time of his transfer to this District.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

O. L. JENKINS

Assistant Superintendent of Lighthouses.

January 26, 1937.

CAPTAIN RHODES:

MRS. CURTIS CALLED ME ON THE PHONE LAST NIGHT, JAN. 25th, AND STATED THAT CAPTAIN CURTIS WAS STILL ILL WITH BRONCHIAL COMPLICATIONS, VERY LOW BLOOD PRESSURE, AND VERY WEAK AS A RESULT OF THE "FLU". STATED THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO RETURN TO THE LIGHTSHIP THIS FRIDAY BUT THAT HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO RETURN A WEEK FROM FRIDAY. HE WAS STILL IN BED.

EMA

P.S. I TOLD MRS. CURTIS THAT CAPTAIN CURTIS SHOULD FILE A LEAVE SLIP FOR SICK LEAVE SIGNED BY HIS PHYSICIAN AND THAT I WOULD MAIL HER ONE . WAS THAT ALL RIGHT????????

yes - to be filed at termination of sickness

January 21, 1937.

Captain Rhodes:

Called up Mrs. Thos. H. Curtis and learned that Captain Curtis is still confined to his bed very ill. She says that along with Influenza he seems to have some sort of bronchial trouble. Also said that he would return to work just as soon as he possibly could.

E.M.A. file

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
NOV 7 1936
SAN FRANCISCO

LIGHTSHIP,#83.
NOV.6,1936.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,18TH.DIST.
SAN FRANCISCO,

SUBJECT: REASON FOR WANTING MY LIBERTY.

1- WHEN I WAS IN ON MY LAST LIBERTY I HAD AN EXRAY TAKEN OF MY WIFE'S AND THE PICTURE SHOWS A FRACTURE NEAR THE SPINE , THAT HAS CAUSED HER TO BE NERVOUS WITH A SLIGHT PAIN ALL OF THE TIME , THE DOCTOR HAS ORDERED A BRACE FOR HER AND SHE HAS TO BE QUIET NOT ABLE TO DO ANY THING HARDLY THAT IS WHY I WANTED TO SPLIT UP MY TIME SO AS TO KEEP A CLOSE TAB ON HER, I DID NOT WANT TO MAKE THIS KNOWN THIS IS MY WORRIES AND I AM DOING ALL THAT I CAN TO HELP,

2- I AM AWARE OF THE EIGHTEENAYS THAT I HAVE FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR AND I DONT CARE TO CARRY ANY IN THE NEXT YEAR , I WILL WAIT NOW UNTIL THE TWENTIETH AND WILL TAKE MY TWO WEEKS.

SIGNED Thos. H. Conte
MASTER.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
NOV 7 1936
SAN FRANCISCO

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

November 5, 1936.

Thomas H. Curtis,
Master, Lightship No. 83.

1. Referring to your radio requesting one week's leave commencing November 6th and stating that you had good reasons for requesting this leave, also to your previous radio stating that the Engineer of your Lightship was due for liberty, you are advised that it is against the Lighthouse Regulations for both the Master and the Engineer of a Ship to be away from the Ship at the same time, and leave for both Officers cannot be approved except in extreme cases of emergency.

2. You are further advised that you have overdrawn your leave and that should you take leave at this time, it may be necessary for you to remain aboard your ship during the Holiday Season when you might otherwise have leave.

3. You failed to state your reasons for requesting leave but if you can establish the fact that it is of an emergency nature and absolutely essential that it be taken, your leave will be authorized subject to your establishing the emergency status of your request.

4. There is attached a statement of annual and compensatory leave which may be allowed the Officers of your Lightship who were with the Lightship in Port and on Station during the calendar year 1936. From this statement you will observe that you have 15 days of annual and compensatory leave to be earned during the months of November and December, 1936, and which may be taken before December 31, 1936.

H. W. RHOADES

Superintendent.

Recd. Nov 6—
Signed Curtis
Master

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

HWR:BR

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

June 20th, 1936

Thomas H. Curtis, Master,
SAN FRANCISCO Lightship No. 83:

1. Referring to your letter of June 16th relative to the conduct of Seaman Lutz prior to your discharging him, you are advised that in view of the protest filed by Lutz, his record in the Service has been investigated, and it has been found that without exception he has been given a reputation for steadiness, efficiency and trustworthiness by officers of vessels and members of the District technical force who have come in contact with him. They further report that Lutz has always been even-tempered and that he has never been known to be insubordinate or insolent.

2. In reviewing this matter, it appears to the Superintendent that the trouble was precipitated by your own intemperate remarks to Lutz, and that any reply by him which you interpreted as being insolent was, as a matter of fact, invited by your manner of addressing him.

3. As you were previously advised, the Superintendent must have confidence in the efficiency and good judgment of the commanding officers of all vessels in the District, and in order that he may be justified in continuing such confidence in you, it is desired that in future you take extreme care to see that you do not address members of your crew in an intemperate manner and that you do not require unusual and unnecessary work by them.

H. W. RHODES
Superintendent.

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HWR:AMH

Nov. 27, 1935

Capt. T. H. Curtis,
Box 1290,
Stockton, California.

Dear Sir:

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 25th reporting the death of your grandson and the critical illness of your mother-in-law.

2. I am very sorry to learn of these distressing matters and trust that the situation may be improved from this time on.

Very truly yours,

H. W. RHOADES

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
NOV 23 1935
SAN FRANCISCO

Ans'd

Stockton. Cal
Nov. 20 - 35

Superintendent of L. Houses 18th Dist
San Francisco.

Sir:

I regretfully state that my little Grandson passed away and Mother in Law critically ill both in the same home
I knew that you would be interested in this. Therefore take this means of letting you know.
My address is - Box 1290 - Stockton Calif -

Signed - Thos. H. Curtis
Master L.S. #583.

HWR:AME

July 15, 1935

Master, San Francisco Lightship No.83:

1. On July 8th, there was received your radio message stating that you had arranged with the Master of Blunts Reef Lightship to transfer Dacosta, seaman, to Lightship 100 in exchange for seaman Reed then on liberty.

2. Upon the supposition that this transfer was being arranged to the mutual satisfaction of the seamen involved, the Superintendent approved sending seaman Reed to your vessel by the Navy Tug on July 12th.

3. On July 12th, your radiogram of that date was received stating that Dacosta was not willing to transfer to Lightship 100 and that, therefore, you had discharged him.

4. You are advised that you are without authority to transfer any member of the crew of your vessel to any other vessel against his will and much less to discharge him for his objection to such forcible transfer.

5. On account of the necessity of sending a seaman to Lightship 100 by the steamer sailing on July 13th, Dacosta was sent to that vessel and seaman Reed will be allowed to remain on your vessel pending further investigation of this matter.

6. Numerous complaints have been received at the office of late regarding your treatment of members of the crew of your vessel and statements have also been received to the effect that the quality and quantity of food which you are supplying the vessel is not satisfactory and does not compare favorably with the messes on other vessels.

7. You are directed to report explicitly all circumstances connected with your proposed transfer of Dacosta to Lightship 100 and also your reasons for discharging him when he objected to being transferred to that vessel.

8. You are also directed to report the reasons for seaman Hinman tendering his resignation and returning on shore on July 12th. Hinman reported that he did not desire to leave the Service and he has, therefore, been directed to return to the ship on July 19th.

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent

HWR:EMA

January 3, 1935.

T. H. Curtis,
Master, San Francisco Lightship #83.

1. Your letter of December 31st relative to the transfers of Engineers between Lightships Nos. 76 and 83 failed to furnish the information required by the Superintendent's letter of December 27th.

2. Unofficial reports received by the Superintendent are to the effect that there has been a lack of harmony between yourself and the Engineer of your vessel and the reports intimate that you have been interfering with the work in the engine room which is primarily within the jurisdiction of the Engineer.

3. It is not proposed to go into this matter further at the present time, but you are advised that you should not interfere in any manner with the proper jurisdiction of the new Engineer in his Department.

H. W. RHODES
Superintendent.

WW:LH

March 21, 1934.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. Referring to Bureau indorsement on Bureau letter to Eighth District of March 16, 1934, relative to payment of transportation, etc., of household goods of Thos. H. Curtis, who was transferred from the 7th District to position of Second Officer of Tender SEQUOIA in this district.

2. The only payments covering transportation, etc., of Curtis' household goods made by this district was by voucher 832, paid in August, 1932, for $5.55. Curtis paid $13.67 for express charges but was reimbursed for $5.55, which would have been the charge if shipment had been made by freight. Attention is invited to District letter of July 21, 1932, to the Bureau on this matter.

H. W. RHODES

WW
For reply

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
MAR 20 1934
SAN FRANCISCO

18th

March 16, 1934.

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Assoc. Eng. 2
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Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla.

Transfer of Thos. H. Curtis, from Miami, Fla. to San Francisco, Calif. Bureau telegram of March 24, 1932.

Advice is requested whether or not your office furnished a bill of lading to cover shipment of above household effects and, if so, furnish number of same. Also advise if any charges for crating and packing were paid by your office and, if so, furnish voucher references covering same.

For the Commissioner

O. L. CRICKENBARGER
Chief of Financial Division.

JVP

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COPY to 18th District attention being invited to Bureau telegram referred to above, copy of which was furnished your district. Advise if any costs were incurred by your office, if so, furnish amount and voucher reference covering same.

O L Crickenbarger

Chief of Financial Division
Bureau of Lighthouses

Ans as soon as we hear from 18th Dist

T. H Curtis - Voucher 832. paid in August. 1932 for $5.55 express charges Corrected & Forwarded -

10560 - April 1932 - #2467

Travel

Will pay - packing in a few days

file
T. H. Curtis

(COPY WW:GWR)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

WW:PMM
Encls.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

July 21st, 1932.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. Referring to Bureau endorsement on copy of Bureau telegram of March 24th to Lighthouse Superintendent, Key West, Florida, relative to furnishing Curtis transportation for himself and household effects from Miami to San Francisco, there are enclosed copy of letter from this office of July 16th, 1932 to Thomas Curtis, 2nd Officer, Tender Sequoia, and copy of his reply of July 20th, from which it will be seen that a portion of Curtis's household effects were shipped on commercial bill of lading from Miami to San Francisco, charges collect, amounting to $13.67, as per enclosed Railway Express Agency bill of July 16th, 1932, the shipment weighing 99 pounds.

2. These express charges were paid for by Curtis in order to avoid possible storage charges.

H. W. RHODES, SUPERINTENDENT.

BY (signed) Wm. Wilson,

Chief Clerk.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
August 11, 1932.

Returned to Supt. of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Calif. payment of the above bill being authorized in the amount of $5.55, the cost to the Government had shipment been made by freight, as it appears that shipment by express was not authorized either by the Bureau or the 7th District.

For the Commissioner:

(signed) H. D. King
Deputy Commissioner

JFP:JAB

WW:PMM
Encl.

9/0 Files Curtis file

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Chief Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
JUL 22 1932
SAN FRANCISCO

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
July 21st, 1932.

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Thomas H. Curtis.

1. If you paid these charges have the express agency receipt the attached receipt and then forward it promptly to this office in order that it may be submitted to Washington with report of the case.

Lighthouse Superintendent

W. W.

U.S. LIGHTHOUSE TENDER "SEQUOIA"
YERBA BUENA ISL.DEPOT.
JULY 20th 1932.

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
JUL 21 1932
SAN FRANCISCO

From: Thos. H. Curtis, 2nd Officer
Through Captain, Tender SEQUOIA

To: Superintendent of Lighthouses
San Francisco, Calif. Att'n: Mr. Wm.Wilson

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1. With reference to Superintendent's Letter of 7/16/32, regarding shipment of Household Effects from Miami, Fla. to San Francisco, Calif.

2. Before departure from Miami. Fla. the Superintendent of Lighthouses, 7th District, was advised by Bureau, to have my Household Goods crated and shipped to San Francisco, Calif.

3. Since it was necessary that I proceeded to San Francisco ahead of family, the Household Effects referred to were not shipped until on or about July 5th cr. Mr. Chas.Snyder, Cashier of Ry Express Agency at Miami, Fla. saw to it that shipment was transferred to Station at a distance of 8 miles without charge and thence forwarded shipment by most economical and practical method via Railway Express to San Francisco, shipment consisting of:

Silverware
Radio
Quilts & Blankets
Miscl Bedding

at a value of about $300.oo.

4. Upon arrival at San Francisco of shipment, which was sent to Pier #19, I paid cash for charges, to avoid storage and the receipt forwarded with Form 1012, is the only receipt the Railway Express Co. furnished.

5. To the best of my recollection nothing was mentioned, which stipulated that above shipment were to be forwarded on Govt. Bill of Lading only; when inquiring at Miami, Fla. I was advised that forwarding by Express would be the cheapest method of transportation.

/Encl/

Thos. H. Curtis

WW:PMM

July 16, 1932.

Thomas H. Curtis,
Second Officer, Tender Sequoia.

Through the Master.

1. Referring to your letter of July 15th, advising that your household effects were shipped from Miami, Fla. to San Francisco on Bureau orders, and arrived in San Francisco with express charges due thereon amounting to $13.67.

2. In telephone conversation with you on this date, you stated that you ordered your effects shipped out by express and not on Government bill of lading. You are requested to advise if you have any orders from the Bureau to make the shipment without obtaining a Government bill of lading.

3. This office was directed to report to the Bureau any cost incurred in San Francisco in connection with transporting your personal household goods after their arrival here.

4. It is understood that the express company has made delivery to you at Pier 19, and that there will be no additional charge for such delivery. Please report if such is the case.

H. W. RHODES, SUPERINTENDENT

BY:_____
Chief Clerk.

OLC:JAB

COMDR OF LIGHTHOUSES
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LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
MAR 28 1932
SAN FRANCISCO

Washington D C March 24 1932

Lighthouse Superintendent
Key West Florida

Furnish curtis transportation self and household goods miami san francisco california via florida east coast seaboard airline louisville and nashville southern pacific travel to begin promptly as practicable advise bureau date curtis leaves

PUTNAM

W.W.
Curtis is coming as 1st Officer Sequoia - advise Bu at transfer time re costs etc -

Copy to Supt. of Lighthouses, San Francisco, California, for his information and with request he promptly advise the Bureau as to any cost incurred in connection with Mr. Curtis' personal household goods after their arrival in San Francisco.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
JUL 15 1932
SAN FRANCISCO

Tender Sequoia
July 15,1932

File Curtis file in

To: Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Calif.

Thru The Captain

My Household Effects shipped from Miami, Florida to San Francisco, Calif., by Bureaus orders, have arrived in San Francisco express charges are $13.67, storage charges will start Monday July 18.

Will this notice be sufficient for me to collect charges from the Lighthouse Service?

Thos. H. Curtis
Second Officer

Weight unknown.
2 or 3 packages by Ry Expr Agcy.
No authority other than on file in this office. Will take delv July 16.

J. R. Ca

Standard Form No. 1012
Form approved by
Comptroller General U. S.
May 3, 1929

Public Voucher for Reimbursement of Travel and Other Expenses Including Per Diem

Voucher No. _____
No. _____

(Statement of account must be completely filled in by payee prior to signature, and there must not be any erasure or alteration unless initialed or signed by him)

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE
PREAUDIT
Certified for payment in the sum of $_____
J. R. McCARL,
Comptroller General of the United States.
By _____

U. S. _____
(Department, Bureau, or Establishment)
Appropriation: _____

THE UNITED STATES, Dr.,
To T.H. CURTIS
(Payee)
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
(Address)

PAID BY
(For use of Paying Office)

Official Headquarters _____ Domicile _____ Residence _____
(For use of the Postal Service only)

FOR REIMBURSEMENT of travel and other expenses incurred in the discharge of official duty

~~From~~ XXXXX AS OF JULY 16th, 19 32, ~~to~~ EXPRESS CHARGES, 19____,
as per itemized statement within, under authority No. XX BUREAU, dated _____, $ 13.67

AMOUNT		NOTATIONS
Dollars	*Cents*	(Payee must not use this column)
13.	67	

(Additional statements by Department, Bureau, or Establishment, if deemed necessary)

(ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION)

(Payee will NOT use this space)
Differences _____
Account verified; correct for _____ $

(Signature or initials) _____

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that the above account and schedule annexed are just and true in all respects; that the distances for which charge is made have been actually and necessarily traveled on the dates specified; that except as shown no lodgings were shared jointly with others nor were meals or lodgings furnished without charge by a Government agency or with or without charge by a member of my family, by another Government employee or a member of his family; that the amounts as charged, other than for allowance in lieu of transportation in kind and/or for per diem in lieu of subsistence, have been actually paid by me for travel and expenses incurred on official business only; that no part of the account has been paid by the United States, but the full amount is justly due; that all expenditures included in said account were made under prior authority therefor or under such circumstances as to render the securing of prior authority impracticable; that it was not, for reasons stated heron, feasible to have payments made by a disbursing officer of the United States for the expenditures other than my own personal travel expenses; that the expenses for which no vouchers were obtained were incurred under such circumstances as to render the taking of vouchers impracticable, as fully explained herein; and that none of the car or other fares claimed, except as herein otherwise explained, was for travel between place of temporary residence or where meals were taken and place of duty.

SIGN ORIGINAL ONLY

Payee Thos. H. Curtis Title 2nd Officer, Tender "SEQUOIA"

(To be used at discretion of Department, Bureau, or Establishment)
Recommended for approval:

Signature _____
(Immediate Supervising Official)

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me at _____
this _____ day of _____, 19____

_____
Title _____

I certify that the official headquarters, domicile, or residence of the claimant is as stated above; that the travel was authorized from and to the points stated in the account, and for the period and at the subsistence rate or rates claimed, as shown by the authority on file, or (if such authority was not issued in advance of travel) as satisfactorily explained and approved hereon as required by the Standardized Government Travel Regulations; that the within itemized statement has been examined and is certified correct, except as noted; and that the amounts therein claimed are just and reasonable, except as noted.

*Approved for $_____

SIGN ORIGINAL ONLY

*_____

Title _____

Paid by { Check No. _____, dated _____, 19____, for $_____ { on Treasurer of the United States in favor of payee named above

Cash, $_____, on _____, 19____ Signature of payee _____

OBSERVE INSTRUCTIONS ON LAST PAGE OF THIS FORM

SIGN ORIGINAL ONLY

*If the ability to certify and authority to approve are combined in one person, one signature only is necessary; otherwise the approving officer will sign in the blank space below "Approved for $_____" and over his official title.

10—1004

ITEMIZED SCHEDULE OF TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES

1. Give duty status on first day of voucher period:
   * Arrived at ------- on _____, 19____
   for temporary duty for approximate period SEE BELOW
   Approximate date of return to official headquarters _____, 19____
2. State authorized allowance for per diem in lieu of subsistence: $_____†
3. State authorized allowance for actual subsistence expenses: Not to exceed $-----† per day.

* If authority provides for travel to more than one point, time of arrival and departure from each should be stated in the body of the account in chronological order.

† If more than one rate of allowance is authorized, full statement of application of each rate must be given in some convenient place on this voucher.

DATE 19 32	CHARACTER OF EXPENDITURE (To be itemized by the day and fully explained)	SUB-VOU. NO.	AMOUNT SUBSISTENCE	AMOUNT OTHER	NOTATIONS (Payee must not use this column)
7/16	EXPRESS CHARGES covering transfer of Miscl.Household goods, (Silverware etc), total weight 99-Lbs; Points of shipment: Miami. Fla to San Francisco, Calif., as authorized by bureau.	1		13.67	

Return to Curtis: Document Post this letter to Letter Book & file this with the attached papers, and return

TOTALS (to be carried forward to Continuation Sheet, if necessary)	13.67
TOTAL AMOUNT OF VOUCHER (not to be used when totals are carried forward to Continuation Sheet)	13.67

10—1664a

Standard Form No. 1012a
Form approved by
Comptroller General U. S.
May 3, 1929

Public Voucher for Reimbursement of Travel and Other Expenses Including Per Diem

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No. _____

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE
PREAUDIT
Certified for payment in the
sum of $_____
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Comptroller General of the United States.
By _____

U. S. _____
(Department, Bureau, or Establishment)
Appropriation: _____

THE UNITED STATES, Dr.,
To T.H. CURTIS
(Payee)
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
(Address)

PAID BY

(For use of Paying Office)

Official Headquarters _____ Domicile _____ Residence _____
(For use of the Postal Service only)

FOR REIMBURSEMENT of travel and other expenses incurred in the discharge of official duty

from XX AS OF JULY 16th, 19 32, to EXPRESS CHARGES, 19____,

as per itemized statement within, under authority NY BUREAU, dated _____, $ 13.67

AMOUNT		NOTATIONS
Dollars	*Cents*	(Payee must not use this column)

(Additional statements by Department, Bureau, or Establishment, if deemed necessary)

(ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION)

(Payee will NOT use this space)

Differences _____

Account verified; correct for _____ $ _____

(Signature or initials) _____

MEMORANDUM

Paid by { Check No. _____, dated _____, 19____, for $_____ on Treasurer of the United States in favor of payee named above

Cash, $_____, on _____, 19____

MEMORANDUM—DO NOT SIGN

10—1084a

ITEMIZED SCHEDULE OF TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES

1. Give duty status on first day of voucher period:
   * Arrived at ---------- on ----------, 19----
   for temporary duty for approximate period ---------- SEE BELOW ----------
   Approximate date of return to official headquarters ----------, 19----
2. State authorized allowance for per diem in lieu of subsistence: $----------†
3. State authorized allowance for actual subsistence expenses: Not to exceed $----------† per day.

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Curtis E.

WW:PMM
Encl.

July 19th, 1932.

F. H. Curtis,
2nd Officer,
Tender Sequoia.

Through the Master.

1. Travel Voucher covering expressage on your household goods from Miami, Florida, to San Francisco, amounting to $13.67, is returned. There is no authority for this office to pay such express charges. Your attention is invited to letter of recent date, and a prompt reply should be submitted to this letter.

2. In the case of express charges the receipt is returned herewith. It should show the class of property transported, and it should be properly receipted by the express company if you made payment therefor in cash, or you should state in your reply that you have not paid the charges. It is proposed to forward your letters and the express receipt to the Bureau of Lighthouses for such action as it may consider proper.

3. In the case of the transportation of your household effects to San Francisco, this office was requested to take no action in connection therewith except to report if there were any transportation charges accruing in San Francisco. As the express company delivered your shipment to Pier 19 without additional charge, this office proposes to report to the Bureau of Lighthouses that there were no transportation charges incurred in San Francisco.

4. Submit full and complete reply.

H. W. RHODES, SUPERINTENDENT

By WM. WILSON
Chief Clerk.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EMA

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

June 10,1932.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,
Second Officer,Tender Sequoia.

(Through the Master)

1. It is requested that you fill out the attached Personal History Sheet and return it to this office. As this office has Abstract of your Official Record it is not necessary to fill out Question 6, but all other questions on the sheet should be answered.

Lighthouse Superintendent
By Emallen

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

PERSONAL HISTORY

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

Bureau, division, or office EIGHTEENTH LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA.

1. Name in full Thomas Henry Curtis,

2. Legal (voting) residence Florida, (State and Congressional District) Fourth, Monroe, (County) Key West, Fla. (City or town)

3. Where born? Florida, (State or foreign country) Key West, (City or town) When born? Nov. 27, 1874. (Month—Day—Year)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

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

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

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

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year

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

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

Enlisted ..... Discharged .....

Organization .....

Enlisted ..... Discharged .....

Organization .....

8. EDUCATION (Circle number of years)

Common school								High school				College				Degrees, if any
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	(8)	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	

9. State special qualifications Master Mariner,

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Mrs. Thomas Henry Curtis, (Name) Wife, (Relationship)

After June, 20th. San Francisco, Calf. 704 Oak, St. (Post office address)

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

Thomas Henry Curtis
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

June, II, 1932. (Date)

Present address L.H. tender Sequoia, San Francisco, Calf.

10—1659 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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KEY WEST, FLA.
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REFER TO FILE No.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
MAY 31 1932
SAN FRANCISCO

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

May 25, 1932

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Calif.

1. Referring to your letter dated April 6, 1932, requesting Abstract of Official Record in the case of Mr. Thomas H. Curtis, transferred from the position of First Officer of the IVY, Seventh Lighthouse District to the position of Second Officer of the SEQUOIA, Eighteenth Lighthouse District, effective commencing April 1, 1932.

2. Abstract of Official Record is attached herewith.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.

REFER TO FILE NO.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
MAY 31 1932
SAN FRANCISCO

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

May 25, 1932

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Calif.

1. Referring to your letter dated April 6, 1932, requesting Abstract of Official Record in the case of Mr. Thomas H. Curtis, transferred from the position of First Officer of the IVY, Seventh Lighthouse District to the position of Second Officer of the SEQUOIA, Eighteenth Lighthouse District, effective commencing April 1, 1932.

2. Abstract of Official Record is attached herewith.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Standard Form No. 13
Approved by the President
2-26-26—Revised 1-10-28

ABSTRACT OF OFFICIAL RECORD OF U. S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE

(For the use of the department to which the employee has been transferred)

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NAME: Curtis, Mr. Thomas H. (Surname first, Mr., Miss, or Mrs.) — November 27, 1874 (Date of birth)

Commerce - Lighthouse - 7th District
(Department and office in which last service was had. See Paragraph 2 of Instructions)

Key West, Florida (Place) — May 25, 1932 (Date)

I. SERVICE RECORD

ESTABLISHMENT (a)	ACTION (b)	POSITION (Pay-roll title)	RATE OF PAY (c)	DATE EFFECTIVE
7th Lighthouse District Tender LAUREL	Appointed	1st. Mate	$80.00 M	Feb. 10, 1908
7th Lighthouse District Tender MANGROVE	Trans.	do	do	Aug. 25, 1908
do	Pro.	do	$90.00 M	March 15, 1909
do	Reclassification	1st. Officer	$1080 A	Nov. 25, 1910
7th Lighthouse District Tender MAGNOLIA	Trans.(Temp)	1st. Officer	$1080 A	April 1, 1913
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July, 1922
Continuation sheet

Name Curtis, Mr. Thomas H.

SERVICE RECORD—Continued.

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do	Permanent appointment	do	do	Jan. 1, 1928
do	Welch Act Increase in compensation	do	$2160 A	July 1, 1928
do	Longlevity increase	do	$2220 A	April 1, 1929
18th Lighthouse District				
Tender SEQUOIA	Trans.	2nd Officer		April 1, 1932

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Form 2381 a
July, 1922
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13th Lighthouse District				
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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Standard Form No. 18.
Approved by the President
2-26-26—Revised 1-10-28

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II. STATEMENT OF DEDUCTIONS FOR RETIREMENT FUND—BY FISCAL YEARS

(See Instructions No. 3)

BEGINNING—			ENDING—			DEDUCTIONS		BEGINNING—			ENDING—			DEDUCTIONS	
Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	Dollars	Cents	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	Dollars	Cents

Do records show employee has made application for refund of any portion of amount shown above?_____
(Yes or No)

If the records show that refund of the above deductions has been made in whole or in part, state the amount or amounts, and period or periods covered and give claim number. (If none, so state) _____

_____

State leaves of absence in current calendar year: annual_____; sick_____; without pay_____

State any leave of absence in excess of six months in the aggregate in any calendar year: _____

_____

The foregoing is a complete abstract of the official record on file in this office showing all Federal service to date of the employee named herein.

_____
(Signature)

Countersigned _____, 19____ _____
(Official title)

_____
(Signature)

_____
(Official title)

Furnished to:

10—1931

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.
EP
REFER TO FILE No.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
MAY 21 19?2
SAN FRANCISCO

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

May 16, 1932

Supt.
Asst. Supt.
Assoc. Eng. 1
Assoc. Eng. 2
Chf. Clk:
Accounts
Personnel
Purch. & Cont.
Files
Trans. & Prop.
Hydrog.
Airways
Messenger

Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Calif.

1. Referring to your letter dated April 6, 1932, requesting to be furnished with an Abstract of Official Record of Mr. Thomas H. Curtis, who was transferred from the position of First Officer of the IVY, Seventh District, to the position of Second Officer of the SEQUOIA, Eighteenth District, effective commencing April 1, 1932.

2. It is advised that the delay in the forwarding of Abstract of Official Record is due to the fact that the record of Mr. Curtis in other districts is being checked, and as soon as the information is at hand same will be furnished you.

Wm. D. Emerick

Superintendent of Lighthouses

EMA

April 6, 1932.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Key West, Florida.

1. It is requested that this office be furnished with an Abstract of Official Record of Mr. Thomas H. Curtis, transferred from the position of First Officer of the Ivy, Seventh Lighthouse District, to the position of Second Officer of the Sequoia, Eighteenth Lighthouse District, effective commencing April 1,1932.

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

WW:PMM

April 2, 1932.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. Referring to Bureau endorsement on copy of Bureau letter of March 24th to Lighthouse Superintendent, Key West, Florida, the Bureau is advised that Thomas H. Curtis was assigned to duty on the Tender Sequoia, as Second Officer, on April 1st, 1932.

2. Mr. Curtis left his family in Miami and none of his household effects was transported to San Francisco. He states that he does not propose to bring his family to the West Coast until after the present school term is ended.

H. W. RHODES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON

April 1, 1932.

Thomas H. Curtis, 2nd Officer,
Thru the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Your letter of February 22, addressed to the Civil Service Commission, in which you make certain complaints as to conditions on the Lighthouse Tender IVY, has been referred to the Department inasmuch as the matter is one coming within the Department's jurisdiction. The allegations made by you have been given careful consideration, and it is found that they are the outcome of your recent personal difficulties on the IVY, as a result of which your transfer from that vessel has been effected. The investigation shows that your charges are unsubstantiated, and the Department desires to caution you to the end that in your new situation you will conduct yourself in a manner so that your personal difficulties will in no way interfere with the work of the Service.

E. F. Morgan
Acting Secretary of Commerce.

(COPY:LH)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Lighthouses
WASHINGTON

February 11, 1932

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, California.

Second Officer of Tender Sequoia.
Your letter February 4th.

1. The Bureau recognizes the validity of your statements of the necessity for two deck officers on long extended outside trips of the Sequoia and will approve filling this vacancy by the transfer of First Officer Curtis on the Tender Ivy as previously suggested. The 7th Superintendent has advised the Bureau that this position on the Ivy need not be filled for the time being in the event of such transfer.

2. If this arrangement cannot be satisfactorily consummated, it is suggested that the First Officer of the Tender Columbine be either transferred or temporarily detailed to the Sequoia and a competent boatswain or quartermaster detailed to the Columbine from time to time as may be necessary.

3. Until the problem of absorption of the existing deficit of the appropriation Salaries, Lighthouse Vessels, has been worked out and so long as necessity for furloughing appointed officers may exist, the Bureau will be unable to urge the appointment of new officers while any other solution appears practicable.

4. See also Bureau's reply to your letter of February 4th on the subject of Salaries, Lighthouse Vessels, 1932.

For the Commissioner:

(SIGNED) H. D. KING

Deputy Commissioner of Lighthouses.

HDK:ROM

HWR:BA

February 9th, 1932.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Proposed transfer of T. H. Curtis, First Officer, Seventh District.

Reference: Commissioner's letter of January 29th, 1932.

1. The present vacancy in the position of Second Officer on the Tender SEQUOIA in this district should be filled by an appointee who is able-bodied and competent physically to take charge of a heavily laden surf boat in effecting surf landings on the outer coast and also to climb to considerable heights on the rough shore line and offlying islands in charge of construction parties for the purpose of installing beacon lights. These are duties devolving upon the Second Officer of the Tender SEQUOIA which is engaged chiefly on outside operations, and experience has shown that a young and able-bodied man is best suited to fill this position.

2. It is noted that Mr. Curtis is 57 years of age, and there is some question as to whether he would be physically able to satisfactorily fill the vacancy in question.

3. While it is believed that Mr. Curtis could satisfactorily fill the position of First Officer on the Tender COLUMBINE which operates on inside waters, it should be noted that there is no position of Second Officer authorised for this vessel and that if Mr. Curtis were transferred as First Officer, it would be necessary to demote and transfer the present incumbent, E. R. C. Reese, to the position of Second Officer on the SEQUOIA, which position he has already declined.

4. In this connection the Bureau's attention is invited to letter from this office of February 4th, requesting that the pending reinstatement of John C. Dolbeck as Second Officer of the Tender SEQUOIA be consummated at an early date.

5. If the Bureau feels that Mr. Curtis is satisfactorily qualified physically to fill the position in question, this office would have no objection to his being transferred to it, although it should be noted that following the approval of the Civil Service Commission for the reinstatement of Mr. John C. Dolbeck, he was notified of his proposed reinstatement and he has now closed up his home in San Pedro, packed his furniture, and is standing by for instructions to proceed to the Tender SEQUOIA.

H. W. RHODES

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
FEB -8 1932
SAN FRANCISCO

January 29, 1932.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Calif.

Charges against T. H. Curtis, 1st Officer, 7th District.

1. The Bureau is considering the proper disciplinary action in the case of Thomas H. Curtis, 1st Officer on the IVY in the 7th District at $2220 per annum ($2160-2280). The charges against Curtis by the 7th Superintendent have been reasonably substantiated and were preferred against him on account of the following actions: While the tender was at the dock and Curtis was in charge he attempted to appropriate a gallon of paint. He was observed by the engineer of the ship, with whom he had for sometime past apparently had some ill feeling, and the engineer made a report of the matter to the Superintendent which he had turned over to Curtis for forwarding. Curtis became resentful, destroyed the charges and had a minor physical encounter with the engineer over the matter. The Superintendent had the situation thoroughly investigated and Curtis' reply to the charges and the evidence he submitted appeared to be of a dubious character. Aside from this instance Curtis has had a satisfactory record. He is fifty seven, first entered the Service in 1908, and has a total service of about fifteen years. In February, 1930, his promotion to Captain of the ACACIA in the 9th District was proposed, but it was not consummated on account of other considerations not having anything particular to do with Curtis' suitability for the promotion. On account of his long and satisfactory service, the Bureau hesitates to recommend Curtis' dismissal from the Service, but considers it quite necessary if other disposition is to be made of his case that he be transferred from the 7th District. On account of his reasonably satisfactory past record, it appears he might reestablish himself in another district, and your report and recommendation are requested as to transferring him as a second officer to your district. It is noted that there is now pending a nomination to fill such a position on the Tender SEQUOIA. Curtis might be utilized for that position or a similar one on the COLUMBINE if you consider that practicable.

2. Your prompt report and recommendation are requested.

G. R. PUTNAM,
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF

Go be added to my Official
record and return to
Thos. H. Curtis, U.S.A.

Signed
Curtis

P.S. this record is kept in
Jacksonville Florida
16 S. Engineers Office

UNITED STATES ENGINEER OFFICE.

Key West, Fla., Dec. 18, 1907.

To whom it may concern:

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis was employed by the U.S.Engineer Department for thirteen months in the years 1905 and 1906 in the capacity of pilot, mate, and master of the Government dredge Key West.

We found him industrious, faithful and competent, and would employ him again should we require his services.

Very respectfully,

J. M. Braxton

Assistant Engineer.

Thos. H. Curtis - Lane

1-16-40 to 1-19 = 3 days
3-1-40 to 3-8 = 7 11
4-5-40 to 4-12 = 7 11
4-26-40 to 5-3 = 7 11
5-31-40 to 6-22 = 22 11
46 day

48 days earned to 6-30
46 11
2 11

7. H. Curtis - Government Service

1 - 1 - 11 ✓
0 - 1 - 5 ✓
7 - 11 - 6 ✓
0 - 3 - 14 ✓
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0 - 2 - 0 ✓
13 - 7 - 0 ✓

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$$120$$
$$14$$

Miss Reed,

Please furnish me re last payroll on which T.H.Curtis paid, stating D.O. Voucher Number, name of disbursing officer, and symbol number, period covered by final payment and amount thereof.

E.M.Allen.

THOMAS H CURTIS, Master, San Francisco Lightship, last paid on SAN FRANCISCO LIGHTSHIP, 15-31 October, 1940 payroll, Voucher No. 12-62231, settled in the accounts of G F Allen, Chief Disbursing Officer, San Francisco, California, Symbol No. 1-112.
Amount $105.00

Curtis

$2488.50 \times \frac{25\frac{14}{360}}{40} = 1557.73$

360
25
1800
720
9000
14
9014

$\frac{9014}{360} \times \frac{248850}{100}$

4507
553
13521
22535
22535
2492371

4507
9014
4440
288
32

$\frac{553}{4977} \times \frac{248850}{50} = \frac{2492371}{1600}$

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12371
11200
11710
11200
5100
4800
300

40

J. H. Curtis – Govt service

(1) 1906 – 9 – 5 (35)
1905 – 7 – 25
1 – 1 – 11 Engr

(2) 1908 – 1 – 31 (13)
1907 – 12 – 26
0 – 1 – 5 CtGS

(3) 1916 – 1 – 15 (13)
1908 – 2 – 10
7 – 11 – 6 LH

(4) 1918 – 9 – 5 (35)
1918 – 5 – 22
0 – 3 – 24 Merchant Marine Grd

(5) 1918 – 10 – 31
1918 – 9 – 10
0 – 1 – 21

(6) 1918 – 12 – 17
1918 – 11 – 18
0 – 1 – 0

(7) 1919 – 4 – 2 (16 32)
1918 – 12 – 18
0 – 3 – 15

(8) 1919 – 10 – 13
1919 – 4 – 3
0 – 6 – 11

(9) 1919 – 12 – 6 (36)
1919 – 11 – 8
0 – 0 – 29

(10) 1920 – 5 – 20 (17)
1919 – 12 – 12
0 – 5 – 9

(11) 1922 – 11 – 6 (36)
1922 – 7 – 24
0 – 3 – 13

(12) 1923 – 1 – 22 (13)
1922 – 11 – 23
0 – 2 – 0

(13) 1940 – 10 – 31
1927 – 4 – 1
13 – 7 – 0

Curtis

2 yr. 7 mo - 15 da

11-1-35 to 6-15-38 @ 2460 = 6407.50

1938 - 6 - 15
1935 - 11 - 1
2 yr 7 mo 15 da

2460
2
49 0

4920
1435
102.50
6457.50

205
7
1435

1/2 of 205 =

2 yr 4 mo 15 da

6-16-38 to 10-31-40 @ 25-20 = 5985

1940 - 10 - 31
1938 - 6 - 16
2 - 4 - 15

2 yr = 5040
4 mo = 840
1/2 mo = 105
5985

210
4
840

2520
2
5040

6457.50
5985.00
12442.50

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2488.50

95
38
57

Thomas H. Curtis

(1) 1906 – 9 – 35
1905 – 7 – 25
1 – 1 – 11

(2) 1908 – 13 – 31
1907 – 12 – 26
1 – 5

(3) 1916 – 13 – 15
1908 – 2 – 10
7 – 11 – 6

(4) 1918 – 9 – 35
1918 – 5 – 24
3 – 14

(5) 1918 – 10 – 31
1918 – 9 – 10
0 – 1 – 21

(6) 1918 – 12 – 17
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(7) 1919 – 22 – 43
1918 – 12 – 18
0 – 9 – 26

(8) 1919 – 12 – 36
1919 – 11 – 8
0 – 0 – 29

(9) 1920 – 17 – 36
1919 – 12 – 12
0 – 5 – 9

(10) 1922 – 11 – 36
1922 – 7 – 24
0 – 3 – 13

Curtis

(11) 1923 - 1 - 22
1922 - 11 - 23
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(12) 1940 - 10 - 31
1927 - 4 - 1
13 - 7

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4
25 - 0 - 14

Last 5 years -

Nov 1, 1935 to Oct 31 - 1940

Nov 1, 1935 to June 15, 38 = 2460
June 16, 1938 to Oct 31, 1939 = 25-20

Curtis Sept. 2/32

WMH

See par 301 of Regulations
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Radio

Curtis says he must
leave with Jay by
Mch 30 so we will
Jay Commencing April
for

Mch 1932

Miss Curtis Please see
Chief Clerk (Immigration).
relative cost of transportation
of household effects
after arrival in WA
S.P.

Please return
attached sheet.

Wilson.

CARD NO. 2

NO.

Curtis	Thomas	Henry
(SURNAME)	(FIRST NAME)	(SECOND NAME)

DATE OF BIRTH		
MONTH	DAY	YEAR
11	7	1874

SEX M RACE W

RETIREMENT AGE 70

LEGAL VOTING RESIDENCE		
STATE AND CONG. DISTRICT	COUNTY	CITY OR TOWN
Calif.	Alameda	Berkeley

MILITARY SERVICE YES NO

MILITARY PENSION OR WAR RISK COMPENSATION YES NO

JOURNAL SHEET AND LINE	NATURE OF ACTION	POSITION AND GRADE	SALARY Base pay	SALARY AGGREGATE PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE	DEPARTMENT OR ESTABLISHMENT OFFICIAL STATION	TOTAL SERVICE MOS.	DAYS	YRS.
	Apptd.	MASTER - SS LAKE LINDEN	$300. Mo.		4--3-19	USSB Merchant Fleet Corp.		Verifie	
	Pro.		330. "	8	8-20-19				
	Disch.		330. "		10-13-19				
	Apptd.	Master - SS LAKE FAGUNDUS	330. "	9	11--8-19				
	Disch.		330. "		12--6-19				
	Apptd.	MASTER - SS NIPMUC	375. "		12-12-19				
	Disch.		375. "	10	5-20-20	-			
	Apptd.	Foreman	150. "		7-24-22	Com.USLHS,7th Dist.Key West,Fla.			
	Laid Off	do	150. "	11	11--6-22	do			
	Temp.Appmt.	Additional Master	2040. A	12	11-23-22	do Tender POINSETTIA			
	Term.	do	2040. "		1-22-23	do do			
	Temp.Appmt.	1st Officer	2040. "		4--1-27	do Tender IVY			
	Prob.Appmt.	do	2040. "		8--1-27	do do			
	Perm.Appmt.	do	2040. "		1--1-28	do do			
	Welch Act	do	2160. "	13	7--1-28	do do			
	Inc.Longevity	do	2220. "		4--1-29	do do			
	Tr.	2nd Officer	1920. "		4--1-32	Com.USLHS,8th Dist.Tender SEQUOIA			
	Tr. & Prom.	Master	2460. "		10--6-33	do Lightship No. 83			
	Inc.Longevity	do	2520. "		6-16-38				
	Tr.EO2,5-9-39	do	2520 "		7--1-39	TREAS,USCG,SF DIST. do			

EDUCATION: (INDICATE NUMBER OF YEARS) COMMON SCHOOL 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 HIGH SCHOOL 1 2 3 4 COLLEGE 1 2 3 4 DEGREES, IF ANY

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

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CARD NO. 1

No.

Curtis	Thomas	Henry
(SURNAME)	(FIRST NAME)	(SECOND NAME)

DATE OF BIRTH		
MONTH	DAY	YEAR
11	7	1874

SEX M RACE W

RETIREMENT AGE 70

LEGAL VOTING RESIDENCE		
STATE AND CONG. DISTRICT	COUNTY	CITY OR TOWN
Calif.	Alameda	Berkeley

MILITARY SERVICE _____ YES _____ NO _____

MILITARY PENSION OR WAR RISK COMPENSATION _____ YES _____ NO _____

JOURNAL SHEET AND LINE	NATURE OF ACTION	POSITION AND GRADE	SALARY: PAY LESS ALLOWANCES	SALARY: AGGREGATE PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE	DEPARTMENT OR ESTABLISHMENT OFFICIAL STATION	TOTAL SERVICE: MOS.	DAYS	YRS.
	Temp.A.	Steersman	$600. A.		7-25-05	War-Engr.Jacksonville, Fla.		Verified	
	Term.	do	600. "		9-23-05	do		"	
	Prob.A.	Mate	900. "		9-24-05	do		"	
	Chg.Pay	do	720. "		11-1-05	do		"	
	Furl.	do	720. "		9-5-06	do	1	11	1
	Term.Furl.	do	720. "		9-5-07	do		"	
	Emp.		50. Mo.		12-26-07	Com. C&G Survey		"	
	Inc.Comp.		55. Mo.		1--1-08	do		"	
	do	2 days in January	60. "		1-1to1-31-08	do		"	
	Term. (Not	borne on rolls 2-1-08 to	2-29-08		2-29-08	do		"	
	Appointed	1st Mate	$80. Mo.		2-10-08	Com.USLHS,7th Dist.Tender LAUREL			
	Trans.	do	80. "	3	8-25-08	do MANGROVE			
	Pro.	do	90. "		3-15-09	do	do		
	Reclassification,	1st Officer	$1080.A.		11-25-10	do	do		
	Trans.(Temp.)	do	1080."		4--1-13	do MAGNOLIA			
	Trans.	do	1080."		7--1-14	do ARBUTUS			
	Trans.	Master (Addl.)	1980."		7-14-14	Com.USLHS,1st Dist.Tender LILAC			
	Trans.	1st Officer (Addl.)	1200."		7--1-15	do 3rd Dist.Tender MYRTLE			
	Trans.	do	1200."		7-10-15	do 9th Dist. do			
	Reas.to duty	1st Officer do	1200."		9--7-15	do 3rd Dist. do			
	Furloughed	do do	1200."		1-15-16	do do do			
	Disct.wop	do do	1200."		1-22-16	do do do			
	Apptd.	1st Officer - SS POLLUX	140.Mo.		5-22-18	USSB Merchant Fleet Corp.		Verified	
	Pro.	do	145."	4	6-21-18			"	
	Disch.	do	145."		9--5-18			"	
	Apptd.	1st Officer - SS LAKE GARDNER	$145.Mo.	3	9-10-18			"	
	Disch.	do			10-31-18			"	
	Apptd.	Master - SS LAKE LINDEN	$360. Mo.		11-18-18			"	
	Disch.	do	360. "	6	12-17-18			"	
	Apptd.	do	240. "		12-18-18	QM Corps,Army Trans.Ser.NANTES,FRANCE		"	
	Sal.changed	do	$10.p/d.	7	3-28-19			"	
	Term.	do	$10. "		4--2-19			"	

EDUCATION: (INDICATE NUMBER OF YEARS) COMMON SCHOOL 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 HIGH SCHOOL 1 2 3 4 COLLEGE 1 2 3 4 DEGREES, IF ANY _____

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS _____

CONTINUED ON CARD NO. 2

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CARD NO. 1

NO.

CURTIS (SURNAME) THOMAS (FIRST NAME) HENRY (SECOND NAME)

DATE OF BIRTH			LEGAL VOTING RESIDENCE		
MONTH	DAY	YEAR	STATE AND CONG. DISTRICT	COUNTY	CITY OR TOWN
Nov.	27	1874			

SEX M RACE W

RETIREMENT AGE 70

MILITARY SERVICE ____ YES ____ NO ____

MILITARY PENSION OR WAR RISK COMPENSATION ____ YES ____ NO ____

JOURNAL SHEET AND LINE	NATURE OF ACTION	POSITION AND GRADE	SALARY		EFFECTIVE DATE	DEPARTMENT OR ESTABLISHMENT OFFICIAL STATION	TOTAL SERVICE		
			PAY LESS ALLOWANCES	~~Base~~ ~~AGGREGATE~~ PAY			MOS.	DAYS	YRS.
	Temp. A.	Steersman		$600.A.	7-25-05	War-Engr.Jacksonville, Fla			
	Term.	do		600."	9-23-05	do			
	Prob.A.	Mate		900."	9-24-05	do			
	Chg.in Pay	do		720."	11-1-05	do			
	Furl.	do		720."	9--5-06		1	11	1
	Term.furl.	do		720."	9--5-07		~~11~~	~~11~~	
	~~Emp.~~			$50. Mo.	~~12-26-07~~	Com.C&G survey			
	Inc.Comp.	[illegible]		55. Mo.	1-1-08	do	2		
	do	2 days in January		60. "					
	Term.	Not borne on rolls 2-1-08	to 2-29-08		2-29-08	do			
							3	11	1

EDUCATION: (INDICATE NUMBER OF YEARS) COMMON SCHOOL 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 HIGH SCHOOL 1 2 3 4 COLLEGE 1 2 3 4 DEGREES, IF ANY ____

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS ____

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See Card No. 1 for first service with Engineers. CARD NO. 2

No.

Curtis	Thomas	Henry
(SURNAME)	(FIRST NAME)	(SECOND NAME)

DATE OF BIRTH		
MONTH	DAY	YEAR
Nov.	27	1874

SEX M RACE W

RETIREMENT AGE

LEGAL VOTING RESIDENCE		
STATE AND CONG. DISTRICT	COUNTY	CITY OR TOWN
Fla. 4th	Monroe	Key West

MILITARY SERVICE YES NO

MILITARY PENSION OR WAR RISK COMPENSATION YES NO

REFERENCE	NATURE OF ACTION	POSITION AND GRADE	SALARY		EFFECTIVE DATE	DEPARTMENT OR ESTABLISHMENT OFFICIAL STATION	TOTAL SERVICE		
			PAY LESS ALLOWANCES	BASIC PAY			MOS.	DAYS	YRS.
	Appointed	1st. Mate		$ 80.00M	2/10/08	7th Dist. Tender LAUREL			
	Trans.	do.		80.00 M	8/25/08	7th Dist. TenderMANGROVE			
	Pro.	do.		90.00 M	3/15/09	7th Dist. Tender MANGROVE			
	Reclassification	1st. Officer		1080 A.	11/25/10	do.			
	Trans.(Temp.)	1st. Officer		1080 A	4/1/13	7th Dist. Tender MAGNOLIA			
	Trans.	do.		1080 A	7/1/14	7th Dist. Tender ARBUTUS			
	Trans.	Master (Addl.)		1980 A	7/14/14	1st. Dist. Tender LILAC			
	Trans.	1st. Officer (Addl.)		1200 A.	7/1/15	3rd Dist. Tender MYRTLE			
	Trans.	do.		1200 A.	7/10/15	9th Dist. Tender MYRTLE			
	Reassigned to duty	1st. Officer		1200 A.	9/7/15	3rd District			
	Furloughed without pay	1st. officer		1200 A.	1/15/16	3rd District.	11	6	7 to 1-15-16
	Services discontinued without prejudice	1st. Officer (Addl.)	5-12-18	1200 A.	1/22/16	LighthouseService.			
	Appointed	Foreman		150 M	7/24/22	7th Dist. Key West, Fla.			
	Laid off	Foreman		150 M	11/6/22	do.	3	13	
	Appt. (Tem.)	Additional Master		2040 A.	11/23/22	7th Dist. Tender POINSETTIA			
	Services ended	do.		2040 A.	1/22/23	do.	02		
	Tem. Appt.)	1st. Officer		2040 A	4/1/27	7th Dist.TENDER IVY			
	Pro. Appt.	do.		2040 A	8/1/27	do.			
	Permanent Appt.	do.		2040 A.	1/1/28	do.			
	Welch Act	do.		2160 A.	7/1/28	do.			
	Longevity increase	1st. Officer		2220 A.	4/1/29	do.			
	Trans.	2nd. Officer		1920 "	4/1/32	18th Dist. Tender SEQUOIA			
	Tr.& Prom.	Master		2460 "	10-6-33	do Lightship 83			
	Incr.Longevity	do		2520 "	6-16-38	do do			

EDUCATION: COMMON SCHOOL 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 HIGH SCHOOL 1 2 3 4 COLLEGE 1 2 3 4 DEGREES, IF ANY

(INDICATE NUMBER OF YEARS)

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

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No. _____

DATE OF BIRTH			DATE	DESIGNATION	OFFICE
MONTH	DAY	YEAR			
Nov.	27	1874			
SEX M	RACE W				
RETIREMENT AGE					

Curtis, Thomas Henry
(SURNAME) (FIRST NAME) (SECOND NAME)

DATE	FISCAL YEAR DEDUCTIONS AND SERVICE CREDIT CONTRIBUTIONS	TONTINE DEDUCTIONS	NET FISCAL YEAR DEDUCTIONS AND SERVICE CREDIT CONTRIBUTIONS	DEPARTMENTS ESTABLISHMENTS WILL NOT USE THIS COLUMN	BALANCE FORWARD	TOTAL CREDITED TO EMPLOYEE	DATE OF ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT / REMARKS

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Wm. W. Somerville

Superintendent of Lighthouses

RETIREMENT RECORD CARD—CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FORM 2806—FEB., 1931 10—153

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Form No. 2661A
Form approved by
Comptroller General U. S.
April 13, 1934

DATA SUPPORTING CLAIM FOR PAY AND ALLOWANCES OF PERSONNEL

(MEMORANDUM)

(To be retained by payee, and when payment is made by check, to be used as mailing copy)

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, U. S. COAST GUARD

Appropriation: 1730910 Retired Pay, Former Lighthouse Service, Coast Guard, 1943

Unit Headquarters Retired Roll-Lighthouse

THE UNITED STATES, *Dr.*,

To Thomas H. Curtis, Master, Ret., Deceased. Retired
(Name)

(Designation), *U. S. Coast Guard*

(Address)

Total years of service

Pay period, duty, or grade

Monthly rate of pay $129.81
(Base and longevity)

For pay and allowances—

From 11-1- , 19 42 , *to* 11-14- , 19 42
(Inclusive)

CREDITS:		NOTATIONS
Subsistence allowance ..... $		
Rental or quarters allowance		
Pay	$60.57	
Balance forwarded from ..... (Name of unit, noting month of roll or voucher)		
Sundry credits and adjustments		
TOTAL CREDITS ..... $	60.57	
CHARGES:		
Allotment ..... $		
Clothing		
Forfeited		
Sundry charges and adjustments		
TOTAL CHARGES ..... $	None	

		NOTATIONS
Total Credits ..... $	$60.57	
Less—Total Charges, $ None		
Amt. retained		
TOTAL ..... $	None	
Net amount to be paid on this voucher ..... $	$60.57	

REMARKS: Died 11-14-42. Last paid for period 1-31 October, 1942 on D. O. Vou. No. 789,641 dated 31 October, 1942 settled in the October, 1942 account of G. F. Allen, 50-011. Treas. U. S. Check No. 1008697 dated 30 November, 1942 paid on D. O. Vou. No. 980,850 dated 30 November, 1942, settled in the November, 1942 account of G.F. Allen, 50-011, canceled. See Schedule of Canceled Checks No. 91 dated Dec. 1, 1942.

(Additional statements by Department if deemed necessary)

(ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION)

21-125
1200

(Payee will NOT use this space)

Differences .....

Account verified; correct for ..... $ $60.57

(Signature or initials) GLB. 11-24-42

I certify that the foregoing account is true and correct and that payment therefor has not been received; that during the period for which rental allowance is claimed I was not assigned adequate quarters at my permanent station; that, if without dependents, I was not on field or sea duty during the period for which rental allowance is claimed; that, if with dependents, I did not occupy with them any public quarters assigned to me without charge at any station, nor did any of them occupy public quarters assigned to them or to any other officer or his dependents except for brief visits; that the increased allowances for dependents are claimed because of .....
(Here state whether lawful wife, unmarried child or children under 21 years, mother dependent upon officer for support, giving names and addresses of dependents, also ages of minor children)

and that, in case of dependent mother, I have contributed to her support during the current period for which allowances are claimed the sum of $....., in cash or its equivalent, without any consideration in return, which contribution is her *chief support*, and each and every statement as set forth in her affidavit dated ..... , 19..... { attached hereto / filed with voucher } for ..... (Month) , 19..... } is true and correct, and so remains at this time, except
(Here state fully changes occurring between date of last affidavit and signing of this voucher)

..... (Date) , 19..... (MEMORANDUM—DO NOT SIGN) Thomas H. Curtis, Master, Ret., Deceased. (Name) (Official designation)

I certify that I have examined the foregoing account; that the statements contained therein have been compared with the records of the United States Coast Guard and found correct except as otherwise indicated; that the officer named is entitled to the amount of pay and allowances herein approved; and that during the period for which rental allowance is claimed on this voucher, the above-named officer was not assigned adequate quarters at his permanent station.

Approved for $.....

Date ..... , 19.....

(MEMORANDUM—DO NOT SIGN) .....
Commanding, District Commander.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1934 2—8056

Standard Form No. 13
Approved by the President
2-26-26—Revised 1-10-28

ABSTRACT OF OFFICIAL RECORD OF U. S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE

(For the use of the department to which the employee has been transferred)

INSTRUCTIONS

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

2. A complete official record in the Federal service of the employee named should be set forth on this abstract. If an employee is transferred to another department, an abstract will be prepared in duplicate, showing his appointment in the department from which transferred and all changes of grade or compensation while therein. The original, properly executed, will be transmitted to the department to which transferred, the duplicate to be retained in his personal file. Should such employee be again transferred the second department will prepare an abstract setting forth the data contained in that received by it, with the addition of his record while in the second department, such abstract to be transmitted to the department to which he is transferred, a duplicate being retained.
In the case of a reinstatement, the department in which the employee is reinstated should apply to the establishment in which the former service was rendered for an abstract of record in the case. Statements of employees must not be accepted unless verified from official records.

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

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

5. In the case service was per diem and continuous through the calendar year, so state; if intermittent, give dates of beginning and ending of actual employment, with the number of days served.

NAME: Curtis, Mr. Thomas H. (Surname first, Mr., Miss, or Mrs.) (Date of birth)

Commerce - Lighthouse - First District
(Department and office in which last service was had. See Paragraph 2 of Instructions)

Portland, Maine (Place) April 30, 1932 (Date)

I. SERVICE RECORD

ESTABLISHMENT (a)	ACTION (b)	POSITION (Pay-roll title)	RATE OF PAY (c)	DATE EFFECTIVE
Commerce Lighthouse Service First District Portland, Maine	Trans.	Master (Addl), Lighthouse Tender "Lilac"	$1980 p.a.	July 14, 1914
(By transfer from First Officer, Tender "Arbutus" at $1080 p.a. for a period not to exceed one year).				
Do.	Trans.	First Officer (Addl) Light- house tender "Myrtle".	$1200 p.a.	July 1, 1915 *
(For a period not to exceed four months.)				

* Approximate; records not complete for this employee; but correspondence shows Curtis was to have been transferred to Third District, then to Ninth as above, and then back to Third.

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

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

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

II. STATEMENT OF DEDUCTIONS FOR RETIREMENT FUND—BY FISCAL YEARS

(See Instructions No. 3)

BEGINNING—			ENDING—			DEDUCTIONS		BEGINNING—			ENDING—			DEDUCTIONS	
Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	Dollars	Cents	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	Dollars	Cents
NONE															

Do records show employee has made application for refund of any portion of amount shown above? ---
(Yes or No)

If the records show that refund of the above deductions has been made in whole or in part, state the amount or amounts, and period or periods covered and give claim number. (If none, so state) ---

State leaves of absence in current calendar year: annual ---; sick ---; without pay ---

State any leave of absence in excess of six months in the aggregate in any calendar year: ---

The foregoing is a complete abstract of the official record on file in this office showing all Federal service to date of the employee named herein.

C. E. SHERMAN
(Signature)
Superintendent of Lighthouses,
1st District
(Official title)

Countersigned ____, 19____

(Signature)

(Official title)

Furnished to:
Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Key West, Fla.

10—1831 U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, 1919

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.

EP
REFER TO FILE No.

Supt.
Asst. LH Engr
Jun Engr
Chief Clerk
1st Clerk
2nd Clerk
3rd Clerk
Messenger
Portland S.H.
L D Inl Depot

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES APR 28 1932 1st DIST. PORTLAND, MAINE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

April 27, 1932

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Portland, Me.

1. It is requested that you furnish this office with Abstract of Official Record, covering the services of Mr. Thomas H. Curtis.

2. It is believed that Mr. Curtis served in the 1st District sometime during the year 1914, as an officer on the tender Lilac.

Superintendent of Lighthouses
EHP

AEC (COPY)

June 18, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector
RECEIVED
JUN 23 1915
First Dist. Portland, Me.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

For the reasons set forth in the Ninth Inspector's letter of the 28th ultimo, and in accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 15th instant, the Department has authorized the temporary additional position of first officer in the Lighthouse Service, at $1200 per annum, for a period not to exceed four months, and has appointed Thomas H. Curtis thereto, by transfer from the position of additional master at $1980 per annum, effective July 1, 1915, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

As further recommended by the Bureau, a provision has been included in Mr. Curtis' appointment for the payment of his actual and necessary traveling expenses from Tompkinsville, New York, to San Juan, Porto Rico, and return to Tompkinsville, New York, or to such other point as may be later determined by the Bureau.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) GEO. C. HAVEMEYER

P. mail

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.

JUN 21 1915

To Lighthouse Inspector, Portland, Maine,
for his information, guidance, and files of office.
June 15, 1915, in this case. See Bureau indorsement of

Acting Commissioner.

(Copy)

HHH-HeC.

Lighthouse Inspector RECEIVED JUN 17 1915 First Dist. Portland Me.

June 15, 1915.

Subject: 9th Inspr's letter May 28,1915,leave,with pay in States, C.E. Morris, and add. 1st offer., Myrtle.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that the additional position of first officer in the Lighthouse Service, at $1200 per annum, be authorized, effective beginning July 1,1915, or as soon thereafter as the person to be appointed enters on duty, for not to exceed 4 months, and that Thomas H. Curtis, additional master in the Lighthouse Service, at $1980 per annum, assigned to the Lilac, be appointed to the position above recommended. The present appointment of Curtis cannot extend beyond the close of July 13, 1915. The Lilac will be transferred from the First to the Third District on or about July 1, 1915, and the services of all the officers of that tender, except those of the engineer, will be dispensed with, if practicable. Should this recommendation be approved, Curtis will be assigned to duty in the Third District until it is necessary for him to leave for San Juan, Porto Rico, to relieve first officer Morris of the Myrtle, on or about July 17, 1915, it being desired to grant him the leave applied for. Upon completion of his duty on the Myrtle, it is proposed to return Curtis, to Tompkinsville, New York, unless the needs of the service should require that he report elsewhere. Proper report of the assignment of Curtis to duty under his appointment as additional first officer of the tender Myrtle will be made to the Department at the proper time, as will any other assignment which may be made under that appointment. Mr. Curtis has stated his willingness to accept this assignment, provided he is allowed the leave of absence to which he is entitled under the Regulations, 1914, upon his return from Porto Rico.

(Morris)

In view of the above, it is further recommended that a provision be included in the appointment of Mr. Curtis for the payment of his actual and necessary traveling expenses from Tompkinsville, New York, to San Juan, Porto Rico, and return to Tompkinsville, New York, or to such other point as may be later determined, in the interests of the service.

Curtis is the best qualified officer available for this duty and has the necessary license to cover the position from the Steamboat Inspection Service.

The pay recommended is considered justified and is not in excess of that paid for the same or similar services during the present fiscal year.

The appointment of Curtis as additional first officer will bedome effective upon his leaving New York for San Juan, P. R., and approval of the action recommended will not be in violation of section 2 of rule 1 of the civil service rules in regard to politics or religion, as it would probably be necessary to lay Curtis off after the Lilac reaches the Third District. It is expected that the new appointment recommended will be effective about July 10, 1915.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.

JUN 15 1915

J. S. Conway

To Lighthouse Inspector, Portland, Maine.
for his information, guidance, and files of office. See your letter of June 7, 1915.

(Signed) Acting Commissioner

Acting Commissioner

HRW-McC.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

T. H. Curtis.

June 3, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector
RECEIVED
JUN 5 - 1916
First Dist. Portland, Me.

Lighthouse Inspector, Portland, Maine:

Referring to Department notice of appointment of July 6, 1914, of Thomas H. Curtis, as additional master in the Lighthouse Service, at $1980 per annum, for assignment to duty on the tender Lilac, for a period not to exceed one year from July 14, 1914, and to Department letter of the same date authorizing the temporary additional position in question.

Submit proper report and recommendation in due time for extension of the appointment and position in question, or for such action as may be proper in this case. In this connection you are advised that William H. Field, former master of the Lilac, has been granted leave without pay to the close of July 31, 1915.

In this connection see Bureau letter to you of May 19, 1915, relative to the transfer of the Lilac to the Third District and the personnel thereof. See also Bureau indorsement to you of July 2, 1914, on copy of Bureau letter of the same date to the 8th Inspector, in regard to the complement of the tender Lilac.

A copy of this letter has been referred to the 3d Inspector for his files.

Bowerman

Acting Commissioner

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT HOUSES JUL 7 1914

July 6, 1914.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Additional Master

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight dollars per annum,

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

The position to which you have been appointed has been authorized for a period not to exceed one year.

(By transfer from first officer at $1080 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

M
C

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Lighthouse Vessels.

Vice: New position, (pending return to duty of William H. Field).

Legal Residence: Florida.

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LIGHT
JUL 6 1914
HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK

WASHINGTON

Lighthouse Inspector
RECEIVED
★ JUL 22 1914 ★
First Dist. Portland, Me.

July 6, 1914.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

For the reasons set forth in the Bureau's letter of July 2, 1914, and attached correspondence, the Department has granted leave without pay to William H. Field, master of the tender Lilac, at $1980 per annum, for a period of one year, effective on a date later to be determined and reported to the Department.

In view of the foregoing, and in accordance with the Bureau's further recommendation, the Department has authorized the temporary additional position of master of the tender Lilac, at $1980 per annum, for a period not to exceed one year, and has appointed Thomas H. Curtis thereto, by temporary transfer from first officer of the tender Arbutus, at $1080 per annum, effective on the date of his entrance on duty on the tender Lilac.

Referring to the Bureau's remarks relative to the amount of leave to which Mr. Field is entitled, the Department has to state that the Bureau's understanding is correct.

By direction of the Secretary:

1 inclosure.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
JUL 16 1914

To Lighthouse Inspector, Portland, Maine.

for his information, guidance, and files of office. See Bureau correspondence of June 6 and July 2, 1914, and subsequent correspondence in regard to this matter. Inclosed is Department letter of July 14, 1914, amending its letter of July 6, 1914, showing transfer from the Arbutus instead of from the ~~Hornelia~~ Mangrove. Report Effective date of beginning of leave without pay

Acting Commissioner.

PW-75

27 November, 1942.

Mrs. T. H. Curtis,
6417 Irwin Street,
Oakland, California.

My dear Mrs. Curtis:

Receipt is acknowledged of your card advising Headquarters of the death of your husband, Thomas H. Curtis, Master, former Lighthouse Service, now U. S. Coast Guard, Retired, on 14 November, 1942.

At the time of death there was due the estate of your husband, final retired pay in the amount of $60.57. This retired pay ceases at death and there is no law providing for the continuance of payment of any part to dependents. The forms necessary to effect settlement of this final retired pay are herewith enclosed.

If there will be no legal representative to administer the estate, the next of kin or the person who paid, or will pay the funeral and burial expenses should execute the enclosed Form No. 1055, claim for final retired pay, in the presence of two witnesses and a notary public, taking care to answer all questions. If a representative is appointed a copy of the Court Order showing the appointment should be attached to Form No. 1055. If the funeral expenses have been paid, a bill receipted by the undertaker who conducted the services should be forwarded. Otherwise the undertaker should sign the enclosed waiver form. This information is necessary to support the claim for the final retired pay.

When the enclosed forms have been completed, please return them to Coast Guard Headquarters.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

J. L. AHERN,
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard,
Chief, Military Morale Section.

Enclosure.

NOV 2 1942

Mrs. Joynes, Room 2116 2-4

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7 December, 1942.

General Accounting Office,
Claims Division,
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

Enclosed is the claim of Mrs. Margaret E. Curtis for the final retired pay due the estate of her husband, Thomas H. Curtis, Master, former Lighthouse Service, now U. S. Coast Guard, Retired, who died on 14 November, 1942.

Funeral expenses in the amount of $281.25 have been paid. There is attached to claim a receipted bill from Albert Brown Undertaking Company of Oakland, California.

This claim in the amount of $60.57 has been examined and is approved for payment. The appropriation to be charged is 1730910 Retired Pay, former Lighthouse Service, Coast Guard, 1943.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

J. L.AHERN,
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard,
Chief, Military Morale Section.

Enclosure.

DEC 8 - 1942

Mrs. Joynes, Room 2116 2-4

FW-75

7 December, 1942.

Mrs. Margaret E. Curtis,
6417 Irwin Street,
Oakland, California.

My dear Mrs. Curtis:

Your claim for the final retired pay due the estate of your husband, Thomas H. Curtis, Master, former Lighthouse Service, now U. S. Coast Guard, Retired, has been approved for payment by this office and forwarded to the General Accounting Office, Claims Division, Washington, D. C. for settlement.

You may experience some delay in receiving payment, since the volume of claims submitted to that office is very great. In the event that you desire further information relative to the probable date of settlement, it is suggested that you communicate with the General Accounting Office.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

J. L. AHERN,
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard,
Chief, Military Morale Section.

DEC 8 1942

Mrs. Joynes, Room 2116 2-4

M.J.M.

Navy

Form 93
DEPARTMENT
Approved Oct. 1, 1938

U. S. COAST GUARD

Have you had this? Yes

NOTICE OF ~~RESIGNATION OR~~ DEATH

District Coast Guard Officer,
OFFICE ~~OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES~~, 12th Naval DISTRICT,

COMMANDANT, COAST GUARD.
~~Commandant, Bureau of Lighthouses.~~

San Francisco, California, 21 November, 1942.

Herewith is transmitted the { notice of death, / ~~resignation,~~ } in duplicate, of the following-named employee:

Name, CURTIS, Thomas H.

Position, Retired Master

Legal residence, California

Station, San Francisco Lightship #83.

Salary, $1557.73 per Annum - retired pay

~~The acceptance of this resignation~~ { with / without } ~~prejudice is recommended effective at the close of~~

Death occurred on 14 November, 1942. (Date) Died at the Marine Hospital, San Francisco, Calif.

~~This employee has / has not taken leave in excess of the amount earned.~~

~~If deduction for excess leave has not been made, state reasons~~

REMARKS: (In case of death, if person had 25 years or more of service, give name, degree of relationship, and address of next of kin.

At the time of his retirement on 31 October, 1940, Thomas H. Curtis had 25 years, 0 months, 14 days of Government service. His next of kin, his widow, Mrs. Margaret E. Curtis, lives at 6417 Irwin Court, Oakland, California.

H. C. PERKINS
By direction.

COMMANDER, USCG
~~Superintendent of Lighthouses~~

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—4023

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce,

Name: Thomas H. Curtis, Master, Retired

Address: 6417 Irwin Court
~~Oakland,~~ Calif.
OAKLAND,

Pay rate: $129.81

Insurance: None

Died: 11-14-42

Card noted
11/30/42
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REFERENCE SERVICE SLIP
Archival Research Room Record Request
National Archives at St. Louis

Date: 04/03/2026

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
Curtis, Thomas, H.		1861 VA

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: 1934 VA

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 (VA) 5th dist

From: 1885 To: 1925

(Agency & Location)

From: To:

(Agency & Location)

From: To:

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: C- 7245954

Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s):

Remarks: c63

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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		

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UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION

TO DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL

Date October 12, 1940.

Name: Curtis, Thomas H.

From: U. S. Coast Guard (BUREAU OR DIVISION) Bureau No:

Nature of Recommendation

Retirement, Disability

	FROM	TO
Position	Master	
Grade	Field (Range $2460-2580)	
Salary	$2520 p.a., including $60 p.a. longevity pay	
Bureau or Div.	U. S. Coast Guard	
Organizational Subdivisions		
Headquarters	San Francisco, California	
Post of Duty	San Francisco L.S.#93	
Appropriation	Civilian Employees, C.G.	
Allotment		
Field or Deptl.	Field	

EFFECTIVE *Remarks:* Close October 31, 1940.

The annual rate of retired pay is $1557.73.

Justification:

Total service: 25 years and 14 days.

Computation: ($2488.50 x years 25.0389 ÷ 40) $1557.73.

Consideration given all other eligible employees
Certified as to sufficiency of Appropriated Funds

N. R. STILES,
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

(BUREAU OR DIVISION HEAD)

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Reg.

DATE OF BIRTH: 11-7-1874

LEGAL RESIDENCE: California

SEX: M | RACE: W

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW | ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY | VICE

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? Lighthouse Act 3-4-25.

DATE OF OATH

(FOR USE OF DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL. TREASURY DEPARTMENT)

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY: 10-15-40

OR

INTERLEAVED-PATD.-MANIFOLD

10-16-40

Correct date of birth appears to be 11-27-74

Thomas H. Curtis OR

PARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED
sability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Date of birth November 7, 1874.

AN FRANCISCO LIGHTSHIP NO. 83.

OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE
rtment, branch, or independent office in which applicant served in a civilian capacity should be listed separately)

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army	NONE						
Navy	NONE						
Marine Corps	NONE						
Civilian employment	See attached statement, Page 2a.						
Total service	25 years, 0 months, 14 days.						

Does applicant receive or has he applied for a pension from the Government under any law? No If so, give number of pension certificate or of claim:

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the War Risk Insurance Act? No If so, give number of claim:

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the Federal Compensation Act, as amended? No

If so, state the compensation received:

STATEMENT BY FISCAL YEARS OF BASIC PAY RECEIVED DURING LAST FIVE YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREMENT

(Compute service on basis of 30 days a month. Do not include periods of leave without pay, rations, quarters, or other allowance)

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year		
Master, San Francisco Lightship No. 83	Nov.	1	1935	June	15	1938	$2460. A.	$6457.50
do	June	16	1938	Oct.	31	1940	2520. "	5985.00

Total compensation for last five years of active service $12442.50

Average compensation for last five years of active service $2488.50

Annual rate of retired pay ($2488.50 × 25-14/360 years (Not exceeding 30) ÷ 40) = $1557.73

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Name THOMAS H. CURTIS Date of birth November 7, 1874.

Designation MASTER, SAN FRANCISCO LIGHTSHIP NO. 83.

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

(Including military, naval, and civilian service. Each department, branch, or independent office in which applicant served in a civilian capacity should be listed separately)

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army	NONE						
Navy	NONE						
Marine Corps	NONE						
Civilian employment	See attached statement, Page 2a.						
Total service	25 years, 0 months, 14 days.						

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Form 9

THE TREASURY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE U. S. COAST GUARD

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

COMMANDER,
~~Superintendent of Lighthouses,~~

Date SEPTEMBER 30, 1940.

U. S. COAST GUARD
REC'D OCT 3 1940 By

SAN FRANCISCO District

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective close October 31, 1940, on the basis of service shown hereon.

My permanent address on retirement will be 817, The Alameda, Berkeley, Calif.

Thomas H. Carter
(Name)

MASTER, SAN FRANCISCO LIGHTSHIP NO. 83
(Designation)

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

City San Francisco, Calif. *Date* 1 October, 1940.

Submitted to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $1557.73 per annum, effective at the close of 31 October, 1940.

It is certified that the record of service and pay shown on Page 2 is correct as shown by the records of this office, and that all Government service shown has been verified.

By direction

R. S. Patch
R. S. PATCH
~~Superintendent of Lighthouses~~
COMMANDER, USCG
COMMANDER, SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, *Washington, D. C.*, ...

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

.....
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

11—10551

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT, U.S. COAST GUARD,
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, OCTOBER 1, 1940.

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

NAME THOMAS H. CURTIS DATE OF BIRTH NOVEMBER 7, 1874

DESIGNATION MASTER, SAN FRANCISCO LIGHTSHIP NO. 83

ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE - CIVILIAN

	BEGINNING	ENDING
War, Steersman, U.S.Engrs., Jacksonville, Fla.	July 25, 1905,	Sept. 5, 1906.
Mate, Coast & Geodetic Survey	Dec. 26, 1907,	Jan. 31, 1908.
7th, 1st, 3rd, 9th & 3rd Lighthouse Dists., 1st Officer, Continuous service	Feb. 10, 1908,	Jan. 15, 1916.
USSB, Merchants Fleet Corporation, Master	May 22, 1918,	Sept. 5, 1918.
do	Sept. 10, 1918,	Oct. 31, 1918.
do	Nov. 18, 1918,	Dec. 17, 1918.
QMC, Army Transport Service, Nantes, France, Master.	Dec. 18, 1918,	Apr. 2, 1919.
USSB, Merchants Fleet Corporation, Master	Apr. 3, 1919,	Oct. 13, 1919.
	Nov. 8, 1919,	Dec. 6, 1919.
	Dec. 12, 1919,	May 20, 1920.
Foreman, 7th Lighthouse Dist.	July 24, 1922,	Nov. 6, 1922.
Master, do	Nov. 23, 1922,	Jan. 22, 1923.
1st Officer, do	Apr. 1, 1927,	Mar. 31, 1932.
2nd Officer & Master, 18th Lighthouse Dist. & San Francisco District, U.S. Coast Guard	Apr. 1, 1932,	Oct. 31, 1940.

Total service..... 25 years, 0 months, 14 days.

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT
SEP 28 1940
U. S. COAST GUARD

Form 9a

THE TREASURY
DEPARTMENT OF ~~COMMERCE~~
~~LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE~~ U. S. COAST GUARD

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION, DISABILITY RETIREMENT

(Act of March 4, 1925) Born 11/7/74

NAME OF CLAIMANT THOMAS H. CURTIS DESIGNATION MASTER
San. Fran. Dist

Height 69 inches Weight 179 pounds. Complexion Fair

Color of eyes Gray Color of hair Gray

Here give a complete personal description, together with permanent marks and scars other than those described below in physical examination: No tatoos or operative scars. Old healed fractures of both clavicles.

Description of duties of position (to be filled in by Superintendent of Lighthouses):

U. S. COAST GUARD
REC'D OCT 7 19 BY
MEDICAL SECTION

Claimant makes the following statement in regard to the origin, nature, and extent of the alleged disability: " Chronic constipation of three months duration with attacks of belching gas, nausea, and vomitting, blood in stools, loss of 30 pounds in past three years".

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Visual acuity (uncorrected): R. E. 20/200 L. E. 20/200

With correction in spectacles: R. E. 20/100 L. E. 20/100

Accommodation: Reads Jaeger No. 12 at 13 inches, without correction.

Reads Jaeger No. 12 at 13 inches, with correction.

Central color vision (binocular) Normal (Name method used) Ishihara plates

Inspection Reacts to L & A. Extra-ocular movements normal. Both lenses opaoque.

Pupils Normal Pupillary reaction Normal

Hearing: Whispered voice (unaccentuated) heard with R. E. at 1/20 ft., L. E. at 20/20 ft.

Appearance of right drum Crescent of drum remains on bottom of right canal left drum Normal

Is there any disease of the middle or internal ear or mastoid? No. If so, specify

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Condition of nose and sinuses Normal

Condition of mouth and throat, including tonsils and teeth Mouth and throat negative, Tonsils normal. All upper and lower teeth extracted, now wearing upper and lower dentures.

Bones, joints, muscles, including atrophies Normal
(Express limitation of motion, if any, in degrees and joint involved)

Respiratory system Negative

Cardiovascular system:

(a) Heart Rough systolic murmers heard best at apex, also over precordium and in aortic area

(1) Murmurs Systolic (2) Arrhythmias No

(b) Pulse rate: (1) Sitting 64 (2) After exercise contra-indicated (3) 2 minutes after exercise ----

(c) Blood pressure: (1) Sitting—Syst. 130 Diast. 70 (2) After ex.—Syst. --- Diast. ----

(d) Condition of blood vessels Normal

Evidence of thyroid or other endocrine disturbance Negative

Abdomen and gastro-intestinal system, including hernia Negative, except for carcinoma adeno, of descending colon.

Genito-urinary system:

Urinalysis—Sp. gr. 1.017 Reaction Acid Albumin Negative Sugar Negative

Sediment microscopic (required when albumin or sugar is found) -------

Reflexes, motor disturbances, etc.:

(a) Station Normal (e) Gait Normal

(b) Tremor Normal (f) Coordination Normal

(c) Patellar reflexes Normal (g) Peripheral circulation Normal

(d) Other motor disturbances None

Alcohol Negative Drugs Negative Syphilis Negative Epilepsy Negative

Other neurological findings None

General impression See diagnosis.

Here describe fully nature of disability: Barium enema X-ray suggestive of neoplasm with napkin-ring carcinomatous infiltration descending colon.

Is disability to perform duty of a permanent character? Yes

Is it indicated that applicant may recover from disability and be fit for restoration to active duty? No Do you recommend reexamination with this in view? No

I HEREBY CERTIFY that upon examination I find the above-named claimant to be disabled for useful and efficient service by reason of the disability above described, which is not due to vicious habits, intemperance, or willful misconduct on his part.

The examining physician must be in the Federal Service

U.S. Marine Hospital
(Place of examination)

H.G. Peter
(Examining surgeon)

26 September, 1940
(Date)

A.A. Surgeon, U.S.P.H.S.
(Title and branch of medical service)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—10543

APPLICANT OR EMPLOYEE MUST FILL THE FOLLOWING

Name (in full) Thomas Henry Curtis Sex Male

Present address 817 The Alameda Berkeley Date of birth Nov. 27 1874

Give below all places of residence during the past FIVE years

From-- (Month and year)	To-- Month and year)	Number and Street	City and State
July 7/34	July 6/35	Frost T. Fardink	San Francisco Calif
Aug. 1/35	" 3/36	2411 Ward St.	Berkeley "
" 3/36	" 1a/37	1602 Grizzly Place	Berkeley "
July 1/38	Oct 31/39	817 The Alameda	Berkeley "

Give, in your own handwriting, the information requested below

Have you ever been arrested for any reason whatsoever? No
If so, give details in space provided below. (Yes or no)

Date of Arrest	Age	Charge	Court and Location	Judge	Disposition

NO ADDITIONAL RECORD FOUND AT F. B. I.

Have you ever been fingerprinted? Yes Where? Berkeley Calif.

When? 1937 If for the Civil Service, what position? Don't request

I hereby swear (or affirm) that the above statements are complete and accurate in every detail.

U. S. COAST GUARD

Thomas H. Curtis
Customary payroll signature of employee

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of OCT 30 1939 19__.

H. C. Jorgensen
Notary Public

U. S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS

My commission expires ____

July 1, 1939. Lighthouse District No. Eighteenth

consolidated with San Francisco Coast Guard District,

Headquarters San Francisco, Calif.

See U. S. Coast Guard General Order No. 37, dated June 20, 1939.

7/1/39 Transferred from Bureau of Lighthouses, Department of Commerce, and consolidated with United States Coast Guard, under terms of Plan No. 2 of Reorganization Act of 1939, approved by Congress April 3, 1939.

File received - FEB 9 1940

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Thomas H. Curtis
(Name)

(Legal Residence)

STATUS

DATE OF BIRTH 11-27-1877

11—8940

DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
			7th Dist.	
1st Mate	Prob.	$80 mo.	L-H. Tender "Laurel"	Feb. 17, 1908.
" "	Trans.	"	" " "Mangrove"	Aug 16, 1908.
" "	Prom.	90 P.M.	" " "	Oct. 1, 1908.
1st Officer	Prom.	1080	" " "	Nov. 16. 1910.
" "	Trans.	"	" " "Arbutus"	July 1, 1914.
Add'l. Master	"	1980	" " "Lilac"	July 14, 1914.
		LAST DAY OF SERVICE	June 30, 1915	
Add'l 1st Officer	TEMPORARY Nte 4 mo.	1200	L H. Tender "Myrtle"	July 1, 1915.
" " "	TEMPORARY Ext nte 3 mo.	1200	" " "	Nov. 1, 1915
Furloughed - eff	Jan 16, 1916.			
	SERVICES DISCONTINUED		Wop Close Jan. 22, 1916.	
Master	TEMPORARY Nte 60 da.	2040	L.H. Tender "Poinsettia"	Nov. 23, 192
	LAST DAY OF SERVICE		Jan. 22, 1923.	
1st Officer	TEMPORARY Pend Cert	2040	L.H. Tender "Dry"	April 1, 1927
1st Officer	Prob.	2040	L.H. - Tender "Dry" (Ex. amends effective date to Aug. 1/27)	*8/1/27 July 1, 1924.
"	COMPENSATION Act. May 28, 1928.	2160	"	JUL 1 1928
"	Longevity Pay 60 Yrs Gr. Sal.	2220	" "	Apr 1 1929
2d Officer	Change desig Transfer	1920	L.H. Tender Sequoia (18 Dist)	April 1-32
Master	Transfer	2460	" L.V. #83 18th Dist	10/6/33
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	2520	" " "	JUN 16 1938

WAR DEPARTMENT
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WASHINGTON

DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT
JUL 17 1939
RECEIVED
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

July 14, 1939.

The Director of Personnel,

Department of Commerce,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 26th ultimo, there is inclosed herewith an Abstract of Official Record (Standard Form Number 13), reporting the service record of Mr. Thomas H. Curtis while an employee of the War Department at Nantes, France.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director of Personnel.

1 incl.
Std.Form #13

Abstract to T.H. 7/14/39

June 26, 1939.

Mr. Walla A. Kenyon,
Chief, Division of Civilian Personnel,
Department of War,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Kenyon:

It is requested that the following service for Mr. Thomas H. Curtis, who is employed as a master on light vessel No. 83, in the Lighthouse Service, be verified:

Mr. Curtis claims service on the S. S. LAKE LINDEN from December 18, 1918, to April 2, 1919. It is understood that this vessel was taken over by the Army at Nantes, France, for the above period.

Mr. Curtis has an application for disability retirement pending.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Oliver C. Short
JUN 27 1939

OLIVER C. SHORT
Director of Personnel.

MLH:DG

REQUEST FOR SERVICE RECORD

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
(Department or Establishment)

March 29, 1939.
(Date)

SERVICE RECORD AND RETIREMENT DIVISION
U. S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It is requested that the complete official service record and retirement deductions by fiscal years be furnished for the following-named employee:

1. Name in full (Mr., ~~Mrs., or Miss~~) Curtis Thomas H.
(Give name or names under which service was rendered) (Surname) (First name) (Middle name)

2. Date of birth 11-27-74 Date appointed to this office 4-1-27

3. Service claimed as follows:

DEPARTMENT AND BUREAU	PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
				Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
Civil Service Commission: See attached letter.									
Service on SS. Lake Linden MH				12	18	18	to 4	7	19
Ship taken over by Army at Nantes France for above period.									
280 to S. H. 6/27/39									

War Dept.

4. Military and Naval Record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information, also give dates of enlistment and discharge. Under organization give company, regiment, and branch of service, i. e., infantry, artillery, marines, vessel, etc.:

None	Army	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	Pensioner	Veterans Bureau beneficiary
	World War ☐		War with Spain ☐		Other ☐	

MILITARY RECORD

ORGANIZATION	DATE OF ENLISTMENT OR COMMISSION	DATE OF HONORABLE DISCHARGE
Abstract of service on S. S. Lake Linden U. S. N.		

7/18/39

Very respectfully,

MAR 29 1939

WM. J. GAINER,

Chief, Division of Personnel.
(Title of appointing officer)

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
Form 2805—March 1933

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—417

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAR 27 1939
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

March 24, 1939.

Secretary of Commerce:

It is recommended that a form 2806 be furnished this Bureau in the case of Thomas H. Curtis, an employees in the district of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Calif., who claims service in the U. S. Shipping Board as indicated in his attached letter of March 4, 1939.

The General Accounting Office has this date been requested for a verification of the service in the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

For the Commissioner:

R. J. Gross
Chief, Personnel Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

COPY

LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 20 11 34 AM '39

SAN FRANCISCO BAR L.S. #83
March 4, 1939

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
18th Dist. San Francisco, Calif.

Subject: Reply to communication from the U. S. Shipping Board.

1. On May 15, 1918, I joined the Holland Ship POLLUX that was taken over by the U. S. Shipping Board. The Captain was James Clark. I served as First Officer on her. I was on several ships owned by the Shipping Board, going from one to the other as ordered. I was in the Party that brought the LAKE GARDNER out from Montreal. Was First Officer of her and on November 18th was promoted to Master of the S.S. LAKE LINDEN. Made several trips to Europe and to Cuba. Was paid off in New Orleans in November, 1919.

2. From the LAKE LINDEN I went to New York and to Montreal and brought the LAKE FAGUNDUS. Took a cargo of flour to St. Johns, N.F., and from there to Boston, Mass., and was transferred to the S.S. NIPMUC. I took her to New Orleans, loaded cargo for France. The Engineer was A. E. Scott, and the First Officer was Captain John Miliken, and in October, 1921, was paid off in Norfolk, Va.

3. The dates may not be exact but the whole time with the Shipping Board was about three and a half years.

4. I am not sure of the date that I joined the Coast and Geodetic Survey but I think it was December 1, 1907. Served with Captain N. H. Heck with a wire drag at Key West, Florida, till Feb. 1, 1908, and on February 8th I joined the Lighthouse Service as Mate on the Lighthouse Tender LAURE, stationed in the Seventh District.

5. I will be pleased to have this time straightened out for my future record.

SIGNED THOMAS H. CURTIS
MASTER, L.S. #83.

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON

June 16, 1938.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective June 16, 1938.

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

CARDED

JOHN H. GARDNER

Chief, Division of Personnel.

JUL 11 1938

From: $2460 per annum

To: $2520 per annum (including $60 per annum longevity pay)

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field

FOR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE
LETTER DATED JUN 16 1938
IN FILE 646

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DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
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(Approved by the President, May 22, 1925)

LIGHTHOUSES
1933 OCT-16- AM 9:39

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
OCT 6 1933
SAN FRANCISCO
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT 16 1933
DIVISION

1933 OCT-16- PM 2:35

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CHIEF CLERK

OATH OF OFFICE

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes of the United States.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
(Department or Establishment)

EIGHTEENTH LIGHTHOUSE DIST. CALIFORNIA
(Bureau or Office)

I, THOMAS H. CURTIS, do
(Name in full, printed or typed)

solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So HELP ME GOD.

Thos H. Curtis
(Signature of Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of October, A. D. 1933

at San Francisco, California
(City or place) (State)

[SEAL]

ENTERED ON COMPLETION OF PERSONNEL JOURNAL
Date 10/31/33

F. J. Warriner
Captain, U. S. L. H. Service

NOTE.—If the oath is taken before a Notary Public the date of expiration of his commission should be shown.

CANCELED

Range: $2460-2580

Position to which appointed MASTER, SAN FRANCISCO LIGHTSHIP #83, $2460 A.

Date of entrance on duty October 6, 1933.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1689

Form A-30

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 24, 1933.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Master

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of ~~Twenty-Four Hundred and Sixty~~ dollars per ~~annum~~

effective upon entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Change from Second Officer at $1920 per annum.

Civil Service authority:

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

H. A. DELONG SEP 29 1933

18 Acting Chief of Appointment Division.
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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Peter E. Henriksen.

Legal Residence: California.

CARDED

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Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1933 AUG -22 AM 8:51

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
1933 AUG 24 AM 10:18

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT

San Francisco, California, August 16th 1933
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK

Action recommended, Transfer and Promotion — To fill an existing vacancy.

Legal residence, California

Name, Thomas H. Curtis — Ent 1908.

Proposed salary, $2460.00 A. — min

Position, Master

Proposed range, $2460-2580

Location, San Francisco Lightship No.83

Appropriation, Salaries of Vessels

Effective, September 1,1933.

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

Former position, Second Officer

Former salary, $1920.00

Location, Lighthouse Tender SEQUOIA

Former range, $1860-1980

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Peter E. Henriksen Salary $2580 Annum Services terminated, August 11,1933.

Reason, Death - notice received.

Members of family in Government service, None

Date of birth, 11-27-1874

Remarks: See Justification Sheet attached. This appointment cannot be delayed without endangering life and property.

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

SEP 29 1933

H. W. Rhodes

Secretary, Civil Service District.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

August 23, 1933

8/24/33

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, justification being inclosed. Attention is invited to separate recommendation for the demotion and transfer of Joseph W. Mahoney to the resulting vacancy. hereunto.

Pos. No 1535
Journal No. 28
Auth Sept. 26/33

Action O. K.

Kerlin
Adm. Asst. to Secy

C. P. Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Standard Form No. 8
(Approved by the President, May 22, 1925)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APR - 8 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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OATH OF OFFICE

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes of the United States

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
(Department or Establishment)

EIGHTEENTH LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA
(Bureau or Office)

I, THOMAS H. CURTIS, do
(Name in full, printed or typed)

solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So HELP ME GOD.

Thomas H. Curtis.
(Signature of Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of April, A. D. 1921932

at SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
(City or place) (State)

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

[SEAL]

CHIEF CLERK, 18TH LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT

CARDED

NOTE.—If the oath is taken before a Notary Public the date of expiration of his commission should be shown.

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Range: $1860-$1980

Position to which appointed Second Officer, Lighthouse Tender SEQUOIA, $1920 A.

Date of entrance on duty April 1, 1932

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APR - 6 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

April 1, 1932.

Thomas H. Curtis, 2nd Officer,
Thru the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Your letter of February 22, addressed to the Civil Service Commission, in which you make certain complaints as to conditions on the Lighthouse Tender IVY, has been referred to the Department inasmuch as the matter is one coming within the Department's jurisdiction. The allegations made by you have been given careful consideration, and it is found that they are the outcome of your recent personal difficulties on the IVY, as a result of which your transfer from that vessel has been effected. The investigation shows that your charges are unsubstantiated, and the Department desires to cuntion you to the end that in your new situation you will conduct yourself in a manner so that your personal difficulties will in no way interfere with the work of the Service.

E. F. MORGAN

Acting Secretary of Commerce.

RG:EMF E. F. MORGAN

Copy to Appointment Division.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

File C:JML:Fy

March 2, 1932.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce.

Sir:

There is referred herewith for such action as may be deemed proper a complaint from the First Officer of the Lighthouse tender "Ivy" concerning certain matters which appear to pertain entirely to the administration and discipline of the Lighthouse Service.

By direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully,

(Signed) John T. Doyle.

Secretary.

Inclosure 30561
(Letter)

RG:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., March 15, 1932.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla., for report and prompt return.

For the Commissioner:

(Signed) W. P. Harman

Administrative Assistant.

Original of this letter on file in Bureau of Lighthouses

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

COPY

Lighthouse Tender Ivy.
Key West, Fla.
Feb. 22, 1932.

Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully state that I have been given a crude deal with the Lighthouse Department and request that the case be given a more careful consideration.

I have been charged with giving away one gallon of white paint which I am not guilty of, the paint in question was put in an Automobile by H. Perez, according to the witnesses that saw him while I was away from the Ship, this a frameup pure and simple and it does not seem just to have to suffer for such a dirty deal.

If you check him up, you will find that he is a man of poor morals from his first marriage life to the present date, In his first marriage search his records and see what he did and further more get in touch with his Father in Law and find out the kind of a deal he gave his wife till her death. He has made this ship a house of prostitution only in the past two weeks he was drunk with a woman on board the ship they both staggered off the ship at 11:00 P.M. with Three of the crew standing at the gangway.

I reported this condition to Capt. P. L. Cosgrove verbally and warned him what would happen some day. It does seem that the character of the two persons ought to be checked before making me the goat by sending me to California and reduced from 1st Officer to Second Officer. If you investigate you will find that through H. Perez Engineer of the tender Ivy was the cause of W. Houston the former engineer having to get out of the Service every Engineer that has been with him has had trouble and was glad to get out.

He is engaged in a loan business on the ship to the crew charging twenty per cent per month and has been doing this for several years which can be proven by the ones that have borrowed from him that will be glad to testify against him.

I was also charged with being a tyrant to the crew if you check this up you will that the seven sailors will admit that I am very considerate for them and have improved the working conditions greatly by giving them that which was due them and have always been kind to them, you will also notice that there was no change in the sailors for two and one half years all due to their good treatment, now you check Mr. Perez Dept. Engineer and you will find a change nearly every week. Some have left to get away from the bondage twenty per cent per month and others for not borrowing from him others for long hours working from 12 to 18 hours which is against the regulation check now and you will find that still going on. I do trust that this will be handled justly and that I be kept on the tender Ivy and we both be madeto shake hands and forget the past even though he has tried to ruin me I will still forgive him he has a family and needs his job as bad as I do. Thanking you in advance for a just deal,

and will remain yours, truly.

(Signed) Thos H. Curtis
1st Officer, L. H. tender Ivy.

Original of this letter on file in Bureau of Lighthouses.

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Form A-30

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 15, 1932.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Second Officer

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum

effective upon entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Change from First Officer at $2220 per annum.

Civil Service authority:

Classification allocation:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

MAR 21 1932

F. A. DELONG

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Harold E. Gray.

Legal Residence: Florida.

resigned

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APPOINTMENT OF COMMERCE
1932 MAR - 8 - AM 10:50
CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAR - 9 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

March 5, 1932.

Secretary of Commerce:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAR 15 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

1932 MAR - 8 - AM 10:50
CHIEF CLERK
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

There is herewith submitted letter dated January 16 from the Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla., together with its inclosures, in regard to charges preferred against 1st Officer Thomas H. Curtis. While the investigation of the charges indicates serious delinquincy on the part of Mr. Curtis the Bureau is reluctant to recommend the action proposed by the Superintendent, on account of his satisfactory record heretofore and his long service. The records show that Mr. Curtis was first appointed in the Service in 1908 and that he was gradually promoted thru the ranks to his present position of 1st Officer on the Tender IVY, he having a total service of about fourteen years. About two years ago the Bureau had under consideration Mr. Curtis' promotion from his present position to the Captaincy of the Tender ACACIA in the 9th District, as he appeared to be well qualified at that time for such promotion. That another employee was selected for the promotion at that time in no way reflected on Mr. Curtis' qualifications. In view of the situation existing in the 7th District it is not considered in the interest of the service to retain him in that District. There is a vacancy at the present time in the position of 2nd Officer on the Tender SEQUOIA in the 18th District, and it is believed advisable to transfer Mr. Curtis to that position.

Some question arose as to Mr. Curtis' physical fitness for the position on the SEQUOIA, and a medical examination was arranged for, a copy of a Public Health Service medical officer's report dated February 19 being inclosed. This indicates that Mr. Curtis has certain minor disabilities, but that he is physically fit for the duties as deck officer in this Service. It is therefore recommended that Mr. Curtis be transferred from his present position of 1st Officer on the Tender IVY at $2220 per annum ($2160-2280) to the position of 2nd Officer on the Tender SEQUOIA in the 18th District at $1920 per annum ($1860-1980).

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:DCC
Incl.

Action O. K.
Adm. Asst. to Secy.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
MAR 17 1932
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Copy

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

Office of
Medical Officer in Charge

U. S. Marine Hospital,
Key West, Florida.
February 19, 1932.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
7th District, U. S. Lighthouse Service,
Post Office Building,
Key West, Florida.

Sir:

In accordance with your request we have this date made a physical examination of Mr. Thomas H. Curtis, First Officer, U. S. L. H. S., and find that he has the following minor disabilities:

1. Cardinac arrhythmia, extrasystole, with a hypotension (systolic 110, diastolic 70).

2. Varicoss veins, both lower extremities.

3. Slight external hemorrhoids.

We are of the opinion that none of the above mentioned finding would interfere with his duties as a deck officer in the Lighthouse Service.

Respectfully,

(Sgd.) M. S. Lombard,
Surgeon in Charge.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.

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REFER TO FILE NO.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1932 JAN-19-AM 11:49

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

January 16, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Charges, specifications and papers in connection therewith in the case of Mr. Thomas H. Curtis 1st. Officer, U.S.L.H.Service.

1. On December 19, 1931, Mr. Harry Perez, Engineer, U. S. L. H. Service, in charge of the engineer's department of the tender IVY called me by telephone and reported that there had been trouble on the tender, that his report in reference thereto had been destroyed, he therefore requested permission to report thereon direct to the Superintendent. Permission was granted and he called at my official residence and submitted written reports which are attached hereto, in which Mr. Thomas H. Curtis, 1st. Officer, L. H. Service, temporarily in command of the tender IVY is accused of unauthorized disposal of property of the United States Lighthouse Service, which was in his custody. It was also reported that the first officer, temporarily in command of the tender had assaulted the engineer and had destroyed an official report submitted to him for transmittal.

2. Mr. Perez was then and there asked if there were any witnesses, other than himself, to the acts which he was reporting. He stated that there were several seamen on the deck when the officer in temporary command walked ashore but he did not know if any of them had noticed what Mr. Curtis was taking ashore or not. He did not know of any witness to the assault or the destruction of the report.

3. As Mr. Perez is a first cousin of mine and as Mr. Curtis is a second cousin by marriage, he having married one of my second cousins, and is so related to Mr. Perez, I directed the Assistant Superintendent (copy of letter attached) to proceed to Miami and make a thorough investigation to determine if formal charges were justified. Mr. Haskins together with Captain P. L. Cosgrove, Master, L. H. Service, commanding officer of the IVY, who was on annual leave of absence, Mr. Perez and Mr. Perpall, one of the clerks, proceeded to the IVY, arriving there on the night of the 20th, and the investigation began at 7:30 a.m., the following morning, December 21, 1931. Copies of the investigation are attached for Bureau's information.

4. As corroborative evidence developed during the investigation confirmed the report submitted by Mr. Perez to a sufficient degree to warrant further action, formal charges were handed the commanding officer of the tender IVY on January 4, 1932, for transmittal to First Officer Curtis. Copy herewith for Bureau's information. This officer's reply to the charges were received by the commanding officer of the tender on January 7, 1932 and forwarded to this office at 9:10 the same morning.

5. As threats of countercharges were understood to have been made, the concluding sentence of the first paragraph of the charges cautioned against such action by inviting attention to the provisions of the Regulations and Instructions to Employees on that point. Notwithstanding this, he states in his answer that "about one year ago I made an oral report to the Commanding Officer of said tender IVY that he (Mr. Perez) had on the previous night brought aboard of the IVY a young girl for what appeared to me to be for immoral purposes." This together with the alleged statements by some members of the crew in what he would have one believe were affidavits, viz: "working conditions are better now than they were prior to his becoming the First Officer of the IVY.", resulted in all papers being returned to the Commanding Officer by letter dated January 8, 1932, for such statements as he deemed proper in explaining failure to take proper action when the alleged conduct of the Engineer was brought to his attention. He was also requested to state what changes in working conditions are better now than they were prior to his becoming First Officer of the IVY. His reply dated January 8, 1932, is herewith. As to the credibility of the defendant, particular attention is invited to the statement by the commanding officer, his immediate superior, to the effect that he did not believe what he reported about Mr. Perez and it was feared he would repudiate any statements not in writing.

6. (a) In questioning the members of the crew, whose signatures appear on the statements introduced as affidavits, it was found that these statements were prepared by Mr. Curtis and his attorney, John Sawyer and that the documents are false, in that they, the members of the crew, never appeared before Ross C. Sawyer, Clerk of the Circuit Court, nor did they subscribe or swear to anything before him nor did they swear to the statements contained therein before any one. The Clerk of the Circuit Court was not present at any time or connected in any way with the statements insofar as they were concerned. Atwell cannot read and has served 10 years and 11 months instead of 15 years as stated; Betancourt has served 1 year, 3 months and 13 days and not two years as it is made to appear and he never served under any other first officer; Richardson has served 2 years, 4 months and 24 days instead of 3 years as stated and has not served under any other first officer; Rey cannot read English, has served 10 years, 10 months and 27 days instead of 12 years as shown. The Bureau's attention is invited to these seamens' answers

to Captain Cosgrove's question "In what respect has the First Officer bettered working conditions on the IVY?"

(b) As it was evident that statements in these papers, submitted as affidavits, were false and if properly executed constituted perjury, this was investigated and there is attached an affidavit as to the irregularily of the purported affidavits over their signature.

7. (a) It will be noted that the Engineer reported that he saw Mr. Curtis take one gallon of white paint from the tender and place it in a car bearing Florida license 37-052. During the investigation he testified - "saw Mr. Curtis with a bundle under his arm. "From the bundle I saw a shiney tin which made me think it was a can of paint." On January 7, 1932 he makes affidavit before the United States Commissioner to statements contained in his report and to his testimony during the investigation. This affidavit is attached hereto.

(b) The evidence as to place, date and hour that this officer took a bundle ashore and placing it in an automobile is corroborated by the testimony of Louis Piarrot, Seaman, at the investigation and by affidavit before the United States Commissioner on January 7, 1932. Affidavit is attached hereto.

(c) The evidence as to the bag or sack being in the automobile in question and that it contained a can similar to other cans of paint in the deck department's paint locker and storeroom, under the jurisdiction of the defendant was testified to by Second Officer Banks and he made affidavit before the United States Commissioner on January 7, 1932, that he saw a gunny sack with a paint can in it marked "White paint". "I could see it through a hole in the sack", thus further corroborating the Engineer's report.

(d) In reply to inquiry from this office the Motor Vehicle Commissioner of the State of Florida under date of December 29, 1931, states that his "records show that 1931 tag No. 37-052 and title No. 699765-A are outstanding in the name of Melbourne Cook, 2240 N.W. 1st. St., Miami, Fla., for Oldsmobile roadster, engine No. F178489, serial No. CR526." Captain M. Cook, in whose car the paint was placed is the Harbor Master, Miami, Fla., and his office is in the second story of a small office building on Municipal Pier No. 1, about 50 feet from where the IVY usually berths.

8. The evidence given during the investigation and acknowledged by the defendant is to the effect that the Engineer of the IVY sent him through the usual channel, an official communication addressed to the Superintendent of Lighthouses in which it was being reported that Mr.

Thomas H. Curtis, First Officer, U. S. L. H. Service, temporarily in command of the IVY had endeavored to illegally dispose of one gallon of paint, the property of the Lighthouse Service. This official communication was not forwarded to destination but instead was destroyed by the defendant.

9. Further report was made by Mr. Perez under date of December 18, 1931, that at 10:15 a.m. on that date Mr. Curtis, in temporary command of the tender IVY, without provocation or warning assaulted him and from actions and manner of talking, the defendant displayed evidence of unsound mind.

10. There is no record in this office that the officer in temporary command took any steps leading to proper disciplinary action for this altercation, a gross breach of discipline.

11. (a) The formal charges and the defendants answer, together with purported affidavits submitted by him are herewith.

(b) He denies or pleads not guilty to CHARGE 1. He admits, or pleads guilty to CHARGE 2. He denies or pleads not guilty to CHARGE 3, specification 1 and no plea is definitely made to specification 2, guilt is therefore assumed.

(c) In his answer to CHARGE No. 1 he fails to comply with the requirements of the Regulations and the Instructions to Employees to which his attention was specifically invited in the closing sentence of the first paragraph of the letter of January 4, 1932, containing the charges. Instead he charges that Engineer Perez and Seaman Piarrot conspired and framed up to cause him to lose his position and that the paint was placed there by Mr. Perez, in substantiation of which he submits purported affidavits by Captain M. Cook, Harbor Master, Miami, Florida, and one Captain B. F. Foster. He further charged that Mr. Perez had a young girl on the tender for immoral purposes, that he reported the matter to Captain P. L. Cosgrove, Jr., the commanding officer.

(d) If conspiracy existed to frame up and cause the defendant to lose his position it appears that it would have been easier and more consistent to have placed the paint in the defendants own automobile, which was but a few feet from the Harbor Master's car, in which the paint was actually placed, where it was found and from whence it was recovered and returned to the tender.

(e) The affidavit obtained from Captain Cook in regards to seeing Mr. Perez place the bag, with the paint in it, in his car is by a particeps criminis, a sharer in the crime and in addition thereto the

affidavit may be of like tenor to the purported ones from the four members of the crew. Evidence of this party's credibility will be submitted further on. In reference to the affidavit from Captain B. F. Foster, I do not recollect ever having met this party. Mr. Curtis made a special trip to Miami after he received the charges and on his return brought this affidavit with him. There would have been no difficulty in getting any number of such affidavits if the same methods were used as in the case of the four seamen.

(f) On the second page of the investigation covering the illegal disposition of the can of paint, the fifth question asked by the Assistant Superintendent was addressed to Mr. Curtis and was as follows: - "Haskins - Is Captain Cook related to you in any way?", to which Mr. Curtis answered: "Curtis - No this is the first time I have ever seen him." As it was known that this was not so, on January 1, 1932, Captain Cook was requested to advise this office how long he had known the defendant to which he replied under date of January 4, 1931 and received in this office January 5, 1932. "I knew Mr. Curtis about twenty years ago in Rockland, Me. I lived there then, and I met him again in 1918 in Boston, Mass., then in the Shipping Board he took a ship that I brought out and recently in Miami." His letter is attached.

(g) Mr. Curtis states that he left the ship immediately after dinner, about 1:00 p.m. and did not return until 4:15 p.m. Mr. Perez and seaman Piarrot make affidavit that he went ashore about 1:45 p.m. with the bag containing the paint under his arm or in his hand. The defendant does not seem to be very accurate in respect to time, as will be disclosed further on, wherein he and his particeps criminis, Captain Cook are in complete agreement on the question of the time of the assault which these two claim to have occurred at 2:15 p.m. while it actually took place about 10:15 in the morning.

12. He admits the destruction of an official report under CHARGE 2 and offers as an excuse that he lost his self-control.

13. (a) He denies or pleads not guilty to CHARGE 3, specification 1, in which he is charged with assaulting the Engineer at about 10:15 on the morning of December 18, 1931. He further claims that Mr. Perez struck him and that it occurred about 2:15 p.m. It is indeed remarkable that Captain Cook also states that he saw Mr. Perez strike Mr. Curtis and that he fully agrees as to the time. His statement is attached. There can be no question as to the approximate time of the assault, which from the preponderance of evidence fixes it in the forenoon and about 10:15 oclock.

(b) It would indeed be a coincident for Captain Cook to be looking out of his window and see anyone place a bundle in his car, then see them go back there again to look at the bundle and then remove it. Then for him to be at his window again at 2:15 in the afternoon and see an act occur in the tender's mess room four hours previous thereto. Aside

from the question of time it is a physical impossibility for anyone to see under the tender's over hanging hurricane deck and into the officer's mess room. This was investigated and found to be impossible. As to the actual time the altercation occurred see evidence given during investigation and corroborative letters by A. J. Borden, Light Attendant and John Marshall, who was with him when he was onboard the tender on December 18, 1931, when he assisted Mr. Curtis in looking for his glasses after the assault.

14. There does not appear to be any answer to the second specification under CHARGE 3. - If the Engineer assaulted the commanding officer as Mr. Curtis claims and he failed to take immediate steps leading to drastic disciplinary action for gross insurbordination, then he was guilty of neglect to duty. As no such action was taken or initiated it appears reasonably certain that there was actually no such violation. The statement in answer to CHARGE 2. - "I thought and intended to report him to the Superintendent at that time but upon further consideration of the matter I decided not to do so, as he is a first cousin of the Superintendent of the Seventh Lighthouse District, his word would be taken in preference to mine xxxx" That of course is not a reasonable excuse, in fact no excuse at all, as is evidenced by the fact that he is also a second cousin by marriage of Mr. Perez, who did not hesitate to report him when necessity demanded. It is further noted that the investigation which resulted in these charges was conducted by the Assistant Superintendent who is not known to be related in any way to either party.

15. (a) As to the credibility of the defendant attention is again invited to his statement during the investigation of his placing a gallon of paint belonging to the Lighthouse Service in Captain Cook's automobile. He states "This is the first time I have ever seen him". In this connection see Captain Cook's letter of January 4, 1932, which is attached and in which he claims to have known Mr. Curtis about 20 years. He further stated during the investigation of the report relative to the paint: "The cause of this is John Nelson leaving the ship. "By his own statement he owed Mr. Perez $70.00 and he had paid him 20% per month long enough." In the first paragraph of his answer to the charges he states in reference to Mr. Perez: - "who has been upon unfriendly terms with me for more than one year last past, because of the fact that about one year ago I made an oral report to the Commanding Officer of said tender IVY that he had on the previous night brought aboard of the IVY a young girl for what appeared to me to be for immoral purposes." It will be noted in this last statement he says in substance that he reported to the commanding officer that he, Mr. Perez, "had on the previous night" etc., which would lead one to believe that he had promptly made an oral report the following day. The Commanding Officer in the second paragraph of his letter of January 8, 1932, copy attached, states in reference to this matter: "Mr. Curtis did bring up this matter in conversation with me and to the best of my knowledge a number of days after it is supposed to have occurred.

(b) Attention is also invited to his answer during this investigation to the Assistant Superintendent's question in reference to destroying the report relative to his illegal disposition of the paint. Question by H. B. Haskins: "Do you realize that by that act you violated the Regulations of the Lighthouse Service?" Answer by "T. H. Curtis - I did not know that." It would indeed be remarkable for an officer to be in the Lighthouse Service 15 years and not know that he could not destroy official reports.

16. It is stated for Bureau's information that Mr. Perez entered the Lighthouse Service about 25 years ago and has served on the former tender LAUREL and the tenders SUNFLOWER in the Fourth District, and the HIBISCUS, MAGNOLIA and IVY, in the Seventh District, advancing through the various grades from coal passer to Engineer. He attained the rank of Engineer September 5, 1921 and has served in that position to date. He is an unusually strict disciplinarian, has maintained the department of the vessel under his supervision in exceptionally efficient condition. He does not concern himself with matters pertaining to the deck department nor will he permit any unauthorized or unwarranted interference with the equipment or personnel under his jurisdiction. It has been hinted from time to time that he has loaned money to employees of the tender at exhorbitant rates of interest. I have discussed the matter with him and he emphatically denies it. He has been advised if ever it is proven beyond a reasonable doubt that he is practicing usuary on the tender or that he loans money to his subordinates, this office will take such steps as it may deem proper looking to his separation from the Service.

17. (a) Mr. Curtis has been in the Service on two occasions extending over a period of about 15 years. His service while under supervision has been satisfactory, other than disposition that causes him to concern himself with matters beyond his jurisdiction and of which he has no actual knowledge, this, together with the discussion of alleged occurrences aboard the tender with employees at the Depot and on other tenders naturally tend to create discord onboard ship. He is not always careful or accurate in his statements as is clearly indicated in sub-paragraph (f) of paragraph 11 of this communication and of course his gossip is repeated and possibly magnified and naturally redound to his discredit and discomfort.

(b) While recently detailed to temporary command of the tender POPPY, he exceeded the tender's subsistence allowance by $51.52, notwithstanding the fact that every other commanding officer in the district has not only keep within the allowance and accumulated a substantial bank balance. Then again, when on this same temporary detail there was a purchase and expenditure of 15 gallons of paint, received special scrutiny by this office, and while nothing could be developed to warrant action, it was decided he would not be placed in command again if possible to avoid it. However,

the Commanding Officer requested annual leave, was entitled to it and it was again necessary to place Mr. Curtis in temporary command.

(c) On assuming temporary command of the IVY he proceeded with buoy work in the vicinity of Miami and in relieving a buoy, where no especial difficulty had been experienced in past years, two blades were knocked from the starboard propeller and tender had to be hauled out and a new propeller installed.

(d) While on this same temporary assignment, materials had to be obtained and he failed to split the proposals, accepted the lowest for all items, and when the matter was brought to his attention again pleads ignorance. This matter is now before the Bureau for advice as to whether the amount that would otherwise be lost by the Government should be deducted from his salary. The climax to the situation was the Engineer's reports, after which Captain Cosgrove's leave was terminated and he was ordered back to command of the IVY.

(e) It is understood that when the defendant was in command of one of the Shipping Board steamers, he stopped the vessel off Sand Key Light-station and lowered down to a small boat that was awaiting his arrival ship's stores for which he was suspended from duty. He never was reassigned to one of their vessels. The party in the small boat was his father-in-law, the Keeper of Sand Key Lightstation.

18. The Bureau will note the demeanor of the complaining witness and that of the defendant throughout the investigation by the Assistant Superintendent. Mr. Perez was willing for any one to testify, while Mr. Curtis objected particularly to the mess attendant who cleaned up the broken crockery after altercation. Attention is further invited to the character witnesses whom he had sign the four purported affidavits and which they later repudiated. For this purpose he used four seamen, subordinates under his supervision instead of the tender's officers. In this connection attention is especially called to the last statement in the second paragraph of Commanding Officer's letter of January 8, 1932, which is herewith.

19. One accident or mistake does not determine a man's efficiency or his value to the Service, but an accumulation thereof is a criterion. As a result of incidents stated under paragraph 17, while no positive proof of irregularities could be obtained, my confidence in the defendant's honesty was no longer what it had been prior thereto, and as a result thereof I would neither recommend him for or assign him to a permanent command.

20. It is believed that the charges were fully justified and that they have been proven to a degree sufficient to warrant that Thomas H. Curtis, First Officer, Lighthouse Service, be dismissed for the good of the Service. In view of the fact that the property was recovered it

is not recommended that the matter be referred to the Department of Justice.

Wm. W. Kinnear

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Sworn Statement of Harry Perez.

I, Harry Perez, do hereby certify that I am Engineer in the L. H. Service, assigned to duty on L. H. Tender IVY, and was serving in that capacity on December 17,1931.

That on December 17, 1931, at about 1.45 p.m. while I was walking up the port gangway of the L. H. Tender IVY, laying at Municipal Pier, Miami, Florida, I saw Mr. Thomas H. Curtis, 1st Officer of L. H. tender IVY, Acting Commanding Officer, with a bundle under his arm, - a gunny sack with a hole in it through which I could see a shiny tin which made me think it was a can of paint. Curtis, with the bundle still under his arm, went across the forward deck where some of the crew were painting buoys, and over the gang-plank on to the Municipal Pier and I went to the port gangway rail. Curtis walked to a small car, placed the gunny sack with the shiny tin in it and as he did he looked me in the face. To make sure what was in the sack I went to the car, examined the bundle and found it was a can of paint. License plate on car was "37-052 Florida 1931." Leaving the can of paint in the car I later summoned Mr. W. C. Banks, 2nd Office, L. H. Tender IVY, and told him that Mr. Curtis had put a can of paint in the car. Mr. Banks went to the car, examined the bundle and found it was a can of paint. After this I removed the gunny sack and the can of paint from the car, and placed them in my room on tender IVY for evidence, made an official report to the Super-intendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Florida, in triplicate, and gave two copies to the Quartermaster of the IVY to give in person to Mr. Curtis, then in charge of the IVY.

At 4.00 p.m., while Mr. W. C. Banks, Mr. C. E. Pangle, and myself were sitting at the dining room table eating supper, Mr. Curtis came in through the dining room, and went to his room. Quartermaster Perez gave Mr. Curtis the official reports against him to forward to the office. Mr. Curtis read the report and, in an excited way, came out of his room through the mess room, went direct to the car in question and looked in the car to see if the can of paint had been removed.

When Mr. Curtis passed the mess room where Mr. Banks, Mr. Pangle and myself were still eating supper I called Mr. Pangle to come to the window and watch Mr. Curtis go to the car to see if the paint had been removed. Mr. Curtis then returned to his room and called Mr. Banks from the dining room table where he was with Mr. Pangle and myself. Mr. Curtis and Mr. Banks talked together in Mr. Curtis room, after which Mr. Banks returned to the table and stated in the presence of Mr. Pangle and myself that Mr. Curtis was very excited and seemed to be very much worried.

After supper while I was standing on the after deck (Mr. Pangle sitting in his room and Mr. Banks on the after deck or in his room) Mr. Curtis

came to me and said: "You know Mr. Perez I haven't got anything against you and I was going to tear up these official reports and throw them overboard." I told Mr. Curtis if he tore up those reports and threw them overboard I would send same report direct to the Superintendent of Lighthouses. After that Mr. Curtis said that being an old man if he lost his job he would kill me. I told him that when he got ready to kill me to let me know and I would come to him.

Harry Perez
Engineer, L. H. Tender IVY

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Key West, Florida, this 7th day of January, A. D. 1932.

Rodney Gwynn
U. S. Commissioner, Southern District of Florida.

Sworn Statement of Louis Piarrot.

I, Louis Piarrot, do hereby certify that I am a seaman on the L. H. Tender IVY, and was serving in that capacity on December 17, 1931.

That on December 17, 1931, at about 1:45 P.M., while I was working om buoys on the forward deck of the L. H. Tender IVY, laying at the Municipal Pier, Miami, Fla., I saw Mr. Thomas H. Curtis, 1st Officer of L. H. Tender IVY, Acting Commanding Officer, pass with a sack with something in it in his hand. He went off the ship and placed the bundle in a small dark colored car which was opposite the gangway of the Tender IVY. Mr. Curtis' car was about 12 feet farther ahead of this car.

Louis Piarrot
Seaman, L. H. S.

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Key West, Florida this seventh day of January, A. D. 1932

Rodney Grayson
U.S. Commissioner, Southern District of Florida.

Sworn St[illegible]ment of Mr. W. C. Banks. [illegible] 1

I, W. C. Banks, do hereby certify that I am Second Officer, L. H. Service, assigned to duty on the L. H. Tender IVY, and was serving in that capacity on December 17, 1931.

That on December 17, 1931, at about 3:00 P.M., I was summoned by Mr. Perez, Engineer, to look into a small car on the Municipal Dock and there I saw a gunny sack with a paint can in it marked "white paint". I could see the can through a hole in the sack.

W. C. Banks
2nd Officer, L. H. Tender IVY

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Key West, Florida, this seventh day of January, 1932.

Rodney Gwynn
U.S. Commissioner, Southern District of Florida.

We, Vicente Rey, John Betancourt, Charles Richardson and William Atwell, do hereby certify that we are employed on the L. H. Tender IVY as Seamen.

That certain individual affidavits of January 6, 1932, re Thomas H. Curtis, First Officer of tender IVY, alleged to have been sworn to and subscribed before Ross C. Sawyer, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for Monroe County, State of Florida, were not subscribed to by us in the presence of Ross C. Sawyer, and were not sworn to by us before any one.

Vicente Rey

John Betancourt

Charles Richardson.

William Atwell
His X mark.

Witness as to mark of William Atwell.
W. B. Haskins.

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Key West, Florida, this ninth day of January, A. D. 1932.

O. Rodney Simonton
U. S. Commissioner, Southern District of Florida.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF L.H. JAN 8 1932 KEY WEST, FLA.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

January 8, 1932.

Commanding Officer tender IVY.

Reply, etc., to charges preferred against
Thomas H. Curtis, First Officer, U. S.
L. H. Service assigned to tender IVY.

1. Receipt of your letter of January 7, 1932 forwarding to this office reply to charges, together with, what purports to be, six affidavits are acknowledged. These papers are returned to you inviting attention to the statement in lines 19 to 22 inclusive, to wit: "because of the fact that about one year ago I made an oral report to the Commanding Officer of said tender Ivy that he had on the previous night brought aboard of the Ivy a young girl for what appeared to me to be for immoral purposes".

2. Attention is also invited to statements in attached papers made by the members of the crew of the tender IVY, viz: " working conditions are better now than they were prior to his becoming the First Officer of the IVY."

3. As the entire file in this case will be forwarded to the Bureau you can make any statement that you may deem proper in explaining your failure to take proper action when the alleged conduct of the Engineer was brought to your attention. It is further requested that you state what changes in working conditions have been effected by the First Officer.

W. W. Kinsell

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



SEVENTH DISTRICT
Lighthouse Tender IVY,
Key West, Fla.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

January 8th., 1932., 193

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Key West, Fla.

1. Referring to the statement made in lines 19 to 22 inclusive, to wit: "Because of the fact that about one year ago I made an oral report to the Commanding Officer of said tender IVY that he had on the previous night brought aboard of the IVY a young girl for what appeared to me to be for immoral purposes." (Alluding to Engineer Perez)

2. Mr. Curtis did bring up this matter in a conversation with me and to the best of my knowledge a number of days after it was supposed to have occurred. "Stating that Mr. Perez brought onboard an elder woman and a young girl one night, and from his (Mr. Curtis's) remarks to me to make it appear that it was for immoral purposes." I cautioned Mr. Curtis, as he acknowledged that it was his night onboard, and my night ashore, that he should have phoned me or sent for me, as I reside less than 400 yards from the Lighthouse Depot, and also when I am not aboard the boat, and any thing like this happens again and he can't handle it immediately then call on the proper authorities for assistance. Mr. Curtis, when this thing is alleged to have occured, failed to take any action, or make a record in the ships log. I requested him to submit a written report, which he failed to do, and as I did not believe him, and fearing that he would repudiate any verbal statement, I would take no action unless he made his statement in writing over his signature.

3. Relative to any changes in conditions on the IVY effected by the 1st Officer, Thomas H. Curtis, I would respectfully state that there are none that I have observed. The service rendered by his last two predecessors, both now commanding officers in the Lighthouse Service, was perfectly satisand there has been no change in conditions on tenders under my command or during my 42 years of service on tenders, other than the general improvements in compensation, subsistence, leave, etc., obtained and authorized, in the last twenty years, by the Bureau of Lighthouses. Attached are statements made by the same members of the crew who signed the other statements, that appeared to be affidavits. The questions were asked by me in the presence of the Radio Officer, who typed them in and witnessed the signature in each instance. Orders relative to half-day Saturdays, time off, etc., are issued by the Commanding Officer of the tender IVY, P. L. Cosgrove, jr., and not by any of the Mates, they only relay them on to the personnel under their immediate supervision.

P. L. Cosgrove, Jr.

Master, Lighthouse Service,
Commanding, tender IVY.

JAN 8 1932

What is your name? Vicente Rey

What is your present position? Seaman

How long have your served on the tender IVY? Ten or Twelve Years.

Did you on Wednesday afternoon January 6, 1932, sign this affidavit? Yes

Where did you sign it? Courthouse on Whitehead St., Key West, Fla.

L.H.S.

Who was in the room with you? Four Seamen from the IVY - Mr. Curtis - Att'y John Sawyer, thats all.

Was no one else in the room? No Sir, no more.

Did you read it or was it read to you? It was read to me.

By whom? The Att'y Jphn Sawyer.

Did you hold up your hand and swear to the statements contained therein? No.

Who told you to hold up your hand and swear to the statements therein? No one.

Have you ever served under any other First Officer on the IVY? Mr. Peterson and Mr. Austin.

In what respect has the first officer bettered the working conditions on the IVY? In no way noticeable.

Vicente Rey

Signature

What is your name? Charles Richardson

What is your present position? Seaman

How long have your served on the tender IVY? Three Years

Did you on Wednesday afternoon January 6, 1932, sign this affidavit? Yes Sir.

Where did you sign it? County Courthouse, on Whitehead St.
L.H.S.

Who was in the room with you? Four Seamen, Mr. Curtis, a man who was writing the affidavit called Sawyer.

Was no one else in the room? No

Did you read it or was it read to you? No

By whom? No one.

Did you hold up your hand and swear to the statements contained therein? No Sir.

Who told you to hold up your hand and swear to the statements therein? No one

Have you ever served under any other First Officer on the IVY? No Sir.

In what respect has the first officer bettered the working conditions on the IVY? I don't know how it was run before Mr. Curtis but it has been going smoothly.

Charles Richardson
Signature

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What is your name? John Betancourt

What is your present position? Seaman

How long have your served on the tender IVY? About 18 Months.

Did you on Wednesday afternoon January 6, 1932, sign this affidavit? Yes Sir.

Where did you sign it? In the Courthouse on Whitehead St.

Who was in the room with you? Four Seamen and Att'y John Sawyer and Mr. Curtis. L.H.S. V

Was no one else in the room? No

Did you read it or was it read to you? It was read to me by Att'y John Sawyer.

By whom? Att'y John Sawyer

Did you hold up your hand and swear to the statements contained therein? No

Who told you to hold up your hand and swear to the statements therein? No one.

Have you ever served under any other First Officer on the IVY? No Sir.

In what respect has the first officer bettered the working conditions on the IVY?
No difference noticed.

John B. Betancourt
signature

Witness

...e is your name?

William Atwell

What is your present position? Seaman on the IVY

How long have your served on the tender IVY? About fifteen years

Did you on Wednesday afternoon January 6, 1932, sign this affidavit? Yes, made my mark.

Where did you sign it? County Court House on Whitehead St.

Who was in the room with you? Four Seamen, Mr. Curtis, John Sawyer, I think Mr. Ross Sawyer passed through the room.

Was no one else in the room? No one

Did you read it or was it read to you? It was read to me.

By whom? Att'y John Sawyer

Did you hold up your hand and swear to the statements contained therein? No Sir.

Who told you to hold up your hand and swear to the statements therein? No Sir.

Have you ever served under any other First Officer on the IVY? Yes Sir. Mr. Peterson and Mr. Austin.

In what respect has the first officer bettered the working conditions on the IVY? No Sir no difference only the Saturday half holidays.

His
William Atwell, X Mark
Signature

E. K. Thomas
Witness

L. H. S.

JAN 8 1932

JAN 7 1932

Lighthouse Tender IVY
Key West, Fla.
January 7th., 1932

Respectfully forwarded at 9.10a.m. Jan. 7th., 1932
Mr. Chas. H. Curtis Master of Barge, Lighthouse Service,
Key West, Fla.

Master, Lighthouse Service,
Commanding Officer, Lighthouse Tender IVY

Lighthouse Tender IVY
Key West, Fla.,
January 7th., 1932.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Key West, Fla.

Respectfully forwarded at 9.10a.m. Jan. 7th., 1932
Mr. Thos. H. Curtis' answer to charges, and affidavits; etc.

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C. F. Hosgrove. Jr.
Master, Lighthouse Service,
Commanding Officer, Lighthouse Tender IVY

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

January 4, 1931

First Officer Thomas H. Curtis, U. S. L. H. Service,
(Thru Commanding Officer tender IVY.)

Charges and specifications

As the result of reports made by Engineer H. Perez, U. S. L. H. Service, dated December 17, 1931 and December 18, 1931, and investigated by Associate Engineer H. B. Haskins, U. S. L. H. Service, Assistant Superintendent Seventh Lighthouse District, on December 21, 1931, you are hereby charged as follows and will be given three days from receipt thereof in which to submit such pertinent statements as you may desire. In this connection your attention is invited to the second paragraph of Article 91 of Instructions to Employees, Lighthouse Service, 1927, and paragraph (b) of Article 439 of Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, 1927.

CHARGE 1. - Violation of paragraphs (a) and (b) of Article 339 and Articles 340, 341 and 342 of Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, 1927, and Articles 39, 40, 41 and 42 of Instructions to Employees, Lighthouse Service, 1927.

Specification: While serving as First Officer in the United States Lighthouse Service and temporarily in command of the tender IVY, berthed at the Municipal pier, Miami, Dade County, Florida, about 1:45 p.m., December 17, 1931, you were observed proceeding ashore from the tender with something wrapped up in a bag. Through a hole in the bag it was evident that there was a can therein. This bag and its contents was taken from the tender and placed in an automobile on the pier at which the IVY was berthed. On investigation it was found that the bag which was placed in the automobile, with Florida license 37-052 for the year 1931, contained a one gallon can of white paint. The can with label etc. was similar in all respects to others in the deck department's supplies under your jurisdiction. The bag and the can of paint, property of the Lighthouse Service, was removed from the automobile and taken back aboard the tender by the senior engineer after it had been observed therein by the second officer.

CHARGE 2. - Violation of paragraph (b) of Article 23 and paragraph (a) of Article 39 of Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, 1927, and paragraph (g) of Article 69, and Articles 73 and 113 of Instructions to Employees, Lighthouse Service, 1927.

Specification: On December 17, 1931, while serving as First Officer in the United States Lighthouse Service and temporarily in command of the tender IVY, an official report from the senior engineer was submitted to you for transmittal to the Superintendent of Lighthouses. This report covering unlawful disposition of Lighthouse Service property, was destroyed and the engineer found it necessary to personally deliver a copy of the report, the original having been destroyed by you.

CHARGE 3. - Violation of paragraph (a) of Article 486, Article 487 and the last sentence of paragraph (a) of Article 486 of Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, 1927 and paragraph (a) of Article 11, Article 6 and the last sentence of paragraph (a) of Article 5 of Instructions to Employees, Lighthouse Service, 1927.

Specification 1. - At about 10:15 a.m., on December 18, 1931, while a First Officer in the United States Lighthouse Service and temporarily in command of the tender IVY, then berthed at the Municipal pier at Miami, Dade County, Florida, you assaulted Engineer H. Perez, U. S. L. H. Service, the senior engineering officer on the vessel under your command.

Specification 2. - If the senior engineering officer was disrespectful to the commanding officer in manner or deportment on this occasion, no report or other official record was made thereof. The act, if committed, would constitute a violation of Article 486 of Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, 1927 and Article 5 of Instructions to Employees, Lighthouse Service, 1927, the penalty for which is deemed cause for dismissal. Failure to promptly report violations of this nature, gross insubordination, constitute neglect of duty on your part.

Wm. W. Demeritt

Wm. W. Demeritt
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SEVENTH DISTRICT

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

6 January 1932, 192

Superintendent Lighthouse Service,
Key West, Florida
(Thru Commanding Officer Tender Ivy).

ANSWER TO CHARGES AND SPECIFICATIONS .

My answer to the charges and specifications contained in your letter to me dated January 4th 1932 is as follows: I deny that I violated any one of the Articles of the Regulations for the Lighthouse Service 1927 or Articles of Instructions to Employees , Lighthouse Service 1927 as set forth in Charge No.1. In answer to the specification under said Charge No. 1, I admit that on the 17th day of December 1931, I was serving as First Officer in the United States Lighthouse Service and on said date was temporarily in command of the tender Ivy, berthed at the Municipal pier No. 1, Miami, Florida, but deny that at 1.45 P.M. on said day or at any other time that I "was seen proceeding ashore with something wrapped in a bag" deny that I took from the tender Ivy a one gallon can of white paint which was the property of the United States Lighthouse Service and placed it in an automobile , with Florida license number 37-052 for the year 1931, but allege the truth to be that Harry Perez, who is the Engineer of the said tender Ivy and who has been upon unfriendly terms with me for more than one year last past, and who has not spoken to me during such period, because of the fact that about one year ago I made an oral report to the Commanding Officer of said tender Ivy that he had on the previous night brought aboard of the Ivy a young girl for what appeared to me to be for immoral purposes, did on said date conspire with one Lois Pierrot , a member of the crew of said Ivy to injure me and did did frame up to cause me to loose my position. That he, said Harry Perez, did on said 17th day of December 1931 place the said one gallon can of white paint in Captain M. Cooks automobile, and was discovered in the act of so doing by Captain M. Cook, who is now and was then, the Harbor Master of the Port of Miami, Florida and was also seen by Captain B. F. Foster who resides at No. 1717 North East Avenue, Miami, Florida, as will further appear from the affidavit of said Captain Foster and the certificate of the said Captain M. Cook, both of which are attached hereto and made a part of this answer. That on said 17th day of December 1931 I left the Ivy , immediately after dinner , about 1. P. M. to consult with the Superintendent of Municipal Docks relative to moving certain material belonging to the Lighthouse Service which was stored at the head of pier No1. and which he had re-

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quested information as to the time such material would be moved as he desired the space occupied by this material for other ships coming to the dock. After consulting with the Superintendent and checking this material, I attended to other matters in connection with my duties as the First Officer of the Ivy and temporarily in charge and did not return to the Ivy until 4.15 P.M. Upon my return to the Ivy I was presented by Engineer Harry Perez with a report charging me in substance with the attempted embezzlement of this one gallon can of white paint. Further answering the said specification I beg to state that although I was in command of the tender Ivy on said date and responsible for the safe keeping of all deck supplies, the forward paint locker in which this paint was kept remained unlocked on this date because of the fact that the crew was then engaged in cleaning and painting buoys and any member of the crew and likewise Engineer Harry Perez had access to the said paint locker.

My answer to charge No. 2 and its specification is : That when I returned to the Ivy at 4.15 P. M. on the afternoon of 17th of December 1931 and was handed a report by Engineer Harry Perez in which report he accused me of the attempted embezzlement of this one gallon can of white paint I lost my self-control and admit that I tore up the said report, I told Engineer Harry Perez that such a charge was false and that it was a frame up on his part in an attempt to get me out of the Lighthouse Service. I thought and intended to report him to the Superintendent at that time, but upon further consideration of the matter I decided not to do so,as he is a first cousin to the Superintendentof the Seventh Lighthouse District, his word would be taken in preference to mine and that the Superintendent would not believe that his cousin would stoop to such a low down trick.

My answer to charge No. 3 and Specifications 1 and 2 thereunder is,that I deny that on the 18th of December 1931 at about 10.15 A. M. I assaulted Engineer H. Perez, but allege the truth to be that about 8.15 P. M. on said date as I entered the door of the Officers' Mess Room, the said H. Perez suddenly and without the slightest warning struck me a blow , knocking my glasses off and then I struck back in an attempt to defend myself. The fact that he struck me first is proven by the signed statement of Captain M. Cook, which is attached hereto and made a part of this answer.

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Further answering charge No. 3 and the specifications thereunder , attention is invited to my fifteen years service in the Lighthouse Service;any investigation of my record will show that during my entire employment I have never before had any difficulty or physical encounter with any one in the Lighthouse Service. That I have always been fair, honest and courteous with the crew and all others with whom my work brought me in contact. In corroboration of this,I herewith submit the affidavits of Vicente Rey, John Betancourt, Charles Richardson and William Atwell all of whom are members of the crew of the U.S. Lighthouse tender Ivy.One well acquainted with Engineer H. Perez and me can readily see how preposterous this charge is. I am fifty-seven years of age, weigh 180 pounds and wear glasses; while Engineer H. Perez is comparatively a young man , weighs approximately 220 pounds does not wear eye-glasses and is about forty-six years of age.

Thos H. Curtis

Thos H. Curtis
First Officer U.S.L.H.Service.





Miami January 5th 1932

To whom this may Concern on December 17th I was on # 1 dock Miami and saw The Chief Engerneer ~~XXXXXXXXX~~ Harry Perez Of the Light House tender Ivy and he had something in A croker sack which he placed in Captain M Cooks Car and in about five minuets returned to the car and withsone of the crew and took the bag from the car and took it on board of the Ivy .

Capt. E. K. Foster

1717 N E Fst Avenue Miami Fla,

Sworn and subcribed before me a Notary Public this 5th day of January A. D. 1932

J. P. Lamon

Notary Public State of Florida at Large,
My Commission expires Aug. 23, 1933.



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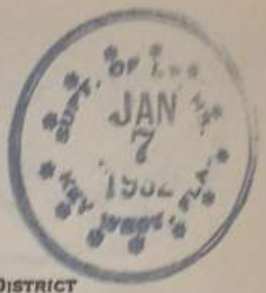
To certify that on December 17th at about three thirty PM the Chief Engerneer H Perez placed A parcel wraped in A bag in my car which was parked on the dock near whear the L.H S. Ivy and in A minuets he and some one else returned and Perez took the parcel out of the Car and went back on board of the Ivy .
I thought the parcel might contain liquor and that Perez had made A mistake in the Car and when he removed the parcel I seposed that he had discoverad his mistake.

J. Fred Hall
Notary Public, State of Florida at Large
My Commission expires Dec. 13, 1933

Capt M Cook
Harbor Master Port of Miami Fla,

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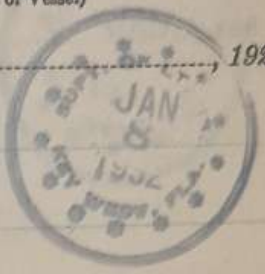
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AFFIDAVIT OF VICENTE REY

STATE OF FLORIDA }
COUNTY OF MONROE } SS

Before me Ross C. Sawyer, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Monroe County, State of Florida, personally appeared Vicente Rey, who being by me first duly sworn deposes and says: My name is Vicente Rey; that I am now and have been for the past twelve years a Seaman, serving as such on the United States Lighthouse Service Tender Ivy. That I know Thomas H. Curtis the First Officer of said vessel and have known him for the past three years and upwards, and during this time have served under him on said vessel. That during such time I have found him kind and considerate to the crew, never heard him use any profane or abusive language to the crew; that working conditions are better now than they were prior to his becoming the First Officer of the Ivy. That on the 17th day of December 1931 at 1.45 P.M. or any time just just preceding or following it the said Thomas H. Curtis was not on board of the Ivy .

Served 10 years 11 months

Vicente Rey

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 6th day of January 1932.

Ross C Sawyer Clerk Circuit Court
Monroe County Fla

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AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN BETANCOURT

STATE OF FLORIDA)
SS
COUNTY OF MONROE)

Before me, Ross C. Sawyer, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Monroe County, State of Florida, personally appeared John Betancourt, who being by me first duly sworn deposes and says: My name is John Betancourt; that I am now and have been for the last two years serving continuously as a Seaman on the United States Lighthouse Service Tender IVY, That I know Thomas H. Curtis the First Officer of said vessel and have known him and have served under him as such First Officer for the past twoee years on said vessel. That during such time I have found him kind and considerate to the crew; never have heard him use any profane or abusive language to the crew; and that working conditions under him are excellent.

Official records show he has served 1 year 3 months 13 days

John Betancourt

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th. day of January 1932.

Ross C Sawyer

Clerk, Circuit Court, Monroe County, Fla.

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AFFIDAVIT OF CHARLES RICHARDSON

STATE OF FLORIDA)

SS

COUNTY OF MONROE)

Before me, Ross C. Sawyer, clerk of the Circuit Court, in and for Monroe County, State of Florida, personally appeared Charles Richardson, who being by me first duly sworn deposes and says: My name is Charles Richardson; that I am now and have been for the past three years serving continuously as a Seaman on the United States Lighthouse Service Tender IVY. That I know Thomas H. Curtis the First Officer of said vessel and have known him and have served under him as such First Officer for the past three years on said vessel. That during such time I have found him kind and considerate to the crew; never have heard him use any profane or abusive language to the crew; that working conditions are better now than they were prior to his becoming the First Officer of the IVY; that his reputation for honesty in Key West is excellent.

Official records show he has served 2 years, 4 months & 24 days

Charles Richardson.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th. day of January A.D.1932.

Ross C Sawyer

Clerk Circuit Court, Monroe County, Fla.

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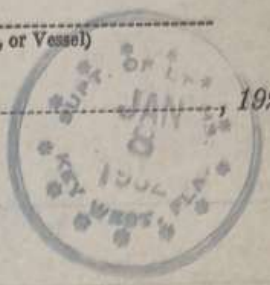
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AFFIDAVIT OF WILLIAM ATWELL

STATE OF FLORIDA }
} SS
COUNTY OF MONROE }

Before me Ross C. Sawyer, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Monroe County, State of Florida, personally appeared William Atwell, who being by me first duly sworn deposes and says: My name is William Atwell ; that I am now and have been for the past fifteen years serving continuously as a Seaman on the United States Lighthouse Service Tender Ivy. That I know Thomas H. Curtis the First Officer of said vessel and have known him and have served under him as such First Officer for the past three years on said vessel. That during such time I have found him kind and considerate to the crew; never have heard him use any profane or abusive language to the crew; that working conditions are better now than they were prior to his becoming the First Officer of the Ivy. That his reputation for honesty in Key West is excellent.

Official records show he has served 9 years, 5 months & 1 day.

William his X mark Atwell.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January A.D.1932.

Ross C Sawyer

Clerk Circuit Court, Monroe County, Fla.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

HBH.

Two sets enclosures.

December 20, 1931
December 31, 1931.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla.

1. Referring to your letter of Dec. 20, 1931, directing me to investigate reports of Mr. M. Perez against Mr. T. H. Curtis for taking can of paint from tender Ivy and for hitting Mr. Perez while on duty.

2. On Dec. 21, 1931, from 7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., while on tender Ivy enroute from Miami to Key West, investigations of both reports were made. Three copies of each report are inclosed.

H B Haskins
Asst. Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

WWD.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT

KEY WEST, FLA.

December 20, 1931

Mr. H. B. Haskins, Associate Engineer L.H.S.
Assistant Superintendent Seventh District,
Key West, Fla.

Investigate report re actions Mr. Thomas Curtis,
First Officer L.H.S., tempo. in command tender IVY.

1. There is attached a copy of a letter from the Engineer of the tender IVY, dated December 17, 1931, in which it is reported that certain property belonging to the United States was taken from the tender, subsiquently recovered and now in his possession. In this connection attention is invited to Art. 339-paragraphs (a) and (d) and Art. 340 and 341 together with Art. 342 of the Regulations, 1927 and Arts. 39, 40, 41 and 42 of the Instructions to Employees, 1927.

2. Mr. Perez further reports that the original of the letter reporting this matter was submitted to Mr. Curtis, in temporary command of the IVY for transmittal to this office. This communication has not been received and under the circumstances may constitute a violation of the provision of Art. 23 paragraph (b) of the Regulations, 1927 and Art. 69 paragraph (g) of Instructions to Employees, 1927.

3. By letter dated December 18, 1931, Mr. Perez reports direct to this office that Mr. Curtis, temporarily in command of the IVY assualted him. It appears that this is in violation of Art. 487 (last clause) and Art. 488 of the Regulations and Arts. 6 (last clause) and 11, of Instructions to Employees. Letter in question attached.

4. You are requested to make a thorough investigation of these reports in order to determine if formal charges are justified and can be sustained. You should also find out if, under the circumstances, Mr. Perez was justified in communicating with this office direct, he being under the impression that his reports were not being forwarded to destination. In this connection see Art. 23 paragraph (a). He requested by telephone to report in person on official matters in accordance with the requirements of paragraph (c) of Art. 23 and his request was granted. (Art. 69 paragraphs (f) and (h) of Instructions to Employees, 1927.

W. W. Bennett

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF REPORT MADE BY MR. H. PEREZ, ENGINEER, TENDER IVY, AGAINST MR. THOS. H. CURTIS, 1ST OFFICER, TENDER IVY, FOR CURTIS HITTING PEREZ

DEC 31

Board of Investigation - H. B. Haskins, Assistant Superintendent and Captain P. L. Cosgrove, Master, L. H. tender IVY.

Present during entire investigation - Mr. Harry Perez, Engineer, L.H. tender IVY, and Mr. Thos. H. Curtis, 1st. Officer, L. H. tender IVY.

Investigation took place in Saloon of IVY on Monday December 21, 1931, from about 1 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., while enroute from Miami to Key West, Fla.

Mr. Haskins read statement of December 18, report by H. Perez, against Mr. T. H. Curtis, for striking him in the mess room.

- REPORT - EXHIBIT F.-

"Miami, Fla.
Dec. 18/1931

Superintendent of Lighthouses:
Key West, Fla.

Direct to Superintendent of Lighthouses.

At 10.15 A.M. H. Perez Engineer L. H. Tender Ivy was sitting in chair with my legs crossed in Officers mess room facing port mess room door. and 1st. Offiecr T.H.Curtis in charge of Tender Ivy come in port mess room door and in a coward way structed me in the head. after then H. Perez handled T.H.Curtis in a jentle way and after then T.H.Curtis looses his nerve and showed an insane act. and from the way T. H. Curtis talks and his actions and what he does showe he not rite in his mind and he says thing and belives they are right,

(Sgd.) H. Perez
Engineer L.H.Tender IVY"

Haskins gave Mr. Curtis a copy of this report.

Haskins - Did you hit Mr. Perez as charged in the statement of December 18?

Curtis - After he hit me with my glasses on I struck him. You can ask Alonzo Borden about this. Mr. Borden found my glasses under the buffet on the port side.

Haskins - Mr. Borden was not present at the time?

Curtis - Nobody was present only Capt. Cook who was up in his office and looked out of the window and saw it.

Haskins - Is that the same Capt. Cook in whose car the can of paint was found?

Curtis-Yes sir.

Haskins - And Capt. Cook was in his office looking out the window at that particular instant?

Curtis - Yes sir. That was his own statement.

Haskins - Will you describe to me by drawing on this piece of paper, just how the IVY was laying at the dock and just how Capt. Cook's office is located, so that he saw all of this? (Drawing is attached herewith.)

Haskins - At what time did you claim Mr. Perez hit you?

Curtis - About 2 or 2:15.

Haskins - Any other statement you wish to make?

Curtis - Exhibit"G" given to Mr. Haskins.

Statements contained in Exhibit "G"

"To certify that on this date about 2.15b PM I saw the Capt. of the IVY go to the saloon door the Chief meet him in the door and pushed the Capt or struck him and a scufel followed in side." (Exhibit "G")

Haskins (to Perez) - Your charges state that Mr. Curtis hit you about 10:15 A.M. while sitting in a room. Mr. Curtis states that you hit him at 2:15 P.M. on the same date.

Cosgrove - I would like to ask Mr. Curtis a question.

Haskins - All right.

Cosgrove - Refreshen your memory Mr. Curtis, where this is going to be an important incident. As it has been stated coffee was being served on the IVY A.M. and P.M., couldn't you refresh your memory by thinking. Was this after lunch or before lunch when this conflict happened.

Curtis - I recall it was about 2:15.

Haskins - Was it after or before lunch?

Curtis - After lunch.

Haskins - Any other questions Captain?

Cosgrove - I do not consider it was necessary to ask Mr. Perez as he has already given a written statement.

Haskins - Mr. Perez, would anybody know about this tussle between you and Mr. Curtis, or shortly after the affair took place?

Perez - Yes sir.

Haskins - Who?

Perez - Mr. Banks.

Haskins - Anybody else?

Perez - No sir.

Haskins - How did Mr. Banks come to know about it?

Perez - On December 18, Mr. Curtis told Mr. Banks that he was going to beat me. Mr. Banks went off in the cargo boat to place sunvalves on beacons at 9:00 or 9:15. Mr. Perez didn't know Mr. Curtis made this statement to Mr. Banks until the affair was over. At 10:15 I was sitting in the officers mess room with my legs crossed in a chair facing port mess room door. Mr. Curtis came in the door in a cowardly way, struck me in the head. Perez then handled Mr. Curtis in a gentle way. Mr. Curtis was pushed to the port buffet then from there in the center of the mess room between the chairs to the floor. Mr. Perez being able to control his temper assisted Mr. Curtis from the floor, placing him against the wall. Mr. Curtis lost his nerve. Mr. Perez looked him in the face and tells him the dirty coward act he did by hitting me while I was sitting down. While Mr. Curtis was standing there in a nervous condition, Mr. Alonzo Borden came in. Mr. Perez left the mess room. Mr. Curtis, in an exciting way went to his room, came back again looking for his glasses, which glasses was on top of the port buffet. At 12 oclock dinner Mr. Perez, Mr. Curtis and a policeman by the name of Charlie Reynolds had dinner together. While we were eating dinner the subject came up about low blood pressure, heart trouble and in the conversation at the table Mr. Curtis made the statement in the presence of Charlie Reynolds, Policeman, that when he died he wanted to die in a high pitch of anger and somebody to kill him. As near as I can remember Mr. Banks returned with the cargo boat about 12:45 or 1:00 oclock, meets Mr. Curtis; Mr. Curtis tells Mr. Banks that he got two pokes at the Chief. Mr. Cook's statement

states that this affair took place at 2:15. Mr. Cook's and Mr. Curtis statements says he seen me strike Mr. Curtis. Mr. Banks, Fireman Sawyer, was summoned in the mess room last night, December 20th, was taken in the mess room, the window was taken down and placed where I was sitting and asked them with a clear conscience, without favor in any respect could anybody from the up stairs of the Merchant Miners building see who struck the first blow. On the 18th, around the ship Mr. Curtis made the statement that he was going home and get a gun and kill the Chief and another man aboard the boat. This statement came from Light Keeper Borden to the oiler crews and some members of the engine room department. They told Mr. Pangle the same thing.

Haskins - When Mr. Banks came back on the cargo boat about 1:00 oclock did you tell him about the fracas between you and Mr. Curtis?

Perez - Yes sir, and then Mr. Banks told Mr. Perez Mr. Curtis told him he got two pokes at the Chief and in the morning he told Mr. Banks he was going to beat the Chief.

Haskins - Did you tell anybody else about this fracas?

Perez - No sir, just Mr. Banks.

Haskins - When Mr. Alonzo Borden was helping to hunt for the glasses did he know there had been a fracas between you and Mr. Curtis?

Perez - At the time, No, that is as far as I know.

Haskins (to Curtis) - Did you tell Mr. Borden why it was that your glasses were missing?

Curtis - I do not remember what I told him.

Haskins - When Mr. Borden was helping you find your glasses, was that after the time that you claimed Mr. Perez hit you first?

Curtis - Yes sir, that was after the time.

Haskins - Did Mr. Borden hunt for your glasses once or twice that day?

Curtis - Only at that particular time.

Haskins - Why was Mr. Borden on board?

Curtis - He came down to bring some condemned stuff to take to Key West.

Haskins - How long did Mr. Borden remain aboard the boat?

Curtis - About an hour.

Haskins - Anybody else see Mr. Borden aboard beside you and Mr. Perez?

Curtis - He was all over the ship, so all of the crew must have seen him.

Haskins - Mr. Perez did you see Mr. Borden aboard the boat?

Perez - Yes sir, and he had a man along that usually comes with him, John Marshall.

Haskins (to Curtis) - Did you see John Marshall aboard the boat, and was that after 2:15 P.M.?

Curtis - Yes sir.

Haskins - Did Mr. Banks see Mr. Borden aboard the boat?

Curtis - I do not know whether Mr. Banks saw him or not.

Haskins - Did Mr. Banks go back on construction work after 1:00 oclock?

Curtis - Yes sir.

Haskins - What did you do after dinner?

Curtis - I was aboard the ship.

Haskins - You remained aboard ship until what time?

Curtis - Until about 5:00 oclock.

Haskins - Do you know whether Mr. Pangle was aboard the boat that morning when you were hunting for your glasses?

Curtis - No sir, Mr. Pangle was not there at that time.

Cosgrove - I would like to clear up this point that Mr. Haskins is asking. To your belief Mr. Pangle was attached to the ship for duty?

Curtis - Sure, he was on duty.

William H. Roberts brought in for questioning - Following statements made after being duly sworn.

Haskins - What is your name?

W. H. Roberts - William H. Roberts.

Haskins-You were aboard the IVY on December 18?

Roberts - Yes sir.

Haskins - Was Alonzo Borden aboard the boat on that date?

Roberts - Yes sir, he was he brought some condemned stuff down in the glory hold. I think it was Friday.

Haskins - What time was that?

Roberts - Between 10 and 11 oclock.

M. L. Cruz brought in for questioning - Following statements made after being duly sworn.

Haskins - What is your name?

M. L. Cruz - Morris L. Cruz.

Haskins - What is your position aboard this boat?

Cruz - Oiler

Haskins - Do you remember when Alonzo Borden was aboard this boat last week?

Cruz - I think it was either Thursday or Friday.

Haskins - About what time.

Cruz - Thursday or Friday about 2:20.

Haskins - Was he down here both days or just one day?

M. L. Cruz - I think it was Friday, just the one day.

Haskins - It was about 2:30 or 2:20?

Perez - Cruz came up here to give the time of Mr. Curtis striking Mr. Perez in the mess room on December 18.

Haskins - Do you know anything about it being reported that Mr. Curtis struck Mr. Perez?

Cruz - I was in the engine room painting at about 2:20 or 2:30. I noticed Mr. Curtis when he passed the port door of the engine room on the port lower deck. Then a few minutes after that, about two or three minutes I heard a noise in the officers mess room, it sounded as if some crockery or saucers were falling on the floor. Then, if I am not mistaken, I heard Mr. Perez say that Mr. Curtis should not have done that because that was a game that two men could play. I would not swear to those words. Then I did not know what to think

so I called Mr. Borden off the dock between 2:20 and 3:00 and Mr. Borden went on into the mess hall.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Curtis?

Curtis - No sir.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Perez?

Perez - Yes sir. I want Cruz to stop for a minute and verify his statement of the particular incident of the time and see if he can remember about or exactly the time and what he was doing at that time in the engine room and where was Mr. Elwood and see if he can refreshen his memory as to the right time. I think Mr. Cruz can stop and think what he was doing at that time.

Cruz - I am pretty sure it was after dinner. I was painting the walls of the engine room.

A. M. Russell brought in for questioning - Following statements made after being duly sworn.

Haskins - What is your position on this boat?

Russell - Steward.

Haskins - Did one of your mess attendants clean up some broken china last week?

Russell - Yes sir.

Haskins - About what time was that?

Russell - Something between 10 and 11, about Thursday.

Haskins - How many times last week did they clean up broken china.

Russell - Once.

Haskins - Did he say what broke the china.

Russell - No sir, he just said two saucers were broken back there.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Curtis?

Curtis - No sir.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Perez?

Perez - No sir.

Note Mr. Perez requested that the Mess Attendant who cleaned up the broken china be brought in as a witness. Mr. Curtis objected, because he says that there was an intermission between investigation and somebody may have spoken to the Mess Attendant.

Edmund Sawyer was brought in for questioning - Following statements made after being duly sworn.

Haskins - What is your name?

Sawyer - Edmund Sawyer.

Haskins - What is your position on this boat?

Sawyer - Fireman.

Haskins - Did you line up the chair in which Mr. Perez was supposed to be, the window and door with the window of Capt. Cook's office on the Municipal Pier, to see if in your opinion a person in Capt. Cook's office could see a particular position in the officer's saloon of the IVY?

Sawyer - Yes sir, but in my opinion they could not see.

Haskins - Where did you stand when you looked to see this?

Sawyer - Right where Mr. Perez was sitting in the saloon.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Curtis?

Curtis - No sir.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Perez?

Perez - No sir.

Haskins - Any questions Capt. Cosgrove?

Cosgrove - No sir.

Haskins - Question has arisen about further witnesses on account of the conflicting statements of time. Mr. Perez is willing for board to bring forward any witnesses. Mr. Curtis objects to any other witnesses being brought before the board because he says they have had time to talk among themselves or to be influenced by the other men who have testified. He also states his reason for this is because if anyone testified against Mr. Perez they will lose their job. Capt. Cosgrove states that as Master of this ship that Mr. Perez does not influence him either one way or the other.

Perez - Mr. Perez has been in the Lighthouse Service practically 26 to 28 years, in which time no man has been influenced in any way by me or tried to get any member of the ship to get anybody in trouble, and have been in charge of the engine room department about 9 to 11 years, during which time no man has been discharged from the engine room without thorough investigation, cautioned two or three times, if he was in the wrong and if the same thing occurred, the man was given his time on account of neglect of duty and to the best of my knowledge, it has been about 3 men dismissed from the engine room department for neglect.

Ray O. Elwood brought in for questioning - Following statements made after being duly sworn.

Haskins - Do you know anything about a fight that took place between Mr. Perez and Mr. Curtis.

Elwood - I heard about it when I came aboard ship about 10 minutes to eleven.

Haskins - Where had you been?

Elwood - Out in the launch with Mr. Banks, out to the beacons.

Haskins - Who did you hear about the fight from?

Elwood - After Mr. Banks came back, Mr. Banks told me about it.

Haskins - Did Mr. Banks go out in the boat again?

Elwood - Yes sir, he came in for some sunvalve glass and went right out again.

Haskins - Have you heard any statements made by Mr. Curtis in regard to Mr. Curtis shooting Mr. Perez or anybody else?

Elwood - No sir.

Perez - (Question by Mr. Perez to clarify statement of Mr. Elwood) What did you mean by saying when Mr. Banks came back?

Elwood - He came back from the glory hold.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Curtis?

Curtis - No sir.

Haskins - Any questions Capt. Cosgrove?

Cosgrove - No sir.

Curtis - The witness here states the time but did not state the date.

Haskins - What day did this take place?

Elwood - Thursday, as near as I can remember.

Haskins - Any other questions.

(There were no other questions)

William C. Banks was brought in for questioning - Following statements made after being duly sworn.

Haskins - When did you first hear about this fight between Mr. Curtis and Mr. Perez.

Banks - Around 11 oclock in the morning.

Haskins - Where had you been before that?

Banks - I was out in the boat.

Haskins - Do you remember what day that was?

Banks - Friday morning.

Haskins - Any other questions Mr. Perez?

Perez - I would like to make this clear where Mr. Curtis told Mr. Banks that he was going to beat me. The statement was made about 9:15 oclock Friday morning. Then when Mr. Banks returned with the launch he told Mr. Banks he got two pokes at me, and if Mr. Banks remembers the facts.

Haskins - Do you remember any of these facts?

Banks - No sir.

Haskins - In regard to what Mr. Perez just asked you, did Mr. Curtis tell you anything?

Banks - Mr. Curtis told me that he had fought and that Mr. Perez had struck him first, also Mr. Perez told me that Mr. Curtis struck him first.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Curtis?

Curtis - Don't the log show that you left here 8:30 to do that work?

Banks - Yes sir.

Ex. F.

Miami Fla.

Dec. 18/1931



Superintendent of Lighthouses:

Key West Fla.

Direct to Superintendent of Lighthouses.

At 10.15 A. M. H. Perez

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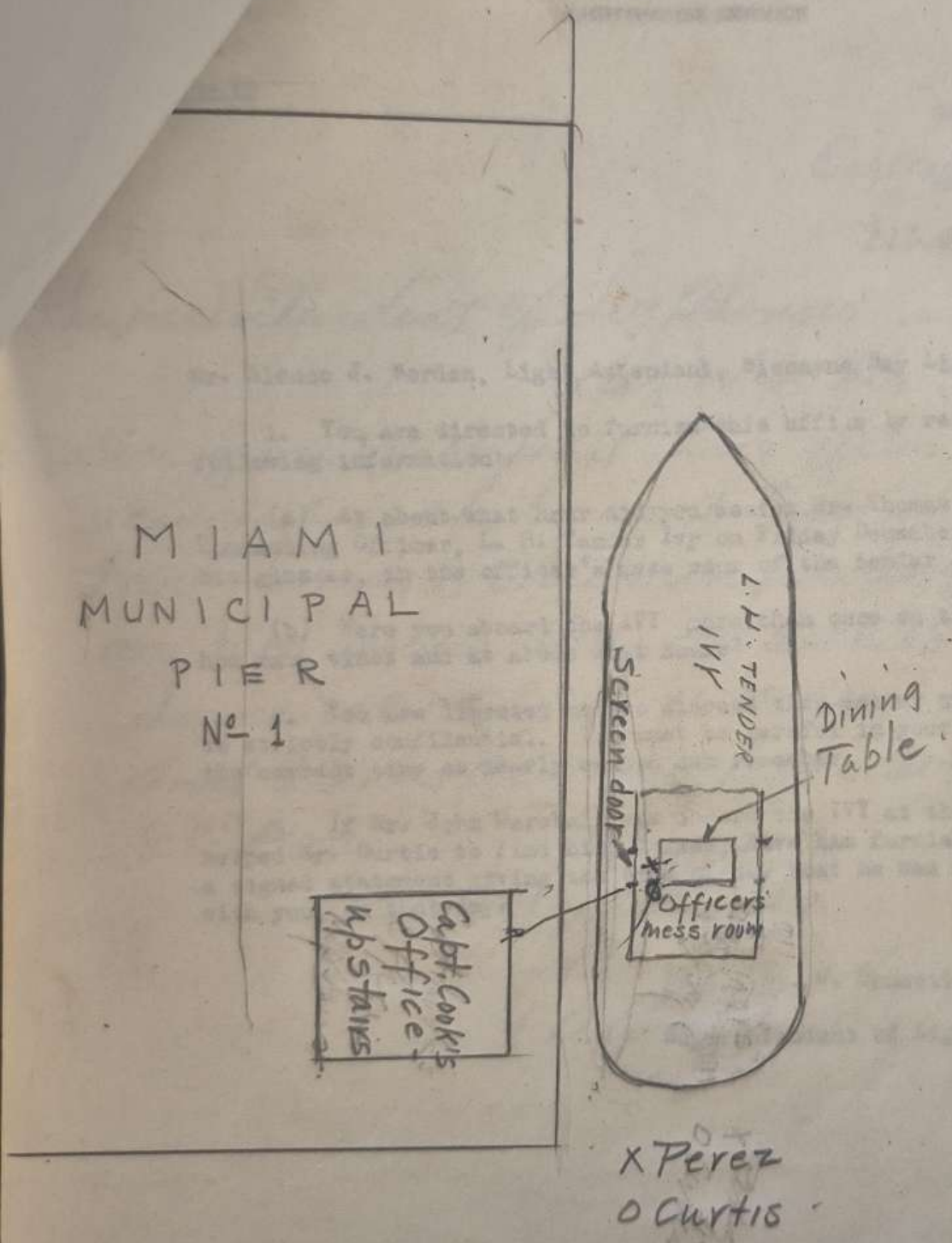
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To certify that on this date about 2,15b PM I saw the Capt of the IVY go to the saloon door the Chief meet him in the door and pushed the Capt or struck him and A scufel followed in side .

Harbor Master

Actually occurred at 10.15 A.M.

Ex. H


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MUNICIPAL
PIER
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L.M. TENDER
IVY
Screen door
Dining Table
Officers mess room
Capt. Cook's Office upstairs
x Perez
o Curtis

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

December 23, 1931.

Mr. Alonzo J. Borden, Light Attendant, Biscayne Bay Lights, Miami, Florida.

1. You are directed to furnish this office by return mail with the following information:

(a) At about what hour did you assist Mr. Thomas H. Curtis, Acting Commanding Officer, L. H. Tender Ivy on Friday December 18, in finding his glasses, in the officer's mess room of the tender IVY?

(b) Were you aboard the IVY more than once on that date? If so, how many times and at about what hours?

2. You are directed not to discuss this matter with any one as it is strictly confidential. You must be careful in your statement to give the correct time as nearly as you can remember.

3. If Mr. John Marshall was aboard the IVY at the time that you helped Mr. Curtis to find his glasses, have him furnished this office with a signed statement giving the time of day that he was aboard the IVY with you, on that day.

(Sgd.) Wm. W. Demeritt

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
HBH. LHP.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



SEVENTH DISTRICT

Biscayne bay lights
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Miami Dec 25, 1931

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Key West Fla

Sir you will find here near as I can remember the correct time that I assisted Mr Thomas A Curtis in finding his glasses on L.H. Tender Ivy on Dec 18
Time was About 10.30 AM
and I was aboard of the Ivy again at 8.00 p m

Respectfully
A. J. Borden
Lt Attendant

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



SEVENTH DISTRICT

Miami Fla
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec 25, 1931

Mr. Wm W. Demeritt
Key West Fla

Dear Sir!.

In close you will find a Statement as to the Hour that I was aboard of the L. H. tender Ivy. With Mr. A. J. Borden, It was about 10 30 A. M. & Again at 8 00 P. M Date was. Friday Dec. 18 - 1931.

Will be Glad to Render any Service, should there be any more needed. I

Remain Respectfully

John Marshall.

DEC 31 1931

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF REPORT MADE BY H. PEREZ ENGINEER, TENDER IVY, ABOUT MR. THOMAS H. CURTIS, 1ST OFFICER, TENDER IVY, FOR TAKING A CAN OF PAINT FROM TENDER IVY

Board of Investigation: H. B. Haskins, Assistant Superintendent, and Captain P. L. Cosgrove, Master, L. H. Tender IVY.

Present during entire investigation - Mr. Harry Perez, Engineer, L. H. tender IVY, and Mr. Thos. H. Curtis, 1st. Officer, L. H. Tender IVY.

Investigation took place in Saloon of IVY while enroute from Miami to Key West, Florida, on Monday, December 21, 1931, from 7:30 a.m. until about noon, with intermissions for breakfast, and inspection of Fowey Rocks Lighthouse.

H. B. Haskins - (To Mr. Curtis) Did Mr. Perez give you for transmission to the Superintendent of Lighthouses, a copy of reports made against you about some white paint, which he claims you were trying to take from the tender IVY?

T. H. Curtis - Yes, he did give me a copy of the report, but at the time on the impulse of the moment, I was thinking the thing would stop there, being innocent of that, I tore it up and threw it overboard.

H. B. Haskins - Do you realize that by that act you violated the regulations of the Lighthouse Service?

T. H. Curtis - I did not know that.

Mr. Haskins read reports to Mr. Curtis and gave him copy of same.

"Miami, Fla.
Dec. 17/1931

Superintendent of Lighthouses:
Key West, Fla.
(Through Commanding Officer Lighthouse Tender IVY)

At 145 P.M. T. H. Curtis 1st. Officer in charge of Tender Ivy took one galls. of White paint off tender Ivy and placed it in a car with no of licens as followed 37-052 Florida 1931. While paint was in car 2Sd office visited the car and seen the can of paint in the car, and after then the paint was removed from the car by Engineer H. Perez and have the paint in my room for evidence,

Copy of letter given to 1st Officer in charge of Tender IVY.

(Sgd.) H. Perez
Engineer L. H. Tender IVY"

Haskins to P. L. Cosgrove, Master tender IVY - (Pointing to can of paint taken from gunny sack and to another which has just been brought in.) Exhibits A, B and C.) This paint is exactly like this paint here on the table, this second can of paint which you just brought in?

P. L. Cosgrove - Yes Sir.

Haskins - Where did you just get this second can of paint?

Cosgrove - I had Seaman Richardson go down in the paint room of deck department and bring me this can of paint.

Haskins - (To Curtis) Have you any explanation to make about this can of paint (pointing to can taken from sack) being in this car Mr. Curtis?

Curtis - I do not know a thing about it.

Haskins - You just gave me a statement here from Capt. M. Cook, dated December 18, 1931, in which he states "To whom this may concern to certify that one Herry, Perez Chf Engerneer of the L.H.T. IVY did at 3.30 dec 17 put a parcel wraped in a bag in my car that was parked in front of where the IVY was docked,

"I seposed that the parcel contained liquor and that Mr. Perez had made a mistake and put the parcel in the wrong Car in about lo minuets later he came and remooved the parcel took it back on board of the IVY." (Exhibit E.)

Is that the correct statement that you have just given me from Capt. M. Cook?

Curtis - Yes sir.

Haskins - Is Capt. Cook related to you in any way?

Curtis - No, this is the first time I have ever seen him.

Haskins (To Perez) - Would the deck crew of the IVY see Mr. Curtis when passing them with this package?

Perez - Yes sir. Would you ask Louis Piarrot if under the forecastle head in the presence of Charles Richardson, Sailor, Quartermaster Perez, did he not say that he saw Mr. Curtis take this bundle ashore?

Haskins - About what hour did this take place?

Perez - This took place about 1:45 and I took the paint out of the car at about 3:15.

Louis Piarrot brought in for questioning - Following statements made after being duly sworn.

Haskins - What is your name?

L. Piarrot - Louis Piarrot.

Haskins - What is your occupation on the tender IVY?

L. Piarrot - Sailor, sir.

Haskins - Were you on the forward deck of the IVY on the afternoon of December 17, at about 1:45 P.M.

L. Piarrot - Yes sir. I was working on buoys.

Haskins - At about that time did Mr. Curtis pass you with a sack in his hand, apparently something in it?

L. Piarrot - I saw him pass with something in his hand.

Haskins - About this same appearance. (Pointing to can of paint in gunny sack)

L. Piarrot - Yes, about that same appearance.

Haskins - Where did Mr. Curtis put this sack with whatever was in it when he went off the ship?

L. Piarrot - I saw him put it in a car opposite the gangway but I did not know whose car it was.

Haskins - Was Mr. Curtis car there also?

L. Piarrot - Yes, his car was a little farther ahead.

Haskins - How far ahead of this other car?

L. Piarrot - About 12 feet.

Haskins - Do you know what kind of car this was?

L. Piarrot - No, I do not know much about cars. It was a small car something like mine. It was a two seat car.

Haskins - Do you know the color of that car?

L. Piarrot - It looked to be either dark blue or black. It was a very dark color.

Haskins (To Curtis) - What kind of a car has Capt. Cook?

Curtis - He has a coupe.

Haskins - What was the color of Captain Cook's car?

Curtis - It is a dark color.

Haskins (To Pierrot) - Did you later see Mr. Perez go to this car and get this bundle?

L. Piarrot - Yes sir.

Haskins - Was the bundle that Mr. Perez took out of the car similar to this bundle?

L. Piarrot - I did not notice the sack but I saw the can of paint when Mr. Perez held it up and said "See boys".

Haskins - Have you any personal grievance against Mr. Curtis here?

L. Piarrot - Not in a way sir.

Haskins - Did you hear anything further in regard to this can of paint?

L. Piarrot - No more than I have just said.

Haskins - Any questions you want to ask the witness Mr. Curtis?

Curtis No sir.

Haskins - Have you any questions Mr. Perez?

Perez - No sir.

Robert Knowles brought in for questioning - Following statements made after being duly sworn.

Haskins - What is your name?

R. Knowles - Robert Knowles.

Haskins - What is your position aboard the tender IVY?

R. Knowles - Boatman.

Haskins - Do you know anything about this charge against Mr. Curtis by Mr. Perez?

R. Knowles - All I know is when I saw the Chief walk about with the paint in his hand.

Haskins - Do you know the date of this occurrence?

R. Knowles - No sir.

Haskins - About how long ago?

R. Knowles - About 5 or 6 days.

Haskins - Do you know about what time this was?

R. Knowles - Between 2 and 3.

Haskins - Did earlier in the afternoon, the then Commanding Officer, go across the forward deck with a package in his hand, apparently with something in it?

R. Knowles - No, I did not.

Haskins - Do you know what kind of a car it was Mr. Perez took this paint from?

R. Knowles - An Oldsmobile.

Haskins - What kind of car; four door or what?

R. Knowles - A roadster.

Haskins - Mr. Curtis are there any questions you want to ask this man?

Curtis - No sir.

Haskins - Mr. Perez, any questions?

Perez - No sir.

Vicente Rey brought in for questioning - Following statements made after being duly sworn.

Haskins - Have you heard anything at all about these charges of Mr. Perez against Mr. Curtis, about taking paint off the ship?

V. Rey - I have not seen nothing.

Haskins - You did not see Mr. Perez when he took the can out of a car?

V. Rey. - Mr. Perez brought a can of paint on board the ship. I did not know where he got it. I just saw him bring it aboard the ship.

Haskins - Did you see Mr. Curtis earlier in the afternoon go off the ship with a sack under his arm, apparently with something in it?

V. Rey - No sir.

Haskins - Any questions you would like to ask Mr. Curtis?

Curtis - No sir.

Haskins - Any question you would like to ask Mr. Perez?

Perez - No sir.

William H. Roberts brought in for questioning - Following statements made after being duly sworn.

Haskins - What is your name?

Roberts - William H. Roberts.

Haskins - What is your position aboard the IVY.

Roberts - Seaman.

Haskins - Do you know anything about these charges of Mr. Perez against Mr. Curtis taking a can of paint from the IVY?

Roberts - No sir.

Haskins - You did not see Mr. Perez get a can of paint from an automobile and bring it back to the ship?

Roberts - I did not see him take it out of the car but I saw him come aboard with a can of paint in his hand.

Haskins - On what day was that?

Roberts - I am not positive what day it was, but I thought it to be last Thursday, sir.

Haskins - Did you see Mr. Curtis, a little earlier in the afternoon, leave the ship with a sack under his arm, with apparently something in it?

Roberts - No sir, I did not see him go off with anything in his arms.

Haskins - You were working on the forward deck at the time?

Roberts - Yes sir.

Haskins - Any questions you want to ask Mr. Curtis?

Curtis - No sir.

Haskins - Mr. Perez?

Perez - No sir.

Curtis - I object to the testimony made by Louis Piarrot because of dirty statements that he has made. He may have animosity against me but I am not sure.

Perez - The statement that Mr. Curtis made about Capt. M. Cook, that this is the first time that he has known Capt. M. Cook. Capt. Curtis, a number of times has been to Miami and called on the Harbor Master for different information. Personally, Capt. M. Cook has never in his life had any conversation, any business whatsoever with H. Perez.

Haskins - (to Curtis and Perez) Are there any other members of the crew that you would like to have questioned.

Curtis - No sir.

Perez - No sir.

Haskins - Mr. Curtis, have you any personal animosity against Mr. Perez?

Curtis - No sir, absolutely not. The cause of this is for John Nelson leaving the ship. By his own statement he owed Mr. Perez $70.00 and he had paid him 20% per month long enough.

Perez - Ask Mr. Curtis "To whom did you give the other crew's checks."

Curtis - To each individual.

Perez - Mr. Curtis was requested by Nelson, Oiler, to forward his check to address given. Nelson left the ship with a good recommendation and can return to his position whenever there is a vacancy.

Haskins (to Perez) - Was there any personal animosity between you and Mr. Curtis?

Perez - The only thing that could be brought in is when the lighthouse tender POINCIANA was in command of Captain Albury, enroute from Staten Island to Key West. The tender POINCIANA, being low tide, stuck in the middle of the channel in the canal. Mr. Curtis insisted that the engines be run, being diesel engines which is dangerous to run them without circulating water. Perez, in charge of engine room reported to Capt. Albury Commanding Officer, that it was dangerous to run the engine until circulating water could be had to keep the engines cool. Mr. Curtis

demanded and in the mess room at the breakfast table said the engines was made to run and caused a lot of hard feelings by argument and told me to my face that he thought more of the Cook than he did me. After the tender got off the bank, as near as I remember, we docked at Daytona; telegram was received for Engineer Perez and Mr. Curtis to proceed to Key West by rail. Mr. Curtis made the statement that Perez had money and would not loan Mr. Curtis any money to come to Key West and if it was the last thing on earth he did he would ruin me in the Lighthouse Service. But since then Perez has or had no hard feelings one way or another against Mr. Curtis.

Curtis - The statement of Mr. Perez is very untrue.

Haskins - Was any one else present at the time that what you just stated took place?

Perez - There was Capt. Albury, the later Mr. Paul Haskins and the cook.

Curtis - Why would I have to borrow when I had my own checking account.

William C. Banks brought in for questioning - following statements made after being duly sworn.

Haskins - What is your name?

Banks - William C. Banks.

Haskins - What is your position aboard this tender?

Banks - Second Officer.

Haskins - Do you know anything about these charges of Mr. Perez against Mr. Crrtis?

Banks - All I know about the case is Thursday afternoon I was summoned by Mr. Perez to look into a car and there was a can of paint in the car.

Haskins - Was it something like this? (Pointing to can in sack.)

Banks - Yes sir.

Haskins - It appeared to be similar to this?

Banks - Yes sir.

Haskins - What kind of car was it, a four door sedan, coupe, or what?

Banks - A coupe.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Curtis?

Curtis - How did he know it was a can of paint when it is wrapped in a sack?

Banks - Through a hole in the sack.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Perez?

Perez - No sir.

Haskins - Mr. Banks, about what time did this occur?

Banks - About 3:00 oclock.

Perez - On December 17th, 1:45 p.m., I was walking up the port gangway; saw Mr. Curtis with a bundle under his arm. From the bundle I saw a shiney tin which made me think it was a can of paint. Curtis went off the gangway. Perez went to port gangway. Curtis walked to this car looked me in the face, placed the paint in the car. Perez, to make sure it was a can of paint went to the car, examined the bundle and found it was a can of paint, leaving paint in the car, summoned Mr. Banks and told him Mr. Curtis put a can of paint in this car. Mr. Banks went to the car, examined the bundle and found it was a can of paint. After then Mr. Perez removed the paint from the car and placed it in his room for evidence, made an official report, three copies, two copies was given to Quartermaster, to give to Mr. Curtis, in charge of tender IVY, in person. At 4:00 oclock Mr. Banks, Mr. Perez, Mr. Pangle were sitting at the dining room table eating supper. Mr. Curtis came in through the dining room, went to his room. Quartermaster Perez gave Mr. Curtis official reports against him to forward to the office. Mr. Curtis reads the reports in his room and in an exciting way came out of his room through the mess room and went direct to the car and looked in the car to see if the can of paint was removed. When he passed the mess room where Mr. Banks, Mr. Pangle, Mr. Perez were eating supper; Mr. Perez calls the attention to Mr. Pangle, "come here to this window and watch Mr. Curtis go to the car and see if the paint had been removed." After then Mr. Curtis returned to his room, called Mr. Banks from the dining room table, in the presence of Mr. Pangle and Mr. Perez. Mr. Curtis and Mr. Banks had conversation in the room. After Mr. Banks returned to the table he said in the presence of H. Perez, Mr. Pangle, that Mr. Curtis was in an excited way and seemed to be very much worried. After supper, Mr. Perez was standing on the after deck, Mr. Pangle was sitting in his room, Mr. Banks was on the after deck or in his room. While Mr. Banks was standing on the after deck, Mr. Curtis came to Mr. Perez and said "you know Mr. Perez I haven't got anything against you and I was going to tear up these

official reports and throw them overboard. Mr. Perez told Mr. Curtis if he tore up those reports and threw them overboard I would send same reports direct to the Superintendent of Lighthouses. After then, Mr. Curtis said, being an old man, if he lost his job, he would kill me. Mr. Perez told Mr. Curtis that when he got ready to kill me, let me know and I would come to him and if I am not mistaken, to prove this statement, Mr. Banks, Mr. Pangle can be summoned for their statement.

Haskins (To Curtis) - Did you make that statement there, if you lose your job you would kill him.

Curtis - I did ask him what did he have against me. I am not sure whether or not I told Mr. Perez that I would kill him if he caused me to lose my job. He said that I was a thief and that he was going to get me out of the Lighthouse Service.

Haskins (to Perez) - What have you to say to the statement that Mr. Curtis was a thief and that you were going to get him out of the Lighthouse Service.

Perez - I told Mr. Curtis after he pleaded to me, that a thief aboard the boat was bad. That was what I told him. I did not tell him anything about getting him out of the Service.

Curtis - Mr. Banks and Mr. Pangle told me that Mr. Perez had said if I would admit that I put the paint in the car before all the officers he would drop the case all together. I then told Mr. Banks and Mr. Pangle that if I did that I would commit myself as a thief and I would not.

Perez - The following morning, or the morning of the 18th, Mr. Pangle, Mr. Banks, and I believe Captain Peterson, held a conference in the pilot house on the IVY, to see if it was not some way of dropping this subject. Mr. Banks statements to me suggested to find some way for Mr. Curtis to explain through favors or otherwise how Mr. Curtis can say he put the paint in the car. After the conference was over in the Pilot house, Mr. Pangle, Mr. Banks called on me at my room, asking me would I drop the subject. I told them no. After they talked to me, I thought then to clear myself, if Mr. Curtis wanted to state in front of the officers that he put that paint in the car, it would be alright with me, to show that I had no personal grievance or ill-feeling against Mr. Curtis in any way.

Charles E. Pangle brought in for questioning - Following statements made after being duly sworn.

Haskins - Do you know anything about the reports of Engineer Perez against Mr. Curtis having taken a can of paint and placed it in an automobile?

Pangle - No sir.

Haskins - About 4 or 5 days ago Mr. Perez and Mr. Curtis were on the after deck speaking to each other, after this affair about the paint. Did you hear anything between them.

Pangle - I did not listen to that part of the conversation.

Haskins - Did you see Mr. Curtis go to a car where some paint had been stored.

Pangle - I saw him go to a car but did not know anything about paint being stored there.

Haskins - Did you notice anything about Mr. Curtis after he looked into the car, facial expressions or anything..

Pangle - No sir.

Haskins - Did you have any conversation with Capt. Peterson, Mr. Banks and Mr. Curtis about withdrawing his charges against Mr. Curtis of stealing a can of paint?

Pangle - Yes sir. Mr. Banks and myself asked Mr. Perez to withdraw the charges. Capt. Peterson was not in the conversation. Mr. Curtis was not in the conference.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Curtis?

Curtis-No sir.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Perez?

Perez - No sir.

Haskins - Any questions Capt. Cosgrove?

Cosgrove - No sir.

William C. Banks brought in for questioning - Following statements made after being duly sworn.

Haskins - On the afternoon of this question of taking a can of paint from the ship and placing it in the car, did you hear any conversation between Mr. Perez and Mr. Curtis, when they were on the after deck.

Banks - No sir.

Haskins - You did not hear them talking with each other?

Banks - No sir.

Haskins - Did you and Mr. Pangle go to Mr. Curtis with any suggestion from Mr. Perez, that if Mr. Curtis would state that he put the paint in the car before all the officers that Mr. Perez would drop the charges?

Banks - Yes sir.

Haskins - Who told you to tell that to Mr. Curtis?

Banks - Well, we officers just got together and thought that would be the best way to settle it.

Haskins - Who do you mean by we officers?

Banks - Mr. Pangle, Mr. Perez and myself.

Haskins - What did Mr. Curtis say to that suggestion.

Banks -- He said he would be incriminating himself.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Curtis?

Curtis - No sir.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Perez?

Perez - Mr. Banks, the afternoon that Mr. Curtis was accused of taking this can of paint; when he came out of his room and stated that he had nothing against me and in the argument on the after deck can't Mr. Banks remember telling me that he heard me tell Mr. Curtis that when he got ready to kill me I would come to him, Mr. Curtis.

Banks - I happened to be walking by and heard Mr. Perez say that.

Haskins - But you did not hear Mr. Curtis when he is supposed to have made the threat.

Banks - No sir, I did not.

Haskins - Are there any other questions you want to ask, Mr. Perez?

Perez - Yes sir. When you came to the room with Mr. Pangle and asked me would I drop the case, I first stated No, but after talking at the window awhile, to show the rest of the officers that I had nothing against Mr. Curtis and to clear my statement, that if Mr. Curtis was satisfied to admit that he put the paint in the car for a favor or some cause, I would be satisfied to drop the case.

Haskins - Mr. Banks, is that correct?

Banks - Yes sir.

Haskins - Any other questions Mr. Curtis?

Curtis - No sir.

Haskins - Capt. Cosgrove?

Cosgrove - No sir.

Haskins - Mr. Perez

Perez - No sir.

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Miami Fla.

Dec. 17/1931

DEC 19 1931

Superintendent of Lighthouses:

Key West Fla.

(Throught Commanding Officer Lighthouse Tender Ivy)

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Copy of letter given to Ist Officer in charge of Tender Ivy

H Perez

Engineer L.H.Tender Ivy

Exhibit E

CAPT. M. COOK
HARBOR MASTER
MUNICIPAL DOCK
MIAMI, FLA.

PHONES { OFFICE: 36335
RESIDENCE: 224

December 18 th 1931.

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Walter Cook
Harbor Master Port of Miami

COPY - HBH.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.
REFER TO FILE No.
HBH-LHP.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSIONER

DEC 31 1931

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

TALLAHASSEE

December 24, 1931.

W. S. McLIN
ACTING MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSIONER

Dec. 29, 1931

State Motor Vehicle Commissioner,
Tallahassee, Florida.

Sir:

1. Would you kindly furnish this office with the name and address of owner, and full description of automobile with license plate "37-052 Florida 1931", at Miami, Fla.

Superintendent of Lighthouse,
Key West, Florida.

Respectfully,

Dear Sir: Re: File HBH-LHP.

(Sgd.) Wm. W. Demeritt,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
HBH. LHP.

Replying to your letter of the 24th inst., you are advised that my records show that 1931 tag No. 37-052 and title No. 699765-A are outstanding in the name of Melbourne Cook, 2240 NW 1st. St. Miami, Fla. for Oldsmobile roadster engine No. F178489, serial No. CR526.

Yours very truly,

W. S. McLin
Commissioner

RS

STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSIONER

TALLAHASSEE

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ACTING MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSIONER

DEC 31 1931

Dec. 29, 1931

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KEY WEST, FLA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

December 31, 1931.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla.

1. Referring to letter of Dec. 14, 1931, from 1st Officer T.H. Curtis, Acting Commanding Officer at the time, reporting grounding of tender Ivy on side of channel near Miami Main Channel Buoy 5 at 1:30 P.M. while relieving this buoy, which was referred to me for investigation and report.

2. On morning of Dec. 21, 1931, while on tender Ivy enroute from Miami to Fowey Rocks L.H., I investigated the grounding of the Ivy. According to statements of Mr. T. H. Curtis, 1st Officer, and Mr. W. C. Banks, 2nd Officer, at the time of the grounding the Ivy was laying at an angle of about 30° with the side of the channel headed outward with starboard side toward south side of channel, sounding 11 feet at bow, Ivy drawing about 10 feet at stern. Late blueprint map of U.S.Engineers, with soundings, at this point show a slip with 10 to 13 feet M.L.W. just east of a 6 foot shoal spot. Chart No. 583 does not show these details. Under the circumstances it appears that the grounding was due to lack of knowledge of condition of bank at this point.

H B Haskins
Asst. Superintendent.

CAPT. [illegible]OOK
HARBOR M[illegible]TER
MUNICIPAL DOCK
MIAMI, FLA.

PHONES { OFFICE: 36335
RESIDENCE: 22459

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SUPT. OF LT. HS. JAN 5 1932 KEY WEST

Mr W.W Demerett
Supt of Lighthouses
Key West Fla.

Dear sir

In answer to yours of Jan 1st will say , I knew Mr Curtis about twenty years ago In Rockland Me. I lived there then. and I meet him again in 1918 in Boston Mass then in the Shiping Board he took A ship that I brought out and recently in Miami.

Yours very truly

Capt Cook

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 5, 1929.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective April 1, 1929.

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

OCT 10 1929

E. B. MORROW

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $2160 per annum.

To: $2220 per annum (including $60 longevity).

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Seventh DISTRICT.

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Key West, Fla., (City) September 18, (Date) 1929

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, promotion — Legal residence, Florida

Name, Thomas H. Curtis — Proposed salary, $2220.00 Including $60 Longevity (Par 51)

Position, First Officer — Proposed range,

Location, Tender IVY, Seventh District — Appropriation, Salaries Lighthouse Vessels.

Effective, April 1, 1929 — [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~

Former position, First Officer — Former salary, $2160.00

Location, Tender IVY, Seventh District — Former range,

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

Previous incumbent, Services terminated,

Reason,

Members of family in Government service, None

Date of birth, Nov. 27, 1874.

Remarks: The above is for longevity for two (2) years in grade.

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

Wm. W. Bennett
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 18, 1929.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Through an oversight this recommendation was not submitted at the proper time, but it is recommended that, if at all practicable, this longevity pay adjustment be made effective April 1, 1929.

Action O.K.
Kerlin
Adm. Asst. to Secy.

NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
OCT 9 1929
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

C. P. Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,

Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

From: $2040

To: $2160

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

Mr. Thos. H. Curtis.

Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses

Sir:

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1560

To: $1680

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 2 1928 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OCT 27 1927 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

I, Thomas H. Curtis

do solemnly [1] swear (See below) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So HELP ME GOD.

Thomas H. Curtis
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 22nd day of October, A. D. 19 27

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) L. H. Plummer

(Official title) Chief Clerk.

My commission expires .....

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present First Officer	$2040. P. A.	7th L. H. District, Tender IVY.
Former [5] First Officer (T)	$2040. P. A.	do

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

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 7th District

Key West, Florida. (Address), October 22, 1927. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on August 1, 1927. (Date) amended date

CARDED

Wm. H. Truesdale
(Signature, not by stamp)
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE LIGHTHOUSES AUG 10 1927 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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CHIEF CLERK

1927 AUG 9 PM 3 33

I, Thomas H. Curtis

do solemnly [1] swear (See below) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So HELP ME GOD.

☞ Thomas H. Curtis
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] third day of August, A. D. 19 27

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (*Name*) L. H. Plummer

(*Official title*) Chief Clerk.

My commission expires .....

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present First Officer (T)	$2040.00 P. A.	7th L. H. District Tender IVY
Former [5] First Officer	$2040.00 P. A.	do

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

CARDED

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 7th District

Key West, Fla. (Address), August 3, 1927 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on August 1, 1927 (Date)

CARDED

W. W. Bennett
(Signature, followed by title)
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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

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Form A-30

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

AMENDED

June 22, 1927.

M. Thomas H. Curtis,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

First Officer

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Two Thousand and Forty dollars per annum

effective August 1, 1927.

Nature of appointment: Probationary.

Civil Service authority: Secretary, Fifth Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
AUG 11 1927
ON JOURNAL
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

AUG 11 1927

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Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Yourself.

Legal Residence: Florida.

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

Keeper is in full charge of station and is largely governed in the performance of his duties by letters from the District office and by a book of Instructions to Employees. Frequently placed on his own responsibility saving life and property under stress of weather. Stations are usually in isolated localities where the personnel must act in emergency without reference to superior officers.

20. Do the duties involve direction or supervision of the work of other employees? .....
If so, describe the nature of the direction or supervision and give the number and classes of employees directed or supervised.

This employee ranks first at this station and he regularly has one employee under him.

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? Since September 11, 1885.

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

May 25, (Date), 1923. W. D. King (Signature of Preparing Officer) Supt. of Lighthouses (Title)

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

.....
(Signature of Employee)

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

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

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

Educational Training	Essential	Desirable But Not Essential
College		
High School		X
Common School	X	

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent .....

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Experience: If essential, kind and extent .....

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25. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 1140. to $ 1500. exclusive of allowances mentioned in Section 15.

May 25, (Date), 1923. W. D. King (Signature of head of field office or station) Supt. of Lighthouses (Title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12758

Form A-30

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 22, 1927.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

First Officer

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Two Thousand and Forty dollars per annum

effective July 1, 1927.

Nature of appointment: Probationary.

Civil Service authority: Secretary, Fifth Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

Miss Conway says
cod Aug 1/27

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully, JUL 9 - 1927

CARBON

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Yourself.

Legal Residence: Florida.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 9 - 1927 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

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Form 73

LIGHTHOUSES 1927 JUL 2 AM 9 14

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 7th DISTRICT,

Key West, Fla. (City.) June 17 (Date.) 1927

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUL 5 1927 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Action recommended, probationary appointment.

Name, Thomas H. Curtis — In approval add Carbon Checked 6/23/27

Legal residence, Florida.

Position, First Officer.

Salary, $2040. per annum.

Location, Tender IVY, 7th L. H. Dist.

Appropriation, ~~Salaries L. H.~~ Vessels.

Effective July 1, 1927.

{ ~~The actual date of assumption of duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, First Officer (T)

Former salary, $2040. per annum.

Location, Tender IVY, 7th L. H. Dist.

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, 1st Off. Percentage, 95.00 , Other eligibles considered: No others on list.

Previous incumbent, ~~C. C. Austin~~ Self (Resigned)

Services terminated, Feb, 15, 1927.

Reason, Transfer and promotion.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Date of birth, Nov. 27, 1874.

APPOINTMENT NEGLIGIBLE ACTION JUL 9 1927

Remarks: This nominee served as Foreman and Master L. H. Service for about nine years. He has license as Master of Ocean Steamers of any gross tons.

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

L A Moyer
Secretary, 6th Civil Service District.

Wm H. Bennett
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUL 2 - 1927

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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NOMINATION

CHIEF ~~CLERK~~

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1927 JUN 22 PM 3 05

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 7th DISTRICT,

Key West, Fla. June 17, 19 27
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUN 20 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUN 22

Action recommended, ~~probationary~~ appointment.

Name, Thomas H. Curtis — Legal residence, Florida.

Position, First Officer. — Salary, $2040. per annum.

Location, Tender IVY, 7th L. H. Dist. — Appropriation, ~~Salaries L. H.~~ Vessels. Sub

Effective July 1, 1927. { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, First Officer (T) — Former salary, $2040. per annum.

Location, Tender IVY, 7th L. H. Dist.

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, 1st Offi Percentage, 95.00, Other eligibles considered: No others on list.

Previous incumbent, ~~G. G. Austin~~ Self - now Pers Cert. Services terminated, Feb. 15, 1927.

Reason, Transfer and promotion

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Date of birth, Nov. 27, 1874.

Remarks: This nominee served as Foreman and Master L. H. Service for about nine years. He has license as Master of Ocean Steamers of any gross tons.

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

Secretary, 5th Civil Service District.

Wm W Kinsella
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUN 22 1927

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Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. The original of this nomination showing the approval of the District Civil Service Secretary will be duly submitted to the Department.

By direction of the Commissioner

Approved, subject to the approval of the District Civil Service Secretary:

ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

Acting Chief Clerk

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

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

PERSONAL HISTORY

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APR 4 1927
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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Bureau, division, or office Office of Light of 7th L H. District

1. Name in full Thomas Henry Curtis

2. Legal (voting) residence Key West Fla Monroe Key West Fla
(State and Congressional District) (County) (City or town)

3. Where born? Florida Key West When born? Nov. 27 1874
(State or foreign country) (City or town) (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

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

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

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

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
U.S. Engineers	Pilot & Master				1905			1906
" L. H. Service	Mate & Master	$			1906			1910
" " "	Master.	2040.	Nov. 22		1922	Jan 22		1923

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

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

Enlisted ..... Discharged .....

Organization .....

Enlisted ..... Discharged .....

Organization .....

8.

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

9. State special qualifications Masters Mariners.

CARDED

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Mrs Thomas H. Curtis. (Name) Wife (Relationship)

Key West. Fla (Post office address)

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

Tho H. Curtis
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

April 1st 1927 (Date) Present address 1100 Fleming St. Key West Fla

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Form 111

CHIEF CLERK

1927 APR 4 PM 3 15

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APR 6 1927
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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I, ✓ Thomas H. Curtis

do solemnly [1] swear (See below) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So HELP ME GOD.

☞ Thomas H. Curtis.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] First day of April, A. D. 1927

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) L. H. Skinner

(Official title) Chief Clerk, Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 7th District.

My commission expires

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present First Officer	$2040 P. A.	7th L.H.District, tender IVY.
Former [5] None		

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

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 7th District

Key West, Florida (Address), April 1, 1927 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on ✓ April 1, 1927 (Date)

W. H. Hewett

CARDED

Form A-30

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 8, 1927.

M. Thomas H. Curtis,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

First Officer

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Two Thousand and Forty dollars per annum

effective upon entrance on duty, and to continue for a period not to exceed thirty days from the date of receipt of a certification of eligibles for probational appointment.

Nature of appointment: Temporary.

Civil Service authority: Secretary, Fifth Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAR 23 1927 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Chief of Appointment Division.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit) Field.

Claudius C. Austin.

MAR 28 1927

Residence: Florida.

CARDED

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Form 73

LIGHTHOUSES 1927 MAR 3 AM 9 06

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 7th DISTRICT,

Key West, Florida. (City.) February 24 (Date.) 1927

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAR 8 1927 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Temporary appointment not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of a register.

Name, **Thomas H. Curtis**

Position, **First Officer.**

Location, **Tender IVY, 7th District.**

Effective **March 7, 1927.**

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Legal residence, **Florida.**

Salary, **$2040 per annum.**

Appropriation, **Salaries, Lighthouse Vessels.**

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAR 14 1927 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Former position, None

Former salary,

Location,

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

Previous incumbent, C.C. Austin Outline 2100

Services terminated, **Feb. 15, 1927.**

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY PAPERS MAR 22 1927 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Reason, **Transferred and promoted.**

Members of family in Government Service, None

Date of birth, Nov. 27, 1874.

Remarks: This nominee served as Foreman, First Officer and Master, L.H. Service for about nine years. Has license as Master of Ocean Steamers of any gross tons.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the

U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

Office of the Secretary, 6th C. S. Dist. Mar.....
Atlanta, Ga.
Forwarded approved for temporary appointment
under Section 2, Civil Service Rule VIII.

L. A. Moyer
Secretary, 5th Civil Service District.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent,

H B Haskins
Assistant Superintendent.

* Bureau district Secretary.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAR 7 - 1927

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPROVED:

ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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CHIEF CLERK

MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN 26 1923
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

(To be filled in immediately after the last day temporary employee serves, signed by the proper official and forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce.)

1923 JAN 26 AM 8 40

Name of employee Thomas H. Curtis

Designation Master (Temporary Additional) *Compensation* $2040.p.a.

Place of employment LIGHTHOUSE TENDER POINSETTIA (7th DISTRICT)

Last day served JANUARY 22, 1923.

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JAN 26 1923 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Wm W. Winterrowd

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
(Official title.)

Date JANUARY 23, 1923.

7th LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT.
(Bureau or service.)

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U. S. REPORT DATE ENTERED

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEC 26 1922
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
1922 DEC 26 AM 11 30

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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

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

File Duplicate

PART I.

1. Name of employee: Thomas H. Curtis
2. Position to which appointed: Additional Master
3. Bureau or Service: Lighthouse Service, District: Seventh
4. Place of duty: Seventh Lighthouse District (City, town, station, or vessel.)
5. Salary: $2040. p.a.
6. Appropriation from which paid: Salaries, Lighthouse Vessels
7. Manner of appointment. (Examples: "From stenographer and typewriter examination, ———, 19—;" "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ———," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known).

Temporary appointment not to exceed sixty days

PART II.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EMPLOYEE:

The statement should be signed by the employee, or, if unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness.

1. What is your full name? (State whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs., and spell out names in full, including middle name or names. Example: "Mr. John Richard Roe." If name itself is merely a letter, so state.)

Mr. Thomas Henry Curtis

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

T. H. Curtis

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

Florida	Monroe	Key West	4th
(State or Territory.)	(County.)	(City or town.)	(Congressional district.)

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

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

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6. Where were you born? Key West, Fla.

7. When were you born? November (Month.) 27th (Day.) 1874 (Year.)

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

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

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

Mrs. T. H. Curtis (Name.) 1100 Flemming Street (Number and street.)

Key West, (City or town.) Florida (State or Territory.)

11. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No. If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		

12. Have you any physical disabilities? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No. If so, describe fully. (If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.)

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

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

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

15. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States other than during war time, indicate such service in the spaces below.

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

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
Commerce	L.H.Service	1st Officer	$1080.A.	1908	1913
Commerce	L.H.Service	Master	$1980.A.	190	1914

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

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

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

15. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States other than during war time, indicate such service in the spaces below.

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

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
Commerce	L.H.Service	1st Officer	$1050.A.	1908	1913
Commerce	L.H.Service	Master	$1260.A.	190	1914

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

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

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

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

19. What education have you received? (State the grades of schools you have attended, and, if you have attended schools of higher grade than high schools, give the institution, degrees received, and date in each case. Example: Public school; high school; business college; Cornell University, A. B., 1910; Columbia University, LL. B., 1913.)

Public School

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

Master Mariner, Carpenter

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

Master & Mates, February, 1906.

Master, Engineer Department, 1900.

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

V.A.Albury, Office of Supt. of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla.

Date, December 23, 19 22

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Thos. H. Curtis

(Present address) 1100 Flemming St., (Number and street.)

Key West, (City or town.) Fla. (State or Territory.)

INDORSEMENT.

(If appointee is to be employed in the field, this form should be reviewed and approved by the proper field officer and need not be signed by an official of the Bureau. If appointee is to serve in the District of Columbia, the form should be reviewed and approved by the proper Bureau officer. When forwarding this form, no letter of transmittal is required.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded December 23, 1922, 19

(Signature) W. W. Kimball

(Official title) Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Form 111

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CHIEF CLERK

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1922 DEC 26

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DEC 26 1922 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

I, Thomas H. Curtis

do solemnly[1] swear (See below) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So HELP ME GOD.

Thomas H. Curtis
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 23d day of DECEMBER, A. D. 19 22

(Affix official seal here)

[4](Name) H J Mc Innes

(Official title) Chief Clerk, 7th L.H.District.

My commission expires .....

OFFICIAL TITLE	RATE OF PAY	NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.
Present Master (Temp.)	$2040.00 p.a.	Lighthouse Tender POINSETTIA.
Former[5] Foreman.	$1800.00.p.a.	7th Lighthouse District.

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

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 7th DISTRICT

Key West, Florida, (Address) December 23, 1922. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on November 23, 1922. (Date)

RECORDED

W. H. Winearls
Superintendent of Lighthouses.
(Signature, followed by title)

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 13, 1922.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Master

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Two Thousand and Forty dollars per annum,

effective November 23, 1922.

Your appointment will continue for a period not to exceed sixty days.

CARDED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 15 1922 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Lighthouse Vessels.

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: Florida.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

November 29, 1922.

Additional master POINSETTIA.

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
(Through U.S.Civil Service Secretary, 5th Dist., Atlanta, Ga.)

1. On November 18, 1922, R. R. Knowles, Master of the Tender POINSETTIA, sustained a serious injury while repairing pile driver, which was being used in connection with construction work upon which the tender was engaged. The master fell a distance of about 25 ft. suffering contusions of the right shoulder, right elbow and right hip. At the time this accident occured the tender was in the vicinity of Bradentown, Florida, and though the master notified the office by wire, it was not until several days later that the full extent of his injuries could be ascertained and the necessity for his removal to a hospital in Key West fully determined.

2. On November 22 this office was advised by wire that the doctor attending the master at Bradentown had decided that his removal to the hospital would be necessary, and the following day Mr. Thomas H. Curtis was sent from Key West to Bradentown to take command of the vessel and continue the construction work. The nomination of Mr. Curtis as additional master during this emergency has been withheld, pending receipt of information from the local Marine Hospital as to the extent and probable duration of R. R. Knowles' disability, which it is learned will be approximately six weeks.

3. Mr. Curtis was formerly an officer on various tenders of the Lighthouse Service for several years and was master of the Tender LILAC when that tender was placed out of commission, with the consequent termination of his services. He is fully qualified to perform all the duties of the position for which he has been nominated, as well as all of the construction work upon which this tender is usually engaged. The salary recommended is not in excess of that paid for similar services during the present fiscal year, and in accordance with department instructions no bonus will be allowed during this temporary appointment.

4. Under ordinary circumstances Mr. John Peterson, First Officer, Tender IVY would be detailed to the POINSETTIA during the absence of the master, but P.L.Cosgrove, Master Tender IVY, had been promised leave from November 27th to the latter part of December to undergo an operation, for which all arrangements had been made, and, therefore, Mr. Peterson's services on the Tender IVY could not be spared.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Seventh DISTRICT,

Key West, Florida, (City.) November 29 (Date.), 1922

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Temporary appointment, not to exceed sixty days.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEC 12 1922
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

Name, Thomas H. Curtis — Legal residence, Florida

Position, (Additional) Master. — Salary, $2040.p.a.

Location, Lighthouse Tender POINSETTIA — Appropriation, Salaries, L.H.Vessels.

Effective November 23, 1922. — the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

Former position, ----- — Former salary, ------

Location, ----- -

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

No eligible register.

Previous incumbent, New position. — Services terminated,

Reason,

Members of family in Government Service, None

DEC 15 1922

Remarks: Emergency act. See letter of November 29, 1922. Mr. Curtis has been employed as foreman on construction and repair work at Sand Key Lightstation, this work being completed the early part of November.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Dec 2, 1922.

Temporary job in absence of register under Rule VIII, Section 4.

E. A. Mayer
Secretary, 5th Civil Service District.

Wm. M. Kennedy
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 9 - 1922

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. This action was necessary for the safeguarding of life and property. See inclosed letter dated Nov. 29, 1922, from the Seventh Superintendent. It is recommended that additional position of master be authorized for a period of sixty days, effective Nov. 23, 1922, at $2040 per annum, base pay, no bonus to be authorized. The rate of pay recommended is reasonable and is not in excess of that paid for similar services during the preceding fiscal year. It is not considered necessary that this matter be submitted through the Department Marine Board. APPROVED:

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

January 24, 1916.

Sir:

In view of the fact that the position occupied by you is no longer required, your services as additional first officer in the Lighthouse Service, at $1200 per annum, have been discontinued, without prejudice, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, effective at the close of January 22, 1916.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JAN 24 1916 DEPT OF COMMERCE

CHANGE REPORTED JAN 1916 C. S. COMMISSION

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CHIEF CLERK
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Thos. H. Curtis,
discontinuance.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

January 22, 1916.

APPOINTMENTS
JAN 22 1916
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DIVISION OF ... ACTION TAKEN
JAN 24 ...
DEPT OF COMMERCE

CHIEF CLERK
JAN 24 1916

Secretary of Commerce:

The Bureau recommends that the services of Thomas H. Curtis, additional first officer in the Lighthouse Service, at $1200 per annum, be discontinued, without prejudice, effective at the close of January 22, 1916. Mr. Curtis was placed on furlough at the close of January 15, 1916. It is proposed to temporarily employ him in the capacity of foreman in the Seventh Lighthouse District, under the registration system, in the near future.

APPOINTMENTS
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January 24, 1916.

APPROVED:

A. L. Thurman

Acting Secretary.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES JAN 4 1916

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

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,
C/O Lighthouse Inspector,
Seventh District,
Key West, Florida

January 3,1916

CHIEF CLERK JAN 7 1916

In view of the fact that your services as Additional First Officer at $1200 per annum will not be required in the Third Lighthouse District after the expiration of leave granted you, you are hereby placed on furlough, without pay, effective at the close of January 15,1916.

(Sgd.) YATES

Inspector

Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained.

J. T. Yates

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JAN 7 - 1916 ON JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

JAN 8 1916

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 11 1915

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.
December 10, 1915.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS ANSWERED DEC 17 1915 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

SUBJECT: Thomas H.Curtis, Additional 1st Officer.- Fwdg let.Dec.10 1915 re 15 days leave without pay.

APPOINTMENTS DEC 15 1915

Forwarded to Commissioner with the information that Mr. Curtis has been granted leave from December 10th to 31st inclusive.

After December 31st 1915 the date of expiration of the leave granted Mr.Curtis, his services will not be required in this District, unless the Bureau desires him to be detailed for duty on the Tender Lilac now laid up at this Depot.

J. T. Tull

Bureau of Lighthouses

December 15, 1915.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that Curtis be granted leave without pay from January 1st to and including January 15th, 1916. Effort will be made to place Mr. Curtis in some other position at the expiration of his leave of absence without pay, or as soon thereafter as there is a suitable vacancy.

G. R. Putnam

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. DEC 10 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

LIGHT DEC 11 1915 HOUSES

Tompkinsville, N.Y. Dec. 10 —, 1915
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

The Commissioner of Lighthouses
Washington D. C.
Through the Inspector of the 3rd L.H. District
Sir:-

I respectfully request to be granted 15 days leave of absence without pay beginning Jan. 1st 1916 and ending Jan. 15-1916.

Respectfully
Thomas H. Curtis.
Additional 1st Officer
L.H. Service

Granted annual leave Dec 10-31 inc.

December 17, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 15th instant, the Department approves the request of Thomas H. Curtis, additional first officer in the Lighthouse Service, for 15 days' leave without pay, effective January 1, 1916.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) T. J. FITZGERALD

Acting Chief Clerk.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 17 1915 ON JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

October 28, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

For the reasons set forth in the Bureau's communication of the 25th instant, and in accordance with its recommendation, the Department has extended the temporary position of additional first officer in the Lighthouse Service, at $1200 per annum, for a further period of not to exceed three months, effective November 1, 1915.

By direction of the Secretary:

Acting Chief Clerk.

Present	Additional First Officer	$1200 p.a.	Lighthouse Service (Third District, Tompkinsville, N.Y.)
Former	do	do	do

CARDED.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT NOV 3 1915 HOUSES
CHIEF CLERK NOV 18 1915
APPOINTMENTS 1915

I, Thomas H. Curtis

do solemnly[1] swear (See below) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

☞ Thomas H. Curtis
(Appointee signs here)

[2] SWORN (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] first day of November, A. D. 1915.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) [illegible]

(Official title) Notary Public.

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present	Additional First Officer	$1200 p.a.	Lighthouse Service (Third District, Tompkinsville, N.Y.)
Former[5]	do	do	do

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third District

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address) November 2, 1915 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Nov 1 1915 (Date)

CARDED.

J. O. Wiles (Signature, followed by title) I.I.

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

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

[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT-FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 28, 1915.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Additional First Officer in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of One Thousand Two Hundred dollars per annum, effective November 1, 1915.

The position to which you have been appointed has been authorized for a period not to exceed three months.

(By extension of transfer from additional master at $1080 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Lighthouse Vessels.
Vice:
Legal Residence: Florida.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED OCT 28 1915 ☆ ON JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

CHANGE REPORTED NOV 1915 COMMISSION.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JHG.

LIGHT HOUSES OCT 25 1915

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR. Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) October 23, 1915 (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK OCT 26 1915

Action recommended, Extension of temporary appointment for a period not to exceed three months.

Name, Thomas H. Curtis Legal residence, Florida

DIVISION OF PURCHASES APPOINTMENTS OCT 28 1915 DEPT OF COMMERCE

Position, Additional First Officer Salary, $1200 per annum

Location, Lighthouse Service Appropriation, Salaries, Lighthouse Vessels

Effective November 1,1915 ('the actual date of entrance on duty, or (as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

APPOINTMENTS OCT 26 1915

WROTE BUREAU OCT 28 1915

Former position, (Additional First Officer) Pender Mayville Former salary, $1200 per annum

Location, Lighthouse Service

CHIEF CLERK OCT 27 1915

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

Previous incumbent, Thomas H. Curtis Services terminated, October 31,1915

Reason, Expiration of temporary appointment.

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks:

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

J. T. Wells

Secretary, Civil Service District

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

October 25, 1915.

10-26-15

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Mr. Curtis' services are needed at this time for general utility purposes in the Third District, and it is requested that the temporary position of additional first officer in the Lighthouse Service, at $1200 p. a.,

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

Oct 26, 1915

The action proposed in the attached communication, if approved, will create one TEMPORARY additional position.

Designation.	Salary.
Asst 1st Officer	1200.
(Period not exc 3 mos)	

Clifford Harding
Chief of Appointment Division.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
SEP 27 1915
HOUSES

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

September 25, 1915

CHIEF CLERK
SEP 28 1915

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

In accordance with paragraph 439a of the Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, the Bureau is informed that Thomas H. Curtis, who was temporarily assigned to duty as first officer on the tender Larkspur, was today temporarily assigned to duty on the tender Pansy, this temporary assignment being necessary on account of the tender Larkspur being laid up for repairs and first officer Daly of the tender Pansy being absent from duty.

The probable duration of this temporary assignment will be about one month.

YATES

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
SEP 27 1915

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Returned approved.

(Signed) CARDER
G. R. Putnam

SEP 30 1915

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
SEP 27 1915

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

September 14, 1915

CHIEF CLERK
SEP 16 19

APPOINTMENTS
SEP 16 1915

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

In accordance with paragraph 439a of the Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, 1914, the Bureau is informed that on September 7, 1915, Thomas H. Curtis, who was temporarily assigned to the position of additional first officer on the tender Myrtle, 9th District, and who reported to this office for duty from Porto Rico on September 6, 1915, was temporarily assigned to duty on the tender Larkspur. This temporary assignment was necessary on account of the present first officer, Mr. Daly, being absent due to sickness.

It is not thought that the duration of this temporary assignment will be more than 10 days.

YATES

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
SEP 2 5 1915

Returned approved.

9-17-15

(Signed) J. S. Conway

Acting Commissioner

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
SEP 27 1915
HOUSES

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

September 25, 1915

CHIEF CLERK
SEP 30 1915

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to letter from this office dated September 14, 1915, reporting the temporary assignment on September 7th to duty on the tender Larkspur, of Thomas H. Curtis, additional first officer in the Lighthouse Service. (Myrtle) $1200

APPOINTMENTS
SEP 30 1915

The Bureau is informed that this temporary assignment terminated at the close of September 24, 1915.

J. T. Yates

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
SEP 27 1915
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

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Thos. H. Curtis,
disposition.

September 9, 1915.

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SEP 10 1915
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Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 3, 1915, requesting to be advised what disposition is to be made of the services of Thomas H. Curtis on his return to Tompkinsville from San Juan, P. R., and of your letter of the same date recommending the authorization of position of extra second officer for general utility purposes in your district.

APPOINTMENTS
SEP 10 1915

Mr. Curtis desired to take thirty days' leave after the Lilac arrived in Tompkinsville and before he left for San Juan, but consented to defer taking this leave until he returned to the United States, as his services were needed promptly in San Juan to relieve first officer Morris on the Myrtle. As soon as Mr. Curtis returns to Tompkinsville it is desired that you grant him such annual leave as he desires to take, in accordance with the Regulations. Mr. Curtis' status at present is that of additional first officer in the Lighthouse Service, at $1200 per annum, and his appointment will not expire until October 31, 1915.

The lack of funds under the appropriation from which salaries of officers on lighthouse vessels are payable precludes consideration of your recommendation for an additional second officer in your district, to take the place of officers on tenders when on leave or when away on account of sickness, to serve on relief and other light vessels having skeleton crews, etc., when proceeding under their own steam, and that when not thus engaged to use such officer for service on the Tulip. As there is no permanent vacancy at present for which Mr. Curtis could be considered, it is believed that the

services of Mr. Curtis could be advantageously used for the purposes enumerated in your letter of September 3, 1915. It is desired that Mr. Curtis be kept in mind for any suitable vacancy which may arise in your district before the expiration of his present temporary appointment, viz., October 31, 1915. He will also be borne in mind by the Bureau in connection with vacancies in the service generally.

If Mr. Curtis' services are utilized, as suggested by the Bureau, report details or temporary assignments in the manner prescribed by the Regulations.

(Signed) J. S. Conway

Acting Commissioner.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
SEP 9 - 1915

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT HOUSES JUL 12 1915

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

July 10,1915

CHIEF CLERK JUL 14 1915

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APPOINTMENTS JUL 14 1915

Commissioner.

Referring to letter from this office dated July 1,1915, stating that Thomas H.Curtis, additional first officer, $1200 would be temporarily assigned to duty as additional first officer on the tender Myrtle in the Ninth District, on July 10th,1915.

The Bureau is informed that the effective date of this assignment is July 10,1915.

J. F. Tyler

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 14 1915 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

CANCELED

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUL 13 1915
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

Acting Commissioner.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JHG

(COPY)

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

July 1,1915

Commissioner.

In accordance with Bureau Circular Letter No.73, dated May 22, 1915, the Bureau is informed that Thomas H. Curtis, (Temp) additional first officer, was to-day temporarily assigned to duty on the tender Lilac. - Tender Myrtle

The probable duration of this temporary assignment will be about ten days.

YATES

7-10-15

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

JUL 9 1915

Returned approved.

(Signed) J. S. Conway
Acting Commissioner

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

JUL 9 1915

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Oath of office of Curtis as additional first officer in the Lighthouse Service, will be submitted to the Department, as soon as received by the Bureau.

J. S. Conway
Acting Commissioner

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.

June 30,1915

CHIEF CLERK
JUL 10 1915
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Commissioner.

Referring to Bureau endorsement dated June 15,1915 re Thomas H.Curtis, additional master 3/1980 on the tender Lilac.

APPOINTMENTS
JUL 10 1915

The Bureau is informed that the temporary appointment of Mr. Curtis as additional Master on the tender Lilac, terminated at the close of June 30,1915.

J. T. Watts

7-10-15

CARRIED.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUL 9 1915
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.
Acting Commissioner

POSTAL INSPECTION
JUL 10 1915
CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

General Depot
Office of Inspector, 2d District
Tompkinsville, N. Y.

JHG

July 1, 1915.

Commissioner:

In accordance with the Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, paragraph 455, the Bureau is informed that on June 30, 1915, the following disposition was made of the officers and crew of the tender Lilac:

Thomas H. Curtis	Additional Master	$1980pa	Temporarily assigned to duty as 1st officer on the Lilac. (To be temporarily assigned to Myrtle about July 10th).
S. F. McKown	First Officer	1080pa	Returned to First District.
Thomas B. Fitzpatrick	Engineer	1380pa	Remains onLilac.
John F.Grant	2d Asst.Engineer	~~1020pa~~ $1440	Returned to First District.
3 Quartermasters, each		540pa	Discharged.
2 Machinists, each		540pa	"
5 Seamen, each		420pa	"
1 Seaman		420pa	Remains on Lilac
1 Fireman		480pa	"
1 Fireman		480pa	Discharged
2 Firemen, 2d class		360pa	"
1 Steward		660pa	"
1 Cook		660pa	Remains on Lilac
2 Mess Attendants, each		360pa	Discharged

(Signed) YATES

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
July 6, 1915
Returned approved.
(signed) J. S. Conway
Acting Commissioner.

TRANSPORTATION DIVISION ENTERED JUL 9 - 1915

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
July 6, 1915.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

See Department letter of March 29, 1915, transferring Frank A. Wilson, second officer on the Lilac, to mate in the Lighthouse Service for duty on light-vessel No.74.

(signed) J. S. Conway
Acting Commissioner.

CARRIED

June 18, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

For the reasons set forth in the Ninth Inspector's letter of the 28th* ultimo, and in accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 15th* instant, the Department has authorized the temporary additional position of first officer in the Lighthouse Service, at $1200 per annum, for a period not to exceed four months, and has appointed Thomas H. Curtis thereto, by transfer from the position of additional master at $1980 per annum, effective July 1, 1915, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

As further recommended by the Bureau, a provision has been included in Mr. Curtis' appointment for the payment of his actual and necessary traveling expenses from Tompkinsville, New York, to San Juan, Porto Rico, and return to Tompkinsville, New York, or to such other point as may be later determined by the Bureau.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) GEO. C. HAVENNER

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT JUL 10 1915 HOUSE

CHIEF CLERK JUL 13 1915

I, Thomas H. Curtis

do solemnly[1] swear (See below) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: SO HELP ME GOD.

APPOINTMENTS JUL 15 15

☞ Thomas H. Curtis
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] first day of July, A. D. 1915.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) [illegible]

(Official title) Notary Public.

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present	Additional 1st Officer	$1200 p.a.	Lighthouse Service
Former [5]	Additional Master	$1980 p.a.	Lighthouse tender Lilac

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

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address) July 9, 1915 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on July 1, 1915 (Date)

CARDED.

J. T. [illegible]
(Signature, followed by title)

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

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

[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED RATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 18, 1915.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Additional First Officer

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of One Thousand Two Hundred dollars per annum,

effective July 1, 1915, or as soon thereafter as you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By transfer from additional master at $1980 per annum.)

Your actual and necessary traveling expenses from Tompkinsville, New York, to San Juan, Porto Rico, and return to Tompkinsville, New York, or to such other point as may be later determined, have been authorized.

The position to which you have been appointed has been authorized for a period not to exceed four months.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Lighthouse Vessels.

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: Florida.

CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUN 18 1915 DEPT. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE

ORIGINAL REPORTED JUL 1 1915 COMMISSION

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
JUL 16 1914
HOUSES

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Thomas H. Curtis,
Entrance on duty.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

July 14, 1914.

CHIEF CLERK
JUL 25 1914
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APPOINTMENT
JUL 27 1914
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Commissioner of Lighthouses:

I have to report that Thomas H. Curtis was assigned * Additional to duty as Master of the Tender Lilac on July 14, 1914, entering on duty on that date. His oath of office has been duly completed and forwarded to the First Inspector, as per Bureau's letter of July 2, 1914.

Inspector.

*Added in Bureau.

7-27-14

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

JUL 21 1914

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner.

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Seventh DISTRICT.

Key West, Florida, May 13 1914.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and enter upon duty at his new station on or about May 20, 1914.

LIGHT JUL 20 1914 HOUSES

Name, Thomas H. Curtis, Position, First Officer.

From Tender Mangrove, To Tender Arbutus.

CHIEF CLERK JUL 22 1914 5

Previous incumbent, John G. Tannaw.

Services terminated, July 30, 1914. Reason, transferred for good of service.

APPOINTMENTS JUL 23 1914

D Emmerich

Inspector.

Egmont Key Depot, Fla., July 1, 1914.

Report date of effect

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with July 1, 1914.

D Emmerich

Inspector.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 23 1914 JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

JUL 20 1914

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

J Carroway

Acting Commissioner.

D. T. July 6 - return Curtis to Addl. Number

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT JUL31 1914 HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK AUG 5 1914

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I, Thomas H. Curtis

do solemnly[1] swear (See below) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

Thomas H. Curtis
(Appointee signs here)

APPOINTMENTS AUG 5 1914

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 9th day of July, A. D. 1914

(Affix official seal here)

[4](Name) E. J. Carter

(Official title) Clerk U.S. District Court Eastern District of La.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Additional Master in the Present L. H. Service	$1980 p.a.	Lighthouse Tender Lilac (for a period not to exceed 1 yr.)
Former [5]First Officer	$1080 p.a.	Lighthouse Tender Arbutus.

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

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Office of Lighthouse Inspector, First District

CARDED.

Portland, Maine (Address), July 29, 1914 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on July 14, 1914. (Date)

C E Sherman
(Signature, followed by title)

Inspector 1st Lighthouse District

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

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

[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 6, 1914.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Additional Master

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

The position to which you have been appointed has been authorized for a period not to exceed one year.

(By transfer from first officer at $1080 per annum.) CHANGE REPORTED

CARDED.

JUL 1914

U. S. COMMISSION.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Cross Reference)

For basis of this action see (SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

letter dated July 7/14

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Wm H. Field Chief of Appointment Division.

in file of

Appropriation: Salaries, Lighthouse Vessels.

Vice: Now position, (pending return to duty of William H. Field).

Legal Residence: Florida.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 6 1914 ON JOURNAL OF COMMERCE

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Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Seventh DISTRICT.

Key West, Florida, May 13

LIGHT MAY16 1914 HOUSES

LIGHT MAY29 1914 HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK JUN 8 1914

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THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and enter upon duty at his new station on or about ~~May 20, 1914.~~ June 15, 1914 X

Name, Thomis H. Curtis. Position, First Officer. $1050

From tender Mangrove. To tender Arbutus.

Previous incumbent, John G. Tannaw.

Services terminated, Reason, transferred for good of service.

X Charged in Bureau.

Inspector. 6th.

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The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with .....

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUN 10 1914 ON JOURNAL DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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CARDED

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

JUN 1914

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

Copy.

Department of Commerce

Lighthouse Service

Office of Inspector, 7th District

Key West, Fla.

December 10, 1913.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The period for which Mr. Thomas H. Curtis was temporarily detailed as First Officer of the Tender Magnolia for six months from July 1, 1913, expires December 31, 1913.

As the services of Mr. Curtis are still required on the Tender Magnolia, it is requested that the temporary assignment of Mr. Curtis be extended for an additional period of six months, from Jan. 1, 1914, to June 30, 1914.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

(Signed) A. Brost

Chief Clerk.

CARDED.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

DEC 13 1913

Returned approved.

(Signed) [illegible]

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

DEC 13 1913

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

E. C. Gillette

Acting Commissioner.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,
KEY WEST, FLA.

INCLOSURES

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT
SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 18 1913
DEP'T OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.
October 15, 1913.

CHIEF CLERK
OCT 23 1913
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HBH.

Thomas H. Curtis -
temporary detail to tender
Magnolia.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to Bureau's endorsement of Oct. 10, 1913, on copy of letter from the Department of Oct. 8, 1913, relative to temporary detail of Thomas H. Curtis from tender Mangrove to tender Magnolia for a period not to exceed three months from April 1, 1913.

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OCT 23 1913
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Thomas H. Curtis, 1st Officer of the tender Mangrove, has been on duty as 1st Officer on the tender Magnolia continuously since April 1, 1913, to date. Report of termination of this detail has been overlooked.

As the services of Mr. Curtis has been and is still required on the tender Magnolia, approval is requested for the temporary assignment of Thomas H. Curtis from duty as First Officer of the tender Mangrove to duty as First Officer on the tender Magnolia at a salary of $1080 per annum, for a further period of about six months, effective July 1, 1913, on which date Mr. Curtis actually entered on duty.

This assignment is requested for the good of the service.

Inspector.

CARDED.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
OCT 21 1913

ACCOUNTS DIVISION
RECEIVED
OCT 24 1913
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE

Returned approved.

(Signed) G T Putnam
Acting Commissioner
Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

OCT 21 1913

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Conway

COPY

October 8, 1913.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department invites attention to the fact that reports of termination of detail do not appear to have been received in the cases of Jacob Lanstra, who was detailed from the tender Amaranth to the tender Crocus for a period not to exceed three months beginning April 12, 1913, and of Thomas H. Curtis, who was detailed from the tender Mangrove to the tender Magnolia for a period not to exceed three months beginning April 1, 1913.

By direction of the Secretary:

(signed) Geo. C. Havenner.

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Caution.

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

Washington

June 21, 1913.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,
First Officer, tender Magnolia,
Through Lighthouse Inspector, Key West, Fla.

Referring to the grounding of the tender Magnolia on Carysfort Reef on May 31, 1913.

It appears that the tender was bound for Carysfort Reef Light Station, Fla., from the westward for inspection only, and under the especially favorable conditions then prevailing, there was no reason for running 3/4 mile past the lighthouse, passing inside the reef and returning, since under such conditions one side is as good as another for landing, and anchorage is found close to the tower on the outside of the reef. If, as stated in the report, the conditions as to light were unfavorable for seeing the shoals and the channel, the vessel should have been kept out and no attempt made to negotiate a comparatively narrow channel guided only by the lead and estimated distance from the light lower.

It is considered that an error of judgement was committed in assuming an unnecessary risk which the conditions did not warrant. You are hereby cautioned to exercise greater care in navigating the vessels of the service, especially when in exposed and dangerous localities.

The fact that you have been cautioned will be noted on the records of the Department, this Office, and those of the Inspector, as a part of your official history.

(Signed) G. B. Putnam

Commissioner

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUN 27 1913

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner

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Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

T. H. Curtis,
detail.

Washington April 11, 1913.

April 14, 1913.

Secretary of Commerce.

Sir:

Referring to form 78a, submitted by the Seventh Inspector, April 8, 1913, reporting the transfer of Thomas H. Curtis from the position of first officer on the tender Magnolia to that of first officer on the tender Sunflower, vice James Adams.

The Bureau recommends, in view of the fact that James Adams is actually the first officer of the tender Magnolia, on detail to the tender Sunflower (Department letter of February 5, 1913), that the Department detail Curtis to the tender Magnolia for a period not to exceed three months from April 1, 1913, date of his entrance on duty on the Magnolia, in lieu of the action recommended by the Inspector.

Respectfully,

Chief Clerk.

CARDED.

Acting Commissioner.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED APR 14 1913 ACTION TAKEN DEPT OF COMMERCE

CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED APR 12 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE

FORWARDED TO APR 12 1913 APPTS. DEPT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED APR 12 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION REPORTED APR 14 1913 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE

HRW-McC.

T. H. Curtis,
detail.

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

Washington

April 11, 1913.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
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DEPT OF COMMERCE

Secretary of Commerce.

Referring to form 73a, submitted by the Seventh Inspector on April 2, 1913, reporting the transfer of Thomas H. Curtis from the position of first officer on the tender Mangrove to the position of first officer on the tender Magnolia, effective April 1, 1913, vice James Adams.

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The Bureau recommends, in view of the fact that James Adams is actually the first officer of the tender Magnolia, on detail to the tender Sunflower (Department letter of February 5, 1913), that the Department detail Curtis to the tender Magnolia for a period not to exceed three months from April 1, 1913, the date of his entrance on duty on the Magnolia, in lieu of the action reported by the Inspector.

Conway

Acting Commissioner.

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Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES APR 7 1913 DEP'T OF COMMERCE

Department of Commerce ~~and Labor~~

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, SEVENTH DISTRICT

KEY WEST, FLA. April 2, 1913.

CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED APR 9 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee has been transferred as indicated, and entered upon duty at his new station on ~~the date stated~~ April 1, 1913.

CANCELED

Name, Thomas H. Curtis, $1050

Position, First Officer, L.H.Service.

From Tender Mangrove 7th Dist

To Tender Magnolia. 8th Dist

Previous incumbent, * James Adams.

CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED TO APR 10 1913 APPTS. DEPT OF COMMERCE

Services terminated, Feb.6,1913.

Reason, Transferred to tender Sunflower.

* Temp detailed to Sunflower Feb 7. 1913 not exc 3 mos.

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CANCELED

Inspector 7th L. H. District.

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Department of Commerce ~~and Labor~~

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

APR 7 - 1913

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce ~~and Labor~~ for his information.

4-10-13

Acting Commissioner.

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

MAY 10 1911

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

1. Name Curtis, Thomas H., 2. Age 36 yrs. (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau Lighthouse. 4. Position First Officer, L.H.Service.

5. Compensation $1080.p.a. 6. Where employed 7th L.H.Dist. (Tender Mangrove.)

7. When appointed (a) Feb.10,1908 8. How appointed (b) Through Civil-Service Examination.

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

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.

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

12. Other Government service None.

13. Duties (describe fully) First Officer steamer mangrove; alternates with Cadet officer on watch in charge of vessel at sea and in port; directs general work of crew; keeps log book and account of ship's stores; keeps account of oilstores, etc., issued to lightstations.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? Yes. If so, state them Navigator and pilot.

15. Efficiency (d):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	100	2	2 00
Quality of work	100	3	3 00
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	100	3	3 00
Attendance	100	2	2 00
Total		10	10 00
Average percentage			1 00

RECEIVED MAY 31 1911 DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS DEPT OF COMMERCE

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

1908.			1909.			1910.		
Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.
00	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0

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

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

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

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

20. Remarks: (e) No.

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

A. M. B. Topham, Master

Supt., 7th L. H. District.

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

C. E. Colton

Commander, U.S.N., Retd.
Inspector 7th L.H. Dist.

L. O. Putnam

Chief of Bureau or Office.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, Thomas H. Curtis

do solemnly [a] swear (See below.) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So HELP ME GOD.

Thomas H. Curtis
(Appointee signs here.)

[b] Sworn (See below.) and subscribed before me, this 25 day of Nov, A. D. 1910

(Affix official seal here.)

(Name:) Geo. G. Brooks

(Official title:) Notary Public

Official Title.	Pay.	Name of Station.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which last appointed.
1st Officer, L.H.Service	~~$1080~~ p.a.	Tender Mangrove	Florida	Florida.

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

Office of the INSPECTOR 7TH Light-House District,

KEY WEST, FLA. (Address.), Nov. 25, 1910. (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Nov. 16, 1910. (Date.)

CARDED

(Signed:) Commander, U. S. N., Retired,
INSPECTOR 7TH L.H. DISTRICT

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

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

[c] This oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

NOTE CAREFULLY.

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

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

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

The Commissioner of Light-Houses,

Washington, D. C.

November 12, 1910.

Sir: I have the honor to recommend the (1) appointment (Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)
of (2) Thomas H. Curtis, (Name of person—daily for letter—as reported to Board) of (3) Florida, (State of legal residence)
from (4) First Mate (Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (5) in the Light-House Service (tender Mangrove), (Official name of station, as given in Light List, as Absecon Lighthouse, N. J.)
at (6) $90 a month, to (7) First Officer, (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
in the Light-House Service (tender Mangrove), at (Official name of sta. as given in Light List, as Absecon Lighthouse, N. J.)
(9) $90 a month, effective beginning (10) November 16, 1910, (the date of his entrance on duty) (or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty)
at a salary of Ten Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, (Spell out the dollar sign appropriate)
effective beginning November 16, 1910, or as soon thereafter (Spell out names of last person holding position)
who (12) on (13)
as you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.
Mr. (14) stands No. (15) in list of eligibles,
Class (16), with (17) per cent, and
was considered with (18)
(19) letters of declination of

(New position.)

(By change from first mate at $90 per month.)

CHANGE REPORTED
NOV - 1910
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
REPORTED
NOV 14 1910
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Respectfully,

By direction of the Secretary:

CARDED.

Respectfully,

Acting Chief Clerk.

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

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,

Through the Commissioner of Light-Houses.

Appropriation:
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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED NOV 9 1910 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Office of Inspector, Seventh District,
Key West, Fla., October 31, 1910.
420 P.

The Commissioner of Light-Houses,

Washington, D. C.

Sir: I have the honor to recommend the (1) appointment (Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)
of (2) Thomas H. Curtis, (Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) of (3) Florida, (State of legal residence)
from (4) First Mate, (Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
~~at~~ (5) in the Light-House Service (tender Mangrove), (Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
at (6) $90 a month, (Salary now paid) to (7) First Officer, (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
~~at~~ (8) in the Light-House Service (tender Mangrove), (Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as ~~Absecon Light-Station, N. J.~~) at
(9) $90 a month, (Salary recommended), effective beginning (10) November 16, 1910. (~~the date of his entrance on duty~~) (or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty)
(Strike out the clause not appropriate)
in the place of (11) (New position.) (State name of *last* person holding position)
who (12) ..... (Died, transferred, resigned, disnissed, etc.) on (13) .....
Mr. (14) ..... stands No. (15) ..... in list of eligibles,
Class (16) ....., with an average of (17) ..... per cent, and
was considered with (18) .....
(19) letters of declination of ..... herewith.

Respectfully,

(authorized by approved schedule. succeeds himself.)

Commander, U. S. N. Retd.,
Inspector, 7th ~~L.-H.~~ District.

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF ~~LIGHT-HOUSES~~

To ~~BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES~~

NOV 8 - 1910

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS APPOINTMENT WRITTEN NOV 12 1910 & COM. NOTIFIED. DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED NOV 8 1910 TO APPOINTMENTS DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

G R Putnam
Commissioner

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 8 1909
NO.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

1. Bureau Light-House - 7th Dist. 2. Where employed Tender Mangrove.
3. Name Curtis, Thomas H., 4. Where born Florida.
5. Age 34 yrs. 6. Position First-Mate, L.H.Service.
7. Compensation $90. pm. 8. When appointed (a) Feb. 10, 1908.
9. How appointed (b) Through Civil-Service Examination.
10. Appointed from — State Florida. Congressional District 1st. County Monroe.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (c) Classified Competitive.
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service None.
14. Duties (describe fully) First mate steamer Mangrove; alternates with 2d-mate on watch in charge of vessel at sea and in port; directs general work of crew; keeps log book and account of ship's stores; keeps account of oil, stores, etc. issued to light-stations.
15. Efficiency — Quantity of work (d) 0.9 Quality of work (e) Good. Interest manifested in work (f) Yes; interest manifested good.
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (g) Nothing not brought out by above questions.

O. R.

CAPTAIN, U. S. N.
NAVAL SECRETARY

Head of Bureau or Office.

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
RECEIVED
MAR 3 - 1909
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Thomas H. Curtis,
Transfer.

March 3, 1909. March 2, 1909.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
RECEIVED
MAR 3 - 1909
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Honorable
The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Gentlemen:

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Board's letter of the 2nd instant stating that on August 16, 1908, the Inspector of the Seventh Light-House District transferred Thomas H. Curtis from the position of first mate on the tender Laurel to the same position on the tender Mangrove.

1. The Board has the honor to state that on August 16, 1908, the Inspector of the Seventh Light-House District transferred Thomas H. Curtis, first mate on the tender Laurel, to the tender Mangrove in place of James Adams. This notification to the Department was overlooked at the time of the transfer.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

Respectfully.

Geo. W. Reed
Chief of Appointment Division.

Naval Secretary.

CARDED

The Light-House Board.

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LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

Washington

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Thomas H. Curtis,
Transfer.

March 2, 1909.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
RECEIVED
MAR 3-1909
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

1. The Board has the honor to state that on August 16, 1908, the Inspector of the Seventh Light-House District transferred Thomas H. Curtis, first mate on the tender Laurel, to the tender Mangrove in place of James Adams. This notification to the Department was overlooked at the time of the transfer.

Transferred Aug 15, 1908 to "Hibiscus"

Respectfully,

H. T. Mayo

Captain, U.S.N.,

Naval Secretary.

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DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
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MAR 3-1909
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Form 75 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

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Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT
Office of the INSPECTOR, 7TH L. H. Dist.,
KEY WEST, FLA.

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C. February 23, 1909.
(Date)

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the March 1, 1909 increase in the pay of
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)
of (2) Thomas H. Curtis, Ed not advised, of (3) Florida
(Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Auditor) (State of legal residence)
from (4) First Mate in the Light-House Service
(Official title, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (5) assigned to the tender Mangrove
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
in the First Mate in the Light-House Service
at (6) $ 80. a month to (7) Light-House Service
(Salary now paid) (Official title, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at a salary of Ninety dollars per month,
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
(8) assigned to the tender Mangrove at
(Salary recommended)
(9) $ 90. a month, effective beginning (10) October 1 1908 (the date
of his entrance on duty) (Strike out the clause not applicable, and insert thereafter as he enters on duty)
this appointment to be effective beginning October 1, 1908, he
having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served
in the above-mentioned position.

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

(By promotion from $80 per month.)

Respectfully,

J. H. Smith
COMDR. U.S.N.
INSP. 7TH DIST.

Form 75

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
February 27th

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

Acting Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190

CARDED

Form 111

Enclosure

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
MAR 18 1909
NO. 17346

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
RECEIVED
MAR 24 1909
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, Thomas H. Curtis

do solemnly[a] Swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So HELP ME GOD.

Thomas H. Curtis

[b] Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 15 day of March, A. D. 1909.

(Affix official seal here.)

[c](Name:) Ernest S. Roberts

(Official title:) U.S. Commissioner

Official Title.	Name of Station.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
First Mate, L.H. Service	Tender Maugrove	Florida.	Florida.
$90.- per month			

CARUED

Office of the Inspector, 7th Light-House District,

Key West, Fla., March 15, 1909.
(Address.) (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on October 1, 1908.
(Date.)

(Signed:) [illegible] COMDR. U.S.N.

INSPECTOR 7TH L.H. DISTRICT

[a] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[b] Insert here "Sworn to" or "Affirmed," as the case may be.
[c] This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

NOTE CAREFULLY.

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

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

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

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MAR 23 1909

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MAR 24 1909

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Form 75 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED 1909 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Office of the INSPECTOR, 7TH L. H. Dist.,
KEY WEST, FLA.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED MAR 1 - 1909 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Light-House Board,
Washington, D. C.

February 23, 1909.
(Date)

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) an increase in the pay of
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)
of (2) Thomas H. Curtis (Ef not reported) of (3) Florida
(Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) (State of legal residence)
from (4) First Mate in the Light-House Service
(Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (5) assigned to the tender (Mangrove) "Laurel"
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
at (6) $80. a month to (7) First Mate in the Light-House Service
(Salary now paid) (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (8) assigned to the tender Mangrove at
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
(9) $90. a month, effective beginning (10) October 1,1908 (the date
(Salary recommended)
of his entrance on duty) ~~(or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty)~~
(Strike out the clause not appropriate)
in the place of (11) himself
(State name of last person holding position)
who (12) ..... on (13) .....
(Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) (Last day of service)
Mr. (14) ..... stands No. (15) ..... in list of eligibles,
This increase is recommended in accordance with the report of the Committee on Equalization of Pay, approved September 3, 1908.
Class (16) ....., with an average of (17) ..... per cent, and
was considered with (18) .....
(19) letters of declination of ..... herewith.

— Vacancy —
James Adams 1st Mate on Mangrove $80. mo
Trans to "Hibiscus" - Aug 15. 1908

Respectfully,
H. H. Bryan
COMDR. U.S.N.
INSP. 7TH DIST.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

February 27th, 1909

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

Card records show this employee as 1st Mate on "Laurel"

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS APPOINTMENT WRITTEN MAR 3 1909 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

H. T. Mayo
Captain, U.S.N.,
Naval Secretary.

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FEB 28 1907
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Inclosure.

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

December 17, 1906.

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 officer in immediate charge should review the information given by the appointee or employee, and if correct, should forward the form to the Chief of the Bureau without delay. The information called for by the questions in Part II should then be supplied and the form forwarded to the Department.

Oscar S. Straus

Secretary.

CARDED.

PART I.

(Part I should be executed 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 H. Curtis

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

Thomas H. Curtis

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

Key West (City or town.) Florida (State or Territory.) Monroe (County.) 1st (Congressional district.)

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

5. Where were you born? Key West. Fla

6. When were you born? Nov (Month.) 27 (Day.) 1874 (Year.)

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

8. 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.

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

First Watch U. S. Service Jan 31, 1908

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

Eyes deaf in right ear

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

Seaman

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

Public School

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

Seaman

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17. What, if any, civil service examinations have you passed? (Give names and dates as near as you recollect.)
Master and Pilot Jr Masters department April 20, 1907
First Mate L. H Service Jan 21, 1908

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

19. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. Feb 17, 1908

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

(Signature) Thomas H. Curtis.

P. O. Address: Key West
City or town.
1015 Eaton St
Number and street.
Florida
State or Territory.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Feb 17, 1908.

(Signature) Benj. Dappan Comdr, U.S.N.

(Official title) Inspector 7th L. H. District.

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.
Light House Service / Tender Laurel / 7th
Bureau or Service. Place (city, town, or station). District.

2. To what position has he been appointed? First Mate.

3. State the date of appointment. February 10, 1908.

4. State the date the appointment was effective. (If appointment was made to take effect on date of oath, so state.)
February 10, 1908.

5. State the date of the oath. February 17, 1908.

6. State the date the appointee or employee entered on duty. February 10, 1908.

7. What is his salary? $80 per month

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Expenses of Buoyage.

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 appointee or 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.)
From First Mate, L. H. Service, examination.

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

(Signature) Benj. Dappan Comdr, U.S.N.

(Official title) Inspector 7th L. H. District.

Date: Feb 17, 1908.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

Feb 28 1908
Received.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Enclosure.

I, Thomas H. Curtis

do solemnly[a] Swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: **So help me God.**

Thomas H. Curtis

CARDED
DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
RECEIVED
MAR 6 1908
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Light House Board,
Entered upon duty.
Date February 10, 1908

[b] Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 17 day of February, A. D. 1908.

W. H. Hudnutt
Chief Clerk.

[c] Name: Geo. G. Brooks. N.B.

Official title: Notary Public.

{Affix official seal.}

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
First Mate, L. H. Service	Sand Key Light	Florida	Florida.

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

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

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

In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT—WITHOUT FIXED DATE

11346

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington 7 Feb'y. '08.

February 10, 1908.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis, of Florida, having qualified under the civil-service regulations, is hereby appointed

First Mate,

in the Light-House Service,

with compensation at the rate of Eighty dollars per month, for a probationary period of six months, effective beginning February 10, 1908, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. (vice Archibald W. G. Taylor.)

Retention in the service after the expiration of probationary period shall be equivalent to absolute appointment.

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

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS REPORTED FEB 11 1908 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

CARDED

Acting Secretary.

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FEB 11 1908

The Light-House Board.

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LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

Washington

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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

7 Feb'y, '08.

OFFICE OF APPOINTMENTS
RECEIVED
FEB 8 1908
DEPT. OF COMMERCE & LABOR

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

The Board has the honor to ask the probationary appointment of Mr. Thomas H. Curtis, of Fla., as First Mate in the Light-House Service at $80 a month, effective beginning 10 Feb'y, '08, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty, in the place of Mr. Archibald W. G. Taylor, recommended for promotion. T. Master (same date)

Mr. Curtis has passed the required civil service examination and stands No. 1 on the eligible list with an average of 83 per cent. He was considered with Mr. Timothy Foley, the other eligible for this position.

The Board will assign Mr. Curtis to duty on the tender Laurel.

Respectfully,

2-10-08

1st on eligible list.

Considered with:

Timothy Foley

7th Inst.

J. N. Helm

Commander, U.S.N.,

Naval Secretary.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
APPOINTMENT WRITTEN
FEB 10 1908
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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CURTIS, THOMAS H.

November 1, 1910, Commended. (File Mangrove,)

Officer on tender

Out

Dec 10/11/20

Curtis, Thomas H.:

Rec. for appt. as first mate, see 8th Instepctor's letter of August 23, 1910, in folder of Alfred Brost.

Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Office of Inspector, Seventh District,
Key West, Fla., October 31, 1910.

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
NOV 7 - 1910
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

The Commissioner of Light-Houses,

Washington, D. C.

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

of (2) Thomas H. Curtis, (Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) of (3) Florida, (State of legal residence)

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

~~at~~ (5) in the Light-House Service (tender Mangrove), (Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)

at (6) $90 a month, (Salary now paid) to (7) First Officer, (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)

~~at~~ (8) in the Light-House Service (tender Mangrove), (Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.) at

(9) $90 a month, (Salary recommended), effective beginning (10) November 16, 1910, (~~the date of his entrance on duty~~) (or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty) (Strike out the clause not appropriate)

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

who (12) ..... (Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) on (13) .....

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

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

was considered with (18) .....

(19) letters of declination of ..... herewith.

Respectfully,

Commander, U. S. N., Retd.,
Inspector, 7th L.-H. District.

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES

NOV 8 - 1910

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

Commissioner

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

November 12, 1910.

Sir:

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

First Officer

in the Light-House Service

at a salary of Ten Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum,

effective beginning November 16, 1910, or as soon thereafter

as you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(New position.)

(By change from first mate at $90 per month.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. GORDON-CUMMING

Acting Chief Clerk.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,

Through the Commissioner of Light-Houses.

Appropriation:
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Mangrove and
Magnolia, details.

March 12, 1913.

Lighthouse Inspector, Key West, Fla.

Referring to your letter of March 6, 1913, in regard to repairs to the tender Mangrove and the detail of officers to the tender Magnolia, etc.

T. H.

You are authorized to have First Officer Curtis of the Mangrove proceed with that tender to Charleston, South Carolina, when that vessel is sent to the Navy Yard in that city. Curtis, upon the arrival of that tender at Charleston, should be directed to return by rail and join the Magnolia. Submit, at the proper time, recommendation for the approval of the detail of Curtis to the Magnolia for a period not to exceed three months, which period may be extended upon recommendation from the Inspector. Report, at the same time, the effective date of the detail.

W. H. Field, master of the Magnolia, will remain on that vessel, and P. L. Cosgrove, Jr., master of the Mangrove, will remain on that vessel and proceed with it to Charleston.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

To Lighthouse Inspector New Orleans, La. MAR 13 1913
for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner:

Chief Clerk.

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E.C.G. Rec'd and copy to Atty
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Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 7 1913
DEP'T OF COMMERCE

Department of Commerce ~~and Labor~~
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

4-11-13 Wrote Dept copy 7th.

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, SEVENTH DISTRICT

KEY WEST, FLA. April 2, 1913.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee has been transferred as indicated, and entered upon duty at his new station on ~~the date stated~~: April 1, 1913.

Name, Thomas H. Curtis, Position, First officer, L.H.Service.

From Tender Mangrove To Tender Magnolia.

Previous incumbent, James Adams.

Services terminated, Feb.6,1913. Reason, Transferred to tender Sunflower.

Inspector 7th L. H. District.

11—4508

Department of Commerce ~~and Labor~~
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 7 - 1913

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce ~~and Labor~~ for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

NRW-JeC.

T. H. Curtis,
detail.

April 11, 1913.

Secretary of Commerce.

Referring to form 73a, submitted by the Seventh Inspector on April 2, 1913, reporting the transfer of Thomas H. Curtis from the position of first officer on the tender Mangrove to the position of first officer on the tender Magnolia, effective April 1, 1913, vice James Adams.

The Bureau recommends, in view of the fact that James Adams is actually the first officer of the tender Magnolia, on detail to the tender Sunflower (Department letter of February 5, 1913), that the Department detail Curtis to the tender Magnolia for a period not to exceed three months from April 1, 1913, the date of his entrance on duty on the Magnolia, in lieu of the action reported by the Inspector.

(Signed)

Acting Commissioner.

Copy to the Seventh Inspector for his information, guidance, and files.

Extension of the detail of Curtis should be taken up in due time by letter, should that action become necessary.

Acting Commissioner.

April 14, 1913.

Sir:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 11th instant, you have been detailed for duty on the tender Magnolia for a period not to exceed three months, effective April 1, 1913.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Chief Clerk.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Caution.

June 21, 1913.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,
First Officer, tender Magnolia,
Through Lighthouse Inspector, Key West, Fla.

Referring to the grounding of the tender Magnolia on Carysfort Reef on May 31, 1913.

It appears that thetender was bound for Carysfort Reef Light Station, Fla., from the westward for inspection only, and under the especially favorable conditions then prevailing, there was no reason for running 3/4 mile past the lighthouse, passing inside the reef and returning, since under such conditions one side is as good as another for landing and anchorage is found close to the tower on the outside of the reef. If, as stated in the report, the conditions as to light were unfavorable for seeing the shoals and the channel, the vessel should have been kept out and no attempt made to negotiate a comparatively narrow channel guided only by the lead and estimated distance from the light lower.

It is considered that an error of judgement was committed in assuming an unnecessary risk which the conditions did not warrant. You are hereby cautioned to exercise greater care in navigating the vessels of the service especially when in exposed and dangerous localities.

The fact that you have been cautioned will be noted on the records of the Department, this Office, and those of the Inspector, as a part of your official history.

See also caution very letter to Field & indate thereon TSE

~~Acting~~ Commissioner
Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

Copy for the Seventh Inspector,
For the files of his office.
By direction of the Commissioner:

Chief Clerk.

JUN 21 1913

Copy submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner

1 Copy files of 7th Inspector

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Office of the Chief Clerk
Washington

October 8, 1913.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department invites attention to the fact that reports of termination of detail do not appear to have been received in the cases of Jacob Lanstra, who was detailed from the tender Amaranth to the tender Crocus for a period not to exceed three months beginning April 12, 1913, and of Thomas H. Curtis, who was detailed from the tender Mangrove to the tender Magnolia for a period not to exceed three months beginning April 1, 1913.

By direction of the Secretary:

(Signed) Geo. C. Havenner.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
OCT 1 0 1913

To Lighthouse Inspector, Key West, Fla.,
For his information, ~~action~~ and return with report, in the case of Curtis.

Acting Commissioner.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,
KEY WEST, FLA.

INCLOSURES

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 1[illegible] 1913
DEPT OF COMMERCE

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT
SERVICE.

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Dep. Comm'r.
Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
L. O. C.
Examiner.
Personnel.
Accounts.
Contracts.
Chf. Clk.
Commr.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.
October 15, 1913.

for rec Oct 10/18
Rec'd Elec 10/17

Thomas H. Curtis -
temporary detail to tender
Magnolia.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to Bureau's endorsement of Oct. 10, 1913, on copy of letter from the Department of Oct. 8, 1913, relative to temporary detail of Thomas H. Curtis from tender Mangrove to tender Magnolia for a period not to exceed three months from April 1, 1913.

Thomas H. Curtis, 1st officer of the tender Mangrove, has been on duty as 1st Officer on the tender Magnolia continuously since April 1, 1913, to date. Report of termination of this detail has been overlooked.

As the services of Mr. Curtis has been and is still required on the tender Magnolia, approval is requested for the temporary assignment of Thomas H. Curtis from duty as First Officer of the tender Mangrove to duty as First Officer on the tender Magnolia at a salary of $1080 per annum, for a further period of about six months, effective July 1, 1913, on which date Mr. Curtis actually entered on duty.

This assignment is requested for the good of the service.

Inspector.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
OCT 21 1913

Returned approved.

Noted 10.31.13 JMLD

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
OCT 21 1913

Acting Commissioner

Copy Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
KEY WEST, FLA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Commr.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

AB-WTR

Curtis, Thos. H.,-
temporary detail to
Tender Magnolia.

December 10, 1913.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The period for which Mr. Thomas H. Curtis was temporarily detailed as First Office of the Tender Magnolia for six months from July 1, 1913, expires December 31, 1913.

As the services of Mr. Curtis are still required on the Tender Magnolia, it is requested that the temporary assignment of Mr. Curtis be extended for an additional period of six months, from Jan. 1, 1914, to June 30, 1914.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

A. B. Brah
Chief Clerk.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
DEC 13 1913

Copy Returned approved.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
DEC 13 1913

Copy Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

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Acting Commissioner.

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Form 69

EFFICIENCY REPORT

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of Lighthouse Inspector Seventh District.

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
MAR 24 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

March 1st, 1911

In case of Thomas H. Curtis, Title 1st Officer

serving in 7th District, during the period from Nov 16th, 1910, to March 1st, 1911

1. Aptitude for the Service: Good Excellent
2. Technical knowledge: Good Excellent
3. Attention to duty: Good Excellent
4. Efficiency in the performance of duty—
   - a. Handling men: Good
   - b. Executive ability: Fair Good Excellent
   - c. Promptness and rapidity: Good Excellent
   - d. Punctuality: Excellent
   - e. Handling vessel: Good
   - f. Navigation, including piloting: Good
   - g. In engine-room and fireroom:
5. General conduct: Good Excellent
6. General bearing and appearance: Good
7. Correctness and neatness of uniform: Good
8. General health: Good
9. Physical capacity to perform duty: Good
10. Has he shown aptitude for duty of special character; and if so, for what duty? None that I have observed, except as Navigating & ordinance Officer of Florida Naval reserves for command of Steamer
11. Has this employee's efficiency or reputation been impaired by the use of stimulants or drugs? No
12. Is he negligent as to financial obligations? No
13. Has any reprimand or punishment been inflicted upon this employee during the period of this report? No

11—4080

14. Do you consider him competent and otherwise properly fitted to be entrusted with more responsible duties? Yes

15. Record of license: Master of Ocean Steam Vessels unlimited. First class Pilot from Vaca Key to Key West Bars & Harbors & Gulf Coast to Pensacola & intermediate Ports

A. W. Cy. Taylor
Master.

16. General remarks by the Inspector when this report is prepared by him, or when it is reviewed and forwarded by him after it has been filled out by the master of a tender.

Where change has been made in answers to questions, my opinion is more favorable than that of the Master.

To the COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES.

Commander, U. S. N., Retd.,
Inspector, 8th L. H. District.

INSTRUCTIONS.

This efficiency report is to be made in each district in the case of superintendents, assistant superintendents, aids, the two senior clerks, the appointed officers of tenders and the master and engineer of light vessels. One copy shall be prepared and sent to the Bureau by the 1st day of March of each year, and just prior to the detachment of any Inspector, for each person to whom this report applies.

The efficiency report of the other officers of tenders shall be prepared by the master and be reviewed and forwarded by the Inspector.

The first nine subjects may be answered by the words Excellent, Good, Fair, Indifferent, or Poor, to be supplemented with appropriate explanation. Answer all questions that are applicable to the employee reported upon.

These reports must be carefully prepared, so as to furnish the Bureau with an accurate and entirely impartial report, showing the relative merits of employees.

Form 69

EFFICIENCY REPORT

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 7TH *District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES — MAR 19 1912 — DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

KEY WEST, FLA. March 2, 1912.

In case of Thomas H. Curtis Title First Officer

serving in 7th District, during the period from March 1, 1911, to February 29, 1912

1. Aptitude for the Service: Good.
2. Technical knowledge: Good.
3. Attention to duty: Excellent.
4. Efficiency in the performance of duty—
   - *a.* Handling men: Good.
   - *b.* Executive ability: Good.
   - *c.* Promptness and rapidity: Good.
   - *d.* Punctuality: Excellent.
   - *e.* Handling vessel: Excellent.
   - *f.* Navigation, including piloting: Good.
   - *g.* In engine-room and fireroom: ——
5. General conduct: Excellent.
6. General bearing and appearance: Good.
7. Correctness and neatness of uniform: Good.
8. General health: Good.
9. Physical capacity to perform duty: Good.
10. Has he shown aptitude for duty of special character; and if so, for what duty? Pilot.
11. Has this employee's efficiency or reputation been impaired by the use of stimulants or drugs? No.
12. Is he negligent as to financial obligations? Not to my knowledge.
13. Has any reprimand or punishment been inflicted upon this employee during the period of this report? No.

11—8050

14. Do you consider him competent and otherwise properly fitted to be entrusted with more responsible duties?

Yes.

15. Record of license: Issue No.2-2, No.36039, Apalachicola, Fla., Nov.4,1908, Master of Ocean steamships, and 1st-class Pilot from Vaca Key to Key West, and Gulf Coast to Pensacola, Fla., and intermediate ports.

A W G Taylor

Master.

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16. General remarks by the Inspector when this report is prepared by him, or when it is reviewed and forwarded by him after it has been filled out by the master of a tender.

I should personally rate this employee excellent instead of good in Items 1 and 4 (b) and (c).

H. D. King

To the COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES.

INSP. 7TH DIST.

INSTRUCTIONS.

This efficiency report is to be made in each district in the case of superintendents, assistant superintendents, aids, the two senior clerks, the appointed officers of tenders and the master and engineer of light vessels. One copy shall be prepared and sent to the Bureau by the 1st day of March of each year, and just prior to the detachment of any Inspector, for each person to whom this report applies.

The efficiency report of the other officers of tenders shall be prepared by the master and be reviewed and forwarded by the Inspector.

The first nine subjects may be answered by the words Excellent, Good, Fair, Indifferent, or Poor, to be supplemented with appropriate explanation. Answer all questions that are applicable to the employee reported upon.

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Form 69

EFFICIENCY REPORT

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
MAR 13 1913
DEPT OF COMMERCE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 7TH District.

KEY WEST, FLA. March- 8, 1913

In case of Thomas H. Curtis Title 1st Officer

serving in 7 District, during the period from February 10-1908, 191 , to March- 8, 1913

1. Aptitude for the Service: Excellent
2. Technical knowledge: Excellent
3. Attention to duty: Excellent
4. Efficiency in the performance of duty— Excellent
   a. Handling men: Excellent
   b. Executive ability: "
   c. Promptness and rapidity: "
   d. Punctuality: "
   e. Handling vessel: "
   f. Navigation, including piloting: "
   g. In engine-room and fireroom: —
5. General conduct: Excellent
6. General bearing and appearance: Excellent
7. Correctness and neatness of uniform: Excellent
8. General health: Excellent
9. Physical capacity to perform duty: Excellent
10. Has he shown aptitude for duty of special character; and if so, for what duty? Pilot & Construction work
11. Has this employee's efficiency or reputation been impaired by the use of stimulants or drugs? No.
12. Is he negligent as to financial obligations? No
13. Has any reprimand or punishment been inflicted upon this employee during the period of this report? No

11—4080

14. Do you consider him competent and otherwise properly fitted to be entrusted with more responsible duties? Yes

15. Record of license: Issue #2-2-#36039 Apalachicola, Fla. Nov. 4, 1908, Master of Ocean Steam Ships & first class Pilot from Vaca Key to Key West & Gulf Coast to Pensacola Fla, & intermediate ports

Cosgrove
Master.

16. General remarks by the Inspector when this report is prepared by him, or when it is reviewed and forwarded by him after it has been filled out by the master of a tender.

I would personally rate this officer good instead of excellent under 2, 4(a), 6 and 7.

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To the COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES.

INSP. 7TH DIST.

INSTRUCTIONS.

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The efficiency report of the other officers of tenders shall be prepared by the master and be reviewed and forwarded by the Inspector.

The first nine subjects may be answered by the words Excellent, Good, Fair, Indifferent, or Poor, to be supplemented with appropriate explanation. Answer all questions that are applicable to the employee reported upon.

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Form 69

EFFICIENCY REPORT

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 7TH *District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 6 1913
DEP'T OF COMMERCE

KEY WEST, FLA. July 14th 1913.

In case of Thomas H. Curtis Title First Officer.

serving in 7TH District, during the period from April 2nd 1913 , to July 14th 1913.

1. Aptitude for the Service:	Excellent.
2. Technical knowledge:	Good.
3. Attention to duty:	Excellent.
4. Efficiency in the performance of duty—	Excellent.
a. Handling men:	Good.
b. Executive ability:	Good.
c. Promptness and rapidity:	Excellent.
d. Punctuality:	Excellent.
e. Handling vessel:	Excellent.
f. Navigation, including piloting:	Excellent.
g. In engine-room and fireroom:	
5. General conduct:	Excellent.
6. General bearing and appearance:	Excellent.
7. Correctness and neatness of uniform:	Excellent.
8. General health:	Excellent.
9. Physical capacity to perform duty:	Excellent.

10. Has he shown aptitude for duty of special character; and if so, for what duty? No.

11. Has this employee's efficiency or reputation been impaired by the use of stimulants or drugs? No.

12. Is he negligent as to financial obligations? Not to my knowledge.

13. Has any reprimand or punishment been inflicted upon this employee during the period of this report?
He has been cautioned. (See 16.)

11—4760

14. Do you consider him competent and otherwise properly fitted to be entrusted with more responsible duties? Yes.

15. Record of license: Second Issue as Master of Ocean Steamers and First Class Pilit from Vaca Key to Pensacola coastwise and all bars and harbors on said route.

Respectfully Wm. H. Field
Master.

16. General remarks by the Inspector when this report is prepared by him, or when it is reviewed and forwarded by him after it has been filled out by the master of a tender.

Cautioned in Bureau letter of June 21, 1913.

To the COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES.

Inspector 7th L. H. District.

INSTRUCTIONS.

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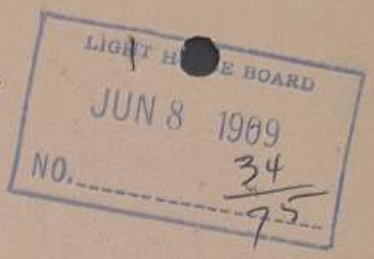
The efficiency report of the other officers of tenders shall be prepared by the master and be reviewed and forwarded by the Inspector.

The first nine subjects may be answered by the words Excellent, Good, Fair, Indifferent, or Poor, to be supplemented with appropriate explanation. Answer all questions that are applicable to the employee reported upon.

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Department of Commerce and Labor



EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

1. Bureau Light-House - 7th Dist. 2. Where employed Tender Mangrove.
3. Name Curtis, Thomas H., 4. Where born Florida.
5. Age 34 yrs. 6. Position First-Mate, L.H.Service.
7. Compensation $90. pm. 8. When appointed (*a*) Feb. 10, 1908.
9. How appointed (*b*) Through Civil-Service Examination.
10. Appointed from { State Florida. / Congressional District 1st. / County Monroe.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified Competitive.
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service None.

14. Duties (describe fully) First mate steamer Mangrove; alternates with 2d-mate on watch in charge of vessel at sea and in port; directs general work of crew; keeps log book and account of ship's stores; keeps account of oil, stores, etc. issued to light-stations.

15. Efficiency { Quantity of work (*d*) 0.9 / Quality of work (*e*) Good. / Interest manifested in work (*f*) Yes; interest manifested good.
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (*g*) Nothing not brought out by above questions.

Head of Bureau or Office.

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READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

MAY 10 1911

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

1. Name Curtis, Thomas H., 2. Age 36 yrs. (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau Lighthouse. 4. Position First Officer, L.H.Service.

5. Compensation $1080.p.a. 6. Where employed 7th L.H.Dist. (Tender Mangrove.)

7. When appointed (a) Feb.10,1908 8. How appointed (b) Through Civil-Service Examination.

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

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.

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

12. Other Government service None.

13. Duties (describe fully) First Officer steamer Mangrove; alternates with Cadet officer on watch in charge of vessel at sea and in port; directs general work of crew; keeps log book and account of ship's stores; keeps account of oilstores, etc., issued to lightstations.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? Yes. If so, state them Navigator and pilot.

15. Efficiency (d):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.	
Quantity of work	100	2	2	00
Quality of work	100	3	3	00
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	100	3	3	00
Attendance	100	2	2	00
Total		10	10	00
Average percentage			1	00

11—4259

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

1908.			1909.			1910.		
Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.
00	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0

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

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

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

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

20. Remarks: (e) No.

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

A. W. G. Taylor Muster

Supt., 7th L.H.District.

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

C. P. Eaton

Commander, U.S.N., Retd.
Inspector 7th L.H.Dist.

Chief of Bureau or Office.

Form 69

EFFICIENCY REPORT

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 7TH District.

LIGHT MAR 10 1914 HOUSES

KEY WEST, FLA. March - 7 -, 1914

In case of Thomas H Curtis Title First Officer

serving in 7TH District, during the period from March - 1 -, 1913, to March - 1 -, 1914

1. Aptitude for the Service: Excellent
2. Technical knowledge: Good
3. Attention to duty: Excellent
4. Efficiency in the performance of duty— Excellent
   - *a.* Handling men: "
   - *b.* Executive ability: "
   - *c.* Promptness and rapidity: "
   - *d.* Punctuality: "
   - *e.* Handling vessel: "
   - *f.* Navigation, including piloting: "
   - *g.* In engine-room and fireroom:
5. General conduct: Excellent
6. General bearing and appearance: "
7. Correctness and neatness of uniform: "
8. General health: "
9. Physical capacity to perform duty: "
10. Has he shown aptitude for duty of special character; and if so, for what duty? In the care & knowledge of gas buoys
11. Has this employee's efficiency or reputation been impaired by the use of stimulants or drugs? No.
12. Is he negligent as to financial obligations? No.
13. Has any reprimand or punishment been inflicted upon this employee during the period of this report? No.

11—6980

14. Do you consider him competent and otherwise properly fitted to be entrusted with [redacted] responsible duties? Yes.

15. Record of license: 4th issue as Master of Ocean Steam vessels upon the waters of Ocrana & Pilot from Vaca Key to Key West & all intermediate Bars, Bays & Harbors between & including Key West & Pensacola Fla.

Cosgrove.
Master.

16. General remarks by the Inspector when this report is prepared by him, or when it is reviewed and forwarded by him after it has been filled out by the master of a tender.

This officer is giving excellent results and is well worthy of consideration for promotion to the rank of Master in any district in the Service. He is a Lieutenant in the Florida Naval Reserves, and the present navigating and ordinance officer of the U. S. S. McKenzie.

Belongs to naval militia, makes very few trips except in summer rest of the year in laid up. length of time no exhibition work any about 10 days during summer, depending on state of appropriation of state. Curtis would not be required to do duty if he cannot be spared at the time spec

Inspector 7th L. H. District.

To the COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES.

INSTRUCTIONS.

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The efficiency report of the other officers of tenders shall be prepared by the master and be reviewed and forwarded by the Inspector.

The first nine subjects may be answered by the words Excellent, Good, Fair, Indifferent, or Poor, to be supplemented with appropriate explanation. Answer all questions that are applicable to the employee reported upon.

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Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

LIGHT MAY 16 1914 HOUSES

LIGHT MAY 1914 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Seventh DISTRICT.

Key West, Florida, May 13 191 4

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and enter upon duty at his new station on or about ~~May 20, 1914.~~ June 15, 1914 *

Name, Thomas H. Curtis. Position, First Officer.

From tender Mangrove. To tender Arbutus.

Previous incumbent, John G. Tannaw.

Services terminated, Reason, transferred for good of service.

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Inspector. 8th

* Changed in Bureau

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The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with .....

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUN 4 - 1914

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

April 2, 1914, Bureau wrote 6th Inspr. submit form 73a reporting transfer of Curtis, regular 1st office of the Mangrove, to the Arbutus, etc.

File E. Halversen.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
JUL 7 1914
HOUSES

July 6, 1914.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Additional Master

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

The position to which you have been appointed has been authorized for a period not to exceed one year.

(By transfer from first officer at $1080 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY.

Chief of Appointment Division.

W D July 14 1914

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Appropriation: Salaries, Lighthouse Vessels.

Vice: New position, (pending return to duty of William H. Field).

Legal Residence: Florida.

11—3692

JUL 7 1914

Thomas H. Curtis. July 22, 1914.

SUBJECT: Thomas H. Curtis, Form 73a.

Returned to Lighthouse Inspector, Key West, Fla. Form 73a is not applicable to this case and should not be used in reporting the transfer of Curtis to the tender Hibiscus. See first paragraph of the instructions on the back of form 73a which states "this form should be used when reporting transfer * * * when such tranfer does not involve a change in rank or pay".

It will not be necessary for you to report this matter as appropriate report has been received from the Eighth Inspector.

Acting Commissioner

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

LIGHT JUL6 1914 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Seventh DISTRICT.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR SEVENTH DISTRICT 1914 JUL 17 1914 KEY WEST, FLORIDA.

Key West, Florida, May 13 1914

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and enter upon duty at his new station on or about May 20, 1914.

Name, Thomas H. Curtis. Position, First Officer.

From tender Mangrove. To tender Arbutus.

LIGHT JUL20 1914 HOUSES

Previous incumbent, John G. Tunnaw.

Services terminated, June 30, 1914. Reason, transferred for good of service.

D Emmerich

Inspector. a/b

Egmont Key Depot, Fla., July 1, , 191

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with July 1, 1914

D Emmerich

Inspector.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUL 20 1914

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

C

Acting Commissioner.

noted 8.5.14

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HRW-JL

Thos.

July 9, 1914.

SUBJECT: Department letter of July 6, 1914, transfer of William H. Curtis as additional master of the tender Lilac.

Returned to the Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that the word "Mangrove" in the 6th line of the 2d paragraph of Department letter herewith be changed to "Arbutus", in view of the fact that since the writing of Bureau letter of July 2, 1914, the Seventh Inspector has reported on form 73a that on July 1,1914, Curtis was transferred from the tender Mangrove to the tender Arbutus. He will therefore enter on duty on the Lilac by transfer from the Arbutis instead of from the Mangrove.

Form 73a in the case will be submitted to the Department as soon as the Inspector returns it in proper form.

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Acting Commissioner

March 24, 1914, wrote 7th Inspr. detail Thomas H. Curtis from the Magnolia to the Arbutus at Key West. File Frank H. Murphy.

April 2, 1914, wrote 6th Inspr. submit form 73a reporting tranfer of Curtis to the Arbutus. File William Boyle.

July 2, 1914, Bureau wrote 8th Inspr. 1st officer Curtis will be detailed to the Magnolia for trip of that tender to 8th Dist, and be assigned to the Lilac. File W.H.Field.

T. H. Curtis

HRW-McC.

Mangrove, Arbutus, Magnolia, assignment officers.

April 2, 1914.

Lighthouse Inspector, Charleston, South Carolina:

Referring to your letters of March 27 and 31, 1914, relative to Bureau letter of March 24, 1914, in regard to the transfers of officers on the tenders Arbutus, Mangrove, etc., you are advised that the Bureau will make the following changes, in view of your inability to obtain a second officer, etc.:

Detail E. Halvorsen, second officer of the Cypress, for duty on the Arbutus during the trip of that tender from Charleston, South Carolina, to Key West, Florida, and make proper report in accordance with Bureau circular No. 286. Issue necessary travel order for his return to Charleston upon the arrival of the Arbutus at Key West.

William Boyle, second officer of the Magnolia, at $840 per annum, will not be transferred to the Arbutus, upon its arrival at Key West from Charleston, but will remain on the Magnolia and proceed with that vessel to New Orleans, Louisiana. He will, upon arrival at New Orleans, return immediately to Key West for permanent assignment to the Arbutus, and the Seventh Inspector will submit form 73a reporting his transfer, on date of arrival at Key West, from the Magnolia to the Arbutus. This action leaves vacant the position of second officer on the Magnolia at $840 per annum, vice Boyle, and can be filled as desired later. The Seventh Inspector will issue proper travel order for Boyle's return to the Seventh District.

The Seventh Inspector will submit form 73a, reporting the transfer of Curtis, regular first officer of the Mangrove, (now on detail to the Magnolia) to the Arbutus, vice Tannaw, upon the arrival of the Arbutus at Key West from Charleston, and Curtis will remain on the latter vessel. The Seventh Inspector will send you a copy of form 73a in the case of Curtis and you will then submit form 73a to the Bureau reporting the transfer of Tannaw from the Arbutus to the Mangrove, vice Curtis, effective on the date that Curtis is transferred from the Mangrove to the Arbutus.

Direct Tannaw to proceed with the Arbutus to Key West and upon his arrival there the Seventh Inspector will detail him to the

Magnolia for the trip to New Orleans. The Seventh Inspector will report his detail from the Arbutus to the Magnolia for the trip and the Eighth Inspector will report to the Seventh Inspector and the Bureau the termination of this detail, which will be the date that Tannaw arrives at New Orleans. Tannaw, upon his arrival at New Orleans, will return immediately to Charleston, and you should issue the necessary travel order to him at the proper time. In this connection, it is stated that both Tannaw and Curtis are first officers in the Lighthouse Service, at $1080 per annum.

In accordance with your request for a cadet engineer on the Mangrove, Meek will be transferred from the Mangrove to the Arbutus, as directed in Bureau letter of March 24, 1914, and will remain on the Arbutus in the Seventh District, to which vessel he was assigned on May 13, 1913. However, cadet engineer Douglass, at present on the Magnolia, will proceed with that vessel from the Seventh to the Eighth District, and will then return immediately by rail to the Sixth District, for assignment to duty in the Mangrove, to which he was assigned April 2, 1913. See letter from Douglass dated March 9, 1914, requesting transfer to the Sixth District. The Seventh Inspector will issue necessary travel order. Report by letter, in duplicate, the return of Douglass to the Mangrove, in accordance with Bureau circular No. 286.

The Seventh and Eighth Inspectors will be furnished copies of this letter, with instructions to be guided accordingly as to the changes made from those given in Bureau letters of March 24, 1914, to you and to the Seventh Inspector.

Referred to Lighthouse Inspector, Key West, Fla., for his information, guidance, and files. Be guided according to the above, this letter amending Bureau letters to you and the Sixth Inspector on March 24, 1914. Submit form 73a at the proper time in the case of Curtis and send copy thereof to the Sixth Inspector. Issue necessary travel orders in the cases of Boyle and Douglass. Report to Eighth Inspector date Boyle entered on duty on Arbutus.

Acting Commissioner

Referred to Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, La., for his information, guidance, and files.

Be guided according to the above letter, which amends Bureau letters of March 24, 1914, to the Sixth and Seventh Inspectors, copies of which were sent you, with Bureau indorsement of the same date. Submit nomination at the proper time for filling vacancy in the position of second officer on the Magnolia, vice Boyle. Instructions as to complement of the Lilac for the trip north will be given at a later date.

Acting Commissioner

HRW-MsC.
Two inclosures.
Wm. H. Field,
Thos. H. Curtis, transfer.

July 2, ~~June 30,~~ 1914.

Secretary of Commerce:

The Bureau incloses copy of letter of June 27, 1914, from Mr. William H. Field, master in the Lighthouse Service at $1980 per annum, assigned to duty on the tender Lilac, in the Eighth District, also a copy of Bureau letter of June 19, 1914, to Mr. Field. In accordance with Mr. Field's decision and request in the matter, the Bureau recommends that he be granted one year of leave without pay, effective on a date later to be determined and reported to the Department.

In view of the fact that it is proposed to transfer the tender Lilac from the Eighth to the First District and the necessity of a master on that tender in the place of Field for the trip from New Orleans, La., to Portland, Me., and for duty in the First District, it is recommended that the additional position of master at $1980 per annum be authorized for that tender for a period not to exceed one year from the date of entrance on duty of the person to be appointed thereto. To fill the position of master in question, it is recommended that Thomas H. Curtis, of Florida, regular first officer of the tender Mangrove, now on detail to the tender Magnolia, with pay at the rate of $1080 per annum, be promoted to the position of additional master of the tender Lilac for a period not to exceed one year from the date of his entrance on duty. Mr. Curtis is the best qualified officer available for the assignment, is willing to accept the transfer and promotion and has the necessary license to cover the position. The pay recommended is not in excess of that paid

for the same or similar services during the present fiscal year. The only additional expenditure against the appropriation, Salaries, Light-house Vessels, will be for the salary of Mr. Curtis during the time that Mr. Field is on annual leave with pay. In view of the fact that Mr. Curtis will be held responsible for the tender Lilac from the date he enters on duty thereon, it is recommended that he receive the increased rate of pay from the date of his entrance on duty on that vessel. In the event that Curtis is not transferred to the Arbutus, as contemplated by form 73a submitted by the Seventh Inspector on May 13, 1914, recommendation will be made for cancelation of that form at a later date.

Names of employees in whose folder will be found correspondence relative complements Arbutus, trip from 6th to 7th Dists., Magnolia, trip from 7th to 8th Dist. and Lilac, trip from 8th to 2 ast Dist.

Complement of Lilac from 8th to 1st Dist.as follows:

Additional Master: Curtis.
First officer: Adams, New Orleans to Key West; Tannaw, Key West to Portland, Me.
Second officer: Charles F. Lange.
Engineer: T. B. Fitzpatrick.
Second assistant engineer: James Cook.
Cadet engineer: Douglas, New Orleans to Key West; Meek, Key West to Portland.

Complement of Arbutus 6th to 7th Dist.

Master Frank H. Murphy.
1st Officer J.G.Tannaw
2d officer, to be selected
Engineer(Additional) T.B.Fitzpatrick
2d asst.engineer. Jamse Cook.
Cadet Engineer, Charles E. Meek.

Complement of Magnolia trip 7th to 8th Dist.

Master F. H. Murphy
1st officer J.G.Tannaw
2d officer
Engineer T.B.Fitzpatrick
1st Asst.Engr. Jamew Cook.
cadet engineer, F. T. Douglas.

Other folders in which correspondence may be found:

P. L. Cosgrove, Jr., William H. Field.
William Boyle.
Harry Perez.
J.P.Williams
W.E.Huston.

Form 69

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EFFICIENCY REPORT

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 1st DISTRICT,

LIGHT MAR 15 1915 HOUSES

Portland, Me., Mar. 2, 1915

In case of THOMAS H. CURTIS Title Master

serving in 1st District, during the period from July 15, 1914, to Feb. 28, 1915

1. Aptitude for the Service: Good
2. Technical knowledge: Good
3. Attention to duty: Good
4. Efficiency in the performance of duty—
   - *a.* Handling men: Good
   - *b.* Executive ability: Good
   - *c.* Promptness and rapidity: Good
   - *d.* Punctuality: Good
   - *e.* Handling vessel: Good
   - *f.* Navigation, including piloting: Navigation good; piloting fair.
   - *g.* In engine-room and fireroom: -----
5. General conduct: Excellent
6. General bearing and appearance: Good
7. Correctness and neatness of uniform: Good
8. General health: Excellent
9. Physical capacity to perform duty: Excellent
10. Has he shown aptitude for duty of special character; and if so, for what duty?

    No

11. Has this employee's efficiency or reputation been impaired by the use of stimulants or drugs?

    No

12. Is he negligent as to financial obligations?

    Not to my knowledge

13. Has any reprimand or punishment been inflicted upon this employee during the period of this report?

    No

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14. Do you consider him competent and otherwise properly fitted to be entrusted with more responsible duties.

No

15. Record of license:

Dec 1914 report OK Hall

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..... *Lighthouse Service, Commanding.*

16. General remarks by the Inspector when this report is prepared by him, or when it is reviewed and forwarded by him after it has been filled out by the master of a tender.

The COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Washington, D. C.

Inspector.

INSTRUCTIONS.

This efficiency report is to be made in each district in the case of superintendents, assistant superintendents, aids, the two senior clerks, the appointed officers of tenders and the master and engineer of light vessels. One copy shall be prepared and sent to the Bureau by the 1st day of March of each year, and just prior to the detachment of any Inspector, for each person to whom this report applies.

The efficiency report of the other officers of tenders shall be prepared by the master and be reviewed and forwarded by the Inspector.

The first nine subjects may be answered by the words Excellent, Good, Fair, Indifferent, or Poor, to be supplemented with appropriate explanation. Answer all questions that are applicable to the employee reported upon.

These reports must be carefully prepared, so as to furnish the Bureau with an accurate and entirely impartial report, showing the relative merits of employees.

HRW-McC.

T. H. Curtis. June 2, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector, Portland, Maine:

Referring to Department notice of appointment of July 6, 1914, of Thomas H. Curtis, as additional master in the Lighthouse Service, at $1980 per annum, for assignment to duty on the tender Lilac, for a period not to exceed one year from July 14, 1914, and to Department letter of the same date authorizing the temporary additional position in question.

Submit proper report and recommendation in due time for extension of the appointment and position in question, or for such action as may be proper in this case. In this connection you are advised that William H. Field, former master of the Lilac, has been granted leave without pay to the close of July 31, 1915.

In this connection see Bureau letter to you of May 19, 1915, relative to the transfer of the Lilac to the Third District and the personnel thereof. See also Bureau indorsement to you of July 2, 1914, on copy of Bureau letter of the same date to the 8th Inspector, in regard to the complement of the tender Lilac.

A copy of this letter has been referred to the 3d Inspector for his files.

Acting Commissioner
Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
JUN 2 1915

To Lighthouse Inspector Tompkinsville NY
for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner:

JCR
Acting Chief Clerk

W.H. Field case to be called up July 1, 1915

Suggest this as a reminder

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
PORTLAND, ME.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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~~6-11-15 Jacobs~~
~~Ltr Dept, expires 1, 3-9~~

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 1ST DISTRICT
PORTLAND, ME.

Rec. memo of 9th's letter 5/28/15
HAW 6/9

T. H. Curtis

June 7, 1915.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

1 Referring to the 2nd paragraph of the Bureau's letter of June 2nd, 1915, subject as above, no recommendation is made at this time ~~time~~ in view of the fact that in letter from the Inspector of the Third District dated May 21st, 1915, he states "It is expected that the Tender Lilac will be laid up when turned over to this District and that one engineer will be the only officer to be retained on the vessel."

2 As the Lilac is expected to arrive in the Third District by July 1st, 1915, the temporary appointment of Capt. Curtis not expiring until the close of July 13th, which is believed to permit of ample time for consideration of this matter by the Third Inspector, it is recommended that the matter of Capt. Curtis's re-appointment be left to the Inspector of the Third District.

Sherman
Inspector.

HRW-McC

Washington D C June 12 1915

Lighthouse Inspector Portland Maine

Will Curtis accept first officer Myrtle twelve hundred San Juan not exceeding three months after Lilac reaches Third

Putnam

Commissioner

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Suggested by Mr. Gillette

Sent telegram June 12/15 2:35 GCR.

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Form 1201

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CURTIS WILL ACCEPT WITH THIRTY DAYS LEAVE AFTER LILAC ARRIVES IN TOMPKINSVILLE

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Elev 6/14 N.Y. want him as soon as Lilac arrives Will hurry him down on return from P.R. Elev

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TELEGRAM

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CR: Portland, Maine, June 14, 1915.

Lighthouse Commissioner,
Washington, D. C.

Curtis accepts terms Bureau's telegram even date.

Sherman.

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OK pick up 6/14

HRW-MJC

Washington D C June 14 1915

Lighthouse Inspector Portland Maine

Curtis needed San Juan July seventeenth May have leave upon return United States Wire answer

Putnam

Commissioner

To operator 1.15 pm 6/14/15 MC

Elev Hall

HRW-McC.

June 15, 1915.

Subject: 9th Inspr's letter May 28,1915,leave,with pay in States, C.E. Morris, and add. 1st offcr., Myrtle.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that the additional position of first officer in the Lighthouse Service, at $1200 per annum, be authorized, effective beginning July 1,1915, or as soon thereafter as the person to be appointed enters on duty, for not to exceed 4 months, and that Thomas H. Curtis, additional master in the Lighthouse Service, at $1980 per annum, assigned to the Lilac, be appointed to the position above recommended. The present appointment of Curtis cannot extend beyond the close of July 13, 1915. The Lilac will be transferred from the First to the Third District on or about July 1, 1915, and the services of all the officers of that tender, except those of the engineer, will be dispensed with, if practicable. Should this recommendation be approved, Curtis will be assigned to duty in the Third District until it is necessary for him to leave for San Juan, Porto Rico, to relieve first officer Morris of the Myrtle, on or about July 17, 1915, it being desired to grant him (Morris) the leave applied for. Upon completion of his duty on the Myrtle, it is proposed to return Curtis, to Tompkinsville, New York, unless the needs of the service should require that he report elsewhere. Proper report of the assignment of Curtis to duty under his appointment as additional first officer of the tender Myrtle will be made to the Department at the proper time, as will any other assignment which may be made under that appointment. Mr. Curtis has stated his willingness to accept this assignment, provided he is allowed the leave of absence to which he is entitled under the Regulations, 1914, upon his return from Porto Rico.

In view of the above, it is further recommended that a provision be included in the appointment of Mr. Curtis for the payment of his actual and necessary traveling expenses from Tompkinsville, New York, to San Juan, Porto Rico, and return to Tompkinsville, New York, or to such other point as may be later determined, in the interests of the service.

Curtis is the best qualified officer available for this duty and has the necessary license to cover the position from the Steamboat Inspection Service.

The pay recommended is considered justified and is not in excess of that paid for the same or similar services during the present fiscal year.

The appointment of Curtis as additional first officer will become effective upon his leaving New York for San Juan, P. R., and approval of the action recommended will not be in violation of section 2 of rule 1 of the civil service rules in regard to politics or religion, as it would probably be necessary to lay Curtis off after the Lilac reaches the Third District. It is expected that the new appointment recommended will be effective about July 10, 1915.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
JUN 15 1915

To Lighthouse Inspector, Portland Maine
for his information, guidance, and files of office. See your letter of June 7, 1915.

Acting Commissioner

HRW-McC.

1 inclosure.

June 15, 1915.

Subject: Copy Bureau indorsement June 15, 1915, to Dept., leave, Chester E. Morris, and additional first officer, Myrtle.

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

In the event the Department approves the Bureau's recommendation, make necessary report of the assignment of Curtis to duty under his appointment as additional first officer, recommended in attahhed indorsement. See copy of Bureau letter of June 2, 1915, to the First Inspector, indorsed to you on the same date. Also report assignment and termination of assignment of Curtis to the Myrtle, which should be the dates he leaves Tompkinsville and reports back to Tompkinsville, respectively, unless he is ordered to report elsewhere; and send copies of such reports to the Ninth Inspector for his information and files. Direct Curtis to start for San Juan, P. R., in order that he may arrive there not later than July 17, 1915, and direct him to report back to you upon his relief from the Myrtle after return of Morris, regular first officer of the Myrtle, who will be granted leave of absence without pay from July 17 to August 30, 1915. Report termination of services of Curtis under his present appointment in the proper manner at the close of the date immediately preceding that on which he enters on duty as additional first officer.

Inclosed is the First Inspector's letter of June 7, 1915, in regard to Curtis.

You will be advised in due time of the action taken by the Department.

Acting Commissioner

HRW-McC.

June 15, 1915.

Subject: Copy Bureau indorsement June 15, 1915, to Dept., leave, Chester E. Morris, and additional first officer, Myrtle.

Referred to Lighthouse Inspector, San Juan, Porto Rico, for his information, guidance, and files. See your letter of May 28, 1915.

The 3d Inspector will be directed to make report of assignment and termination of assignment of Curtis to the Myrtle, provided the Department approves the recommendation of the Bureau, and to submit copies of such reports to you for your information and files.

The dates of beginning and termination of assignment of Curtis to the Myrtle will be the dates of leaving and reporting back to Tompkinsville, respectively, unless he is ordered to report back to another point.

You will be advised in due time of the action taken by the Department.

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Acting Commissioner

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June 18, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

For the reasons set forth in the Ninth Inspector's letter of the 28th ultimo, and in accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 15th instant, the Department has authorized the temporary additional position of first officer in the Lighthouse Service, at $1200 per annum, for a period not to exceed four months, and has appointed Thomas H. Curtis thereto, by transfer from the position of additional master at $1980 per annum, effective July 1, 1915, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

As further recommended by the Bureau, a provision has been included in Mr. Curtis' appointment for the payment of his actual and necessary traveling expenses from Tompkinsville, New York, to San Juan, Porto Rico, and return to Tompkinsville, New York, or to such other point as may be later determined by the Bureau.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) GEO. C. HAVENNER

File

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
JUN 21 1915

To Lighthouse Inspector, 1st, 3rd, 9th Inspectors
for his information, guidance, and files of office. See Bureau indorsement of June 15, 1915, in this case.

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Acting Commissioner.

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

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

June 30,1915

Commissioner.

Referring to Bureau endorsement dated June 15,1915 re Thomas H.Curtis, additional master on the tender Lilac.

The Bureau is informed that the temporary appointment of Mr. Curtis as additional Master on the tender Lilac, terminated at the close of June 30,1915.

YATES

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUL 9 1915

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

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

July 1,1915

Commissioner.

In accordance with Bureau Circular Letter No.73, dated May 22, 1915, the Bureau is informed that Thomas H. Curtis, additional first officer, was to-day temporarily assigned to duty on the tender Lilac.

The probable duration of this temporary assignment will be about ten days.

YATES

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUL 9 1915

Returned approved

Acting Commissioner

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUL 9 1915

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Oath of office of Curtis as additional first officer in the Lighthouse Service, will be submitted to the Department, as soon as received by the Bureau.

Acting Commissioner

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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

July 1,1915

Commissioner.

In accordance with Bureau Circular Letter No.73, dated May 22, 1915, the Bureau is informed that Thomas H. Curtis, Additional First Officer, at present temporarily assigned to duty on the tender Lilac, will be temporarily assigned to duty on the tender Myrtle, stationed in the Ninth Lighthouse District, on July 10th,1915, this temporary assignment being necessary on account of the absence on leave of First Officer Morris of the Myrtle.

The probable duration of this temporary assignment will be about two months.

YATES

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUL 8 1915

Returned approved.

Acting Commissioner

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUL 8 1915

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

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

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

July 9,1915

Commissioner.

Referring to letter from this office dated July 1,1915 re temporary assignment of Thomas H.Curtis, additional first officer, to the tender Myrtle, Ninth District.

The Bureau is informed that Mr.Curtis will leave this District for Porto Rico on steamer sailing July 10,1915.

J. T. Yates

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

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

July 10,1915

Commissioner.

Referring to letter from this office dated July 1,1915, stating that Thomas H.Curtis, additional first officer, would be temporarily assigned to duty as additional first officer on the tender Myrtle in the Ninth District, on July 10th,1915.

The Bureau is informed that the effective date of this assignment is July 10,1915.

YATES

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUL 13 1915

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT-FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

JUN 21 1915 HOUSE

June 18, 1915.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, ~~Additional First Officer~~ in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~ at a salary of ~~One Thousand Two Hundred~~ dollars per ~~annum~~, effective July 1, 1915, or as soon thereafter as you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By transfer from additional master at $1980 per annum.)

Your actual and necessary traveling expenses from Tompkinsville, New York, to San Juan, Porto Rico, and return to Tompkinsville, New York, or to such other point as may be later determined, have been authorized.

The position to which you have been appointed has been authorized for a period not to exceed four months.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,
(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Lighthouse Vessels.

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: Florida.

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Original & 1 copy sent 3rd Insp
" " " 9th "

JUN 21 1915

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SAN JUAN, P. R.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Thomas H. Curtiss,
Additional 1st Officer.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 9TH DISTRICT
SAN JUAN, P. R.
July 15, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

Thomas H. Curtiss, additional 1st Officer, Lighthouse Service, arrived from Tompkinsville, N. Y., and reported at this office for duty at 6:45 A. M. this date.

He will be taken up on the rolls of this District from and including July 10, 1915.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 9TH DISTRICT
SAN JUAN, P. R.
Sept. 1, 1915.

JAR-JGT.

Thomas H. Curtis,
Temporary 1st Officer.
9-9-15 Wrote 3d

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

Chester E. Morris, 1st Officer of the Lighthouse Tender Myrtle having returned to duty, Thomas H. Curtis, additional 1st Officer temporarily appointed to his place will sail for the U. S. today.

Mr. Curtis has been paid for the month of August and has been directed to report the date of his arrival at New York City, and he will then be paid by this office to and including said date and likewise reimbursed for his travel expenses.

Transportation request was given him for his passage on board of the S.S.Coamo. His travelling expenses to this District from the 3rd District have already been paid.

He has been directed to report to the 3rd Inspector for further orders.

A copy of this letter has been sent the 3rd Inspector for his information.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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SAN JUAN, P. R.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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JAR-JGT.

Thomas H. Curtis,
Temporary 1st Officer.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 9TH DISTRICT
SAN JUAN, P. R.
Sept. 1, 1915.

Noted at P.H.

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

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SPECIAL

9-9-15 Ltr rote 3d

September 3,1915

Commissioner:-

Referring to Bureau endorsement dated June 15,1915 relative to Thomas H. Curtis, who was temporarily assigned to the position of additional first officer on the tender Myrtle, Ninth District, on July 10,1915.

The Bureau is informed that Mr.Curtis is expected back at this Depot within the next few days. As this office has not been advised as to what disposition is to be made of his services on his return to Tompkinsville from Porto Rico, the Bureau's instructions in the matter are requested.

In this connection it may be stated that the position of Mate on Northeast End Light Vessel No.44 is vacant at the present time, and if desired this position could be offered to Mr.Curtis, in case the Bureau has no other plans in view.

J. T. Yates

Courteous to him on return from P.R. Re let him know it, also re try to give him something better than Mate on L.V. 44 - in some other district Pay Mate L.V. $840. now gets $1080 as Master.
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

September 8, 1915

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

The Bureau is advised that Thomas H. Curtis, who was temporarily assigned to the position of additional first officer on the Tender Myrtle, 9th District, reported to this office for duty from Porto Rico on September 6th. In this connection it may be stated that no reply has been received from the Bureau to letter from this office of September 3, 1915, relative to the disposition of the services of Mr. Curtis. Mr. Curtis was assigned to duty on the Tender Larkspur, Mr. Daly the present first officer being absent on account of sickness, on September 7th, on which date Mr. Curtis was taken up on the pay roll of this office, as the Inspector of the 9th District states that Mr. Curtis will be carried on his pay roll including the date of his arrival in New York.

J. T. Yates

Left of instruction on this matter went to 3rd to day

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9-9-15 wrote 3d, copy 2 Dept

Sept. 8, 1915.

WH Field declines to accompany her to the 1st Dist from the 8th Dist until the time

Case of Thomas H. Curtis:

Mr. Curtis, master of the Lilac, from the time she was laid up at Tompkinsville, was master of that tender at $1980 per annum. He was then given appointment as additional 1st officer in the Lighthouse Service at $1200 p.a. for not to exceed 4 months from July 1. The appointment was issued so that he could be transferred to the Myrtle in the 9th dist. while Chester E. Morris was away on leave. The 9th Inspr's letter, Sept. 1, 1915, forwarded, states that Curtis sailed for the U. S. on Sept. 1, and a letter has also been received from the 3d Inspr. stating that Mr. Curtis ~~was~~ is expected back at that depot within the next few days, that his office has not been advised as to what disposition is to be made of Mr. Curtis' services upon his return to Tompkinsville, and requests the Bureau's instructions in regard to the matter, stating further that there is a vacancy in the position of mate on L.V. 44, and that, if desired, that position be offered to Mr. Curtis, if the Bureau has no other plans. Another letter has been received from the 3d Inspr recommending, inasmuch as it is understood that it is not the intention to refill the position of cadet officer made vacant by the resignation of Clarence F. Williams, that the position of an extra officer be allowed that district in lieu of the position held by Williams, the services of this officer to be used to take the place of officers on tenders when on leave, or when away on account of sickness, also serving on relief and other light vessels having skeleton crews, etc., and stating that this extra work will keep one officer busy the greater part of the time.

Mr. Curtis wanted to take his leave before he went to San Juan, but it could not be allowed at that time as his services were needed immediately at San Juan. However, he accepted this assignment with the understanding that he would be allowed the leave upon his return from Porto Rico. Mr. Curtis has now a status as additional first officer in the Lighthouse Service at $1200 p.a., and this appointment will carry him until Nov. 1, 1915. It is suggested that the 3d Inspr. be requested to ask Mr. Curtis upon his return to Tompkinsville whether he desires to take his leave at the present time, and if he does, it is recommended that it be granted him. If Mr. Curtis does not desire to take his leave at the present time, instead of considering the authorization of an extra second officer as requested by the Inspr in his letter of Sept. 3, Mr. Curtis' services could be utilized in this connection by the temporary assignments in that district, reporting the dates of such temporary assignments to this office for its records. Mr. Curtis could also be kept in mind in connection with any suitable vacancy which may occur before expiration of his present temporary appointment, namely, Nov. 1, 1915.

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Thos. H. Curtis,
disposition.

September 9, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 3, 1915, requesting to be advised what disposition is to be made of the services of Thomas H. Curtis on his return to Tompkinsville from San Juan, P. R., and of your letter of the same date recommending the authorization of position of extra second officer for general utility purposes in your district.

Mr. Curtis desired to take thirty days' leave after the Lilac arrived in Tompkinsville and before he left for San Juan, but consented to defer taking this leave until he returned to the United States, as his services were needed promptly in San Juan to relieve first officer Morris on the Myrtle. As soon as Mr. Curtis returns to Tompkinsville it is desired that you grant him such annual leave as he desires to take, in accordance with the Regulations. Mr. Curtis' status at present is that of additional first officer in the Lighthouse Service, at $1200 per annum, and his appointment will not expire until October 31, 1915.

Ltr. to Inspr. letter 9.3.1915 - re Relieving O.T. Williams

The lack of funds under the appropriation from which salaries of officers on lighthouse vessels are payable precludes consideration of your recommendation for an additional second officer in your district, to take the place of officers on tenders when on leave or when away on account of sickness, to serve on relief and other light vessels having skeleton crews, etc., when proceeding under their own steam, and ~~taht~~ that when not thus engaged to use such officers for service on the Tulip. As there is no permanent vacancy at present for which Mr. Curtis could be considered, it is believed that the

services of Mr. Curtis could be advantageously used for the purposes enumerated in your letter of September 3, 1915. It is desired that Mr. Curtis be kept in mind for any suitable vacancy which may arise in your ~~office~~ district before the expiration of his present temporary appointment, viz., October 31, 1915. He will also be borne in mind by the Bureau in connection with vacancies in the service generally.

If Mr. Curtis's services are utilized, as suggested by the Bureau, report details or temporary assignments in the manner prescribed by the Regulations.

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Acting Commissioner.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
SEP 0 - 1915
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

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Acting Commissioner.

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T. H. Curtis,
assignment.

September 13, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York:

Referring to your letter of September 8, 1915, stating that Thomas H. Curtis, who was temporarily assigned to the position of additional first officer on the tender Myrtle, Ninth District, reported to your office for duty from Porto Rico on September 6, 1915, and that you assigned him to duty on the tender Larkspur on September 7, 1915, in view of the fact that the present first officer is absent on account of sickness.

In this connection attention is invited to Bureau letter of September 9, 1915, in response to your letters of September 3, 1915, regarding disposition of the services of Mr. Curtis, and the matter of the authorization of an additional second officer for your district. The temporary assignment of Mr. Curtis to the Larkspur should be reported in accordance with the Amendments to the Regulations, 1914, par. 439a.

Acting Commissioner

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

September 14, 1915

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

In accordance with paragraph 439a of the Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, 1914, the Bureau is informed that on September 7, 1915, Thomas H. Curtis, who was temporarily assigned to the position of additional first officer on the tender Myrtle, 9th District, and who reported to this office for duty from Porto Rico on September 6, 1915, was temporarily assigned to duty on the tender Larkspur. This temporary assignment was necessary on account of the present first officer, Mr. Daly, being absent due to sickness.

It is not thought that the duration of this temporary assignment will be more than 10 days.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
SEP 15 1915

Returned approved.

Acting Commissioner

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
SEP 15 1915

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

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

September 25, 1915

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to letter from this office dated September 14, 1915, reporting the temporary assignment on September 7th to duty on the tender Larkspur, of Thomas H. Curtis, additional first officer in the Lighthouse Service.

The Bureau is informed that this temporary assignment terminated at the close of September 24, 1915.

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Noted 9/27

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
SEP 27 1915

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

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

September 25, 1915

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

In accordance with paragraph 439a of the Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, the Bureau is informed that Thomas H. Curtis, who was temporarily assigned to duty as first officer on the tender Larkspur, was today temporarily assigned to duty on the tender Pansy, this temporary assignment being necessary on account of the tender Larkspur being laid up for repairs and first officer Daly of the tender Pansy being absent from duty.

The probable duration of this temporary assignment will be about one month.

YATES

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
SEP 27 1915

Returned approved.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
SEP 27 1915

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, **Third** DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) **October 23, 1915** (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Extension of temporary appointment for a period not to exceed three months.

Name, **Thomas H. Curtis** Legal residence, **Florida**

Position, **Additional First Officer** Salary, **$1200 per annum**

Location, **Lighthouse Service** Appropriation, **Salaries, Lighthouse Vessels**

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

Former position, **Additional First Officer** Former salary, **$1200 per annum**

Location, **Lighthouse Service**

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

Previous incumbent, **Thomas H. Curtis** Services terminated, **October 31, 1915**

Reason, **Expiration of temporary appointment.**

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks:

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

YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON **October 25, 1915.**

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. **Mr. Curtis' services are needed at this time for general utility purposes in the Third District, and it is requested that the temporary position of additional first officer in the Lighthouse Service, at $1200 p a authorized by Dept. letter of June 18, 1915, be extended for a further period of not to exceed 3 months, effective beginning November 1, 1915.**

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

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

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SPECIAL

October 28,1915

Commissioner.

Referring to nomination dated October 23,1915 recommending the extension of temporary appointment of Thomas H.Curtis, additional first officer, for a period not to exceed three months, effective November 1,1915.

As the present temporary appointment of Mr.Curtis expires on October 31st, it is requested that this office be notified on or before that date whether or not his appointment is extended as recommended.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

Superintendent

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October 28, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

For the reasons set forth in the Bureau's communication of the 25th instant, and in accordance with its recommendation, the Department has extended the temporary position of additional first officer in the Lighthouse Service, at $1200 per annum, for a further period of not to exceed three months, effective November 1, 1915.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) T. J. FITZGERALD

Acting Chief Clerk.

Granted (and Timoler Myatt) L.L.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.

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OCT 30 1915

To Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N. Y.,
for his information, guidance, and files of office.

See your nomination of October 23, 1915, for extension of the temporary appointment of Thomas H. Curtis.
See also Bar Telegram 10-29-15.

Acting Commissioner.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT-FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT HOUSES OCT 29 1915

October 28, 1915.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Additional First Officer in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of One Thousand Two Hundred dollars per annum, effective November 1, 1915.

The position to which you have been appointed has been authorized for a period not to exceed three months.

(By extension of transfer from additional master at $1980 per annum.)

EOD Nov. 1, 1915.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Lighthouse Vessels.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Florida.

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Washington D C October 20 1915

Lighthouse Inspector Saint George New York

~~Appointment~~ Curtis additional first officer extended from November first Appointment mailed you today

Putnam

Commissioner

Sent Dept. 3:40 p.m. Oct. 20/15.

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Thos. H. Curtis,
reprimand.

November 16, 1915.

To be filed on Curtis' folder

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Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York.

During a recent investigation of alleged smuggling of contraband goods into the island of Porto Rico, during which investigation the tender Myrtle was under suspicion, a quantity of alcoholic beverages were found in the officers' quarters of that tender. The beverages ~~were~~ was thrown overboard and the officers verbally reprimanded by the Ninth Inspector for violation of the Regulations, 1914, par. 506, in regard to the introduction for drinking purposes of alcoholic liquors or other intoxicants on board any lighthouse vessels. Thomas H. Curtis, additional first officer in the Lighthouse Service, was temporarily assigned to the tender Myrtle at the time mentioned in the place of the regular first officer, absent on leave. He did not receive the verbal reprimand of the Ninth Inspector for the reason that he had left the Ninth District before the investigation. Notation has been made in the Bureau files of all officers concerned, including Mr. Curtis, of the verbal reprimand administered by the Ninth Inspector, and this matter should be called to his attention; and he should be reprimanded verbally by you.

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Eld 12/11 appointing Lilac Job.

December 10,1915.

SUBJECT: Thomas H.Curtis,Additional 1st Officer.- Fwdg let.Dec.10,1915 re 15 days leave without pay.

Forwarded to Commissioner with the information that Mr. Curtis has been granted leave from December 10th to 31st inclusive.

After December 31st 1915 the date of expiration of the leave granted Mr.Curtis his services will not be required in this District unless the Bureau desires him to be detailed for duty on the Tender Lilac now laid up at this Depot.

Yates

Dept rec OK for Lv w.o.p.

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Ask 30 if desires to offer Lilac Ship Kpr #20 vice Olsen

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Bureau of Lighthouses

December 15, 1915.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with recommendation ~~for approval.~~ Effort will be made to place Mr. Curtis in some other position at the expiration of his leave of absence without pay, or as soon thereafter as there is a suitable vacancy.

that Curtis be granted leave without pay from January 1st to and including January 15th, 1916.

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Thomas H. Curtis,
leave without pay.

December 15, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Your indorsement of December 10, 1915, transmitting application Thomas H. Curtis for fifteen days' leave without pay, January 1st to 15th, 1916, inclusive.

The application has been transmitted to the Department recommended for approval. There are no vacancies in the grade now held by Curtis in the Lighthouse Service, but the Bureau desires to be informed whether you wish to offer him the position of Shipkeeper of Light Vessel No. 20, vice Miles Oliver.

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Acting Commissioner

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LIGHT HOUSES DEC 18 1915

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Secretar.

December 17, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 15th instant, the Department approves the request of Thomas H. Curtis, additional first officer in the Lighthouse Service, for 15 days' leave without pay, effective January 1, 1916.

By direction of the Secretary:

SIGNED) T. J. FITZGERALD
Acting Chief Clerk.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
DEC 18 1915

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Tompkinsville, N. Y.,

To Lighthouse Inspector, ...
for his information, guidance, and files of office. N. Y.,

See your indorsement of December 10, 1915, and Bureau reply thereto of December 15, 1915, in the case of Curtis. Submit report called for in Bureau letter December 15th, regarding Mr. Curtis.

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Acting Commissioner.

Acting Commissioner

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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

December 22, 1915.

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Commissioner:

Referring to Bureau's endorsement of December 18, 1915, on Department letter of December 17, 1915, addressed to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, relative to leave of Thomas H. Curtis:

Information has recently been received at this office to the effect that Theodore Thomasen, the ex-shipkeeper of Relief Light Vessel No. 20, whose services were discontinued on July 16, 1915 on account of ill health, has very much improved in health recently, and that he has expressed a desire to be reinstated to his former position. As Mr. Thomasen has been in the service for a long time and is an excellent man, if his health will permit, this office desires if possible to reinstate him in his former position.

A letter was directed to New London to obtain further information in regard to health, etc., of Mr. Thomasen and when reply is received, report called for in Bureau letter of December 15th, 1915 regarding this matter, will be forwarded.

J. T. YATES.

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NORWICH STATE HOSPITAL
For the Insane.

NORWICH, CONNECTICUT.

December 17, 1915.

Mr. Irving Hawkins
Master Lighthouse Service,
Str. John Rodgers
New London, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst., inquiring about Mr. Theodore Thomasson is received. In reply would state that before taking up the matter of Mr. Thomasson's release from this institution we would want to know what arrangements there would be for taking care of him or where he is to go. He has no relatives, and it would appear to us that he would probably have no one who would look after him.

At present he is getting along very well. He is quiet, pleasant, well behaved, able to carry on an intelligent conversation and has good grasp on his surroundings. He is also in good physical condition.

Yours truly,

Sgd. Henry M. Pollock,
Superintendent,

MSB-APM.

(Sgd. MSB.)

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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

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J. T. Yates

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Ellis 12/27 noted rec furlough Curtis and sent to submit rec for relief vacancy Ellis

December 23,1915.

Commissioner:

Referring to Bureau's letter of December 15th 1915, also to letter from this office dated December 22nd 1915 in regards to offering Thomas H.Curtis the position of shipkeeper on Light Vessel No.20.

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau is copy of letter dated December 17th 1915 from the Norwich State Hospital in regard to the present condition of Mr.Thomasen. It is evident from this letter that Mr.Thomasen is not yet in such condition that would warrant his reappointment to the position of shipkeeper on Relief Light Vessel No.20.

Judging from observations made of Mr.Curtis while he has been in this District it is not considered that he would be a satisfactory man to fill the position of shipkeeper on Light Vessel No.20. This office would be adverse to having him transferred to this position but if the Bureau has no other place for Mr.Curtis and so desires his transfer to the position of shipkeeper of Relief Light Vessel No.20 the same will be offered to him.

J T Yates

Bureau of Lighthouses
December 29, 1915.

Returned to the Inspector with instructions to place Curtis on furlough without pay after the expiration of his leave without pay, if his services are not required after that time. Submit nomination at proper time for the appointment of a shipkeeper for light vessel No. 20. Report, in duplicate, date of Curtis' furlough, with reason therefor, for the information of the Department.

Ellis 1673

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
JAN 4 1916
HOUSES

JHG

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

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,
C/O Lighthouse Inspector,
Seventh District,
Key West, Florida

January 3,1916

In view of the fact that your services as Additional First Officer at $1200 per annum will not be required in the Third Lighthouse District after the expiration of leave granted you, you are hereby placed on furlough, without pay, effective at the close of January 15,1916.

(Sgd.) YATES

Inspector

Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained.

YATES

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
~~Mar. Engr.~~
~~Personnel~~
~~Accounts.~~
~~Contracts~~
Chf. Clk.
~~Dep. Comm.~~
~~Comm.~~

Cop to Dept
JC Jan 5

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

JAN 6 - 1916

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

McC.

Thos. H. Curtis,
services.

January 14, 1916.

Lighthouse Inspector, Key West Fla.

Referring to your telegram of January 14, 1916, stating that if the services of Thomas H. Curtis, additional first officer in the Lighthouse Service, at present on a furlough status, are not needed elsewhere at present, you could utilize same as foreman at his present rate of pay.

It is desired that you furnish the Bureau with a full statement of the proposed work for which needed, the number of other foremen in your district, with their rates of pay, and the work on which they are engaged, any work that is being delayed for lack of foremen, whether any previous need for additional foremen has been reported to the Bureau. It is also desired that you give a statement of Mr. Curtis' qualifications for the position of foreman, and whether he is on the eligible list, etc.

LIGHT
JAN 14 1916
9:22
HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

TELEGRAM

3WU BS 20 Paid Govt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
ANSWERED
1-14-16
DEPT. OF COMMERCE

Key West , Fla., Jan. 14,1916

Lighthouse Commissioner,
Washington.

If Curtis service not needed elsewhere at present I can use as temporary foreman present salary.

9:05a

Demeritt
Hydrog.
Engr. Cons. — asst.
Mar. Engr.
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Comms.

Write of the to give Bu full statement of prop. work for wh. needed, number other foremen, rates of pay, & on what engaged, and what work is being delayed for lack of foreman, & whether any prev. need for additl foreman has been reptd to Bu.
Also what are C's qualif. for such position and is he on elig. list &c.
(looks like a case of trying to make a place for him.
JPC Jan 14

LIGHT
JAN 10 1916
HOUSES

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
ANSWERED
1-14-16
Copy 32
DEPT. OF COMMERCE

Key West, Fla., January 7, 1916.

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons
Mar. Engr.
~~Personnel~~
Accounts
Contracts
Obf. C.E.
~~Dep. Comptr.~~
Comptr.

Elect 10
Jan 10
notified
no vacancy at present
OK ge Jan 10

The Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a communication from the Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N.Y. in which he informs me that after January 15, 1916 I will be furloughed without pay. This of course is a great surprise to me, and I would hate to believe that it means my separation from the Service, and that it is my reward for eight years of faithful and efficient service.

The records of the Service will show that I am a Master of Ocean Steam Vessels of any gross tonnage, and I am satisfied that all of the Inspectors under whom I have had the pleasure of serving, know and would testify that I am fully qualified to perform the duties of a deck officer in any capacity and anywhere, not only within the limits of the Lighthouse Service, but the world at large.

My loyalty to the Service cannot be questioned. I have never hesitated to go any where or go at any time, and when the interests of the Service required action, nothing else was considered or permitted to interfere.

I did not understand at the time that my promotion to the Lilac was of a temporary nature. However, if I had, I would have acted for the best interests of the Service just the same.

In this instance, it appears that I lost practically everything. I was on a good tender in my home district, and in response to the Bureau's telegraphic offer, I accepted the promotion to the Lilac. I navigated this tender successfully (without a cronometer) from New Orleans, La. to Maine, and then served satisfactorily in the First District. I took this tender to the Third District, and when she was placed out of commission, in compliance with the Bureau's instructions I went to Porto Rico and later returned to Tompkinsville, N. Y., and now, I am back home, after an absence of 1-1/2 years away from my family, and I find myself out of employment and my former

position on the tender in the Seventh District filled by sone one else.

I had but 5 days leave of absence in 1914, and in response to a request for leave before going to Porto Rico, the Bureau promised that it would be given to me on my return to the States. My first request after my return was denied, but later I succeeded in getting 18 days. Fifteen days ending January 15, 1916 without pay was granted, and at the end of that time I am to be furloughed without pay.

As I have a family to support, I cannot afford to remain idle. I therefore request that my long and faithful service be taken into consideration, and that I be assigned to such duty as my seniority would entitle me to.

Hoping for a favorable reply, I am,

Respectfully,

Thomas A. Curtis

Additional First Officer.

McC.

Applica-
tion.

January 14, 1916.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,
Additional First Officer, Lighthouse Service,
Key West, Fla.

Referring to your letter of January 7, 1916, requesting that you be reassigned to duty.

I have to advise you that there is no vacancy at present for which you could be considered, but your application will be placed on file and given due consideration at the proper time.

Commissioner.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JAN 14 1916

1-incl.

To Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N.Y.
for his information, guidance, and file of office. See previous correspondence relative to this case
Inclosed is copy of Curtis' letter of Jan. 7, 1916.

Acting Commissioner.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
KEY WEST, FLA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

LIGHT HOUSES JAN 20 1916

WWD-LHV.

1-22-16 Wrote
LS Esh

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons
Mar. Engr.
Accounts.
Contracts
Chr. Clk.
Cashr.

Rec'd OK
(GW)
Jan 20

Thos. H. Curtis,
service.

January 17, 1916.

What is Curtis pres pay?
GW Jan 20
At 1200 fa
JB Jan 20

The Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

Referring to Bureau's letter dated January 14, 1916, calling for information relative to the employment of Thomas H. Curtis as a temporary foreman in this district.

Curtis: Rec give him another chance with pay to same as other foremen in 7th dist.
GW Jan 21
OK

Authorized work in Tampa Bay and tributaries to be erected on submarine sites for which floating equipment must be used:

4 - 4-pile wooden structures.
3 - 4-pile concrete and steel structures.
2 - 3-pile concrete, steel and wood structures.
1 - 3-pile steel and wood structure.
4 - 3-pile wooden structures.
5 - single pile beacons.
2 - 3-pile wooden structures, recommended but for which authority has not been received to date.

The Arbutus began work on these aids, but had to be recalled to recover the BW/600/II buoy which was adrift. Then, after delivering rations and supplies to lightstations, the tender started back to Tampa Bay and should have arrived there yesterday for the purpose of doing a part of the work. In about a month the tender is to be docked and repaired, and then, if not transferred, will have to start the annual buoy work.

In view of this fact, proposals for a schooner, to be used for construction work, will be opened on the 19th instant and then forwarded to the Bureau with the usual recommendations.

This district at the present time has two registered foremen employed, one in charge of working party at Sand Key Lightstation, and the other at Egmont Key Lightstation; each of them receives a salary of $100.00 per month and subsistence.

As soon as the work at Egmont Key is finished the latter will assist the tender's crew in erecting Manatee River Aids and, when the Arbutus returns to Key West for docking and repairs, he will be transferred to Sombrero Key Lightstation where general repairs are to be made.

There is no work being delayed, to date, for lack of a foreman, nor has any previous need for additional foremen been reported to the Bureau. The work in question for which a foreman will be needed, will not begin until a schooner is hired. It has been the practice of this office in the past, if there were no eligibles, to hire temporary foreman for short periods under paragraph 5 of Rule 6 of the Civil Service Regulations for the Lighthouse Service. When it is expected that a foreman's services will be needed for any length of time, he is required to register.

When Mr. Curtis served as first officer on the tenders in this district, he acquired considerable practical experience in handling pile drivers, building beacons and other field work.

He is a fairly good mechanic, good seaman, good pilot, a Master Mariner, good instrument man and fully acquainted with the waters and the needs of mariners where the aids are to be located. He also knows how to take care of the schooner or other floating property, and his knowledge of local weather conditions places him in a position to guard against accident from that source. For years he has satisfactorily handled men.

It was the intention of this office, after securing authority to hire a suitable schooner, to hire a competent temporary foreman and proceed with the work in Tampa Bay as far as funds would permit. As soon as it was learned that Mr. Curtis was to be furloughed, this office decided to secure his services for the work in hand, if possible.

This office is satisfied that, owing to the nature of the work, Mr. Curtis

will make a better foreman than either of the two now employed in this district, and, while he is not on the eligible list as a foreman, it is requested that this office be permitted to hire him as a temporary foreman, or, if possible, detail him to this duty under his present designation for a period not to exceed six months.

Inspector.

McC.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
January 22, 1916.

Returned to Lighthouse Inspector, Key West, Fla., approved for the employment of Thomas H. Curtis as temporary foreman, with pay, etc., the same as received by the other foremen in the Seventh District, under the registration system, provided the local district civil service secretary approves. Report this employment on your regular monthly report of registered and temporary employees (form 82) in the usual manner.

The Bureau has recommended the discontinuance, without prejudice, of the services of Curtis under his appointment as additional first officer in the Lighthouse Service, effective at the close of January 22, 1916.

McC.

Thos. H. Curtis,
discontinuance.

January 22, 1916.

Secretary of Commerce:

The Bureau recommends that the services of Thomas H. Curtis, additional first officer in the Lighthouse Service, at $1200 per annum, be discontinued, without prejudice, effective at the close of January 22, 1916. Mr. Curtis was placed on furlough at the close of January 15, 1916. It is proposed to temporarily employ him in the capacity of foreman in the Seventh Lighthouse District, under the registration system, in the near future.

LIGHT
JAN 25 1916
HOUSES

January 24, 1916.

Sir:

In view of the fact that the position occupied by you is no longer required, your services as additional first officer in the Lighthouse Service, at $1200 per annum, have been discontinued, without prejudice, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, effective at the close of January 22, 1916.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

JAN 25 1916

Form 69

EFFICIENCY REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
MAR 2 1916
HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. MAR 1 1916, 191

In case of Thomas H. Curtis Title Additional First Officer

serving in 3rd District, during the period from June 30, 1915, to February 29, 1916

1. Aptitude for the Service: Fair
2. Technical knowledge: Fair
3. Attention to duty: Good
4. Efficiency in the performance of duty—
   - *a.* Handling men: Poor
   - *b.* Executive ability: Fair
   - *c.* Promptness and rapidity: Good
   - *d.* Punctuality: Good
   - *e.* Handling vessel: Good
   - *f.* Navigation, including piloting: Good
   - *g.* In engine-room and fireroom: ----
5. General conduct: Good
6. General bearing and appearance: Good
7. Correctness and neatness of uniform: Good
8. General health: Excellent
9. Physical capacity to perform duty: Excellent
10. Has he shown aptitude for duty of special character; and if so, for what duty? No
11. Has this employee's efficiency or reputation been impaired by the use of stimulants or drugs? No
12. Is he negligent as to financial obligations? No
13. Has any reprimand or punishment been inflicted upon this employee during the period of this report? Reprimanded Nov. 16, 1915, re liquors found in officers quarters on Myrtle.

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14. Do you consider him competent and otherwise properly fitted to be entrusted with responsible duties?

No

15. Record of licenses (give grades, waters, tonnage, and dates of issuance):

Master of Ocean steamers unlimited. Pilot license from Key West to Pensacola and all intermediate Bars Bays and Harbors including Key West & Pensacola, Fla. Issued Nov. 29, 1913.

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..... *Lighthouse Service, Commanding.*

16. General remarks by the Inspector when this report is prepared by him, or when it is reviewed and forwarded by him after it has been filled out by the master of a tender.

FURLOUGHED January 16, 1916.

A fair man, lacking in initiative, interest and general knowledge of Lighthouse work.

The COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Washington, D. C.

J. T. Yates

INSTRUCTIONS.

This efficiency report is to be made in each district in the case of superintendents, assistant superintendents, aids, and other appointed technical assistants, the two senior clerks, and the appointed officers of tenders and of light vessels. One copy shall be prepared and sent to the Bureau by the 1st day of March of each year, and just prior to the detachment of any inspector, for each person to whom this report applies.

The efficiency reports of the officers of tenders and of light vessels other than of masters shall be prepared by the commanding officer of such vessels and be reviewed and forwarded by the Inspector.

The first nine subjects may be answered by the words Excellent, Good, Fair, Indifferent, or Poor, to be supplemented with appropriate explanation. Answer all questions that are applicable to the employee reported upon.

These reports must be carefully prepared, so as to furnish the Bureau with an accurate and entirely impartial report, showing the relative merits of employees.

11—4080

PORTS:
HAVANA, CUBA
KEY WEST
MIAMI
NASSAU
PORT TAMPA
ST. PETERSBURG

The Peninsular and Occidental Steamship Company

LIGHT HOUSES
FORM 73—RECORD 57108
APR 5 1916

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Comsr.
Comsr.

Rec'd U.S.L.H. 4/5

BUREAU OF LIGHT HOUSES
ANSWERED
4-6-16
DEPT. OF COMMERCE

Key West Fla April 3 191 6

The Commissioner of Lighthouses
Washington D. C.

Sir

I respectfully state that I am employed as 3rd Officer in the P. & O. Line at present and that I am still trusting that this Bureau will find a place some where for me. will be glad to go to Mexico if my services are needed there can talk the language fluently and understand this people well hoping to hear an early reply will remain Yours Respectfully

Thomas H. Curtis
1100 Fleming St
Key West Fla

P. S. Am licensed as Master of Aero Steamers

McC.

Application,
deck officer.

April 6, 1916.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,
1100 Fleming Street,
Key West, Fla.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of April 3, 1916, in regard to your re-appointment in the Lighthouse Service as deck officer of lighthouse vessel.

I have to advise you that there is no vacancy at the present time for which you could be considered, but your application will be placed on file and given due consideration at the proper time.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

Mem
There is a vacancy now as 2d off. on Jessamine for which C. is eligible

not rec'd Curtis as a Substitute mem

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(Copy)





Subject: Letter, Thomas H. Curtis, 2d officer J.R.PARROTT, reasons for discontinuance services.

Referred to Lighthouse Inspector, Key West, Fla., for remark and return.

wrote Curtis 6-19-17
Copy to Draper 6-15-17

Engr. Cons.
Accounts.
Contracts
Dep. Comm.
Comm.

(Signed) J. S. Conway

Acting Commissioner.

WWD-LHP.
1 inclosure.

June 1, 1917.

Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Curtis was appointed and entered on duty as a 1st Mate in the Lighthouse Service on the tender Laurel February 10, 1908. He was transferred to the tender Mangrove March 3, 1909, to the Magnolia April 1, 1913, and on July 14, 1914, he was promoted to Master of the tender Lilac, which vessel he took from New Orleans, La. to Portland, Me.

He was commended by the Light House Board on October 28, 1910, and also verbally reprimanded for negligence cautioned by the Bureau of Lighthouses on June 30, 1913.

Mr. Curtis is an excellent seaman and an officer of years of experience on merchant steam and sail vessels, on which he has served as seaman, officer and master. His work in this district was very good, and from my 19 years observation of officers of the Service, from Boston, Mass. to Galveston, Texas, I am satisfied that he was far above the average in general ability, and he was exceptionally faithful and loyal to the Service.

He was willing and ready at all times to go wherever his services were needed, and in my opinion he is fully qualified to take any vessel anywhere in the world.

It appears that it was his willingness to go wherever his services were needed that is responsible for his being out of the Service today. He was first officer on the tender in this district, with headquarters at Key West, where he has his home.

As his services were perfectly satisfactory, it is fair to assume that he would have retained that position and would still have been in the Service.

When he was offered promotion to Master of the Lilac he unfortunately accepted, and while I am not familiar with the details of the case after he left this district, I understand that after taking the tender from New Orleans to Portland, Me. he served in the First District awhile and then, owing to a lack of funds, the Lilac was placed out of commission, but unlike the case of the Ivy, the Master was furloughed without pay for a year I believe, and then his services were terminated without prejudice.

Mr. Curtis was very good on buoy work, handling piledrivers, construction work, etc., and I do not know of any officer in the Service that I would rather have on a job with me than this former officer of the Service, a good, able, hardworking, loyal American Master Mariner.

Mr. Curtis is 2nd officer of the Ferry J.R.Parrott, one of the largest vessels of her kind in the world. He is well thought of and with the 25%

increase in compensation given last week to every employee on vessels of this line, he now averages $150.00 per month.

There have been considerable unfavorable remarks about this case, especially where it was known that the Ivy was also out of commission and the Master and Engineer retained on the tender.

Knowing Mr. Curtis to be reliable and efficient, the general impression was that he had been guilty of some infraction that was not sufficient to dismiss him from the Service for, but for which he was dropped, as it is understood that he has never been offered any position whatever in the Service since his command was placed out of commission.

His services in the Seventh District were satisfactory.

Wm. W. Bennett

Lighthouse Inspector.

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McC

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

MAY 28 1917

U.S.L.H. INSPECTOR JUN 1 1917 KEY WEST, FLA.

Subject: Letter, Thomas H. Curtis, 2d officer J.R.PARROTT, reasons for discontinuance services.

Referred to Lighthouse Inspector, Key West, Fla., for remark and return.

LIGHT JUN 4 1917 HOUSES

Conway

Acting Commissioner.

Form 78 10m 8-25-16 Record 63944

LIGHT
MAY 24 1917
HOUSES

The Peninsular and Occidental Steamship Company

PORTS
HAVANA, CUBA
KEY WEST
MIAMI
NASSAU
PORT TAMPA
ST. PETERSBURG

5-28-17 Ackgd

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
Accounts.
Contracts.
Dep. Comdr.
Comdr.

Elds 5/25

Re ask to go for repairs & return

INSPECTOR
JUN 1 1917
KEY WEST, FLA.

ans. 6-15-17 to Inspector
copy

Key West, Fla.
May 22-1917.

LIGHT
JUN 4 19
HOUSES

The Commissioner of Lighthouses
Washington D. C.

Sir:-

I respectfully state that I am employed by the Florida East Coast Car Ferry Co. as 2nd Officer and would like to know if there was any cause of me being discharged from the Service. I was with the Service for Eight Years with a good record from the Inspectors that I served under and to be thrown out like this seems a rather crude act without a cause not that I am begging to get back in the Service it is to show my Co. and friends that know me why I was laid off. I am licensed as Master of Ocean Steamers of any gross tons and do feel it my duty to offer my services to Navy Department if there is nothing against me for duty in this great war.

Respectfully
Thomas H. [illegible] 2nd Officer J. R. Parrott.

McC

MAY 28 1917

Subject: Letter, Thomas H. Curtis, 2d officer J.R.PARROTT, reasons for discontinuance services.

Referred to Lighthouse Inspector, Key West, Fla., for remark and return.

Acting Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

McC.

Discontinuance
of services.

May 28, 1917.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,
Second Officer, Steamer JOSEPH R. PARROTT
Florida East Coast Car Ferry Co., Key West, Fla.

Sir: Referring to your communication dated

relative to May 22, 1917,

the reason for the discontinuance of your services in the Lighthouse Service, I beg to advise that the matter is being investigated, and that you will be further advised in regard thereto at an early date.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

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Employ...e Service.

June 15,1917.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,
Second Officer, Steamer JOSEPH R. PARROTT,
Florida East Coast Car Ferry Co., Key West, Fla.

Sir:-

Referring again to your letter of May 22,1917, with reference to the discontinuance of your services in the Lighthouse Service.

The Bureau states that your services as additional first officer in the Lighthouse Service were discontinued, without prejudice, by direction of the Secretary of Commerce, effective at the close of January 22,1916, and there is no vacancy, at the present time, in the Lighthouse Service, for which you are considered qualified.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

HB-POJ

June 15,1917.

Referred to the Lighthouse Inspector, Key West, Florida, for his information and files. See your endorsement June 1,1917.

Acting Commissioner

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

(COPY)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES
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June 22, 1927.

Airways
Surv. &
Lighting
Radio
Weather
Clerical
Chief Engr.
Hydro.
Radio
Engr. Constr.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Finance
Law & Prop.
Adm. Assist.
Dep. Commr.
Commissioner.

SUBJECT: Form 73 for probationary appointment of Thomas H. Curtis, first officer tender IVY.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla., for reforwarding through the District Civil Service Secretary in duplicate. Copy of this nomination has been submitted to the Department for approval pending receipt of the approval of the District Secretary.

By direction of the Commissioner:

(Signed)

Acting Chief Clerk, Bureau of Lighthouses.

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LHP-RJA.

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 7th District,
Key West, Fla. June 27, 1927.

Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses with report that instructions above have been complied with.

The Bureau will note that the original was received by the 5th Civil Service District Secretary on June 20 as indicated by rubber stamp on reverse of Form 73.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent,

H B Haskins

Asst. Superintendent.

Form 73
LHP-RJA.

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES 1927 JUN 22 AM 9 12

SUPT. OF LT. HS. JUN 27 1927 KEY WEST, FLA.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 7th DISTRICT,

Key West, Fla. (City.) June 17 (Date.) 19 27

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, probationary appointment.

Name, Thomas H. Curtis — Legal residence, Florida.

Position, First Officer. — Salary, $2040. per annum.

Location, Tender IVY, 7th L. H. Dist. — Appropriation, Salaries L. H. Vessels.

Effective July 1, 1927. — ~~the date he reports for duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, First Officer (T) — Former salary, $2040. per annum.

Location, Tender IVY, 7th L. H. Dist.

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, 1st Offi Percentage, 95.00 , Other eligibles considered: No others on list.

Previous incumbent, C. C. Austin — Services terminated, Feb. 15, 1927.

Reason, Transfer and promotion

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Date of birth, Nov. 27, 1874.

Remarks: This nominee served as Foreman and Master L. H. Service for about nine years. He has license as Master of Ocean Steamers of any gross tons.

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

L A Moyer
Secretary, 5th Civil Service District.

W. W. Kinnett
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON
JUL 2 - 1927

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Bureau copy

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.
WWD:EP
REFER TO FILE No. V-3

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1932 FEB - 8 - AM 9:53

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

February 5, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

First Officer tender IVY

Referring to Bureau indorsement on copy of letter to the 18th Superintendent re Thomas H. Curtis, 1st. Officer L. H. S. Should a vacancy occur in the position of first officer on the IVY and the present condition of the appropriation Salaries Lighthouse Vessels make it desirable, the filling of the vacancy can be safely deferred for the present.

noted
appt
2/8

Chas. W. Emerson
Superintendent of Lighthouses

THOMAS H. CURTIS

Master, LS 83 (PART II)

End

Reduced - Brain - 10-31-40

THOMAS H. CURTIS
Master, LS 83 (PART II)

T Hewitt 7th
letter of Feb 9

Re #5, Rodneck's tempo
appt, pending action on reinvestigation has been approved
by Dept (am holding it), while
there are good reasons to
warrant authorizing the POs
to go ahead + assign him to
duty, there is also to be con-
sidered the problem of funds
+ also the problem of the dis-
position of Curtin.

For present, would suggest
reply from 7th as to #2, ~~which~~
~~should include statement as~~

RFM 1.5

RKS

Comm WPH 2/15

OT. K 2/15

T H Curtis - 7th

comes in Supt's view, hard as to
case for dismissal, this appears some-
what drastic under the circumstances,
particular attention being invited to
17 (a). This officer is 57 + has been
in the service about 15 yrs, during
which period his record appears to have
been reasonably satisfactory, &
would suggest reply from Supt, in view
of this, as to demotion to 3rd officer or
bosun, or some other suitable position
or transfer to other duty

O.K.
K
Were 7th & 8th hands
necessary? Shd he stand now
in 6th? Proceed to F.W.?
K

two, any disciplinary action of record

R/20

January 20, 1932

Chief, Appointment Division:

It is requested that the Bureau be loaned the folder of Thomas H. Curtis, First Officer on the IVY in the Seventh District.

For the Commissioner:

Chief, Personnel Division.

RG:MMS

D. C. to Pers.

I am of the opinion that the basic offense in this case, appropriating a can of paint, or even the assault on Engineer, would not in itself be sufficient to warrant dismissal. But the attendant circumstances of the case, Curtis' efforts to evade and conceal responsibility, the "fakes" affidavits & his general conduct are much more serious, and seem to render him unworthy of trust.

I feel that the case as investigated and presented by the Supt. proves Curtis guilty of the charges.

As Asst. Trainmaster has written about the case, see advisability of status before making recommendation. He might wish to hear Burson before sending Levy report.

Avant further from the V.P. 1/7 See action on Pers. Memo

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As Gen. Transmee has written about the case, see advise of status before making recmdn. He might wish to [illegible] But or send Levy [illegible] from 7th

Avant further [illegible] See action on 7-ero. Memo

RG:DCC

LIGHTHOUSE COMMISSIONER

WASHINGTON D C JANUARY 22, 1932

SUPERINTENDENT, LIGHTHOUSES

KEY WEST FLA

YOUR RECOMMENDATION THOMAS H CURTIS IN VIEW OF HIS LENGTH OF SERVICE WITHOUT FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTION YOUR FURTHER VIEW IS REQUESTED AS TO HIS DEMOTION TO SECOND OFFICER OR KEEPER OR SOME OTHER SUITABLE POSITION OR TRANSFER TO ANOTHER DISTRICT ALSO IF YOU CONSIDER IT DESIRABLE FOR FLOOD WHO IS NOW IN THE SIXTH DISTRICT TO PROCEED TO KEY WEST.

PUTNAM

Sent via W.U.
4:37 pm 1/22/32.

RJ

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KEY WEST, FLA.
WHD:EP
REFER TO FILE No.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1932 JAN-25- AM 9:46

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

January 23, 1932

1-29-32 Let 15 n.c. to Dg 7th

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Charges against Thomas H. Curtis, First Officer, L.H.S.

1. In compliance with request contained in Bureau telegram of January 22, 1932 it is respectfully stated, I am satisfied that this officer is a thief and as a result thereof and in the performance of what I believed to be my duty, regardelss of my personal feeling in the matter, I recommended his discharge for the good of the Service. I do not believe there is any place in the Lighthouse Service for a thief. However, if the evidence submitted is not sufficient to convince the Bureau beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant is guilty of the grave offense set forth under CHARGE 1 and its specification, then give him the benefit of that doubt and if the charge has not been fully sustained, then it is recommended the Bureau exonerate him.

2. I do not believe that a thief should be retained in the Service in any capacity whatever. However, if the charge has not been sustained beyond a reasonable doubt and he is exonerated of CHARGE 1, then such disciplinary action as is deemed proper may be effected for the destruction of an official report, as covered by CHARGE 2 and its specification and which he acknowledges.

3. If, in the opinion of the Bureau, CHARGE 3, Specification 1 has not been sustained beyond a reasonable doubt, the defendant should be given the benefit of that reasonable doubt and it is recommended that Bureau exonerate him.

4. There can be no question of guilt insofar as the violation of the Regulations and Instructions to Employees as set forth in CHARGE 3, Specification 2 is concerned. Under the circumstances suitable disciplinary action would appear to be warranted.

5. If he is exonorated of CHARGE 1, then, and then only would I recommend that he be transferred to any other district or retained in the Service in any position. As a result of past experience, under no circumstances would I recommend his transfer or assignment to a position

where he will be in command. However, if he is exonerated of the grave offense set forth under CHARGE 1, no objection would be interposed to his demotion to second officer or second assistant keeper for duty in any other district.

6. It does not appear to me that the expense involved in having the Examiner make a special trip to this district, under the circumstances, is warranted. However, if the Bureau believes it desirable, I have no objections thereto.

7. It is stated for Bureau's information that the shyster who assisted the defendant in preparing his defense and the purported affidavits, by four members of the crew, is also a sot and when half drunk has been bragging about what he was going to have Park Trammell do and that he would have a special representative sent here to make a thorough investigation of this matter, et., etc., etc., Again I say I have no objection thereto.

8. It is further stated for Bureau's information that there has been more or less stealing of government paints around here. Just prior to placing the Naval Station in an inactive status an employee of the station was caught stealing paint, he lost his job and is now a fugitive. Since then, early one morning, drops of red paint were traced from the Lighthouse Depot pier, out through the guarded naval station gate and several blocks up town. An investigation failed to disclose from whence it came or where it went. However, some one had evidently taken paint from the depot wharf that night.

9. I am of the opinion that the defendant's usefullness in this district is no longer such as to warrant his indefinite retention therein and if he is exonerated of CHARGE 1, consideration should be given to his transfer elsewhere, where the details in the case are not known. I believe his retention in this district will seriously affect its morale.

Wm. W. Bennett

Superintendent of Lighthouses

T H Curtis, 1st Officer -7th
Supt.'s letter of Jan. 23.

Concur with the Supt.'s view as to the facts of the charges being substantiated, that is, that Curtis attempted to appropriate a gallon of paint, had a minor physical encounter with the Engineer as a result of Engineer's charges (it appears the Engineer's method was calcula ted to be provocative), and that his (Curtis') alibi is dubious. Notwithstanding the serious results of these acts from an administrative standpoint, their immediate cause was a petty theft (the meaning of which the Supt.'s. letter appears to leave out of account) complicated by ill-feeling with the Engineer for sometime past. To the Supt.'s account of the matter, the following is added for consideration. In Feb. 1930 Curtis' promotion to Capt. of the Acacia was proposed, but before the action was completed it was necessary to cancel Curtis' nomination for promotion on account of other considerations. Apparently this officers present activities are his mistaken answer to his problems, but in view of his record and the esteem which made him a likely choice for the Acacia, it appears that he could correct himself with further opportunity, or at any rate select less objectionable ways from the standpoint of the Service. If the Bureau deems dismissal too drastic (there has been no prior disciplinary action in his case), suggest a reprimand, there to be added to this if the Bureau deems it necessary, transfer to another vessel or light station when a suitable vacancy occurs, either in the 7th district or elsewhere.

All pps are attached, and as therein indicated, this officer is 57, first entered the LHS in 1908, and has had about 15 yrs of service with a good record.

Concur in general in the above, but in view of 7th Dist's attitude believe preferable to transfer to another dist if pract.

Concur. Ac. with dismissal or transfer to other Dist. There is now a vacancy as 2nd off. on Sequoia in 18th Dist. Insp. 1st Dept.

Personnel
B.L.A.
advised. We may prefer Curtis on Columbine rather than on Sequoia. Curtis may decline to go. etc

January 29, 1932.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Calif.

Charges against T. H. Curtis, 1st Officer, 7th District.

1. The Bureau is considering the proper disciplinary action in the case of Thomas H. Curtis, 1st Officer on the IVY in the 7th District at $2220 per annum ($2160-2280). The charges against Curtis by the 7th Superintendent have been reasonably substantiated and were preferred against him on account of the following actions: While the tender was at the dock and Curtis was in charge he attempted to appropriate a gallon of paint. He was observed by the engineer of the ship, with whom he had for sometime past apparently had some ill feeling and the engineer made a report of the matter to the Superintendent which he had turned over to Curtis for forwarding. Curtis became resentful, destroyed the charges and had a minor physical encounter with the engineer over the matter. The Superintendent had the situation thoroughly investigated and Curtis' reply to the charges and the evidence he submitted appeared to be of a dubious character. Aside from this instance Curtis has had a satisfactory record. He is fifty seven, first entered the Service in 1908, and has a total service of about fifteen years. In February, 1930, his promotion to Captain of the ACACIA in the 9th District was proposed, but it was not consummated on account of other considerations not having anything particular to do with Curtis' suitability for the promotion. On account of his long and satisfactory service, the Bureau hesitates to recommend Curtis' dismissal from the Service, but considers it quite necessary if other disposition is to be made of his case that he be transferred from the 7th District. On account of his reasonably satisfactory past record, it appears he might reestablish himself in another district, and your report and recommendation are requested as to transferring him as a second officer to your district. It is noted that there is now pending a nomination to fill such a position on the Tender SEQUOIA. Curtis might be utilized for that position or a similar one on the COLUMBINE if you consider that practicable.

2. Your prompt report and recommendation are requested.

G. R. PUTNAM,
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF

Copy to 7th Superintendent. The Bureau will consider the matter further on receipt of the 18th Superintendent's report and will duly advise you further.

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSES
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

HWR:BA

1932 FEB-13-AM 11:29

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

2/20/32 Ltr to Dh

February 9th, 1932.

2/16/32 Ltr to Dh

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Proposed transfer of T. H. Curtis, First Officer, Seventh District.

Reference: Commissioner's letter of January 29th, 1932.

1. The present vacancy in the position of Second Officer on the Tender SEQUOIA in this district should be filled by an appointee who is able-bodied and competent physically to take charge of a heavily laden surf boat in effecting surf landings on the outer coast and also to climb to considerable heights on the rough shore line and offlying islands in charge of construction parties for the purpose of installing beacon lights. These are duties devolving upon the Second Officer of the Tender SEQUOIA which is engaged chiefly on outside operations, and experience has shown that a young and able-bodied man is best suited to fill this position.

2. It is noted that Mr. Curtis is 57 years of age, and there is some question as to whether he would be physically able to satisfactorily fill the vacancy in question.

3. While it is believed that Mr. Curtis could satisfactorily fill the position of First Officer on the Tender COLUMBINE which operates on inside waters, it should be noted that there is no position of Second Officer authorized for this vessel and that if Mr. Curtis were transferred as First Officer, it would be necessary to demote and transfer the present incumbent, E. R. C. Hesse, to the position of Second Officer on the SEQUOIA, which position he has already declined.

4. In this connection the Bureau's attention is invited to letter from this office of February 4th, requesting that the pending reinstatement of John C. Dolbeck as Second Officer of the Tender SEQUOIA be consummated at an early date.

5. If the Bureau feels that Mr. Curtis is satisfactorily qualified physically to fill the position in question, this office would have no objection to his being transferred to it, although it should be noted that following the approval of the Civil Service Commission for the reinstatement of Mr. John C. Dolbeck, he was notified of his proposed reinstatement and he has now closed up his home in San Pedro, packed his furniture, and is standing by for instructions to proceed to the Tender SEQUOIA.

TP

H. W. RHODES

Appears there no proper ground for this statement of memo attached

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. February 16, 1932.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla. with request for prompt statement of your views as to paragraph two.

W. P. HARMAN
Administrative Assistant

For the Commissioner

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LIGHTHOUSES

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

1932 FEB 25 AM 11 23

Office of
Medical Officer in Charge

U. S. Marine Hospital,
Key West, Florida.
February 19, 1932

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
7th District, U. S. Lighthouse Service,
Post Office Building,
Key West, Florida

Sir:

In accordance with your repuest, we have this date made a physical examination of Mr. Thomas H. Curtis, First Officer, U.S.L.H.S., and find that he has the following minor disabilities:

1. Cardinac arrhythmia, extrasystole, with a hypotension (systolic 110, diastolic 70).

2. Varicoss veins, both lower extremities.

3. Slight external hemorrhoids.

We are of the opinion that none of the above mentioned finding would interfere with his duties as a deck officer in the Lighthouse Service.

Respectfully,

(Sgd.) M. S. Lombard,
Surgeon in Charge.

PDH:ml

Copy to Commissioner of Lighthouses, for information contained.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSES
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1932 FEB 23 AM 10:21

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

February 19, 1932

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis, First Officer, U. S. L. H. S.
(Thru Commanding Officer, tender IVY)

Promptly advise this office if your physical ability is such as to permit you to fully and efficiently perform all of the duties of a deck officer, especially taking charge of heavily loaded surf boats in effecting surf landings on outer coasts, climbing to considerable heights on rough shore line and off lying islands in the 18th District, in charge of construction parties for the purpose of installing beacon lights, delivering materials and supplies, etc.

(Signed) Wm. W. Demeritt.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

(COPY) RJA.

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1932 FEB -23- AM 10: 21

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.
February 19, 1932.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis, First Officer, U. S. L. H. Service,
(Thru Commanding Officer, tender IVY)

Physical examination

In order for this office to furnish Bureau with information relative to your physical ability to meet the requirements of a deck officer in the 18th district, it is requested that you report to the Surgeon in Charge, U. S. Marine Hospital No. 10, U. S. P. H. Service, for physical examination. Application for that purpose is herewith.

(Sgd) Wm. W. Demeritt
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy to Surgeon in Charge, U. S. Marine Hospital No. 10, Key West, Florida, with request that you kindly furnish this office with report as to your findings in the examination of the above employee. This information is desired by the Bureau of Lighthouses in connection with consideration of transfer to another Lighthouse district in the position of deck officer. It is requested that report to this office be made in duplicate at your earliest convenience.

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KEY WEST, FLA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSES
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Supt. of Lt. Houses
FEB 19 1932
Key West, Fla.

1932 FEB-23- AM 10:21

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Lighthouse Tender IVY
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
Key West, Fla.
February 19th., 1932., 193

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Key West, Fla.
(Through Commanding Officer, Tender IVY)

I wish to state that the Physician at the Marine Hospital finds my apparent physical condition equal to the type of work set forth in your communication, therefore I will accept transfer to the 18th. District, if offered me, providing it does not entail reduction in grade or pay.

Second communication relative to this matter has been received and is in the hands of the Hospital authorities for transmission to you with their report.

Thos H. Curtis.
1st. Officer, Lighthouse Service.

FORWARDED P. F. Cosgrove. Jr.
Master, Lighthouse Service

COPY-VAA.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

February 19, 1932.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis, 1st Officer, Lighthouse Service, Tender IVY
(Through Commanding Officer)

1. Referring to the last clause of paragraph one of your letter of February 19, 1932, which states "providing it does not entail reduction in grade or pay".

2. Advise this office specifically if you do not care to be transferred if it involves reduction in grade or pay.

/s/ Wm. W. Demeritt,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.
LHP.

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1932 FEB -23- AM 10:21

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Lighthouse tender Ivy.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
Key West, Fla.
Feburary 19, , 1932

Supt. Lighthouses, 7th. Dist.
Key West, Fla.
(Through Commanding Officer, tender, Ivy)

Sir:

I respectfully state that I do not care to be transfered to the Eighteenth Dist. if it involves reduction in grade or pay.

Thos H. Lantz
1st. Officer, L.H.S.

Forwarded
P. L. Cosgrove. Jr.
Master. LHS

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1932 FEB -23- AM 10:21

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

February 20, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Proposed transfer T. H. Curtis, First Officer,
L.H.S., tender IVY, 7th District

1. (a) In order to comply with instructions contained in Bureau undated endorsement on letter of February 9, 1932, from the 18th Superintendent, Mr. Curtis was requested by letter dated February 19, 1932, (copy attached) to:

"Promptly advise this office if your physical ability is such as to permit you to fully and efficiently perform all of the duties of a deck officer, especially taking charge of heavily loaded surf boats in effecting surf landings on outer coasts, climbing to considerable heights on rough shore line and off lying islands in the 18th District, in charge of construction parties for the purpose of installing beacon lights, delivering materials and supplies, etc."

(b) His reply thereto is attached. In this it will be noted that he stated he would accept transfer to the 18th District "provided it does not entail reduction in grade or pay". On receipt of his reply containing this provision another communication was sent him requesting that the office be advised "specifically if you do not care to be transferred if it involves reduction in grade or pay" (copy attached). To this he replied stating "I do not care to be transferred to the Eighteenth District if it involves reduction in grade or pay." (Copy attached).

2. Mr. Curtis was requested to call at the office and in the presence of the Assistant Superintendent he was fully advised of proposed action in his case. He failed to manifest any evidence of appreciation for Bureau's leniency in this instance and called attention to what Senator Trammell said in reference to the matter. He was told that the Senator based any statement that he may have made on information furnished him by John Sawyer, his attorney. If the Senator was fully cognizant of the actual facts in the case, he would be of the same opinion that

all others were who were correctly and fully informed on the subject. He appears to think that Senator Trammell will not only see that he is retained in the Service, but will see that he does as he pleases, regardless of the facts in the case.

3. As the records disclosed a recent application for treatment at the Marine Hospital and as it was stated he had low blood pressure, Mr. Curtis was directed to report at the Marine Hospital for a physical examination before answering Bureau's inquiry. Report from the hospital has not been received yet. However, from his general appearance, demeanor, etc., he does not appear to be in physical condition to meet the requirements specified by the 18th Superintendent. Furthermore, I am not fully satisfied that he is not somewhat mentally unbalanced.

Rec. get report from hospital disability action - Treasury best solution if proper. K

4. In consideration of the needs of the 18th district for the early assignment of a second officer to the SEQUOIA telegraphic report on the subject was sent Bureau this morning.

Wm. W. Haines

Superintendent of Lighthouses

5 encls.

7th Supts' telegram of Feb 23 attached. It appears proposed demotion transfer of 18th is spiteful improper penalty. Take matter up informally with the Dept, if no objection put pen accordingly & Dept. RJ 7-4

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REFERRING SECOND PARAGRAPH EIGHTEENTH SUPERINTENDENTS LETTER FEBRUARY NINTH RE CURTIS PHYSICAL ABILITY TO PERFORM ALL DUTIES OUTLINED QUESTIONABLE FURTHERMORE HE STATES WILL NOT ACCEPT THE TRANSFER IF INVOLVES REDUCTION SALARY OR RANK=

DEMERITT.

952A.

(Suggest he be kept for dismissal as recently the 7th Light Ry/20)

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PATRONS ARE REQUESTED TO FAVOR THE COMPANY BY CRITICISM AND SUGGESTION CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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CURTIS STATES HAS RECONSIDERED AND WILL ACCEPT TRANSFER TO EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT REQUESTS TEN DAYS LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM TWENTY FIFTH=

DEMERITT.

1932 FEB 24 PM LIGHTHOUSE

Concurs with

Rec'd advising 7th Bn has no objection to his granting leave. Further comment on Supt's attached letter of Feb 20 P/Mk 48

WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

February 23, 1932.

Memorandum.

Secretary to Senator Trammell of Florida telephoned that they have a telegram from John G. Sawyer, said to be a prominent attorney at Key West, Fla., in regard to the case of Mr. Curtis, the First Officer on the tender IVY. The telegram intimates that a serious injustice has been done to Mr. Curtis by giving him the alternative of accepting a position on the Pacific Coast or of leaving the Service.

I suggested that a letter be written to the Bureau, transmitting a copy of this telegram, and that the subject would be looked into further, as apparently final action has not yet been taken.

GRP:EBF

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Key West, Florida

LIGHTHOUSES

1932 FEB -25- AM 11:23 Superintendent of Lighthouses

LIGHTHOUSE COMMISSIONER WASHINGTON

CURTIS STATES HAS RECONSIDERED AND WILL ACCEPT TRANSFER TO EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT REQUESTS TEN DAYS LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM TWENTY FIFTH

DEMERITT

CONFIRMATION.

W. W. Demeritt
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Dr
I don't think physical status will permit to get further than 18th.
of
Don't think so

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KEY WEST, FLA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1932 FEB -25- AM 11

SEVENTH DISTRICT
L. H. Tender IVY
(STATION, DEPOT, OR VESSEL)
Key West, Fla.
February 23, 1932

Supt. Lighthouses, 7th. Dist.
Key West, Fla. (Through P. L. Cosgrove, Master.)

I respectfully state that I have reconsidered the case of transferring to the Eighteenth Dist. and have decided to accept.

I also request that I be granted Ten days leave of absence beginning Thursday Feb. 25th. at 6.00 a.m. and for my travel to start from Miami, Fla. at the expiration of my leave.

Respectfully,

(Sgd.) Thos. H. Curtis
Ist. Officer, L. H. S.

FORWARDED

(Sgd.) P. L. Cosgrove, Jr.,
Master, L. H. S.

Copy to Commissioner of Lighthouses, for information contained.

February 25, 1932.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla.

Your letter of February 20 re 1st Officer T. H. Curtis.

1. Paragraph 3 of your letter is particularly noted with regard to Mr. Curtis' present condition, and it is requested that you endeavor to expedite the report of the medical examination referred to and forward it to the Bureau with your recommendation, it appearing that under the circumstances consideration should be given to whether or not Mr. Curtis should not be considered for retirement on account of disability.

2. Your telegram of February 23 to the effect that Curtis will accept transfer to the 18th District is also acknowledged, and the Bureau also has no objection to your granting the ten days leave referred to. From the record it appears that Curtis has approximately thirteen years and six days of service in the Lighthouse Service and therefore lacks the fifteen years service necessary for retirement on account of disability. It appears, however, that he has service in one or more Federal branches, and in your report it is requested that you show his exact length of service in the Lighthouse Service and in any other branch or branches of the Federal Government.

Esther

For the Commissioner:

H. D. KING,
Deputy Commissioner.

RG:EMF

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
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Admr. Offr.
Air Engr.
Chief Engr.

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L H C WASHINGTON

RETEL TWENTY SEVENTH CURTIS NOT UNDER SUSPENSION ON TEN DAYS LEAVE OF ABSENCE 131327

DEMERRITT

RG:MMB

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON DC FEBRUARY 27 1932

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
ROOM 303, FEDERAL BUILDING,
KEY WEST, FLA.

BUREAU DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THAT CURTIS IS UNDER SUSPENSION ADVISE AS TO THIS AND IF SO ALSO RESTORE TO ~~DUTY~~ PAY STATUS.

PUTNAM

Personnel D.C.
Returned to D 3/1

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Personnel

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L H C WASHINGTON

REFERRING SECOND PARAGRAPH BUREAU LETTER TWENTY FIFTH
LOCAL RECORD INDICATES CURTIS HAS ABOUT FOURTEEN
YEARS SERVICE FEDERAL BRANCH BUREAU MIGHT CONSIDER
PROMOTION COMPETENT SECOND OFFICER TO FIRST OFFICER
IVY THEREBY CREATING VACANCY ELSEWHERE NO ONE ELIGIBLE
PROMOTION AT PRESENT THIS DISTRICT DUE TO NOT HAVING
NECESSARY LICENSE 120429

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LIGHTHOUSES
1932 MAR - 7 - AM 10: 22

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

March 4, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Action in the Curtis case.

1. Mr. Curtis is now on ten days annual leave of absence which terminates at the close of March 6, 1932. It is hoped Bureau will see its way clear to take some action in this case prior to the termination of his leave and his return to duty on the IVY.

2. It is not believed to be to the best interest of the Service for this officer to return to the IVY. His further presence on the vessel might result in serious difficulties and the publicity incident thereto will be very unfortunate. As an evidence of some of this feeling it might be stated, when this officer was leaving the city recently on annual leave with the possibility of continuing on to the 18th District, he said to the Commanding Officer "if I do not see you again, I hope to meet you in heaven", to which the commanding officer replied "If you are an example of what I will find in heaven then I would rather go to hell."

Wire sent 7th today signed by me ~~to~~ authorizing extension of Curtis leave
Ret file P/31/7
OK WPH 3/8

W. W. Bennett
Superintendent of Lighthouses
FWB

March 5, 1932.

Secretary of Commerce:

There is herewith submitted letter dated January 16 from the Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla., together with its inclosures, in regard to charges preferred against 1st Officer Thomas H. Curtis. While the investigation of the charges indicates serious delinquincy on the part of Mr. Curtis the Bureau is reluctant to recommend the action proposed by the Superintendent, on account of his satisfactory record heretofore and his long service. The records show that Mr. Curtis was first appointed in the Service in 1908 and that he was gradually promoted thru the ranks to his present position of 1st Officer on the Tender IVY, he having a total service of about fourteen years. About two years ago the Bureau had under consideration Mr. Curtis' promotion from his present position to the Captaincy of the Tender ACACIA in the 9th District, as he appeared to be well qualified at that time for such promotion. That another employee was selected for the promotion at that time in no way reflected on Mr. Curtis' qualifications. In view of the situation existing in the 7th District it is not considered in the interest of the service to retain him in that District. There is a vacancy at the present time in the position of 2nd Officer on the Tender SEQUOIA in the 18th District, and it is believed advisable to transfer Mr. Curtis to that position.

Some question arose as to Mr. Curtis' physical fitness for the position on the SEQUOIA, and a medical examination was arranged for, a copy of a Public Health Service medical officer's report dated February 19 being inclosed. This indicates that Mr. Curtis has certain minor disabilities, but that he is physically fit for the duties as deck officer in this Service. It is therefore recommended that Mr. Curtis be transferred from his present position of 1st Officer on the Tender IVY at $2220 per annum ($2160-2280) to the position of 2nd Officer on the Tender SEQUOIA in the 18th District at $1920 per annum ($1860-1980).

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:DCC
Incl.

RG:[illegible] Commissioner of Lighthouses

Washington, D. C., March 7 1932

Superintendent, Lighthouses, Key West, Florida

Extension of curtis annual leave approved pending final actionhis transfer

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CONFIRMATION:

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LIGHTHOUSES
1932 MAR-19- AM 9:21

South Miami, Florida

March 6, 1932

Supt. Lighthouses, 7th Dist.,
Key West.

Sir:

I respectfully state that I am ready to start on my travel toward San Francisco. and respectfully request that my orders & transportation be sent to South Miami Box 504

Respectfully,

(Sgd.) Thos. H. Curtis.

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses
Key West, Florida March 17, 1932

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Copy to Commissioner of Lighthouses for information contained.

W. W. Bennett

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

March 18, 1932.

3/17/32 Letter to 7th Supt.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 7th Dist., Washington, D. C.
Care Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. Received letter from Curtis, Miami, asking for transportation to new headquarters. He did not say where, and we have received nothing from Bureau as to where he is to go. We also do not know if government will pay his transportation to his new position.

2. Another bid was received this morning which had been taken to Havana by mistake. It was from the Marion Machine Foundary and Supply Co., Marion, Indiana, which would have arrived in office on time for opening of bids but for this error. This bid is the lowest received; therefore have wired Bureau to cancel Form 97 of March 9 and have forwarded new Form 97 today. New bid for structure with small parts galvanized as per plans and specifications $13,091.75. They did not bid on the alternate plan.

3/18/32 W

3. Find out from the Superintendents present in Washington if we could borrow a steam piledriving hammer of about 2000# to 3000# for use at Smith Shoal. With this the Ivy could drive the piles - use from the end of her derrick boom after she has placed piles in position.

H. B. Haskins

HBB.

Circular Letter to 2d 3rd, 4th, 5th 6th, 8th.

P.S. If permanent station contemplated, transportation for Curtis & family etc. W 3/18/32

Circular letter from Commissioner at least considered for Curtis himself, should see letter attached

Form A-30

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 15, 1932.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Second Officer

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum

effective upon entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Change from First Officer at $2220 per annum.

Civil Service authority:

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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DSE

F. A. DELONG
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Harold E. Gray.

Legal Residence: Florida.

11-8657

South Miami Fla
Mar. 20-1932.



Lieut. Lighthouse 7th Dist.
Key West.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 17th inst. read relative to an error in the date of my letter which should have been the 10th inst instead of the 17th. Thank you for correcting same.

Now regarding my statement of their being three members of the crew it should have been three members of the Lt. Department. I will state their names again. V. Rey. of the tender Ivy and Seforino Amado of the tender Poinciana also Thos. H. Curtis who saw H. Perez Engr of the tender Ivy and a Norman Magger of the tender Ivy both in an intoxicated condition at about 11.00 P.M. Feb. 6-1932. at the Tampa Coal Co. wharf Tampa Fla.

Am sending this corrections to the Civil Service Commission and to my representative in Washington

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Respectfully Yours.
Thos. H. Curtis.
1st Officer Lt. S.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

March 17, 1932.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis, 1st Officer L.H.S.,
(On annual leave)
P. O. Box 504,
South Miami, Fla.

1. Your letter of March 15, 1932, in reply to inquiry from this office dated March 14, 1932, which you erroneously referred to as "Your letter of the 17th instant" is acknowledged. It is noted that you failed to give the information called for to wit: The names of the three members of the crew who were standing at the gangway on the night of February 6, 1932, when Harry Perez, Engineer of the Tender IVY is alleged to have staggered off of the vessel together with a woman, both being in an intoxicated condition. It is requested that you supply this office with the name of the three members of the crew of the IVY who observed this condition.

Wm. W. Bennett
Superintendent of Lighthouses.
EHP

South Miami, Fla.
March, I5, I932.

MAR 17

Supt. Lighthouses, 7th. Dist.
Key West, Fla.

Sir;

Your letter of the I7th. inst. recd. regarding a report on H.Perez engr. L.H.tender Ivy.

I respectfully state that H,Perez is the first man that I have had to report on in the Fourty Four years of my Sea life and this has been forc on me by him first reporting me in Dec. I7 I93I

Yes I did write the Civil Service Commission Of what had happened and do st say that on Feb.6 th. I932, H.Perez Engr. of the tender Ivy staggared off th Ship at II.00 P.M. with a woman that we all know both of them as drunk as they ever get to be, I was at the gangway when they passed and after they h gone ashore I asked V.Rey and Seforeno Amedo that was at the gangway at the time what do you think of that as an Officer? Seforeno Amedo is employed on the nder Poinciana, who will recall the night, at the Tampa Coal Co. wharf and this is ~~is~~ only one of the many time H.Perez has had women on the tender, of questionable character, at all hours of the night.

And now about the 20% per month loan business that he has been engaged in on the tender Ivy I will mention a few of the ones that have le the Ship oweing him first, Theodore Russell , of Miami that was employed as oiler, stuck him 70.dollars, Julius Atwell Oiler left the Ship oweing him 70, dollars and later was employed on the tender and paid him 50 dollars an still owes him 20 dollars, John Nelson of Key West stuck him 70 dollars and this Nelson leaving ~~the~~ Ship caused H.Perez to be so angry with me because I did not give him Nelsons check I forwarded it to the address given me. R.Perez also left the Ship oweing H.Perez 57, dollars W.Gomez that was emp as fireman and while he was in the Hospital H.Perez gave the Red Cross On dollar for him and collected I.20 for it John Marshall stuck him 20 dollars J.Plummer also left the Ship oweing him IO Dollars, M.Botello Quarter maste Chas. Richardson both of the tender Ivy has borrowed and paid the 20 % per Month and many others that are still on the tender have borrowed and paid the unlawful rate of interest of 20 % per month I will not call their names for it is sure if they say that they have borrowed and paid that interest their jobs are gone .

You will recal that About Two years ago Richardson reported H.Pe for this same 20 % per month business and was discharged because he did no borrow from H.Perez and was told that to his face in the presense of Two other members of the crew.

I will forward one copy of this letter to the Civil Service Commission and also one to my represenative in Washington .

Respectfully ,

Thos. H. Carter
Ist. Officer, L.H.S.

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March 14, 1932

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,
First Officer Lighthouse Service,
(On annual leave)
P. O. Box 504,
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Your letter February 22, 1932, to Civil Service Commission.

1. In reference to the contents of your letter it is requested that you advise this office at your earliest convenience, of the date on which Mr. Harry Perez, Engineer of the tender IVY was observed by three members of the crew going ashore together with a woman, at which time both Mr. Perez and the woman staggered off of the ship. Also give name of members of crew observing this condition.

2. It is further requested that you promptly submit to this office the names and addresses of any present or former employees of the Lighthouse Service to whom Mr. Perez loaned money at the rate of 20% per month, or at any other rate.

Wm. H. Bennett

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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South Miami, Fla.
March 15, 1932

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Respectfully,

(Sgd.) Thos. H. Curtis
1st. Officer, L.H.S.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

1932 MAR-23 AM 9:28

MAR 21

March 17, 1932

dated 3/22/32
3/24/32 T.O. to Curtis + thru wire to ? the copy to 18th

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Florida:

Paragraph 1 of Ass't Supt. Haskins' letter of March 10, 1932 addressed to the Superintendent while attending conference in the Bureau re transportation of Thomas H. Curtis, 1st Officer, Lighthouse Tender IVY to 18th Dist.

Submit travel orders for approval by the Department in the usual manner and statement re transportation of Curtis' effects in accordance with Bureau Circular 270 of July 29, 1931.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN
Administrative Assistant

OLC:JAB

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Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses
Key West, Florida March 21, 1932

WWD:EP

Returned to the Commissioner with report that as I am without any definite information in regard to destination etc., I am unable to prepare the travel orders. It appears that in addition to being a thief this officer is a malicious liar and will be unable to substantiate the statements made to the Civil Service Commission under date of February 22, 1932.

Wm. W. Demeritt
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1932 MAR - 21 - AM 9:31

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.
March 18, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Conditions alleged by Thomas H. Curtis, 1st. Officer L. H. S., to exist on tender IVY.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of letter dated February 22, 1932, from Thomas H. Curtis, 1st. Officer, L. H. S. to the Civil Service Commission, which the Civil Service Commission forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce on March 2, 1932, and which Bureau forwarded to this office by indorsement thereon dated March 15, 1932, for report and prompt return.

2. The above mentioned correspondence was received at this office this afternoon and the following preliminary report is submitted. The matter has been under investigation and it is hoped final report will go forward about the 21st instant. Results at this hour indicate that this employee's veracity is on a par with his honesty and either appears to be such as to justify his separation for the good of the Service.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

RG:EMF

Commissioner of Lighthouses

Washington DC March 21 1932

Superintendent, Lighthouses, Key West, Florida

Transfer curtis eighteenth district approved period ~~advise~~ wire eighteenth when expect curtis will arrive

CONFIRMATION: PUTNAM

INVESTIGATION OF STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN LETTER OF FEBRUARY 22, 1932
FROM THOMAS H. CURTIS, FIRST OFFICER, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE,
TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONER, RELATIVE TO
ALLEGED CONDITIONS ON TENDER IVY FOR
WHICH IT IS CLAIMED H. PEREZ
IS RESPONSIBLE

Present at Investigation:

Wm. W. Demeritt, Superintendent of Lighthouses,
H. B. Haskins, Assistant Superintendent
P. L. Cosgrove, Jr., Master, Lighthouse Service, Commanding IVY
H. Perez, Engineer, Lighthouse Service
G. Everett Perpall, Clerk, Lighthouse Service

Absent:

Thomas H. Curtis, First Officer, Lighthouse Service, assigned to tender IVY but on annual leave at his home in South Miami, Fla.

Investigation began at 1:10 P.M., March 15, 1932, on board tender IVY.

The following members of the tender's personnel testified in order named.

M. Botella, Quartermaster, brought in for questioning. He testified as follows:

Q - What is your name?

A - Manuel Botella.

Q - What is your position?

A - Quartermaster.

Q - Approximately how long have you been on the tender IVY?

A - Since 1925.

Q - Do you know what a house of prostitution is?

A - Yes sir.

Q - Have you ever seen any acts or observed any conduct of any one on this vessel of an immpral nature?

A - No sir.

Q - Have you ever seen any member of the personnel of this vessel, officer or member of the crew together with any woman on this vessel under the influence of intoxicants?

A - No sir.

Q - Did you at any time during the month of February while the tender was at St. Petersburg or at Tampa, observe an officer drunk with a woman on board of the IVY and they both staggered off the ship about 11:00 o'clock at night?

A - No sir.

Q - Have you seen any intoxication whatever on board of the tender IVY at any time?

A - No sir. I have never seen any officer or men come aboard the boat drunk.

Q - Have you ever borrowed any money from anyone on the tender IVY?

A - No sir.

Q - Have you ever borrowed any money from Mr. Perez.

A - No sir.

Q - Have you ever borrowed money from Mr. Charles Curtis, the brother of the former First Officer?

A - One day I borrowed $5.00 and gave it back to him next day.

Q - Did he charge you any interest?

A - No sir.

Q - How did you know that he was loaning money?

A - I just happened to be up there and needed the money and he loaned it to me.

Q - How much did you give him back?

A - Five dollars.

V. Rey, Seaman, brought in for questioning. He testified as follows:

Q - What is your name?

A - Vicente Rey.

Q - What is your rank?

A - Seaman

Q - About how long have you been on the IVY?

A - About 11 years.

Q - Do you know what a house of prostitution is?

A - Yes sir.

Q - Would you consider the IVY a house of prostitution?

A - No sir.

Q - Have you ever seen any acts or observed any conduct of anyone on this vessel of an immoral nature?

A - No sir.

Q - Have you ever seen any member of the personnel of this vessel, officer or member of the crew together with any woman on this vessel under the influence of intoxicants?

A - No sir.

Q - Did you at any time during the month of February while the tender was at St. Petersburg or at Tampa, observe an officer drunk with a woman on board of the IVY and they both staggered off the ship about 11:00 o'clock at night?

A - No sir.

Q - Have you ever borrowed any money from anyone on the tender IVY?

A - No sir.

Q - Have you ever borrowed any money from Mr. Charles Curtis, the brother of the former First Officer

A - No sir.

C. Richardson, Seaman, brought in for questioning. He testified as follows:

Q - What is your name?

A - Charles R. Richardson

Q - About how long have you been on the IVY?

A - Three years August coming.

Q - Do you know what a house of prostitution is?

A - Yes sir.

Q - Would you consider the IVY at the present time or at any past time, a house of prostitution?

A - No sir.

Q - Have you ever seen any acts or observed any conduct of anyone on this vessel of an immoral nature?

A - No sir.

Q - Have you ever seen any member of the personnel of this vessel, officer or member of the crew together with any woman on this vessel under the influence of intoxicants?

A - No sir.

Q - Did you at any time during the month of February while the tender was at St. Petersburg or at Tampa, or anywhere in that vicinity observe an officer drunk with a woman on board of the IVY and they both staggered off the ship about 11:00 o'clock at night?

A - No sir.

Q - Have you ever borrowed any money from anyone on the tender IVY

A - No sir.

Q - Have you ever borrowed any money from Mr. Perez?

A - No sir.

Q - Have you ever borrowed any money from Mr. Charles Curtis, the brother of the former First Officer?

A - No sir.

Q - Have you ever borrowed any money from anyone on the tender IVY?
A - No sir.

C. Atwell, Seaman, brought in for questioning. He testified as follows:

Q - What is your name?
A-- Charles Atwell.
Q - Your rank?
A - Sailor.

Q - How old are you?
A - 29
Q - How long have you served on the IVY?
A - Three years this coming August the 12th.
Q - Do you know what a house of prostitution is?
A - Yes sir.
Q - Would you consider the IVY a house of prostitution?

A - No sir.

Q - Have you ever seen any acts or observed any conduct of anyone on this vessel of an immoral nature?

A - No sir.

Q - Have you ever seen any member of the personnel of this vessel, officer or member of the crew together with any woman on this vessel under the influence of intoxicants?

A - I have not.

Q - Did you at any time during the month of February while the tender was at St. Petersburg or at Tampa, or anywhere in that vicinity, observe an officer drunk with a woman on board of the IVY and they both staggered off the ship at about 11:00 o'clock at night.?

A - No sir.

Q - Have you ever borrowed any money from anyone on the tender IVY?

A - No sir.

Q - Have you ever borrowed any money from Mr. Perez?

A - I borrowed $25.00 from him when my mother was dying and Mr. Perez loaned me this sum to come homeand I gave him the $25.00 back with no interest.

Q - You stated awhile ago that you had not borrowed money from anyone on the boat and in answer to the question as to whether or not you had borrowed money from Mr. Perez you stated that you had. Kindly explain this apparent contradiction.

A - I met Mr. Perez up the dock after I got the telegram that my mother was dying and he asked me what was the matter and I told him that I had just got a telegram saying that my mother was dying and did not have any money to go home, and he loaned me $25.00 to come home and I paid him back pay day the total sum of $25.00 with no interest.

Q - Is that all the money you ever borrowed from Mr. Perez?

A - Yes sir.

Q - And at no time has Mr. Perez ever loaned you money and demanded interest?

A - No sir, that was the only time I ever got any money from Mr. Perez - while my mother was sick.

Q - Have you ever borrowed money from Mr. Charles Curtis, the brother of the former First Officer?

A - No sir.

V. Russell, Seaman, brought in for questioning. He testified as follows:

Q - What is your name?

A - Victor Russell

Q - What is your rank?

A - Sailor

Q - How long have you been on the IVY?

A - About one month

Q - Have you ever borrowed any money from anyone on the tender IVY?

A - No sir.

Q - Have you ever borrowed any money from Mr. Charles Curtis, the brother of the First Officer?

A - No sir.

L. Piarrot, Seaman, brought in for questioning. He testified as follows:

Q - What is your name?

A - Louis Piarrot.

Q - Rank?

A - Sailor.

Q - How long have you served on the tender IVY?

A - About 6 years.

Q - Do you know what a house of prostitution is?

A - Yes sir.

Q - Would you consider the IVY a house of prostitution?

A - No sir.

Q - Have you ever seen any member of the personnel of this vessel, officer or member of the crew together with any woman on this vessel under the influence of liquor?

A - No sir.

Q - Have you ever borrowed any money from Mr. Perez?

A - No sir.

Q - Have you ever borrowed any money from Mr. Charles Curtis, the brother of the First Officer?

A - I did sir.

Q - How did you know that he was loaning money?

A - Why Mr. Curtis said so.

Q - The First Officer of the IVY?

A - Yes sir.

Q - Did you have to pay any interest on it.

A - Yes sir.

Q - How much did you borrow?

A - $10.00

Q - How much did you pay him back?

A - $11.00

Q - How long did you have that?

A - About two months and one half.

Q - And you never borrowed any from Mr. Perez? You say you found out that Mr. Charles Curtis was lending money - How?

A - Mr. Thomas H. Curtis explained it on board the boat.

Q - And what was it he explained?

A - That if any of the boys needed any money and just to see him, that it would be alright.

Q - To see who?

A - Charlie Curtis, the brother of the First Officer.

W. C. Banks, Second Officer, brought in for questioning. He testified as follows:

Q - What is your name?

A - William C. Banks.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
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March 23, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Conditions alleged by Thomas H. Curtis, 1st Officer, L. H. S., to exist on tender IVY.

1. Referring to letter dated February 22, 1932, from Thomas H. Curtis, 1st. Officer, L. H. S., to the Civil Service Commission, which the Civil Service Commission forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce on March 2, 1932, and which was referred to this office by Bureau endorsement thereon dated March 15, 1932, for report and prompt return.

2. This matter has been fully investigated, insofar as possible, and all papers in the case are returned herewith and the following report respectfully submitted:

(a) This officer has in this instance violated Articles 4-a 10, 69-f and h and 111 of the Instructions to Employees of the United States Lighthouse Service, 1927.

(b) The Bureau is the best judge as to whether or not its extreme leniency with this employee can be truthfully regarded as a "crude deal" "by the Lighthouse Department", as he reports in the first paragraph of his letter to the Civil Service Commission.

(c) In reference to the second paragraph of his report to the Civil Service Commission. This matter was fully covered in previous correspondence and it is believed the Bureau is convinced in a measure, that evidence submitted proved beyond a reasonable doubt that he had appropriated Government property and that there was no evidence of any attempt to frame him. For Bureau's information it is stated that one of the standing jokes around the depot and on the tenders is this officer's interest in junk, scrap metal, rope etc., and it has been discussed in his presence. I am satisfied that all of the officers in the district feel about him as I do, that he is a common thief. He knows Mr. Perez did not put that paint in the Harbor Master's automobile, he knows that he is lying with malice and forethought when he so charges.

(d) The third paragraph of his letter fully demonstrates that he is a malicious liar. Mr. Perez has been in the Lighthouse Service about 25 years, over 21 years of which he has been an officer. Every Form 69, (Efficiency Report) in the files of this office covering this officer, with one exception, gives him "Excellent" in every thing and in no instance has he had less than "Good". In only one instance have I had occasion to recommend disciplinary action and that was when he received a telegram reporting one of his children critically ill and he reported the fact to the Commanding Officer, turned the department over to the first assistent engineer and caught the steamer leaving a few minutes later for Key West. Disciplinary action was recommended, but under the circumstances was not concurred in by Bureau. This officer experienced considerable difficulty with his wife, who had rather broad views on morality. Her conduct reach a stage where Mr. Perez was compelled to divorce her and the court awarded him custody of the children, whose every desire he gratifies. When his former wife died he defrayed all expenses, even though he was not legally obligated to do so. He is now single and an exceptionally fine specimen of manhood and while he is popular with women and enjoys their company, the commanding officer of the tender joins me in the belief that he has never committed an ungentlemanly act, or one prejudicial to good order and discipline on the tender.

In reference to his statement "He has made this ship a house of prostitution" etc., that is a malicious lie and an unjust reflection on one of the most faithful, fearless and efficient commanding officers in the Service, who would not permit anyone to commit any offense on a vessel under his command. In my 32 years of service I have never known a vessel to have less immorality, drunkness, gambling and internal strife than the tender IVY. Recent occurrences are due to the gossiping disposition and personality of Thomas H. Curtis.

His statement "Only in the past two weeks he was drunk with a woman on board the ship, and both staggered off the ship at 11:00 p.m. with three of the crew standing at the gangway" is another malicious lie. There was only one member of the crew there and he stated that Mr. Perez and a lady came on board, evidently for Mr. Perez to get something, for they immediately went ashore again, in less than two or three minutes and neither showed any evidence of being under the influence of liquor. The other party present when they went

ashore was the quartermaster of the tender POINCIANA and he says "I do not know if he or the woman was drunk or not." He could not tell. The other party present at the gangway at 11:00 o'clock at night was complainant, who saw them "stagger off the ship." The commanding officer was asleep, all except one member of the tender's crew were below deck. What was Mr. Curtis doing hanging around the gangway fraternizing with unappointed members of the tenders' personnel at 11:00 o'clock at night. What does he claim that he said about a brother officer to members of the crew of the two tenders - In the second paragraph of his letter of March 15, 1932, copy attached, it is claimed that in his usual gossipy manner "I asked V. Rey and Seforeno Amedo that was at the gangway at the time what do you think of that as an officer". If he did have occasion to say that, I wonder what did the crew think of him for criticizing a fellow officer to members of crews - his subordinates.

In connection with this matter, one of the seamen on the IVY stated that Mr. Curtis had requested him to make a statement to the effect that he saw this occurrence. He stated that he had not seen any such a thing and could not therefore make any statement that he had.

(e) In the fourth paragraph he states that "I reported this condition to Captain P. L. Cosgrove verbally", Captain Cosgrove says that he did not do any such, that he is an infernal liar. The commanding officer was onboard asleep at the time and did not know anything about this affair until he saw the letter that had been written to the Civil Service Commission.

This man does not hesitate to say any thing regardless if there is a semblance of truth to it or not. In the fourth paragraph he also states "through H. Perez, Engineer of the IVY was the cause of W. Houston the former Engineer having to get out of the Service every Engineer that has been with him has had trouble and was glad to get out". That statement is absolutely false and as evidence thereof the following is quoted from my letter to Bureau, dated September 3, 1919.

"1. It is stated for the Bureau's information that I was advised Saturday that Mr. Huston had been offered the position of Engineer of the local water works, and this is the position, I am informed, that he is resigning to accept.

"2. He was also an applicant for the recent vacancy in the position of Depot Keeper, but owing to his general lack of activity his application was not favorably considered, and an energetic employee was promoted to the vacancy.

"3. His recent services were not entirely satisfactory and there was a possibility of having to prefer charges against him if conditions in his department did not show sufficient improvements in the immediate future. It is therefore without regret, that I am forwarding his resignation and recommending its acceptance for the best interest of the service."

(f) In the 5th paragraph of his letter he states "He is engaged in a loan business on the ship to the crew charging twenty per cent per month and has been doing this for several years which can be proven by the ones that have borrowed from him that will be glad to testify against him." He knows that he is lying and that no such testimony can be obtained. In reply to letter from this office requesting that he promptly submit the names and addresses of any present or former employees of the Lighthouse Service to whom Mr. Perez loaned money at the rate of 20% per month, or at any other rate, (Copy of letter enclosed), he submitted the names of six former employees and two who are now on the vessel. One of those M. Botella, Quartermaster denies that he ever borrowed any money on the tender, but acknowledges that he did borrow money from the First Officer's brother, who operated a pool room up town. Charles Richardson, seaman, now on the IVY and whose name was submitted denied that he ever borrowed any money from any one on the IVY. It will be noted that neither of these employees are in the engineer's department.

It was well known on the IVY that money could be borrowed from Charles Curtis, the first officer's brother and in this connection note attached examination of Louis Piarrot, who was a general favorite of the first officer until he told the truth in the investigation about the gallon of paint. He states he borrowed money from the first officer's brother and that the first officer told him where he could get it.

In regard to the names submitted of former employees. Theodore Russell, who Curtis claims stuck Perez $70.00. The records shown that this oiler served about three years and reason for discharge is "Neglect of duty." Julius Atwell it is stated left the ship owing him $70.00 later was employed and paid $50.00 and still owes $20.00. The records show this party entered the service August 26, 1926 and was discharged at own request October 26, 1926, recommended for reemployment. Reemployed as oiler December 22, 1927 and discharged own request September 14, 1929, recommended for reemployment. Reemployed December 18, 1930, and service ended May 4, 1931, and the reason for discharge is recorded as "Failed to report for duty", "Reemployment recommended: Yes - after six months". John Nelson it is claimed stuck him $70.00.

The records show that Nelson was employed from September 29, 1930 to November 30, 1931, was discharged at own request, his record throughout was "Good" and he is recommended for re-employment. It is stated "R. Perez also left the ship owing H. Perez $57.00" His service card shows he was employed as fireman January 10, 1931 and discharged as such November 10, 1931, and the reason for discharge was "Failed to report for duty". He was recommended for reemployment. The Daily Report shows that at 1:45 p.m., the tender left L. H. Depot wharf and that R. Perez was discharged as he failed to report to the ship at sailing time when the tender was leaving for Miami. In the case of W. Gomez, he was employed as fireman from September 29, 1930 to October 20, 1930 when he was discharged by reason of being "sick in Marine Hospital". He was reemployed on October 28, 1930 and his service ended December 1, 1930, at his own request, he was recommended for reemployment and his efficiency rating was "Good" throughout. In this case which is alleged to have occurred over 15 months ago, it is claimed by Mr. Curtis that the sum of $1.00 was loaned and $1.20 collected. John Marshall who Curtis says "stuck him $20.00" was a seaman on the tender in 1927. J. Plummer, who Curtis claims "left the ship owing him $10.00" was employed as fireman from December 12, 1930 to December 25, 1930, 13 days, and was discharged at own request.

In his letter of March 15, 1931, he states "M. Botella, Quartermaster, Charles Richardson, both of the tender IVY have borrowed and paid the 20% per month and many others that are still on the tender have borrowed and paid the unlawful rate of interest of 20% per month. I will not call their names for it is sure if they say that they have borrowed and paid that interest their jobs are gone". He gave the names of two of the employees on the IVY, but hesitates to give others. As a matter of fact the two that he refers to emphatically deny that they ever borrowed money from Mr. Perez and one of them acknowledges that he did borrow money from Mr. Curtis' brother. In the case of Richardson referred to in the 5th paragraph of his letter of March 15, 1932. This party, L. B. Richardson, was employed as an oiler one month, July, 1925, and was discharged at his own request and recommended for reemployment. He was again employed as Fireman, March 24, 1930 and promoted to Oiler June 1, 1930, demoted from Oiler to Fireman 17 days later and again promoted to Oiler July 29, 1930. On September 19, 1930, he was discharged for the reason that he was "Not suitable for oiler on Tender IVY". The charges made by Richardson that the Master was serving "rotten stew beef every day" and that the Engineer was loaning money to the crew at 20% interest, but that he had never borrowed any and was therefore discharged was fully investigated at the time and report thereon submitted to the Bureau under date of November 10, 1930.

During the investigation it did develop that Mr. Perez had loaned $25.00 to one of the seamen attached to the IVY. However, neither he nor Mr. Perez was on board the tender at the time, both being ashore. The attached statement from Seaman C. Atwell is to the effect that he received a telegram that his mother was dying. He was up in the yard at the plant of the Tampa Marine Company and Mr. Perez found him crying, inquired as to the cause and in response to the statement that his mother was dying and that he did not have any money with which to go home to Key West, Mr. Perez loaned him $25.00 for that purpose, this Atwell paid back when he received his wages and there was no question of interest.

(g) In the sixth paragraph of his letter he states "I was also charged with being a tyrant to the crew". That is also absolutely false as the Bureau knows. There is nothing in previous reports or other correspondence regarding his treatment of the crew. The Commanding Officer of the IVY would not permit any officer on his command to illtreat or abuse any subordinate on the tender, either on deck or in the engineer's department if he knew it. However, within the past few days two recent instances of this nature have come to my attention. The commanding officer of the POPPY mentioned one case that occurred in his presence at Miami when Curtis was in temporary command of the IVY, when seaman Piarrot was violently cursed for some misunderstanding of what he was actually expected to do while handling heavy structural materials. Another instance occurred since, while at work at Anclote Keys, when similar language and methods were used when another seaman misunderstood some order. The former has been employed on the IVY over five years and the latter over a year.

The statement in the sixth paragraph "I am very considerate for them and have improved their working conditions greatly by giving them what was due them" is also absolutely false insofar as his improving working conditions on the tender is concerned. In this connection the following is quoted from the 3rd paragraph of Captain Cosgrove's letter of January 8, 1932, addressed to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla., copy of which was furnished Bureau with other papers:

"3. Relative to any changes in conditions on the IVY effected by the 1st Officer, Thomas H. Curtis, I would respectfully state that there are none that I have observed. The service rendered by his last two predecessors, both now commanding officers in the Lighthouse Service, was perfectly satisfactory and there has been no change in conditions on tenders

under my command or during my 42 years of service on tenders, other than the general improvements in compensation, subsistence, leave, etc., obtained and authorized in the last twenty years, by the Bureau of Lighthouses." "Orders relative to half-day Saturdays, time off, etc., are issued by the Commanding Officer of the tender IVY, P. L. Cosgrove, Jr., and not by any of the Mates, they only relay them on to the personnel under their immediate supervision."

In the same paragraph he says "you will also notice that there was no changes in Sailors for Two and one half years all due to their good treatment." He knew he was deliberately lying when he said there had been no changes in sailors in two and a half years. Paragraph 6. - (a) of my letter to the Bureau dated February 16, 1932 correctly stated "Betancourt has served 1 year, 3 months and 15 days" which is a long ways from "two and one half years;"it was further stated Richardson has served 2 years, 4 months and 24 days. The other seamen were there before he joined the tender. They all stay - not because of Mr. Curtis, but notwithstanding him. The commanding officer is responsible in the greatest measure for these excellent results; he gives his personal attention to their subsistence, does not permit them to be worked outside of regular hours, except when the exigencies of the Service require it, and then he endeavors to give them time off for over time, nor does he permit any one to abuse them, if he knows it. At this point I might say that Captain Cosgrove has been in this service almost a half century, over 41 years, has never had an accident, there has never been an occasion to censure him and this outstanding experience together with his just and fearless attitude is responsible for excellent conditions on the tender IVY, regardless of what this malicious liar has said to the contrary. In this connection it will be noted that four of the seamen have been on the IVY from about 6 to 15 years while when he wrote the letter in question he had only been on the tender 4 years, 7 months and 25 days. Three of these seamen have had from 10 to 15 years service and this excellent record is due in a great measure to good treatment which the commanding officer sees that they get and had been getting long before he was assigned to the IVY.

He further says "now you check Mr. Perez Dept. Engineer and you will find a change nearly every week". which the records show is absolutely false. The following is the record of the unappointed personnel in the engineer's department of the vessel and instead of change nearly every two weeks as charged it is found that there has not been a change in over two months and out of the seven employees in this department one has been employed over 6 years, two over two years and two over 9 months.

John E. Russell	Oiler	2/11/20	-- Over 2 years
John Courtis	"	3/[illegible]/30	-- Over 2 years
M. Cruz	"	5/6/31	-- Over 10 months
Edmund Sawyer	Fireman	6/7/31	-- Over 9 months
William Charles Skinner	"	2/7/26	-- Over 6 years
Raymond Martinez	"	1/4/32	-- Over 2 months
R. E. Braddock	"	1/12/32	-- Over 2 months

In regard to the "long hours, working from 12 to 18 hours" This statement has been investigated and it is found that the same watches are maintained that I found on tenders in this district over 30 years ago. Art. 256 of the Instructions to Employees, 1927, provides that not less than one-half the force of each department must remain on a tender while at anchor or at a wharf. Some of these men attend to their regular duties during the day and then remain on board at night and even though they go to sleep they are still required to be on board. In the case of the fireman on watch, even though he has no particular work to attend to he must be on watch. For example, one day a fireman puts in 8 hours, the following day he goes to work at 6 in the morning and knocks off at 12 noon, then he goes on watch again at 6 in the evening and remains on watch until 6 the following morning when he goes off watch until 12 noon when he returns to duty and stays on watch until 6 o'clock when he goes off for the night. During these periods he has his regular meal hours. His total time for the three days cycle amounts to 32 hours or an average of 10-2/3 hours including meal time, that he is required to be on duty on the vessel. Eight hours of this time, from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. he is not ordinarily required to do any work, therefore 32 minus 8 equals 24 hours and 24 divided by 3 equals 8 hours per day. During this period he has four meal hours and as a matter of fact when the time for meals is deducted they only actually work on an average about 6-2/3 hours.

In regard to the statement in the last paragraph of his letter "I do trust that this will be handled justly". As to whether Bureau has handled this case justly or not, this office feels that it has been at least extremely lenient with him, for of four cases of this nature in this community, of which the Curtis case was the first all others lost their positions, two of them of a responsible nature in which they had been employed one over 12 years and the other over 17 years.

Reverting to the fourth paragraph of Mr. Curtis' letter to the Civil Service Commission it will be noted that he says: "It does seem that the character of the Two persons ought to be checked". I mentioned this to the Commanding Officer of the tender POPPY who replied "I do not know personally if Mr.

Perez ever took a drink and I have been in the Service over 33 years, but I do remember walking back from church to our tender at South Boca Grande with Curtis, and when we passed an old negro's shack, there was a pickaxe leaning against the side, he picked it up, threw it over his shoulder and carried it aboard the tender with him. Mr. Perez has been under my supervision for over 25 years and I have never seen him under the influence of liquor nor do I know personally that he ever took a drink of intoxicating beverages. So far as I have been able to determine he has been an efficient officer and commands the respect of his superiors, his subordinates and his fellow officers, with the single exception of Mr. Curtis. I question whether the same can be truthfully said about Mr. Curtis. Insofar as Perez is concerned he has had nearly twice the length of service that his traducer has had and his record is clear, the Bureau has never disciplined him. On the other hand Curtis was cautioned by the Bureau on June 21, 1913, and disciplinary action is now pending. In discussing this matter with Wm. E. Huston, former Engineer of the IVY, who Curtis claims Perez run off the ship, his outstanding recollection was of a smuggling case in which Curtis was involved and he described at some length how customs inspectors punched holes all through a new suitcase that was full of liquor and that was hidden in the tenders coal bunker. No such information was ever received about Perez.

3. This office resents the unjust and false statements made to any one and especially to another Bureau or Commission reflecting on one of the most orderly and efficient tenders in the Service as well as its commanding officer, an employee of long, efficient and honorable service, a fearless and strict disciplinarian who would abruptly stop any conduct by any one on his command regardless of who the offender was if such conduct were prejudicial to good order. The IVY is a credit to the Service and not a house of prostitution as falsely charged.

W. W. Bruett

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON

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March 7, 1932.

From Mr. Kerlin

To Mr. Putnam, Commissioner of Lighthouses

Letter from Thos. H. Curie, 1st officer tender IVY

Dated February 22d

For consideration and reply for Acting Secy's signature

C. C. Tamenutt

Send to Tamenutt for report

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
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KEY WEST, FLA.

Sir:

There is referred herewith for such action as may be deemed proper a complaint from the First Officer of the Lighthouse tender "Ivy" concerning certain matters which appear to pertain entirely to the administration and discipline of the Lighthouse Service.

By direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully,

John T. Doyle

Secretary.

Inclosure 30561.
(Letter)

RG:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., March 15, 1932.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla., for report and return. Prompt

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman

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SEVENTH DISTRICT

Lighthouse tender Ivy.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Key West, Fla. Feb. 22, 1932

Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully state that I have been given a crude deal with the Lighthouse Department and request that the case be given a more careful consideration ,

I have been charged with giving away One gallon of white paintwhich I am not guilty of , the paint in question was put in an Automobile by H.Perez, according to the witnisess that saw him while I was away from the Ship, this a frame up pure and simple and it does not seem just to have to suffer for such a dirty deal,

If you check him up,you will find that he is a man of poor morals from his first marriage life to the present date, In his first marriage search his records and see what he did and further more get in touch with his Father in Law and find out the kind of a deal he gave his wife till her death, He has made this Ship a house of prostitution only in the past Two weeks he was drunk with a woman onboard the Ship they both stagger-- ed off the Ship at II.00 P.M. with Three of the crew standing at the gangway,

I reported this condition to Capt. P.L.Cosgrove verbally and warned him what would happen some day . It does seem that the character of the Two persons ought to be checked before making me the Goat by sending me to California and reduced from 1st. Offic to Second Officer, If you investigate you will find that through H.Perez Engineer of the tender Ivy was the cause of W.Houston the former Enginner having to get out of the Servic every Engineer that has been with him has had trouble and was glad to get out .

He is engaged in a loan business on the Ship to the crew charging Twenty per cent per month and has been doing this for several years which can be proven by the ones that have borrowed from him that will be glad to testify against him .

I was also charged with being a tyrant to the crew if you check this up you will that the Seven sailors will admitt that I am very considerate for them and have impreved the working conditions greatly by giving them that which was due them and have always been kind to them , you will also notice that there was no change in the Sailors for Two and one half years all due to their good treatment, now you check Mr. Perez Dept. Engineer and you will find a change neary every week .some have left to get away from the bondage Twenty per cent per month and others for not borrowing from him others for long hours working from 12 to 18 hours which is against the regulation check now and you will find th that still going on. I do trust that this will be handled justly and that I be kept on the tender Ivy and we both be made to shake hands and forget the past even though he has tried to ruin me I will still forgive him he has a family and needs his job as bad as I do . Thanking you in advance for a just deal ,.

and will remain yours, truly.

Thos. H. Curtis
1st. Officer, L.H.tender Ivy.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

March 25, 1932

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,
United States Lighthouse Service,
South Miami, Florida.

Your letter of February 22, 1932, to
the Civil Service Commission.

1. You have displayed a remarkable degree of ignorance in addressing a communication of this nature to the Civil Service Commission. As it is an administrative matter the Civil Service Commission has absolutely nothing to do with it. In this instance you have violated Articles 4-a, 10, 69 f and h and 111 of the Instructions to Employees of the Lighthouse Service, 1927.

2. The remarkable feature about the letter in question is that it does not contain a single truthful statement and fully bears out the fact that you are a malicious liar.

(a) The statement in the first paragraph of the letter is false and you know that the Lighthouse Department has not given you a"crude deal". As a matter of fact the Bureau has been very lenient with you. Three of your fellow citizens, who have been involved in similar difficulties, within the past few weeks, have all lost their positions, yet the Lighthouse Service still tolerates you.

(b) You know Perez did not put that paint in the automobile in question and you also know that no one has tried to frame you. Conclusive evidence fixed the guilt on you and additional evidence to that effect has since been developed.

(c) In reference to the third paragraph, you are fooling yourself - there is no one who knows you and Perez but will agree that he is the more truthful, the more honest and the more reliable of the two. He was unfortunate in his marriage, the court awarded him the custody of his children and everyone who knows them realizes that he is an indulgent father and gives them every thing they want. You know that

your statement that "He has made this ship a house of prostitution" is a malicious lie and a stab in the commanding officer's back. You know that there is not a better disciplined tender in the Service than the IVY nor a more just and fearless disciplinarian than Captain Cosgrove and that he would not permit any one to make a house of prostitution of anything that he was responsible for. - Bear in mind he has been in the Service over 41 years, never had an accident, never been cautioned or otherwise disciplined and he still enjoys the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact.

In reference to Perez being drunk and having an intoxicated woman on the tender yourtwo witnesses deny this. Rey says they came onboard, was there but a few minutes and immediately went ashore and neither showed evidence of being under the influence of liquor. Your other witness testifies to the same effect. He was unable to say that they were drunk. Another seaman says that you tried to get him to make such a statement, but he would not.

(d) In the fourth paragraph you say "I reported this condition to Captain P. L. Cosgrove". He says you did not and that you are an infernal liar. You think the character of the two persons ought to be checked. Well they have been and the consensus of opinion is that there is no comparison between the two of you. One has had over 25 years service, is regarded as an efficient officer and has never had any trouble or been disciplined. The other has had a little over half that service been cautioned once and is again being disciplined. Your statement about Huston is also false as the official records show. Huston's outstanding recollection of you is your smuggling activities on board of a tender

In reference to your statement about loaning money at 20% per month, this has been investigated and while the two employees you mention who are now on the tender, deny ever borrowing any money from anyone on the IVY, one of these together with another seaman states that they did borrow money from your brother and one of them states that you told him where he could get it.

Yourstatement that "I was also charged with being a tyrant to the crew" is also false, no such statement was ever made in any of the correspondence in your case. However, witnesses are available who are prepared to testify to your abusive language to a seaman in Miami and another

at Anclote Keys. Your statement that "there was no change in the Sailors for Two and one half years is also false as shown by the records. Your statement about changes in the engineer's department "nearly every week" is also absolutely false.

Your statement about employees of the engineer's department working 18 hours is also false.

3. You evidently did not expect that anyone acquainted with the facts would ever see your letter to the Civil Service Commission. It is not clear what purpose it was expected to serve. I know you for what you are, and I know all of the others and I resent your false and slanderous statements about the tender IVY and your frequent efforts to discredit the commanding officer and to involve him in your groundless charges.

Wm. W. Kinsella

Senior L. H. Engineer
Superintendent of Lighthouses

FWP

Copy forwarded to Commissioner

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COMMR OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Washington D C March 24 1932

Lighthouse Superintendent
Key West Florida

Furnish curtis transportation self and household goods miami san francisco california via florida east coast seaboard airline louisville and nashville southern pacific travel to begin promptly as practicable advise bureau date curtis leaves

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CONFIRMATION - See Bureau letter of March 17th and telegram of March 21st. Also advise the Bureau as to estimated weight of Mr. Curtis' personal household goods and cost of preparing the shipment and delivery to railroad company together with bill of lading reference covering transportation to San Francisco. The Bureau is preparing travel orders for approval of the Department and same will be forwarded to Curtis with copy to you.

Copy to Supt. of Lighthouses, San Francisco, California, for his information and with request he promptly advise the Bureau as to any cost incurred in connection with Mr. Curtis' personal household goods after their arrival in San Francisco.

AN ANSWER IS EXPECTED BY THE SENDER OF THIS MESSAGE. PLEASE GIVE IT TO THE MESSENGER OR TELEPHONE IT TO WESTERN UNION

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March 31, 1932.

Hon. Park Trammell,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Trammell:

1. In further reference to your letter of January 11 inclosing one from Mr. John G. Sawyer, Key West, Fla., relative to Thomas H. Curtis; also your letter of January 19 in the matter:

2. You are respectfully informed that the charges against Mr. Curtis were very carefully investigated, and it was found that his difficulties were the result of his allowing his private troubles to disturb his relations with others, and thus interfere with the work of the Service. On account of his age and length of Service, the Bureau was disposed to view the matter leniently, and he was offered and accepted transfer to another vessel, where it is hoped he will adjust himself satisfactorily.

Very truly yours,

H. D. KING,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF

Copy for 7th Supt.

LIGHTHOUSES
1932 APR - 6 - AM 10:00

April 1, 1932.

Thomas H. Curtis, 2nd Officer,
Thru the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Your letter of February 22, addressed to the Civil Service Commission, in which you make certain complaints as to conditions on the Lighthouse Tender IVY, has been referred to the Department inasmuch as the matter is one coming within the Department's jurisdiction. The allegations made by you have been given careful consideration, and it is found that they are the outcome of your recent personal difficulties on the IVY, as a result of which your transfer from that vessel has been effected. The investigation shows that your charges are unsubstantiated, and the Department desires to caution you to the end that in your new situation you will conduct yourself in a manner so that your personal difficulties will in no way interfere with the work of the Service.

E. F. MORGAN

Acting Secretary of Commerce.

RG:EMF

Copy to Appointment Division.

Copy to ~~11th~~ Supt.

LIGHTHOUSES-Bureau files. E. F. MORGAN

Exact copy as signed by _____

Mailed _____ by _____

APR 5 1932

April 1, 1932.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your report of March 23 on allegations made in letter of Thomas H. Curtis addressed to the Civil Service Commission. Your findings in this matter have been approved, and there is inclosed a copy of the Department's answer to Mr. Curtis.

2. As to your report, however, the Bureau regrets that this correspondence as well as the previous correspondence in connection with the charges against Mr. Curtis does not show the judicial restraint in tone, and the entire freedom from animus which is desirable in official correspondence. It would appear that the presentation of this case in less elaborate form and with more regard to moderation in language would have been fully as convincing and much simpler both to prepare and to digest.

H. D. KING,
~~Acting~~ Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF
Incl.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. HW:PMM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1932 APR - 7 - AM 11:26

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

April 2, 1932.

Noted apr 4/7

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. Referring to Bureau endorsement on copy of Bureau letter of March 24th to Lighthouse Superintendent, Key West, Florida, the Bureau is advised that Thomas H. Curtis was assigned to duty on the Tender Sequoia, as Second Officer, on April 1st, 1932.

2. Mr. Curtis left his family in Miami and none of his household effects was transported to San Francisco. He states that he does not propose to bring his family to the West Coast until after the present school term is ended.

H. W. RHODES

Form 79

EMA

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, California, August 16th 1933
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and Promotion — Legal residence, California

Name, Thomas H. Curtis — Proposed salary, $2460.00 A.

Position, Master — Proposed range, $2460-2580

Location, San Francisco Lightship No. 83 — Appropriation, Salaries of Vessels

Effective, September 1, 1933. — [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Second Officer — Former salary, $1920.00

Location, Lighthouse Tender SEQUOIA — Former range, $1860-1980

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Peter E. Henriksen Salary $2580 Annum — Services terminated, August 11, 1933.

Reason, Death

Members of family in Government service, None

Date of birth, 11-27-1874

Remarks: See Justification Sheet attached. This appointment cannot be delayed without endangering life and property.

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

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H. W. RHODES

Secretary, Civil Service District. SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

August 23, 1933

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, justification being inclosed. Attention is invited to separate recommendation for the demotion and transfer of Joseph W. Mahoney to the resulting vacancy.

W. P. HARMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

11—2314

Position No. _____

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

Bureau or Office: Lighthouses, 18th District, San Francisco, Calif.

Position: Master

Compensation: $2460 per annum

Location: LIGHTSHIP No. 83

Appropriation: Salaries, Lighthouse Vessels

Date of Vacancy: August 11, 1933

Justification: The vacancy in this position was caused by the death of the previous incumbent whose pay was $2580 per annum.

A complement of five officers is required for the operation of this vessel, and the filling of this vacancy is necessary in order to maintain the complement at a minimum strength. This position requires the performance of duties directly concerned with the maintenance and/or operation of aids to navigation which must be either in actual operation or ready for immediate service at all times. In order that this service may continue without interruption, it is absolutely essential that the position be filled. The nonfilling of the position would interfere with the functioning of the aids and add to the hazards of navigation, thereby producing conditions endangering life and property.

It is proposed to fill this vacancy by the transfer of the present Second Officer from the Tender SEQUOIA with increase in pay from $1920 to $2460 per annum, the latter being the minimum of the range of Master on Lightship 83. The resulting vacancy on the Tender SEQUOIA will be filled by transfer and demotion from $2100 to $1860 per annum.

In filling this position the need for economy and retrenchment has been given full consideration, and notwithstanding the reduction in available appropriations the position is considered essential to be filled.

Approved: Recommended by:

Secretary of Commerce. W. P. HARMAN

(Head of Bureau or Office)
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

Form A-30

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

LIGHTHOUSES
1933 SEP -30- AM 9:55

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 24, 1933.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Master

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Twenty-Four Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum

effective upon entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Change from Second Officer at $1920 per annum.

Civil Service authority:

Classification allocation:

Post # 1535

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

F. A. DELONG

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A Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Peter E. Henriksen.

Legal Residence: California.

SEP 30 1933

11-8657

See 18th Supt.'s wire of Sept. 27 and Bureau reply thereto of Sept. 28 re approval of transfer and promotion T. H. Curtis and advice as to paying sâaary R. W. Dempsey. In file of Dempsey.

Enter

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
OCT 13 1933
SAN FRANCISCO

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington

LIGHTHOUSES
1933 OCT-18-PM 3:25

October 7, 1933

Superintendent of Lighthouses: San Francisco, Calif.

It is requested that the information indicated in the item checked below be furnished the Bureau promptly, with the return of the attached papers, if any.

NAME AND DESIGNATION THOMAS H. CURTIS

(1) Give date of entrance on duty, of transfer, ~~or of recignation~~.
(2) Furnish personal history sheet. ~~by the person whose name is duplicate,~~
(3) Furnish oath of office, if not already done.
(4) Furnish civil service form 375 in triplicate.
(5) Submit form SS-66, showing last day served by temporary appointee.
(6) Furnish standard form 13 in quadruplicate (abstract of official record).
(7) Furnish documentary evidence of date of birth as prescribed in civil service.form 2473, attached.
(8) Submit inclosed nominations through the District Civil Service Secretary.
(9) Furnish one copy certified form 2806.
(10) Miscellaneous.

For the Commissioner:

H-M

R. J. GROSS
Chief of Personnel Division.

District 18th Date October 13,1933.

Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses:
Oath of Office mailed October 10th.

H. W. Rhodes.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON

June 16, 1938.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective June 16, 1938.

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

WM. J. GARLAND

Chief, Division of Personnel.

From: $2460 per annum

To: $2520 per annum (including $60 per annum longevity pay)

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
Form 69
Approved Feb. 15, 1933

HWR:EMA

EFFICIENCY REPORT

Eighteenth District.

San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 19th, 1938.

Name Thomas H. Curtis Title Master Lightship #83 Date of birth 11-27-74

Report for year 1938.

Length of service 22-1/12 years.
Other Government service 1 yr. 1 mo. 11 da.
Total Government service 23 yr. 2 mo. 18 da.

RATING (*See reverse for scale*)

1. (3) Technical ability.
2. (3) Judgment.
3. (3) Industry.
4. (3) Accuracy.
5. (3) Originality.
6. (3) Resourcefulness.
7. (3) Dependability.
8. (3) Cooperation.
9. (3) Handling employees.
10. (3) General bearing and appearance, neatness, etc.
11. (3) General health.

12. Has employee shown aptitude for duty of special character, or what outstanding characteristics will help his advancement? Good deck officer and a thorough seaman.

13. What qualities will hinder his future development? His anxiety to obtain all leave due him. Personal eccentricities.

14. In what types of work would he be most successful? As a navigating officer

15. Has he any tendency to be hasty and inaccurate? Yes

16. Is employee negligent as to financial obligations? No

17. Give any other pertinent facts which should be known concerning this employee. A man of strong prejudices and dislikes

Rated by Superintendent.

18. General remarks by superintendent.

H. W. Rhodes.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

11—10041

If such service is creditable for retirement purposes under the general retirement act, it appears that it is equally creditable under the Lighthouse Service Retirement Act, and it is suggested that this question be ascertained with respect to the Shipping Board service, and then if such service is creditable, that it be verified to the end that it is available for use at the time of this employees retirement. There appears to be no question about the service in the Coast and Geodetic Survey being creditable, and it is suggested that the verification of this service be proceeded with at this time.

RG 3/4

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 20 11 24 AM '39

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

March 16, 1939.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. There is forwarded herewith a letter dated March 4, 1939, from Captain T. H. Curtis, Master of San Francisco Lightship No. 83, giving information regarding his service with the U. S. Shipping Board and with the Coast and Geodetic Survey and requesting that this service be verified. There are also enclosed letters from the U. S. Maritime Commission and the Coast and Geodetic Survey dated February 18, 1938, and December 3, 1937, addressed to Captain Curtis regarding his service.

2. It is requested that the service of Captain Curtis be verified through the Civil Service Commission at Washington as explained in letter of the United States Maritime Commission.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

O. L. JENKINS
Assistant Superintendent.

Pers Note attached
RH

I have not understood that service on Shipping Bd or Mar. Comm vessels counts as Govt Service - Is this wrong?

APH 3/20

OK for this Ltr

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

COPY

SAN FRANCISCO BAR L.S. #83
March 4, 1939

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
18th Dist. San Francisco, Calif.

Subject: Reply to communication from the U. S. Shipping Board.

1. On May 15, 1918, I joined the Holland Ship POLLUX that was taken over by the U. S. Shipping Board. The Captain was James Clark. I served as First Officer on her. I was on several ships owned by the Shipping Board, going from one to the other as ordered. I was in the Party that brought the LAKE GARDNER out from Montreal. Was First Officer of her and on November 18th was promoted to Master of the S.S. LAKE LINDEN. Made several trips to Europe and to Cuba. Was paid off in New Orleans in November, 1919.

2. From the LAKE LINDEN I went to New York and to Montreal and brought the LAKE FAGUNDUS. Took a cargo of flour to St. Johns, N.F., and from there to Boston, Mass., and was transferred to the S.S. NIPMUC. I took her to New Orleans, loaded cargo for France. The Engineer was A. E. Scott, and the First Officer was Captain John Miliken, and in October, 1921, was paid off in Norfolk, Va.

3. The dates may not be exact but the whole time with the Shipping Board was about three and a half years.

4. I am not sure of the date that I joined the Coast and Geodetic Survey but I think it was December 1, 1907. Served with Captain N. H. Heck with a wire drag at Key West, Florida, till Feb. 1, 1908, and on February 8th I joined the Lighthouse Service as Mate on the Lighthouse Tender LAURE, stationed in the Seventh District.

5. I will be pleased to have this time straightened out for my future record.

SIGNED THOMAS H. CURTIS
MASTER, L.S. #83.

COPY

UNITED STATES MARITIME COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 20 11 24 AM '39

February 18, 1938.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,
San Francisco Bar Lightship #83
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 26, 1938, requesting that we furnish you a record of your service on certain vessels under the control of the U. S. Shipping Board for a period of about two years, beginning April 1, 1918, which you desire for use in establishing credit for such services for retirement purposes.

The proper procedure is for you to make formal request for certification of your service on vessels under the control of the U. S. Shipping Board, to the U. S. Civil Service Commission through your immediate superior, Bureau of Lighthouses. In your request, it will be sufficient for you to name the various vessels on which you were employed and the approximate dates of service on each. The U. S. Civil Service Commission will then request the U. S. Maritime Commission to verify the service claimed by you and to submit on the form provided for that purpose, all particulars of your employment with the U. S. Shipping Board.

After verification by us, you will be given credit for such time as is considered government service in accordance with the regulations of the U. S. Civil Service Commission.

Very truly yours,

/s/ F. W. JONES
Division of Operations and Traffic.

COPY

LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 20 11 24 AM '39

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY
WASHINGTON

Refer to No. 40-LS

December 3, 1937.

Mr. Thos. H. Curtis,
1502 Beverly Place,
Berkeley, Calif.

My dear Sir:

This is in reply to your letter of November 24th to Captain N. H. Heck of this Bureau.

No record can be found of your employment by this Bureau. Therefore, the record of your services can only be obtained from the General Accounting Office through reference to the original payrolls. This matter should be handled by the Bureau of Lighthouses with whom you are now employed.

Through reference to the annual reports, it is found that Captain N. H. Heck was in charge of a wire drag party in Key West, Florida, from March 13,1907, to June 4, 1907, and from December 19, 1907, to May 26, 1908. The disbursing officer of this Bureau at that time was Scott Nesbit. This information is necessary for the General Accounting Office to find the payrolls.

Very truly yours,

/s/ J. H. HAWLEY,
Acting Director.

March 28, 1939.

Secretary of Commerce:

It is recommended that a form 2806 be furnished this Bureau in the case of Thomas H. Curtis, an employees in the district of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Calif., who claims service in the U. S. Shipping Board as indicated in his attached letter of March 4, 1939.

The General Accounting Office has this date been requested for a verification of the service in the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

For the Commissioner:

R. J. Gross
Chief, Personnel Division.

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Also ascertain if this is creditable service - understand Form will not be certified if it is not creditable - check this at pt.

Lighthouses

LIGHTHOUSES
AR 30 10 37 AM '39

MAR 27 1939

The Honorable,
Acting Comptroller General,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For the purpose of establishing the proper service credit and for the purpose of computing retirement annuity under the Lighthouse Service Retirement Act of June 20, 1918, as amended, it will be appreciated if the service of Mr. Thomas H. Curtis in the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey be verified from the pay rolls on file in the General Accounting Office and this Department advised. Mr. Curtis claims service from about December, 1907 to February, 1908, and states that he served with Captain N. H. Heck with a wire drag at Key West, Florida.

This service cannot be verified from the records of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey and that Service has advised that Captain N. H. Heck, with whom Mr. Curtis claims to have served, was in charge of a wire drag party in Key West, Florida, from March 13, 1907 to June 4, 1907, and from December 19, 1907, to May 26, 1908, and that the disbursing officer at that time was Scott Nesbit.

Cordially yours,

J. M. JOHNSON

J. M. Johnson
Assistant Secretary of Commerce

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LIGHTHOUSES-Bureau Files.

J. M. JOHNSON

exact copy as signed by

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GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 20 10 26 AM '39

RECORDS DIVISION
IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
R-111107-JMW

May 17, 1939.

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Department of Commerce,
Office of the Assistant Secretary,
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

In reply to your letter of March 29, 1939, copy inclosed, wherein you request a statement showing the service of Thomas H. Curtis in the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey from December 1907 to February 1908, you are advised the records of this office have been examined and show that he was paid for service as follows:

Period	Days	Rate
12/1/07 to 12/25/07	Not borne on rolls	
12/26/07 to 12/31/07	5	$50.00 p. m.
1/1/08 to 1/31/08	28	55.00 "
1/1/08 to 1/31/08	2	60.00 "
2/1/08 to 2/29/08	Not borne on rolls	

Respectfully,

G. L. Fallon

Asst. Chief, Records Division.

Incl.

COPY
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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 7 11 31 AM '39

March 16, 1939

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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2. It is requested that the service of Captain Curtis be verified through the Civil Service Commission at Washington as explained in letter of the United States Maritime Commission.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

/s/ O. L. JENKINS

Assistant Superintendent

Office, Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Calif., June 2, 1939.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Captain Curtis is more than 64 years of age and data requested above is needed to compute his pension should it not be possible to retain him when transferred to the Coast Guard. It is requested that the Bureau advise this Office if steps have been taken to verify the above service.

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

E-K

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., June 20, 1939.
Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Calif., with statement that request for the verification of this service was made by the Bureau in March but verification of the service claimed in the U.S. Shipping Board has not yet been received. Inclosed is a copy of a letter dated May 17 from the General Accounting Office verifying Mr. Curtis' service in the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

For the Commissioner:

R. J. Gross, Chief, Personnel Division.

CP-75

28 July, 1939.

From: Commandant.
To: Commander, San Francisco District.

Subject: Verification service record Thomas H. Curtis, master, 18th lighthouse district.

Reference: (a) Bureau of Lighthouses indorsement June 20 on letter from 18th Superintendent of March 16.

Inclosure: 2. Form 2806 and Form 13.

Attached are copies of certified Form 2806 and Form 13, verifying the previous Government service of Thomas A. Curtis, Master, Lightship No. 83. Verification of service in the Coast and Geodetic Survey was forwarded your office on June 20.

By direction,

R. J. Gross
Assistant to the Chief Personnel Officer.

MAILED
JUL 29 1939
MAIL DESK

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FORM 3106

UNITED STATES MARITIME COMMISSION

June 6, 1939

TO: Retirement Division
U. S. Civil Service Commission

FROM: Appointments and Payroll Section

Thomas H. Curtis

The SS LAKE LINDEN was taken over by the Army at Nantes, France, December 18, 1918. Any service from December 18, 1918 to April 2, 1919, would be for War Department.

Military

E. W. Anderson

Chief,
Appointments and Payroll Section

U.S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION JUN 10 1939 RECD A.M. 1st MAIL - M. & F.

Attachment

o-r-o 16—6544

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CURTIS THOMAS H.
(SURNAME) (FIRST NAME) (SECOND NAME)

DATE OF BIRTH			LEGAL VOTING RESIDENCE		
MONTH	DAY	YEAR	STATE AND CONG. DISTRICT	COUNTY	CITY OR TOWN

SEX ____ RACE ____
RETIREMENT AGE ____

MILITARY SERVICE ____ YES ____ NO ____
MILITARY PENSION OR WAR RISK COMPENSATION ____ YES ____ NO ____

ERENCE	NATURE OF ACTION	POSITION AND GRADE	SALARY		EFFECTIVE DATE	DEPARTMENT OR ESTABLISHMENT OFFICIAL STATION	TOTAL SERVICE		
			PAY LESS ALLOWANCES	BASIC PAY			MOS.	DAYS	YRS.
	Appt.	1st Officer - SS POLLUX		$140 pm	5-22-18	USSB Merchant Fleet Corp.			
	Pro.			145 pm	6-21-18				
	Disch.				9-5-18				
	Appt.	1st Officer - SS LAKE GARDNER		145 pm	9-10-18				
	Disch.				10-31-18				
	Appt.	Master - SS LAKE LINDEN		360 pm	11-18-18				
	Disch.				12-17-18				
	Appt.	Master - SS LAKE LINDEN		300 pm	4-3-19				
	Pro.			330 pm	8-20-19				
	Disch.				10-13-19				
	Appt.	Master - SS LAKE FAGUNDUS		330 pm	11-8-19				
	Disch.				12-6-19				
	Appt.	Master - SS NIPMUC		375 pm	12-12-19				
	Disch.				5-20-20				

Mate during - transfer
Surg. this period
Creditable

ON: COMMON SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE DEGREES, IF ANY ____
NUMBER OF YEARS) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 ____
SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS ____

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—183

No. _____

CURTIS (SURNAME) THOMAS (FIRST NAME) H. (SECOND NAME)

DATE OF BIRTH			DATE	DESIGNATION	OFFICE
MONTH	DAY	YEAR			
SEX	RACE				
RETIREMENT AGE					

DATE	FISCAL YEAR DEDUCTIONS AND SERVICE CREDIT CONTRIBUTIONS	TONTINE DEDUCTIONS	NET FISCAL YEAR DEDUCTIONS AND SERVICE CREDIT CONTRIBUTIONS	DEPARTMENTS ESTABLISHMENTS WILL NOT USE THIS COLUMN	BALANCE FORWARD	TOTAL CREDITED TO EMPLOYEE	DATE OF ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT / REMARKS
Service History Certified Correct: 6-6-39				C. O. Henderson Director			
		JH Division of Personnel Supervision and Management					

RETIREMENT RECORD CARD—CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FORM 2806—FEB. 1931

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—153

Standard Form No. 13
Approved by the President
2-26-26—Revised 1-10-28

ABSTRACT OF OFFICIAL RECORD OF U. S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE

(For the use of the department to which the employee has been transferred)

INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

5. In the case service was per diem and continuous through the calendar year, so state; if intermittent, give dates of beginning and ending of actual employment, with the number of days served.

hvk

NAME: CURTIS, Thomas H. not of record
(Surname first, Mr., Miss, or Mrs.) (Date of birth)

War Department
(Department and office in which last service was had. See Paragraph 2 of Instructions)

Washington, D. C. July 14, 1939.
(Place) (Date)

I. SERVICE RECORD

ESTABLISHMENT (a)	ACTION (b)	POSITION (Pay-roll title)	RATE OF PAY (c)	DATE EFFECTIVE
WAR:				
S.S. LAKE LINDEN-	Appt.	Master -	$240 p.m.	12-18-18
Quartermaster Corps,				
Army Transport Service,	Sal.Chgd.	"	10 p.d.	3-28-19
Nantes, France.				
	Term.	"	10 p.d.	4-2-19

L.H. 7/18/39

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

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

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

II. STATEMENT OF DEDUCTIONS FOR RETIREMENT FUND—BY FISCAL YEARS

(See Instructions No. 3)

BEGINNING—			ENDING—			DEDUCTIONS		BEGINNING—			ENDING—			DEDUCTIONS	
Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	Dollars	Cents	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	Dollars	Cents

Do records show employee has made application for refund of any portion of amount shown above? - (Yes or No)

If the records show that refund of the above deductions has been made in whole or in part, state the amount or amounts, and period or periods covered and give claim number. (If none, so state) -

State leaves of absence in current calendar year: annual -; sick -; without pay -

State any leave of absence in excess of six months in the aggregate in any calendar year: -

The foregoing is a complete abstract of the official record on file in this office showing all Federal service to date of the employee named herein.

W D Livingston
(Signature)

Acting Director of Personnel.
(Official title)

Countersigned _____, 19____

_____
(Signature)

_____
(Official title)

Furnished to:

The Director of Personnel,
Director of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

10—1931 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1931

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
Form 69
Approved Feb. 15, [redacted]

EFFICIENCY REPORT

[redacted]

U.S. COAST GUARD
SAN FRANCISCO District.

San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 22nd, 1939.

Name Thomas H. Curtis Date of birth Nov. 27, 1874

Designation Master Station or vessel San Francisco Lightship #83

Report for year 1939

Length of service:
Lighthouse service 21-7/12 years.
Other Government service 2+ years.

RATING:
These 11 subjects shall be graded on a 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 basis as follows: 5, superior; 4, excellent; 3, good; 2, fair; 1, poor; supplemented with appropriate explanation where desired.

1. (3) Technical ability.
2. (3) Judgment.
3. (3) Industry.
4. (3) Accuracy.
5. (3) Originality.
6. (3) Resourcefulness.
7. (3) Dependability.
8. (3) Cooperation.
9. (3) Handling employees.
10. (3) Bearing and appearance, neatness, etc.
11. (3) Health.

12. (*a*) Has employee shown aptitude for duty of special character? Good deck officer and a thorough seaman.

(*b*) What outstanding characteristics will help his advancement? as above

13. What qualities will hinder his future development? Personal eccentricities.

14. In what types of work would he be most successful? As a navigating officer

15. Has he any tendency to be hasty and inaccurate? Yes

16. Is employee negligent as to financial obligations? No

17. Give any other pertinent facts which should be known concerning this employee. A man of strong prejudices and dislikes.

Rated by Acting Superintendent

18. General remarks by superintendent. Not very energetic in performance of duty.

O.L.JENKINS,
Acting *Superintendent of Lighthouses.*
By R. A. Patch.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 6
(Approved by the President 3/25/[illegible]
Revised Dec. 5, 1929

PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

(To be prepared by appointee in own handwriting)

Department or Establishment San Francisco Dist. U.S. Lo. & L. H. **Date** Oct. 11-1939.

1. Name in full (Mr., Miss, or Mrs.) Curtis (Surname) Thomas (Given name) Henry (Middle name)
2. Present address 517 (Number) the Alameda (Street) Berkeley (City) Calif. (State)
3. Legal (voting) residence 6th (State and Congressional District) Alameda (County) Berkeley (City or town)
4. Where born Florida (State or foreign country) Key West (City or town) When born Nov. 27-1874 (Month Day Year)
5. If foreign-born, state whether naturalized or alien
6. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √ If Mrs., state other names under which previously employed.

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

7. Number and ages of dependents domiciled with you Wife: Margaret E. Curtis

8. A complete record of your past service for the United States Government other than military or naval:

BRANCH OF SERVICE	PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
				Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
U.S. Engineers	Jacksonville	Jr. Master Mate & Mate	60 Mo	July	25	1906	Sept.	5	1907
" " L.H. Dept.	7th Dist.	Mate & Master	80 "	Feb.	10	1908	Jan.	15	1916
" " Shipping Board	Philadelphia	1st Officer & Master	140 "	May	5	1918	May	20	1921
" " U.S.	Key West	Wire Dragsman	50 "	Sept.	1	1907	Feb.	5	1908
" " L.H.S.	7th Dist	1st Officer & Master	150 "	July	24	1922	Jan.	22	1923
" " " "	7th "	1st Officer & Master	170 "	Mar.	8	1927	to	date	

9. Are any members of your family, who are domiciled with you, in the U. S. Government service? If so, state below:

NAME	POSITION AND DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE IN WHICH EMPLOYED	RELATIONSHIP
Elmer Pershing Curtis	Position 2nd Lieut. U.S.A. Department or office	Son
	Position Department or office	
	Position Department or office	

10. Do you now hold any State or municipal office? If so, state below:

(Title) (Location) No (Date appointment expires)

11. Are you the wife of a disabled veteran or widow or orphan of a person who was in the military or naval service?

(Wife, widow, or orphan) (Name of veteran) No (Organization and last year of service)

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

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

Enlisted 1909 Naval Militia Discharged 1913
Rank 1st Lieutenant Rank 1st Lieutenant
Organization Organization

Enlisted Discharged
Rank Rank
Organization Organization

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13. State any special qualifications not involved in your present position (for instance, lawyer, physician, civil engineer, knowledge of foreign languages, etc.) Spanish

14. Statement of principal employment other than with the United States Government:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	POSITION AND CHARACTER OF WORK	LENGTH OF SERVICE
Various Sailing Ships	Ordinary Seaman to Master	10 Years.
P. & O. S. S. Co	1st Master and Mate	8 "
Private Yachts	Master	6 "
Shipping Board Ships	Mate & Master	3 "

15. Education. Indicate by circling the number of years:

Common school	High school	College	(Name of college, degrees, and dates conferred)
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 (8)	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	

16. In case of emergency, notify Margaret E. Curtis

Relationship Wife Post office address 817 The Alameda Berkeley Calif.

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

Thos. H. Curtis
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1930

Commandations Two -
1st " Oct. 28- 1909. for courage and resolution from Capt.
U. S. Navy. W. B. Caperton.
2nd " Nov. 1- 1910. Skill in rescuing the crew
of the Schooner W. H. Homan.
Signed by A. Conover Acting Commissioner
L. H. Lewis

Copy of this form not sent to the Department.

SAN FRANCISCO
OCT 12 1939
SUPERINTENDENT

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1 October, 1940.

From: Commander, San Francisco District.
To : Commandant.

Subject: Proposed transfer of Victor B. Gothe from Honolulu District.

Reference: (a) Headquarters' letter 23 September, 1940, (CP-75).

Inclosure: (1) Form 73 recommending transfer Victor B. Gothe.

1. If Thomas H. Curtis, Master, San Francisco Lightship No. 83, is retired for disability in accordance with the recommendation of this District forwarded on this date by air mail on Forms 9 and 9a, Victor B. Gothe could be transferred to the position of Master, Blunts Reef Lightship 100, vice Robert W. Dempsey to be transferred to Master, San Francisco Lightship No. 83 in accordance with Form 73a mailed Headquarters on this date with Forms 9 and 9a of Thomas H. Curtis.

2. In case the above action is satisfactory to Headquarters, Form 73 for the transfer of Victor B. Gothe is submitted herewith.

3. The Honolulu District has not been advised regarding the above proposed transfer of Victor B. Gothe.

By direction,

R. S. Patch.

ant

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. Coast Guard
Washington, D. C.

CP-75

24 October, 1940.

From: Commandant.
To: Commander, **San Francisco District.**

Subject: Retirement of **Thomas H. Curtis, master, San Francisco Lightship No. 83.**

Inclosure: 1. Form 2249, Department Notice of Retirement.

1. The inclosure is approval of retirement under the Lighthouse Service Retirement Law.

2. In order to preclude the possibility of overpayment it is requested that Headquarters be advised as early as practicable as to the payroll (stating D.O. Voucher Number, name of disbursing officer, and symbol number) on which this person was paid for his last (final) active duty. In furnishing this information state also the period covered by the final payment and the amount thereof.

By direction,

N. R. STILES,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

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Form 9626
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. Coast Guard
Sept. 1930

U. S. COAST GUARD

OFFICIAL DISPATCH

TRANSMIT

DATE 18 OCTOBER 1940

FROM COMMANDANT
COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS

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TO (FOR ACTION) COMMANDER SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT		ACKNOWLEDGE
		PRIORITY
UNLESS DESIGNATED OTHERWISE TRANSMIT THIS DISPATCH AS NITE.	X	ROUTINE
TO (FOR INFORMATION)		ACKNOWLEDGE
		PRIORITY
		ROUTINE

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MESSENGER TO

OUTGOING HEADING

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TEXT

RETIREMENT THOMAS H CURTIS OCTOBER 31 PENDING AT DEPARTMENT APPROVAL EXPECTED X IF TRAVEL AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE INVOLVED IN TRANSFER VICTOR B GOTHE FURNISH NECESSARY DATA ACCORDANCE HEADQUARTERS CIRCULAR SEPTEMBER 13 LAST X IF NO TRAVEL EXPENSE INVOLVED FOR ROBERT W DEMPSEY EFFECT TRANSFERS AT PROPER TIME AND REPORT DATE

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PERSONNEL
N.H.S.

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OPERATOR'S RECORD. RG FOR OFFICIAL BUSINESS. INITIALS OF "RELEASING" OFFICER.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—15417

DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
REV. 6-40

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TO:

Date Prepared October 12, 1940.

Name: Curtis, Thomas H.

From: U. S. Coast Guard

Bureau No:

Retirement, Disability

	FROM	TO
Position	Master	
Grade		
Salary	Field (Range $2460-2580) $2520 p.a., including $60 p.a. longevity pay	
Bureau or Div. Organizational Subdivisions	U. S. Coast Guard	
Headquarters	San Francisco, California	
Post of Duty	San Francisco L.S.#83	
Appropriation	Civilian Employees, C.G.	
Allotment		
Field or Deptl.	Field	

EFFECTIVE *Remarks:* Close October 31, 1940.

The annual rate of retired pay is $1557.73.

Justification:

Total service: 25 years and 14 days.

Computation: ($2468.50 x years 25.0389 ÷ 40) $1557.73.

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Reg.

DATE OF BIRTH: 11-7-1874

LEGAL RESIDENCE: California

SEX: M

RACE: W

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW

ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY

VICE

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? Lighthouse Act 3-4-25.

DATE OF OATH

10-15-40

BUREAU OR DIVISION PERSONNEL FILES

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DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
REV. 6-40

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TO:

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Headquarters Post of Duty Appropriation Allotment Field or Deptl.	San Francisco, California San Francisco L.S.#83 Civilian Employees, C.G. Field	

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CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION
Reg.

DATE OF BIRTH
11-7-1674

LEGAL RESIDENCE
California

SEX: M | RACE: W

NATURE OF POSITION
NEW | ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY | VICE

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT?
Lighthouse Act 3-4-25.

DATE OF OATH

H. R. STILES,
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

BUREAU SUSPENSE AND FILE COPY

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FORM 9

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT, U.S. COAST GUARD,
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, OCTOBER 1, 1940.

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

NAME THOMAS H. CURTIS DATE OF BIRTH NOVEMBER 7, 1874

DESIGNATION MASTER, SAN FRANCISCO LIGHTSHIP NO. 83

ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE - CIVILIAN

	BEGINNING	ENDING	
War, Steersman, U.S.Engrs., Jacksonville, Fla.	July 25, 1905.	Sept. 5, 1906.	1 - 1 - 11
Mate, Coast & Geodetic Survey	Dec. 26, 1907.	Jan. 31, 1908.	0 - 1 - 5
7th, 1st, 3rd, 9th & 3rd Lighthouse Dists., 1st Officer, Continuous service	Feb. 10, 1908.	Jan. 15, 1916.	7 - 11 - 6
USSB, Merchants Fleet Corporation, Master	May 22, 1918.	Sept. 5, 1918.	0 - 3 - 14
do	Sept. 10, 1918.	Oct. 31, 1918.	0 - 1 - 21
do	Nov. 18, 1918.	Dec. 17, 1918.	0 - 1 - 0
QMC, Army Transport Service, Nantes, France, Master.	Dec. 18, 1918.	Apr. 2, 1919.	0 - 3 - 15
USSB, Merchants Fleet Corporation, Master	Apr. 3, 1919.	Oct. 13, 1919.	0 - 6 - 11
	Nov. 8, 1919.	Dec. 6, 1919.	0 - 0 - 29
	Dec. 12, 1919.	May 20, 1920.	0 - 5 - 9
Foreman, 7th Lighthouse Dist.	July 24, 1922.	Nov. 6, 1922.	0 - 3 - 13
Master, do	Nov. 23, 1922.	Jan. 22, 1923.	0 - 2 - 0
1st Officer, do	Apr. 1, 1927.	Mar. 31, 1932.	5 - 0 - 0
2nd Officer & Master, 18th Lighthouse Dist. & San Francisco District, U.S. Coast Guard	Apr. 1, 1932.	Oct. 31, 1940.	8 - 7 - 0

Total service..... 25 years, 0 months, 14 days.

25 48 134
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Form 9

THE TREASURY
DEPARTMENT OF ~~COMMERCE~~
LIGHTHOUSE ~~SERVICE~~ U. S. COAST GUARD

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

COMMANDER,
~~Superintendent of Lighthouses~~,

Date SEPTEMBER 30, 1940.

SAN FRANCISCO District

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective close October 31, 1940, on the basis of service shown hereon.

My permanent address on retirement will be 817, The Alameda, Berkeley, Calif.

Thomas H. Cunter
(Name)

MASTER, SAN FRANCISCO LIGHTSHIP NO. 83
(Designation)

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

City San Francisco, Calif. *Date* 1 October, 1940.

Submitted to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $ 1557.73 per annum, effective at the close of 31 October, 1940.

It is certified that the record of service and pay shown on Page 2 is correct as shown by the records of this office, and that all Government service shown has been verified.

By direction

COMMANDER, USCG

R. S. PATCH ~~Superintendent of Lighthouses~~
COMMANDER, SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, *Washington, D. C.*, ...

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

.....
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

11—10551

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Name THOMAS H. CURTIS Date of birth November 7, 1874.

Designation MASTER, SAN FRANCISCO LIGHTSHIP NO. 83.

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

(Including military, naval, and civilian service. Each department, branch, or independent office in which applicant served in a civilian capacity should be listed separately)

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army	NONE						
Navy	NONE						
Marine Corps	NONE						
Civilian employment	See attached statement, Page 2a.						
Total service	25 years, 0 months, 14 days.						

Does applicant receive or has he applied for a pension from the Government under any law? No If so, give number of pension certificate or of claim:

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the War Risk Insurance Act? No If so, give number of claim:

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the Federal Compensation Act, as amended? No

If so, state the compensation received:

STATEMENT BY FISCAL YEARS OF BASIC PAY RECEIVED DURING LAST FIVE YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREMENT

(Compute service on basis of 30 days a month. Do not include periods of leave without pay, rations, quarters, or other allowance)

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year		
Master, San Francisco Lightship No. 83	Nov.	1	1935	June	15	1938	$2460. A.	$6457.50
do	June	16	1938	Oct.	31	1940	2520. "	5985.00

Total compensation for last five years of active service $12442.50

Average compensation for last five years of active service $2488.50 ~~2498.50~~

Annual rate of retired pay ($2488.50 × 25-14/360 years (Not exceeding 30) ÷ 40) = $1557.73

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Form 8a

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT
SEP 28 194
U. S. COAST GUARD

THE TREASURY
DEPARTMENT OF ~~COMMERCE~~
~~Lighthouse Service~~ U. S. COAST GUARD

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION, DISABILITY RETIREMENT

(Act of March 4, 1925)

NAME OF CLAIMANT THOMAS H. CURTIS DESIGNATION MASTER

Height 69 inches Weight 179 pounds. Complexion Fair

Color of eyes Gray Color of hair Gray

Here give a complete personal description, together with permanent marks and scars other than those described below in physical examination: No tatoos or operative scars. Old healed fractures of both clavicles.

Description of duties of position (to be filled in by Superintendent of Lighthouses):

Claimant makes the following statement in regard to the origin, nature, and extent of the alleged disability: " Chronic constipation of three months duration with attacks of belching gas, nausea, and vomitting, blood in stools, loss of 30 pounds in past three years".

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Visual acuity (uncorrected): R. E. 20/200 L. E. 20/200

With correction in spectacles: R. E. 20/100 L. E. 20/100

Accommodation: Reads Jaeger No. 12 at 13 inches, without correction.

Reads Jaeger No. 12 at 13 inches, with correction.

Central color vision (binocular) Normal (Name method used) Ishihara plates

Inspection Reacts to L & A. Extra-ocular movements normal. Both lenses opaque.

Pupils Normal Pupillary reaction Normal

Hearing: Whispered voice (unaccentuated) heard with R. E. at 1/20 ft., L. E. at 20/20 ft.

Appearance of right drum Crescent of drum remains on bottom of right canal left drum Normal

Is there any disease of the middle or internal ear or mastoid? No If so, specify

[OVER]

Condition of nose and sinuses Normal

Condition of mouth and throat, including tonsils and teeth Mouth and throat negative, Tonsils normal. All upper and lower teeth extracted, now wearing upper and lower dentures.

Bones, joints, muscles, including atrophies Normal
(Express limitation of motion, if any, in degrees and joint involved)

Respiratory system Negative

Cardiovascular system:

(a) Heart Rough systolic murmers heard best at apex, also over precordium and in aortic area

(1) Murmurs Systolic (2) Arrhythmias No

(b) Pulse rate: (1) Sitting 64 (2) After exercise contra-indicated (3) 2 minutes after exercise ———

(c) Blood pressure: (1) Sitting—Syst. 130 Diast. 70 (2) After ex.—Syst. ——— Diast. ———

(d) Condition of blood vessels Normal

Evidence of thyroid or other endocrine disturbance Negative

Abdomen and gastro-intestinal system, including hernia Negative, except for carcinoma adeno, of descending colon.

Genito-urinary system:

Urinalysis—Sp. gr. 1.017 Reaction Acid Albumin Negative Sugar Negative

Sediment microscopic (required when albumin or sugar is found) ———

Reflexes, motor disturbances, etc.:

(a) Station Normal (e) Gait Normal

(b) Tremor Normal (f) Coordination Normal

(c) Patellar reflexes Normal (g) Peripheral circulation Normal

(d) Other motor disturbances None

Alcohol Negative Drugs Negative Syphilis Negative Epilepsy Negative

Other neurological findings None

General impression See diagnosis.

Here describe fully nature of disability: Barium enema X-ray suggestive of neoplasm with napkin-ring carcinomatous infiltration descending colon.

Is disability to perform duty of a permanent character? Yes

Is it indicated that applicant may recover from disability and be fit for restoration to active duty? No Do you recommend reexamination with this in view? No

I HEREBY CERTIFY that upon examination —do— find the above-named claimant to be disabled for useful and efficient service by reason of the disability above described, which is not due to vicious habits, intemperance, or willful misconduct on his part.

The examining physician must be in the Federal Service

U.S. Marine Hospital
(Place of examination)

C.C. Petch
(Examining surgeon)

26 September, 1940
(Date)

A.A. Surgeon, U.S.P.H.S.
(Title and branch of medical service)

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—10543

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS

Date 8 October, 1940.

Memorandum for– CHIEF PERSONNEL OFFICER.

Subject: Master, Thomas H. CURTIS.; physical condition.

Reference: (a) Certificate of Medical Examination, 26 September, 1940.

1. Paper returned.

2. The medical evidence in reference (a) has been reviewed and found satisfactory. It is recommended that subject-named man be retired for physical disability.

By direction.

T. LE BLANC,
Chief Pharmacist.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. Coast Guard
Washington, D. C.

CP-75

24 October, 1940.

From: Commandant.
To: Commander, San Francisco District.

Subject: Retirement of Thomas H. Curtis, master, San Francisco Lightship No. 83. Retired 11-1-40

Inclosure: 1. Form 2249, Department Notice of Retirement.

1. The inclosure is approval of retirement under the Lighthouse Service Retirement Law.

2. In order to preclude the possibility of overpayment it is requested that Headquarters be advised as early as practicable as to the payroll (stating D.O. Voucher Number, name of disbursing officer, and symbol number) on which this person was paid for his last (final) active duty. In furnishing this information state also the period covered by the final payment and the amount thereof.

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L.Q.

By direction,

N. R. STILES,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

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OFFICE OF COMMANDER
SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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12 November, 1940.

U. S. COAST GUARD
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FILE
L.O.

From: Commander, San Francisco District.
To : Commandant.

Subject: Thomas H. Curtis, Master, San Francisco Lightship, Retired 31 October, 1940 - Last paid.

1. The retirement of Thomas H. Curtis at the close of 31 October, 1940, was approved by the Department on 15 October, 1940. He was last paid as Master of San Francisco Lightship #83 on the 15-31 October, 1940, payroll, Voucher No. 12-62231, settled in the accounts of G. F. Allen, Chief Disbursing Officer, San Francisco, California, Symbol No. 1-112, Amount $105.00

By direction,

P. B. CRONK.

To audit & pay

FILE
L.O.

File 75
mail

From: Thomas H. Curtis Master Ret.

To: Chief of Audit & Payroll Section U.S.C.G.

Subject: Non receipt of Pension check

To this date April 10-1941 No retired pay check for the month of March 1941 has been received.

Request an investigation

Thomas H. Curtis Master Ret.
6 5-3. Spokane ave.
Albany Calif.

U. S. COAST GUARD
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Check mailed
4-5-41
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H.
THOMAS CURTIS

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THOMAS CURTIS

Part I.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SEVENTH DISTRICT

IVY
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

First Officer for IVY.

Egmont Depot, February 10, 1927.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. Mr. C. C. Austin, the former first officer of the IVY was detached Sunday, February 6, 1927 and immediately left for the Fifth District.

2. It is noted that there are no officers in the Fifth District who desire promotion and transfer to the vacancy in question. In this connection it is stated for Bureau's information that Mr. Thomas Curtis, who has held the positions of foreman, second officer, first officer and master in the Service, is available, fully qualified and will accept appointment as first officer for duty on the IVY.

3. As Mr. Curtis has served as a foreman in the Service and is fully qualified in construction work, if he is appointed to the vacancy on the IVY, he can be detailed to the POPPY and the expense of one foreman saved. He also holds license as master of ocean steam vessels of any gross tons. He is recommended for favorable consideration and unles Bureau has made a selection, this former employees nomination will be submitted.

W. W. Somerville
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

RG-EK
Incl.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
February 15, 1927.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla., with advice to submit regular nomination for appointment, and in this connection also to consider the 6th Superintendent's indorsement of February 10, copy attached, regarding the reinstatement of George McKecuen.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

HBH-RJA.

LIGHTHOUSES

1927 MAR 3 AM 9 06

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

First Officer for IVY. February 24, 1927.

3/7/27 7th N. 3/14/27 2nd to 8th

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Bureau's endorsement "RG-EK" of Feb. 15, 1927, on 7th District letter of Feb. 10, 1927, relative to First Officer for Tender IVY.

2. As directed by Bureau there is enclosed regular nomination for a First Officer on tender IVY.

3. As directed by the Bureau this office considered the request of Mr. George Mc Kecuen for the position, but for the reasons given below Mr. Thomas H. Curtis has been selected for the position:

(a) This office desires to obtain as First Officer for the IVY, some qualified mariner who will stay in this district, who is thoroughly familiar with its waters and who can do construction work when necessary.

(b) Mr. George Mc Keeuen, in letter to this office of Feb. 12, 1927, states that he was First Officer of tender COLUMBINE (in the 9th District) for six months, and because he could not get a transfer he resigned on Dec. 1, 1926. Also, this office has received no information about him to indicate that he has had any experience in erecting structures on submarine cites. It has also been the experience of this office that officers of tenders obtained from other districts are anxious to be transferred from this district at the first opportunity.

(c) Mr. Thomas H. Curtis, beside being a mariner with license of Master of Ocean Steamers of any gross tons, is familiar with construction work. He was First Officer and Master in the Lighthouse Service for about 9 years, is thoroughly familiar with every harbor, river, bay and creek in this district, and being a native of Key West will remain in the district. He was commended in 1909 and again in 1910 for courage, skill and resolution displayed in handling vessels during hurricanes, and rescuing crew of disabled schonner.

O.K.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent,

H B Haskins

Assistant Superintendent.

N. Eng. 246

LIGHTHOUSES ORIGINAL

1930 FEB 7 AM 9 29

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

NAU 129 DE SANJUAN 23 GOVT USLHS PRIORITY FLD 145 PM DATE
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Curtis, T H.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1930 4—3190

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BY DIRECTION OF SUPERINTENDANT

RECOMMEND TRANSFER CURTISS TO CAPTAIN ACACIA REQUEST
SEVENTH DISTRICT SUBMIT FORM SEVENTY THREE

GARCIA

1251 PG 5 FEB

Phoned at 115 PM WM ESB

Mail copy

9/20/29

Corr. Records show
end - Pending Cert.
apn - 1/27 with no
head in service
when appt'd Prof
Aug 1/27 —

V.P. 2 yo. provide for
$60 longevity after two
years Continuous service
in grade & do not think
it was intended to dis-
criminate between
temporary & permanent
employment.

Suggest amend eff.
date on attached form
to April 1/29 & resubmit
to Dept.

DRC
9/28

GAO have raised
question re
"longevity" system -
RF

10/2/29.

10/3/29

Form 73

LIGHTHOUSES
1929 SEP 18 AM 11 52

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Seventh DISTRICT.

Key West, Fla., (City) September 16 (Date), 1929

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, promotion

Name, Thomas H. Curtis

Position, First Officer

Location, Tender IVY, Seventh District

Effective, ~~August~~ April 1, 1929 [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

Former position, First Officer

Location, Tender IVY, Seventh District

Legal residence, Florida

Proposed salary, $2220.00

Proposed range,

Appropriation, Salaries Lighthouse Vessels.

Former salary, $2160.00

Former range,

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

Previous incumbent, Services terminated,

Reason,

Members of family in Government service, None

Date of birth, Nov. 27, 1874.

Remarks: The above is for longevity for two (2) years in grade.

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

W. W. Winnacott

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 18, 1929.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Through an oversight this recommendation was not submitted at the proper time, but it is recommended that, if at all practicable, this longevity pay adjustment be made effective ~~August~~ April 1, 1929.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

11—2314

RLC:EMF

September 21, 1929.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla.

1. In reference to your nomination of September 16 for the promotion on account of longevity in the case of Thomas H. Curtis, First Officer on the IVY, effective August 1, 1929:

2. The records of the Department indicate that Thomas H. Curtis entered this Service on April 1, 1927, under a temporary appointment, pending reinstatement, and that he was probationally appointed, effective August 1, 1927. It appears that the service of this employee has been continuous since April 1, 1927, and that he was entitled to grade longevity on April 1, 1929. Your further report and recommendation are therefore requested.

W. P. HARMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES

1929 SEP 27 PM 3:53

RLC:EMF

SEP 28 1929 Airways

September 21, 1929.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla.

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W. P. HARMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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LHP-WBD.

Office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Key West, Fla., September 25, 1929.

Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouse with advice that this employee entered on duty under temporary appointment April 1, 1927, but it was not understood that longevity was effective until he began probationary period. In the event longevity is effective April 1, 1929, it is requested that $15.00 be reallotted from appropriation Salaries, Lighthouse Vessels, 1929, in order to met this obligation.

Wm. M. Meredith, Jr.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Commissioner

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG EJD

Air Navigation Facilities
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Washington, D. C., December 3, 1929.

Lighthouse Superintendent, San Francisco, California.

Radio if curtis has been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate to close october twenty first

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CONFIRMATION:

S. C. Form No. 11

Signal Corps, United States Army

Received at War Department Message Center, Room 3433, Munitions Building, Washington, D. C.

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LIGHTHOUSE COMMISSIONER

WASHINGTON DC

CURTIS HAS NOT BEEN GRANTED LEAVE IN EXCESS OF ACCRUED RATE TO CLOSE OCTOBER TWENTY FIRST

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Statement made accordingly in reply to Dept

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RADIOGRAM

FROM SAN JUAN PORTO RICO

TO USLHE WASHINGTON BY DIRECTION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

RECOMMEND TRANSFER CURTIS TO CAPTAIN ACACIA REQUEST SEVENTH DISTRICT SUBMIT FORM SEVENTY THREE.

SGD. GARCIA

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XXXXXXX (ABOVE RADIOGRAM PHONED FROM NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS AT 12:40 P. M. FEBRUARY 6, 1930.)WM

Rec'd OK

2/10/30 2nd 9th

February 6, 1930.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla.

Seventh Superintendent's recommendation for transfer of Thomas H. Curtis, 1st Officer on the Tender IVY to position of Captain on the Tender ACACIA, 9th District.

The 9th Superintendent has advised the Bureau that he is agreeable to the transfer of Mr. Curtis to command the ACACIA, and it is accordingly requested that nomination covering this transfer be submitted by you promptly. As stated in Bureau circular letter of December 14, the base pay of the position of Captain on the Tender ACACIA was $3180 per annum, but in view of the decision by the Comptroller General that longevity and odd salary rates not found in the Classification Act are unauthorized, the Bureau has tentatively established the base pay of this position as $3100 per annum. It is therefore requested that the proposed pay be so indicated on your nomination for the transfer of Mr. Curtis. Consideration is now being given to the establishment of ranges for positions on vessels, and undoubtedly provision will be made for later salary adjustments for this and other vessel employees in the Service.

G. R. PUTNAM

~~W. P. HARMAN,~~
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RLC:EMF

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 9th Dept.

Commissioner of Lighthouses

RLC:EMF

Washington DC February 11, 1930.

Lighthouse Superintendent Key West Florida

Bureau has decided make other provision for filling position commanding officer tender acacia and therefore requests you cancel any action initiated in connection proposed transfer curtis from ivy

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CONFIRMATION:

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.

REFER TO FILE No.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

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February 11, 1930.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In compliance with instructions contained in Bureau's letter of February 6, 1930, relative to transfer and promotion of Thomas H. Curtis, First Officer, Tender IVY to position of Captain on Tender ACACIA, 9th District, there is herewith nomination covering this transfer.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

H B Haskins
Assistant Superintendent.

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Commissioner

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1930 FEB 13 AM 9:26

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

February 11, 1930.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In compliance with instructions contained in Bureau's letter of February 6, 1930, relative to transfer and promotion of Thomas H. Curtis, First Officer, Tender IVY to position of Captain on Tender ACACIA, 9th District, there is herewith nomination covering this transfer.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

H Haskins

Assistant Superintendent.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Seventh - DISTRICT.

Key West, Florida, February 11, 1930., 19....
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and promotion. Legal residence, Florida.

Name, Thomas H. Curtis. Proposed salary, $3100 per annum.

Position, Captain, Tender ACACIA. Proposed range,

Location, L. H. Tender ACACIA, 9th District. Appropriation, Salaries, L.H.Vessels.

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

Former position, First Officer, Tender IVY Former salary, $2220. per annum.

Location, L. H. Tender IVY, 7th District. Former range,

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

Previous incumbent, Services terminated,

Reason,

Members of family in Government service, None.

Date of birth, November 27, 1874.

Remarks:

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

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

H R Hasking

Secretary, Civil Service District. Assistant Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Seventh DISTRICT.

Key West, Florida, February 11, 1930. (City) (Date) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and promotion.

Name, Thomas H. Curtis.

Position, Captain, Tender ACACIA.

Location, L. H. Tender ACACIA, 9th District.

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

Legal residence, Florida.

Proposed salary, $3100 per annum.

Proposed range,

Appropriation, Salaries, L.H.Vessels.

Former position, First Officer, Tender IVY

Location, L. H. Tender IVY, 7th District.

Former salary, $2220. per annum.

Former range,

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

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H B Haskins
Assistant Superintendent.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Dep. Comm'r.
Commissioner

December 23, 1930

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Key West, Florida.

Dear Sir:

It is with a great deal of gratitude that I repeat to you a most wonderful service rendered me on the above date. While making a trip from Tampa to St. Petersburg in my 35 foot round deck cruiser at about half way between the two points it became so rough and owing to my lack of strength due to the fact that I was only relieved from a sanitarium last Friday from a nervous breakdown. I was unable to continue when your Lighthouse Tender IVY came to my rescue and most cordially and graciously invited me on board and took care of my boat and towed it in to port. I was accorded every possible courtesy by Capt. T. H. Curtis.

Sincerely and Gratefully,
Yours very truly,

(Signed) J. D. Seal
110 E. Lafayette St.
Tampa, Florida
Motor Boat V8842

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Office Superintendent of Lighthouses
Key West, Florida December 29, 1930

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Copy to Commissioner of Lighthouses for information contained. As the service rendered is not unusual, no action other than mention in Bulletin is recommended.

O.T.

Wm. W. Bennett
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF REPORT MADE BY H. PEREZ ENGINEER, TENDER IVY, ABOUT MR. THOMAS H. CURTIS, 1ST OFFICER, TENDER IVY, FOR TAKING A CAN OF PAINT FROM TENDER IVY

Board of Investigation: H. B. Haskins, Assistant Superintendent, and Captain P. L. Cosgrove, Master, L. H. Tender IVY.

Present during entire investigation - Mr. Harry Perez, Engineer, L. H. tender IVY, and Mr. Thos. H. Curtis, 1st. Officer, L. H. Tender IVY.

Investigation took place in Saloon of IVY while enroute from Miami to Key West, Florida, on Monday, December 21, 1931, from 7:30 a.m. until about noon, with intermissions for breakfast, and inspection of Fowey Rocks Lighthouse.

H. B. Haskins - (To Mr. Curtis) Did Mr. Perez give you for transmission to the Supdrintendent of Lighthouses, a copy of reports made against you about some white paint, which he claims you were trying to take from the tender IVY?

T. H. Curtis - Yes, he did give me a copy of the report, but at the time on the impulse of the moment, I was thinking the thing would stop there, being innocent of that, I tore it up and threw it overboard.

H. B. Haskins - Do you realize that by that act you violated the regulations of the Lighthouse Service?

T. H. Curtis - I did not know that.

Mr. Haskins read reports to Mr. Curtis and gave him copy of same.

"Miami, Fla.
Dec. 18/1931

Superintendent of Lighthouses:
Key West, Fla.
(Through Commending Officer Lighthouse Tender IVY)

At 145 P.M. T. H. Curtis 1st. Officer in charge of Tender Ivy took one galls. of White paint off tender Ivy and placed it in a car with no of licens as followed 37-052 Florida 1931. While paint was in car 2nd office visited the car and seen the can of paint in the car, and after then the paint was removed from the car by Engineer H. Perez and have the paint in my room for evidence,

Copy of letter given to 1st Officer in charge of Tender IVY.

(Sgd.) H. Perez
Engineer L. H. Tender IVY"

askins to P. L. Cosgrove, Master tender IVY - (Pointing to can of paint taken from gunny sack and to another which has just been brought in.) Exhibits A, B and C.) This paint is exactly like this paint here on the table, this second can of paint which you just brought in?

P. L. Cosgrove - Yes Sir.

Haskins - Where did you just get this second can of paint?

Cosgrove - I had Seaman Richardson go down in the paint room of deck department and bring me this can of paint.

Haskins - (To Curtis) Have you any explanation to make about this can of paint (pointing to can taken from sack) being in this car Mr. Curtis?

Curtis - I do not know a thing about it.

Haskins - You just gave me a statement here from Capt. M. Cook, dated December 18, 1931, in which he states "To whom this may concern to certify that one Merry, Perez Chf Engerneer of the L.H.T. IVY did at 3.30 dec 17 put a parcel wraped in a bag in my car that was parked in front of where the IVY was docked.

"I soposed that the parcel contained liquor and that Mr. Perez had made a mistake and put the parcel in the wrong Car in about 10 minuets later he came and removed the parcel took it back on board of the IVY." (Exhibit E.)

Is that the correct statement that you have just given me from Capt. M. Cook?

Curtis - Yes sir.

Haskins - Is Capt. Cook related to you in any way?

Curtis - No, this is the first time I have ever seen him.

Haskins (To Perez) - Would the deck crew of the IVY see Mr. Curtis when passing them with this package?

Perez - Yes sir. Would you ask Louis Pierrot if under the forecastle head in the presence of Charles Richardson, Sailor, Quartermaster Perez, did he not say that he saw Mr. Curtis take this bundle ashore?

Haskins - About what hour did this take place?

Perez - This took place about 1:45 and I took the paint out of the car at about 3:15.

Louis Pierrot brought in for questioning - Following statements made after being duly sworn.

Haskins - What is your name?

L. Pierrot - Louis Pierrot.

Haskins - What is your occupation on the tender IVY?

L. Pierrot - Sailor, sir.

Haskins - Were you on the forward deck of the IVY on the afternoon of December 17, at about 1:45 P.M.

L. Pierrot - Yes sir. I was working on buoys.

Haskins - At about that time did Mr. Curtis pass you with a sack in his hand, apparently something in it?

L. Pierrot - I saw him pass with something in his hand.

Haskins - About this same appearance. (Pointing to can of paint in gunny sack)

L. Pierrot - Yes, about that same appearance.

Haskins - Where did Mr. Curtis put this sack with whatever was in it when he went off the ship?

L. Pierrot - I saw him put it in a car opposite the gangway but I did not know whose car it was.

Haskins - Was Mr. Curtis car there also?

L. Pierrot - Yes, his car was a little farther ahead.

Haskins - How far ahead of this other car?

L. Pierrot - About 12 feet.

Haskins - Do you know what kind of car this was?

L. Pierrot - No, I do not know much about cars. It was a small car something like mine. It was a two seat car.

Haskins - Do you know the color of that car?

L. Pierrot - It looked to be either dark blue or black. It was a very dark color.

Haskins (To Curtis) - What kind of a car has Capt. Cook?

Curtis - He has a coupe.

Haskins - What was the color of Captain Cook's car?

Curtis - It is a dark color.

Haskins (To Pierrot) - Did you later see Mr. Perez go to this car and get this bundle?

L. Pierrot - Yes sir.

Haskins - Was the bundle that Mr. Perez took out of the car similar to this bundle?

L. Pierrot - I did not notice the sack but I saw the can of paint when Mr. Perez held it up and said "See boys".

Haskins - Have you any personal grievance against Mr. Curtis here?

L. Pierrot - Not in a way sir.

Haskins - Did you hear anything further in regard to this can of paint?

L. Pierrot - No more than I have just said.

Haskins - Any questions you want to ask the witness Mr. Curtis?

Curtis No sir.

Haskins - Have you any questions Mr. Perez?

Perez - No sir.

Robert Knowles brought in for questioning - Following statements made after being duly sworn.

Haskins - What is your name?

R. Knowles - Robert Knowles.

Haskins - What is your position aboard the tender IVY?

R. Knowles - Boatman.

Haskins - Do you know anything about this charge against Mr. Curtis by Mr. Perez?

R. Knowles - All I know is when I saw the Chief walk about with the paint in his hand.

Haskins - Do you know the date of this occurrence?

R. Knowles - No sir.

Haskins - About how long ago?

R. Knowles - About 5 or 6 days.

Haskins - Do you know about what time this was?

R. Knowles - Between 2 and 3.

Haskins - Did earlier in the afternoon, the then Commanding Officer, go across the forward deck with a package in his hand, apparently with something in it?

R. Knowles - No, I did not.

Haskins - Do you know what kind of a car it was Mr. Perez took this paint from?

R. Knowles - An Oldsmobile.

Haskins - What kind of car; four door or what?

R. Knowles - A roadster.

Haskins - Mr. Curtis are there any questions you want to ask this man?

Curtis - No sir.

Haskins - Mr. Perez, any questions?

Perez - No sir.

Vicente Rey brought in for questioning - Following statements made after being duly sworn.

Haskins - Have you heard anything at all about these charges of Mr. Perez against Mr. Curtis, about taking paint off the ship?

V. Rey - I have not seen nothing.

Haskins - You did not see Mr. Perez when he took the can out of a car?

V. Rey. - Mr. Perez brought a can of paint on board the ship. I did not know where he got it. I just saw him bring it aboard the ship.

Haskins - Did you see Mr. Curtis earlier in the afternoon go off the ship with a sack under his arm, apparently with something in it?

V. Bay - No sir.
Haskins - Any questions you would like to ask Mr. Curtis?
Curtis - No sir.
Haskins - Any question you would like to ask Mr. Perez?

Perez - No sir.

William H. Roberts brought in for questioning - Following statements made after being duly sworn.

Haskins - What is your name?

Roberts - William H. Roberts.
Haskins - What is your position aboard the IVY.

Roberts - Seaman.

Haskins - Do you know anything about these charges of Mr. Perez against Mr. Curtis taking a can of paint from the IVY?
Roberts - No sir.
Haskins - You did not see Mr. Perez get a can of paint from an automobile and bring it back to the ship?

Roberts - I did not see him take it out of the car but I saw him come aboard with a can of paint in his hand.

Haskins - On what day was that?
Roberts - I am not positive what day it was, but I thought it to be last Thursday, sir.

Haskins - Did you see Mr. Curtis, a little earlier in the afternoon, leave the ship with a sack under his arm, with apparently something in it?
Roberts - No sir, I did not see him go off with anything in his arms.

Haskins - You were working on the forward deck at the time?

Roberts - Yes sir.

Haskins - Any questions you want to ask Mr. Curtis?

Curtis - No sir.

Haskins - Mr. Perez?

Perez - No sir.

Curtis - I object to the testimony made by Louis Pierrot because of dirty statements that he has made. He may have animosity against me but I am not sure.

Perez - The statement that Mr. Curtis made about Capt. M. Cook, that this is the first time that he has known Capt. M. Cook. Capt. Curtis, a number of times has been to Miami and called on the Harbor Master for different information. Personally, Capt. M. Cook has never in his life had any conversation, any business whatsoever with H. Perez.

Haskins - (to Curtis and Perez) Are there any other members of the crew that you would like to have questioned.

Curtis - No sir.

Perez - No sir.

Haskins - Mr. Curtis, have you any personal animosity against Mr. Perez?

Curtis - No sir, absolutely not. The cause of this is for John Nelson leaving the ship. By his own statement he owed Mr. Perez $70.00 and he had paid him 20% per month long enough.

Perez - Ask Mr. Curtis "To whom did you give the other crew's checks."

Curtis - To each individual.

Perez - Mr. Curtis was requested by Nelson, Oiler, to forward his check to address given. Nelson left the ship with a good recommendation and can return to his position whenever there is a vacancy.

Haskins (to Perez) - Was there any personal animosity between you and Mr. Curtis?

Perez - The only thing that could be brought in is when the lighthouse tender POINCIANA was in command of Captain Albury, enroute from Staten Island to Key West. The tender POINCIANA, being low tide, stuck in the middle of the channel in the canal. Mr. Curtis insisted that the engines be run, being diesel engines which is dangerous to run them without circulating water. Perez, in charge of engine room reported to Capt. Albury Commanding Officer, that it was dangerous to run the engine until circulating water could be had to keep the engines cool. Mr. Curtis

demanded and in the mess room at the breakfast table said the engines was made to run and caused a lot of hard feelings by argument and told me to my face that he thought more of the Cook than he did me. After the tender got off the bank, as near as I remember, we docked at Daytona; telegram was received for Engineer Perez and Mr. Curtis to proceed to Key West by rail. Mr. Curtis made the statement that Perez had money and would not loan Mr. Curtis any money to come to Key West and if it was the last thing on earth he did he would ruin me in the Lighthouse Service. But since then Perez has or had no hard feelings one way or another against Mr. Curtis.

Curtis - The statement of Mr. Perez is very untrue.

Haskins - Was any one else present at the time that what you just stated took place?

Perez - There was Capt. Albury, the later Mr. Paul Haskins and the cook.

Curtis - Why would I have to borrow when I had my own checking account.

William C. Banks brought in for questioning - following statements made after being duly sworn.

Haskins - What is your name?

Banks - William C. Banks.

Haskins - What is your position aboard this tender?

Banks - Second Officer.

Haskins - Do you know anything about these charges of Mr. Perez against Mr. Crrtis?

Banks - All I know about the case is Thursday aftern on I was summoned by Mr. Perez to look into a car and there was a can of paint in the car.

Haskins - Was it something like this? (Pointing to can in sack.)

Banks - Yes sir.

Haskins - It appeared to be similar to this?

Banks - Yes sir.

Haskins - What kind of car was it, a four door sedan, coupe, or what?

Banks - A coupe.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Curtis?

Curtis - How did he know it was a can of paint when it is wrapped in a sack?

Banks - Through a hole in the sack.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Perez?

Perez - No sir.

Haskins - Mr. Banks, about what time did this occur?

Banks - About 5:00 oclock.

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Haskins - Any questions Mr. Curtis?

Curtis - How did he know it was a can of paint when it is wrapped in a sack?

Banks - Through a hole in the sack.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Perez?

Perez - No sir.

Haskins - Mr. Banks, about what time did this occur?

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official reports and throw them overboard. Mr. Perez told Mr. Curtis if he tore up those reports and threw them overboard I would send same reports direct to the Superintendent of Lighthouses. After then, Mr. Curtis said, being an old man, if he lost his job, he would kill me. Mr. Perez told Mr. Curtis that when he got ready to kill me, let me know and I would come to him and if I am not mistaken, to prove this statement, Mr. Banks, Mr. Pangle can be summoned for their statement.

Haskins (To Curtis) - Did you make that statement there, if you lose your job you would kill him.

Curtis - I did ask him what did he have against me. I am not sure whether or not I told Mr. Perez that I would kill him if he caused me to lose my job. He said that I was a thief and that he was going to get me out of the Lighthouse Service.

Haskins (to Perez) - What have you to say to the statement that Mr. Curtis was a thief and that you were going to get him out of the Lighthouse Service.

Perez - I told Mr. Curtis after he pleaded to me, that a thief aboard the boat was bad. That was what I told him. I did not tell him anything about getting him out of the Service.

Curtis - Mr. Banks and Mr. Pangle told me that Mr. Perez had said if I would admit that I put the paint in the car before all the officers he would drop the case all together. I then told Mr. Banks and Mr. Pangle that if I did that I would commit myself as a thief and I would not.

Perez - The following morning, or the morning of the 18th, Mr. Pangle, Mr. Banks, and I believe Captain Peterson, held a conference in the pilot house on the IVY, to see if it was not some way of dropping this subject. Mr. Banks statements to me suggested to find some way for Mr. Curtis to explain through favors or otherwise how Mr. Curtis can say he put the paint in the car. After the conference was over in the Pilot house, Mr. Pangle, Mr. Banks called on me at my room, asking me would I drop the subject. I told them no. After they talked to me, I thought then to clear myself, if Mr. Curtis wanted to state in front of the officers that he put that paint in the car, it would be alright with me, to show that I had no personal grievance or ill-feeling against Mr. Curtis in any way.

Charles E. Pangle brought in for questioning - Following statements made after being duly sworn.

Haskins - Do you know anything about the reports of Engineer Perez against Mr. Curtis having taken a can of paint and placed it in an automobile?

Pangle - No sir.

Haskins - About 4 or 5 days ago Mr. Perez and Mr. Curtis were on the after deck speaking to each other, after this affair about the paint. Did you hear anything between them.

Pangle - I did not listen to that part of the conversation.

Haskins - Did you see Mr. Curtis go to a car where some paint had been stored.

Pangle - I saw him go to a car but did not know anything about paint being stored there.

Haskins - Did you notice anything about Mr. Curtis after he looked into the car, facial expressions or anything.

Pangle - No sir.

Haskins - Did you have any conversation with Capt. Peterson, Mr. Banks and Mr. Curtis about withdrawing his charges against Mr. Curtis of stealing a can of paint?

Pangle - Yes sir. Mr. Banks and myself asked Mr. Perez to withdraw the charges. Capt. Peterson was not in the conversation. Mr. Curtis was not in the conference.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Curtis?

Curtis-No sir.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Perez?

Perez - No sir.

Haskins - Any questions Capt. Cosgrove?

Cosgrove - No sir.

William C. Banks brought in for questioning - Following statements made after being duly sworn.

Haskins - On the afternoon of this question of taking a can of paint from the ship and placing it in the car, did you hear any conversation between Mr. Perez and Mr. Curtis, when they were on the after deck.

Banks - No sir.

Haskins - You did not hear them talking with each other?

Banks - No sir.

Haskins - Did you and Mr. Pangle go to Mr. Curtis with any suggestion from Mr. Perez, that if Mr. Curtis would state that he put the paint in the car before all the officers that Mr. Perez would drop the charges?

Banks - Yes sir.

Haskins - Who told you to tell that to Mr. Curtis?

Banks - Well, we officers just got together and thought that would be the best way to settle it.

Haskins - Who do you mean by we officers?

Banks - Mr. Pangle, Mr. Perez and myself.

Haskins - What did Mr. Curtis say to that suggestion.

Banks - He said he would be incriminating himself.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Curtis?

Curtis - No sir.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Perez?

Perez - Mr. Banks, the afternoon that Mr. Curtis was accused of taking this can of paint; when he came out of his room and stated that he had nothing against me and in the argument on the after deck can't Mr. Banks remember telling me that he heard me tell Mr. Curtis that when he got ready to kill me I would come to him, Mr. Curtis.

Banks - I happened to be walking by and heard Mr. Perez say that.

Haskins - But you did not hear Mr. Curtis when he is supposed to have made the threat.

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Banks - No sir, I did not.

Haskins - Are there any other questions you want to ask, Mr. Perez?

Perez - Yes sir. When you came to the room with Mr. Pangle and asked me would I drop the case, I first stated No, but after talking at the window awhile, to show the rest of the officers that I had nothing against Mr. Curtis and to clear my statement, that if Mr. Curtis was satisfied to admit that he put the paint in the car for a favor or some cause, I would be satisfied to drop the case.

(Throught Commanding Officer Lighthouse Tender Ivy)

Haskins - Mr. Banks, is that correct?

Banks - Yes sir.

At 145 P. M. T. H. Curtis 1st. Officer in charge of Tender Ivy Took one galls. of White paint off Tender Ivy and placed it in a car with no of licens as followed 37-052 Florida 1931. While paint was in car

Haskins - Capt. Cosgrove?

2Sd officer visited the car and seen the can of paint in the car, and after then the paint was removed from the car by Engineer H. Perez and have the paint in my room for evedense,

Cosgrove - No sir.

Haskins - Mr. Perez

Perez - No sir.

Copy of letter given to 1st Officer in charge of Tender Ivy.

(Sgd.) H. Perez

Engineer L. H. Tender Ivy

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Superintendent of Lighthouses:

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CAPT. M. COOK
HARBOR MASTER
MUNICIPAL DOCK
MIAMI, FLA.

Phones (Office: 36335
(Residence: 22459

December 18 th 1931.

To whom this may concern to certify that one Herry, Perez Chf Engerneer of the L.H.T. IVY did at 3.30 dec. 17 put A parcel wraped in A bag in my car that was parked in front of where the IVY was docked,
I seposed that the parcel contained liquor and that Mr. Perez had made A mistake and put the parcel in the wrong Car in about lo minutes later he came and remooved the parcel took it back on board of the IVY .

(Sgd.) Capt. M. Cook
Harbor Master Port of Miami

COPY - HBH.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

HBH-LHP.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

December 24, 1931.

State Motor Vehicle Commissioner,
Tallahassee, Florida.

Sir:

1. Would you kindly furnish this office with the name and address of owner, and full description of automobile with license plate "37-052 Florida 1931", at Miami, Fla.

Respectfully,

(Sgd.) Wm. W. Demeritt,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
HBH. LHP.

Y - HBH.

STATE OF FLORIDA
Office of Motor Vehicle Commissioner

Tallahassee

W.S.McLIN
Acting Motor Vehicle
Commissioner.

Dec. 29, 1931.

Superintendent of Lighthouse,
Key West, Florida.

Re: File HBH-LHP

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 24th. inst. you are advised that my records show that 1931 tag No. 37-052 and title No. 699765-A are outstanding in the name of Melbourne Cook, 2240 NW 1st St. Miami, Fla. for Oldsmobile roadster engine No. F178489, serial No. CR526.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) W. S. McLin

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEC 31 1931
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

Two sets enclosures.

December 31, 1931.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla.

1. Referring to your letter of Dec. 20, 1931, directing me to investigate reports of Mr. H. Perez against Mr. T. H. Curtis for taking can of paint from tender Ivy and for hitting Mr. Perez while on duty.

2. On Dec. 21, 1931, from 7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., while on tender Ivy enroute from Miami to Key West, investigations of both reports were made. Three copies of each report are inclosed.

H. B. Haskins
Asst. Superintendent.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

December 20, 1931

Mr. H. B. Haskins, Associate Engineer L.H.S.
Assistant Superintendent Seventh District,
Key West, Fla.

Investigate report re actions Mr. Thomas Curtis, First Officer L.H.S., tempo. in command tender IVY.

1. There is attached a copy of a letter from the Engineer of the tender IVY, dated December 17, 1931, in which it is reported that certain property belonging to the United States was taken from the tender, subsiquently recovered and now in his possession. In this connection attention is invited to Art. 399-paragraphs (a) and (d) and Art. 340 and 341 together with Art. 342 of the Regulations, 1927 and Arts. 39, 40, 41 and 42 of the Instructions to Employees, 1927.

2. Mr. Perez further reports that the original of the letter reporting this matter was submitted to Mr. Curtis, in temporary command of the IVY for transmittal to this office. This communication has not been received and under the circumstances may constitute a violation of the provision of Art. 23 paragraph (b) of the Regulations, 1927 and Art. 69 paragraph (g) of Instructions to Employees, 1927.

3. By letter dated December 18, 1931, Mr. Perez reports direct to this office that Mr. Curtis, temporarily in command of the IVY assualted him. It appears that this is in violation of Art. 467 (last clause) and Art. 488 of the Regulations and Arts. 6 (last clause) and 11, of Instructions to Employees. Letter in question attached.

4. You are requested to make a thorough investigation of these reports in order to determine if formal charges are justified and can be sustained. You should also find out if, under the circumstances, Mr. Perez was justified in communicating with this office direct, he being under the impression that his reports were not being forwarded to destination. In this connection see Art. 23 paragraph (a). He requested by telephone to report in person on official matters in accordance with the requirements of paragraph (e) of Art. 23 and his request was granted. (Art. 69 paragraphs (f) and (h) of Instructions to Employees, 1927.

W. W. Bennett

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy to Mr. P. L. Cosgrove, Jr. Master, L. H. S., for information contained; it is regretted that under the circumstances it will be necessary for you to return to your command. The tender is scheduled to leave Miami for Key West Monday, December 21st.

DEC 31

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF REPORT MADE BY MR. H. PEREZ, ENGINEER, TENDER IVY, AGAINST MR. THOS. H. CURTIS, 1ST OFFICER, TENDER IVY, FOR CURTIS HITTING PEREZ

Board of Investigation - H. B. Haskins, Assistant Superintendent and Captain P. L. Cosgrove, Master, L. H. tender IVY.

Present during entire investigation - Mr. Harry Perez, Engineer, L.H. tender IVY, and Mr. Thos. H. Curtis, 1st. Officer, L. H. tender IVY.

Investigation took place in Saloon of IVY on Monday December 21, 1931, from about 1 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., while enroute from Miami to Key West, Fla.

Mr. Haskins read statement of December 18, report by H. Perez, against Mr. T. H. Curtis, for striking him in the mess room.

- REPORT - EXHIBIT F.-

"Miami, Fla.
Dec. 18/1931

Superintendent of Lighthouses:
Key West, Fla.

Direct to Superintendent of Lighthouses.

At 10.15 A.M. H. Perez Engineer L. H. Tender Ivy was sitting in chair with my legs crossed in Officers mess room facing port mess room door. and 1st. Officer T.H.Curtis in charge of Tender Ivy come in port mess room door and in a coward way structed me in the head. after then H. Perez handled T.H.Curtis in a jentle way and after then T.H.Curtis looses his nerve and showed an insane act. and from the way T. H. Curtis talks and his actions and what he does showe he not rite in his mind and he says thing and belives they are right.

(Sgd.) H. Perez
Engineer L.H.Tender IVY"

Haskins gave Mr. Curtis a copy of this report.

Haskins - Did you hit Mr. Perez as charged in the statement of December 18?

Curtis - After he hit me with my glasses on I struck him. You can ask Alonzo Borden about this. Mr. Borden found my glasses under the buffet on the port side.

Haskins - Mr. Borden was not present at the time?

Curtis - Nobody was present only Capt. Cook who was up in his office and looked out of the window and saw it.

Haskins - Is that the same Capt. Cook in whose car the can of paint was found?

Curtis-Yes sir.

Haskins - And Capt. Cook was in his office looking out the window at that particular instant?

Curtis - Yes sir. That was his own statement.

Haskins - Will you describe to me by drawing on this piece of paper, just how the IVY was laying at the dock and just how Capt. Cook's office is located, so that he saw all of this? (Drawing is attached herewith.)

Haskins - At what time did you claim Mr. Perez hit you?

Curtis - About 2 or 2:15.

Haskins - Any other statement you wish to make?

Curtis - Exhibit "C" given to Mr. Haskins.

Statements contained in Exhibit "C"

"To certify that on this date about 2.15b PM I saw the Capt. of the IVY go to the saloon door the Chief meet him in the door and pushed the Capt or struck him and a scufel followed in side." (Exhibit "C")

Haskins (to Perez) - Your charges state that Mr. Curtis hit you about 10:15 A.M. while sitting in a room. Mr. Curtis states that you hit him at 2:15 P.M. on the same date.

Cosgrove - I would like to ask Mr. Curtis a question.

Haskins - All right.

Cosgrove - Refreshen your memory Mr. Curtis, where this is going to be an important incident. As it has been stated coffee was being served on the IVY A.M. and P.M., couldn't you refresh your memory by thinking. Was this after lunch or before lunch when this conflict happened.

Curtis - I recall it was about 2:15.

Haskins - Was it after or before lunch?

Curtis - After lunch.

Haskins - Any other questions Captain?

Cosgrove - I do not consider it was necessary to ask Mr. Perez as he has already given a written statement.

Haskins - Mr. Perez, would anybody know about this tussle between you and Mr. Curtis, or shortly after the affair took place?

Perez - Yes sir.

Haskins - Who?

Perez - Mr. Banks.

Haskins - Anybody else?

Perez - No sir.

Haskins - How did Mr. Banks come to know about it?

Perez - On December 18, Mr. Curtis told Mr. Banks that he was going to beat me. Mr. Banks went off in the cargo boat to place sunvalves on beacons at 9:00 or 9:15. Mr. Perez didn't know Mr. Curtis made this statement to Mr. Banks until the affair was over. At 10:15 I was sitting in the officers mess room with my legs crossed in a chair facing port mess room door. Mr. Curtis came in the door in a cowardly way, struck me in the head. Perez then handled Mr. Curtis in a gentle way. Mr. Curtis was pushed to the port buffet then from there in the center of the mess room between the chairs to the floor. Mr. Perez being able to control his temper assisted Mr. Curtis from the floor, placing him against the wall. Mr. Curtis lost his nerve. Mr. Perez looked him in the face and tells him the dirty coward act he did by hitting me while I was sitting down. While Mr. Curtis was standing there in a nervous condition, Mr. Alonzo Borden came in. Mr. Perez left the mess room. Mr. Curtis, in an exciting way went to his room, came back again looking for his glasses, which glasses was on top of the port buffet. At 12 oclock dinner Mr. Perez, Mr. Curtis and a policeman by the name of Charlie Reynolds had dinner together. While we were eating dinner the subject came up about low blood pressure, heart trouble and in the conversation at the table Mr. Curtis made the statement in the presence of Charlie Reynolds, Policeman, that when he died he wanted to die in a high pitch of anger and somebody to kill him. As near as I can remember Mr. Banks returned with the cargo boat about 12:45 or 1:00 oclock, meets Mr. Curtis; Mr. Curtis tells Mr. Banks that he got two pokes at the Chief. Mr. Cook's statement

states that this affair took place at 2:15. Mr. Cook's and Mr. Curtis statements says he seen no strike Mr. Curtis. Mr. Banks, Fireman Sawyer, was summoned in the mess room last night, December 20th, was taken in the mess room, the window was taken down and placed where I was sitting and asked them with a clear conscience, without favor in any respect could anybody from the up stairs of the Merchant Miners building see who struck the first blow. On the 18th, around the ship Mr. Curtis made the statement that he was going home and get a gun and kill the Chief and another man aboard the boat. This statement came from Light Keeper Borden to the oiler crews and some members of the engine room department. They told Mr. Pangle the same thing.

Haskins - When Mr. Banks came back on the cargo boat about 1:00 oclock did you tell him about the fracas between you and Mr. Curtis?

Perez - Yes sir, and then Mr. Banks told Mr. Perez Mr. Curtis told him he got two pokes at the Chief and in the morning he told Mr. Banks he was going to beat the Chief.

Haskins - Did you tell anybody else about this fracas?

Perez - No sir, just Mr. Banks.

Haskins - When Mr. Alonzo Borden was helping to hunt for the glasses did he know there had been a fracas between you and Mr. Curtis?

Perez - At the time, No, that is as far as I know.

Haskins (to Curtis) - Did you tell Mr. Borden why it was that your glasses were missing?

Curtis - I do not remember what I told him.

Haskins - When Mr. Borden was helping you find your glasses, was that after the time that you claimed Mr. Perez hit you first?

Curtis - Yes sir, that was after the time.

Haskins - Did Mr. Borden hunt for your glasses once or twice that day?

Curtis - Only at that particular time.

Haskins - Why was Mr. Borden on board?

Curtis - He came down to bring some condemned stuff to take to Key West.

Haskins - How long did Mr. Borden remain aboard the boat?

Curtis - About an hour.

Haskins - Anybody else see Mr. Borden aboard beside you and Mr. Perez?

Curtis - He was all over the ship, so all of the crew must have seen him.

Haskins - Mr. Perez did you see Mr. Borden aboard the boat?

Perez - Yes sir, and he had a man along that usually comes with him, John Marshall.

Haskins (to Curtis) - Did you see John Marshall aboard the boat, and was that after 2:15 P.M.?

Curtis - Yes sir.

Haskins - Did Mr. Banks see Mr. Borden aboard the boat?

Curtis - I do not know whether Mr. Banks saw him or not.

Haskins - Did Mr. Banks go back on construction work after 1:00 oclock?

Curtis - Yes sir.

Haskins - What did you do after dinner?

Curtis - I was aboard the ship.

Haskins - You remained aboard ship until what time?

Curtis - Until about 5:00 oclock.

Haskins - Do you know whether Mr. Pangle was aboard the boat that morning when you were hunting for your glasses?

Curtis - No sir, Mr. Pangle was not there at that time.

Cosgrove - I would like to clear up this point that Mr. Haskins is asking. To your belief Mr. Pangle was attached to the ship for duty?

Curtis - Sure, he was on duty.

William H. Roberts brought in for questioning - Following statements made after being duly sworn.

Haskins - What is your name?

W. H. Roberts - William H. Roberts.

Haskins-You were aboard the IVY on December 18?

Roberts - Yes sir.

Haskins - Was Alonzo Borden aboard the boat on that date?

Roberts - Yes sir, he was he brought some condemned stuff down in the glory hold. I think it was Friday.

Haskins - What time was that?

Roberts - Between 10 and 11 oclock.

M. L. Cruz brought in for questioning - Following statements made after being duly sworn.

Haskins - What is your name?

M. L. Cruz - Morris L. Cruz.

Haskins - What is your position aboard this boat?

Cruz - Oiler

Haskins - Do you remember when Alonzo Borden was aboard this boat last week?

Cruz - I think it was either Thursday or Friday.

Haskins - About what time.

Cruz - Thursday or Friday about 2:20.

Haskins - Was he down here both days or just one day?

M. L. Cruz - I think it was Friday, just the one day.

Haskins - It was about 2:30 or 2:20?

Perez - Cruz came up here to give the time of Mr. Curtis striking Mr. Perez in the mess room on December 18.

Haskins - Do you know anything about it being reported that Mr. Curtis struck Mr. Perez?

Cruz - I was in the engine room painting at about 2:20 or 2:30. I noticed Mr. Curtis when he passed the port door of the engine room on the port lower deck. Then a few minutes after that, about two or three minutes I heard a noise in the officers mess room, it sounded as if some crockery or saucers were falling on the floor. Then, if I am not mistaken, I heard Mr. Perez say that Mr. Curtis should not have done that because that was a game that two men could play. I would not swear to those words. Then I did not know what to think

so I called Mr. Borden off the dock between 2:20 and 3:00 and Mr. Borden went on into the mess hall.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Curtis?

Curtis - No sir.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Perez?

Perez - Yes sir. I want Cruz to stop for a minute and verify his statement of the particular incident of the time and see if he can remember about or exactly the time and what he was doing at that time in the engine room and where was Mr. Elwood and see if he can refreshen his memory as to the right time. I think Mr. Cruz can stop and think what he was doing at that time.

Cruz - I am pretty sure it was after dinner. I was painting the walls of the engine room.

A. M. Russell brought in for questioning - Following statements made after being duly sworn.

Haskins - What is your position on this boat?

Russell - Steward.

Haskins - Did one of your mess attendants clean up some broken china last week?

Russell - Yes sir.

Haskins - About what time was that?

Russell - Something between 10 and 11, about Thursday.

Haskins - How many times last week did they clean up broken china.

Russell - Once.

Haskins - Did he say what broke the china.

Russell - No sir, he just said two saucers were broken back there.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Curtis?

Curtis - No sir.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Perez?

Perez - No sir.

Note Mr. Perez requested that the Mess Attendant who cleaned up the broken china be brought in as a witness. Mr. Curtis objected, because he says that there was an intermission between investigation and somebody may have spoken to the Mess Attendant.

Edmund Sawyer was brought in for questioning - Following statements made after being duly sworn.

Haskins - What is your name?

Sawyer - Edmund Sawyer.

Haskins - What is your position on this boat?

Sawyer - Fireman.

Haskins - Did you line up the chair in which Mr. Perez was supposed to be, the window and door with the window of Capt. Cook's office on the Municipal Pier, to see if in your opinion a person in Capt. Cook's office could see a particular position in the officer's saloon of the IVY?

Sawyer - Yes sir, but in my opinion they could not see.

Haskins - Where did you stand when you looked to see this?

Sawyer - Right where Mr. Perez was sitting in the saloon.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Curtis?

Curtis - No sir.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Perez?

Perez - No sir.

Haskins - Any questions Capt. Cosgrove?

Cosgrove - No sir.

Haskins - Question has arisen about further witnesses on account of the conflicting statements of time. Mr. Perez is willing for board to bring forward any witnesses. Mr. Curtis objects to any other witnesses being brought before the board because he says they have had time to talk among themselves or to be influenced by the other men who have testified. He also states his reason for this is because if anyone testified against Mr. Perez they will lose their job. Capt. Cosgrove states that as Master of this ship that Mr. Perez does not influence him either one way or the other.

Perez - Mr. Perez has been in the Lighthouse Service practically 26 to 28 years, in which time no man has been influenced in any way by me or tried to get any member of the ship to get anybody in trouble, and have been in charge of the engine room department about 9 to 11 years, during which time no man has been discharged from the engine room without thorough investigation, cautioned two or three times, if he was in the wrong and if the same thing occurred, the man was given his time on account of neglect of duty and to the best of my knowledge, it has been about 3 men dismissed from the engine room department for neglect.

[There were no other questions]

Ray O. Elwood brought in for questioning - Following statements made after being duly sworn.

Haskins - Do you know anything about a fight that took place between Mr. Perez and Mr. Curtis.

Elwood - I heard about it when I came aboard ship about 10 minutes to eleven.

Haskins - Where had you been?

Elwood - Out in the launch with Mr. Banks, out to the beacons.

Haskins - Who did you hear about the fight from?

Elwood - After Mr. Banks came back, Mr. Banks told me about it.

Haskins - Did Mr. Banks go out in the boat again?

Elwood - Yes sir, he came in for some sunvelve glass and went right out again.

Haskins - Have you heard any statements made by Mr. Curtis in regard to Mr. Curtis shooting Mr. Perez or anybody else?

Elwood - No sir.

Perez - (Question by Mr. Perez to clarify statement of Mr. Elwood) What did you mean by saying when Mr. Banks came back?

Elwood - He came back from the glory hold.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Curtis?

Curtis - No sir.

Haskins - Any questions Capt. Cosgrove?

Cosgrove - No sir.

Curtis - The witness here states the time but did not state the date.

Haskins - What day did this take place?

Elwood - Thursday, as near as I can remember.

Haskins - Any other questions.

(There were no other questions)

William C. Banks was brought in for questioning - Following statements made after being duly sworn.

Haskins - When did you first hear about this fight between Mr. Curtis and Mr. Perez.

Banks - Around 11 oclock in the morning.

Haskins - Where had you been before that?

Banks - I was out in the boat.

Haskins - Do you remember what day that was?

Banks - Friday morning.

Haskins - Any other questions Mr. Perez?

Perez - I would like to make this clear where Mr. Curtis told Mr. Banks that he was going to beat me. The statement was made about 9:15 oclock Friday morning. Then when Mr. Banks returned with the launch he told Mr. Banks he got two pokes at me, and if Mr. Banks remembers the facts.

Haskins - Do you remember any of these facts?

Banks - No sir.

Haskins - In regard to what Mr. Perez just asked you, did Mr. Curtis tell you anything?

Banks - Mr. Curtis told me that he had fought and that Mr. Perez had struck him first, also Mr. Perez told me that Mr. Curtis struck him first.

Haskins - Any questions Mr. Curtis?

Curtis - Don't the log show that you left here 0;50 to do that work?

Banks - Yes sir.

Dec. 15/ 1931

Superintendent of Lighthouses:

Ivy Boat Yin.

Direct to Superintendent of Lighthouses.

At 10.15 A. M. P. Pacos Engineer L.H.Tender Ivy was sitting in Chair with my legs crossed in Officers Mess room facing port mess room door. and 1st. Officer T.H.Curtis in charge of Tender Ivy came in port mess room door and in a coward way shrusted me in the head, after then E. Pacos handled T. H. Curtis in a jentle way and after then T.H. Curtis Jebbed his mouth and showed an insane act. and from the way T. H. Curtis talks and his actions and what he does shows he not rite in his mind and he says thing and believe they are right.

(Sgd.) E. Pacos
Engineer L.H.Tender Ivy

CAPT - MP

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CAPT. M. COOK
HARBOR MASTER
MUNICIPAL DOCK
MIAMI, FLA.

Miami Fla.

Dec. 18/ 1931

Superintendent of Lighthouses:
Key West Fla.

Direct to Superintendant of Lighthouses.

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(Sgd.) H. Perez
Engineer L.H.Tender Ivy

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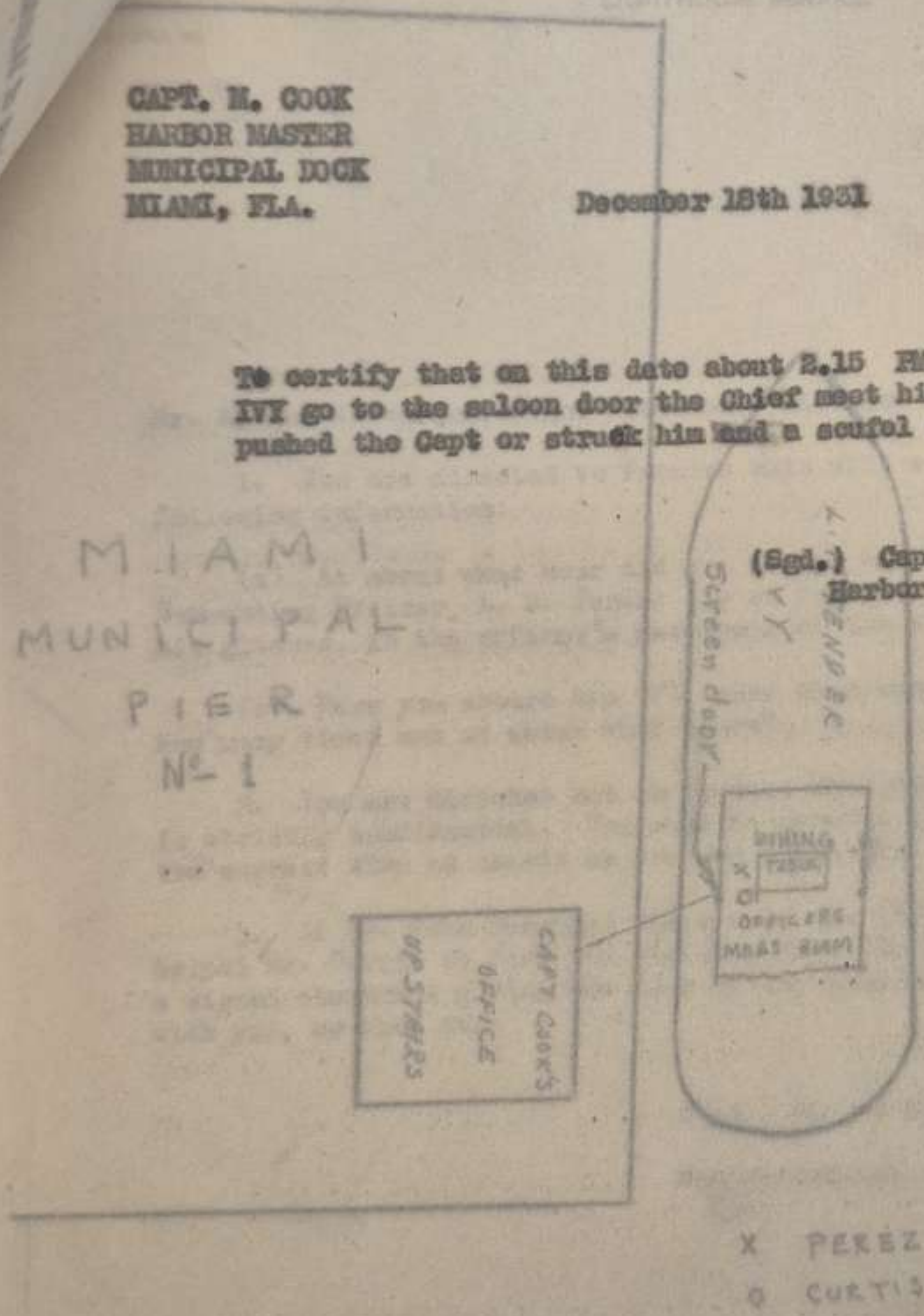
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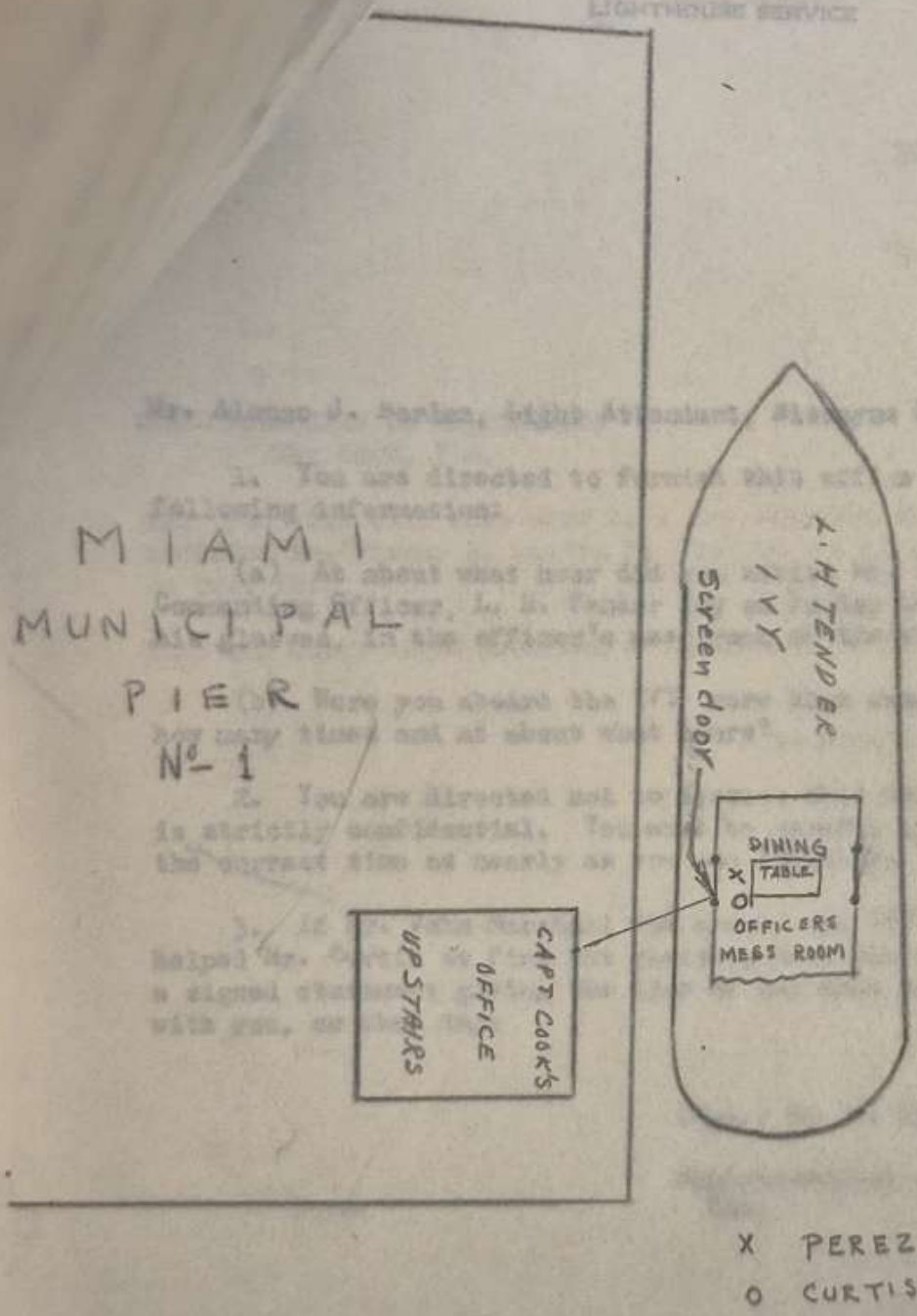
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To certify that on this date about 2.15 PM I saw the Capt of the IVY go to the saloon door the Chief meet him in the door and pushed the Capt or struck him and a scufel followed in side.

(Sgd.) Capt. M. Cook
Harbor Master



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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

December 23, 1931.

Mr. Alonzo J. Borden, Light Attendant, Biscayne Bay Lights, Miami, Florida.

1. You are directed to furnish this office by return mail with the following information:

(a) At about what hour did you assist Mr. Thomas H. Curtis, Acting Commanding Officer, L. H. Tender Ivy on Friday December 18, in finding his glasses, in the officer's mess room of the tender IVY?

(b) Were you aboard the IVY more than once on that date? If so, how many times and at about what hours?

2. You are directed not to discuss this matter with any one as it is strictly confidential. You must be careful in your statement to give the correct time as nearly as you can remember.

3. If Mr. John Marshall was aboard the IVY at the time that you helped Mr. Curtis to find his glasses, have him furnished this office with a signed statement giving the time of day that he was aboard the IVY with you, on that day.

(Sgd.) Wm. W. Demeritt

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Biscayne Bay Lights
(STATION, DEPOT, OR VESSEL)

Miami, Dec. 25, 1931, 193

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Key West, Fla.

Sir you will find here near as I can remember the correct time that I assisted Mr. Thomas H. Curtis in finding his glasses on L. H. Tender IVY on Dec. 18.

Time was about 10.30 A.M. and I was aboard of the IVY again at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully,

(Sgd.) A.J.Bordon
Lt. Attendant

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Miami, Fla.

(STATION, DEPOT, OR VESSEL)

Dec. 25, 1931

Mr. Wm. W. Demeritt
Key West, Fla.

Dear Sir:

Inclose you will find a statement as to the hour that I was aboard of the L. H. tender IVY with Mr. A. J. Borden. It was about 10:30 a.m. and again at 8:00 P.M. Date was Friday Dec. 18 - 1931.

Will be glad to render any service should there be any more needed. I remain,

Respectfully

(Sgd.) John Marshall

January 13, 1932.

Hon. Park Trammell,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Trammell:

1. In reference to your letter of January 11 relative to correspondence received from Mr. John C. Sawyer of Key West, Fla., regarding charges preferred against Mr. Thomas H. Curtis, an employee of the Lighthouse Service:

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

Very truly yours,

G. R. PUTNAM,
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.
January 16, 1932.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Charges against Thomas H. Curtis, First Officer U. S. L. H. Service, tender IVY.

There is herewith a letter from Captain M. Cook, Harbor Master, Miami, Fla., in which he testifies to the fact that he has known Mr. Curtis for 20 years, etc. This letter was inadvertently left out of the file in the case of charges against Mr. Curtis, the other papers going forward by registered mail today. Kindly attach it thereto.

W. W. Demeritt
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Hon. Geo. R. Putnam, Commissioner,
Bureau of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing to you herewith a letter received by me from Mr. John G. Sawyer, of Key West, Florida, to which is attached copy of charges and specifications, also affidavits bearing on the case against Captain Thomas H. Curtis of the Lighthouse Service. I will appreciate your having this matter very ca refully investigated before final action is taken against Captain Curtis, as it appears, from the within affidavits that the charges against him, in part at least, may not be correct.

Very respectfully,

Park Trammell

Incls.
RG:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., January 13, 1932.
Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla., for report and return.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman

W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

JOHN G. SAWYER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
KEY WEST, FLORIDA

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U. S. Senator Park Trammell,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Senator:-

Unless you can spare the time to come to the aid of First Officer Thomas H. Curtis of the U. S. Lighthouse Service, one of the rankest pieces of injustice that was ever perpetrated in this community will be pulled off. The inclosed copies of the charges against him and his answer thereto together with affidavits and certificate -prepared in haste- will explain the matter.

I have known Captain Curtis since I was a boy and personally know that he enjoys the respect and confidence of this entire community. If it is possible for you to call upon the Commissioner of Lighthouses or telephone to him before final action is taken and have him send some one to make an impartial and thorough investigation of these charges I shall be everlastingly grateful.

You can readily see that the Superintendent of Lighthouses for this District is disqualified to pass upon testimony where the word of his first cousin, who preferred the charges, is contradicted by the accused, and the statement of two other people of standing in Miami, who appear to be disinterested. I am satisfied from the conversation I had with, W. W. Demeritt the Superintendent, that he would recommend that Captain Curtis be discharged from the service.

Thanking you for any help you may be able to give Captain Curtis, I remain,

Sincerely,

John G. Sawyer

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January 16, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Charges, specifications and papers in connection therewith in the case of Mr. Thomas H. Curtis 1st. Officer, U.S.L.H.Service.

1. On December 19, 1931, Mr. Harry Perez, Engineer, U. S. L. H. Service, in charge of the engineer's department of the tender IVY called me by telephone and reported that there had been trouble on the tender, that his report in reference thereto had been destroyed, he therefore requested permission to report thereon direct to the Superintendent. Permission was granted and he called at my official residence and submitted written reports which are attached hereto, in which Mr. Thomas H. Curtis, 1st. Officer, L. H. Service, temporarily in command of the tender IVY is accused of unauthorized disposal of property of the United States Lighthouse Service, which was in his custody. It was also reported that the first officer, temporarily in command of the tender had assaulted the engineer and had destroyed an official report submitted to him for transmittal.

2. Mr. Perez was then and there asked if there were any witnesses, other than himself, to the acts which he was reporting. He stated that there were several seamen on the deck when the officer in temporary command walked ashore but he did not know if any of them had noticed what Mr. Curtis was taking ashore or not. He did not know of any witness to the assault or the destruction of the report.

3. As Mr. Perez is a first cousin of mine and as Mr. Curtis is a second cousin by marriage, he having married one of my second cousins, and is so related to Mr. Perez, I directed the Assistant Superintendent (copy of letter attached) to proceed to Miami and make a thorough investigation to determine if formal charges were justified. Mr. Haskins together with Captain P. L. Cosgrove, Master, L. H. Service, commanding officer of the IVY, who was on annual leave of absence, Mr. Perez and Mr. Perpall, one of the clerks, proceeded to the IVY, arriving there on the night of the 20th, and the investigation began at 7:30 a.m., the following morning, December 21, 1931. Copies of the investigation are attached for Bureau's information.

4. As corroborative evidence developed during the investigation confirmed the report submitted by Mr. Perez to a sufficient degree to warrant further action, formal charges were handed the commanding officer of the tender IVY on January 4, 1932, for transmittal to First Officer Curtis. Copy herewith for Bureau's information. This officer's reply to the charges were received by the commanding officer of the tender on January 7, 1932 and forwarded to this office at 9:10 the same morning.

5. As threats of countercharges were understood to have been made, the concluding sentence of the first paragraph of the charges cautioned against such action by inviting attention to the provisions of the Regulations and Instructions to Employees on that point. Notwithstanding this, he states in his answer that "about one year ago I made an oral report to the Commanding Officer of said tender IVY that he (Mr. Perez) had on the previous night brought aboard of the IVY a young girl for what appeared to me to be for immoral purposes." This together with the alleged statements by some members of the crew in what he would have one believe were affidavits, viz: "working conditions are better now than they were prior to his becoming the First Officer of the IVY.", resulted in all papers being returned to the Commanding Officer by letter dated January 8, 1932, for such statements as he deemed proper in explaining failure to take proper action when the alleged conduct of the Engineer was brought to his attention. He was also requested to state what changes in working conditions are better now than they were prior to his becoming First Officer of the IVY. His reply dated January 8, 1932, is herewith. As to the credibility of the defendant, particular attention is invited to the statement by the commanding officer, his immediate superior, to the effect that he did not believe what he reported about Mr. Perez and it was feared he would repudiate any statements not in writing.

6. (a) In questioning the members of the crew, whose signatures appear on the statements introduced as affidavits, it was found that these statements were prepared by Mr. Curtis and his attorney, John Sawyer and that the documents are false, in that they, the members of the crew, never appeared before Ross C. Sawyer, Clerk of the Circuit Court, nor did they subscribe or swear to anything before him nor did they swear to the statements contained therein before any one. The Clerk of the Circuit Court was not present at any time or connected in any way with the statements insofar as they were concerned. Atwell cannot read and has served 10 years and 11 months instead of 15 years as stated; Betancourt has served 1 year, 5 months and 13 days and not two years as it is made to appear and he never served under any other first officer; Richardson has served 2 years, 4 months and 24 days instead of 3 years as stated and has not served under any other first officer; Roy cannot read English, has served 10 years, 10 months and 27 days instead of 12 years as shown. The Bureau's attention is invited to these seamens' answers

to Captain Cosgrove's question "In what respect has the First Officer bettered working conditions on the IVY?"

(b) As it was evident that statements in these papers, submitted as affidavits, were false and if properly executed constituted perjury, this was investigated and there is attached an affidavit as to the irregularily of the purported affidavits over their signature.

7. (a) It will be noted that the Engineer reported that he saw Mr. Curtis take one gallon of white paint from the tender and place it in a car bearing Florida license 37-052. During the investigation he testified - "saw Mr. Curtis with a bundle under his arm. "From the bundle I saw a shiney tin which made me think it was a can of paint." On January 7, 1932 he makes affidavit before the United States Commissioner to statements contained in his report and to his testimony during the investigation. This affidavit is attached hereto.

(b) The evidence as to place, date and hour that this officer took a bundle ashore and placing it in an automobile is corroborated by the testimony of Louis Piarrot, Seaman, at the investigation and by affidavit before the United States Commissioner on January 7, 1932. Affidavit is attached hereto.

(c) The evidence as to the bag or sack being in the automobile in question and that it contained a can similar to other cans of paint in the deck department's paint locker and storeroom, under the jurisdiction of the defendant was testified to by Second Officer Banks and he made affidavit before the United States Commissioner on January 7, 1932, that he saw a gunny sack with a paint can in it marked "White paint". "I could see it through a hole in the sack", thus further corroborating the Engineer's report.

(d) In reply to inquiry from this office the Motor Vehicle Commissioner of the State of Florida under date of December 29, 1931, states that his "records show that 1931 tag No. 37-052 and title No. 699765-A are outstanding in the name of Melbourne Cook, 2240 N.W. 1st. St., Miami, Fla., for Oldsmobile roadster, engine No. F178489, serial No. CR526." Captain M. Cook, in whose car the paint was placed is the Harbor Master, Miami, Fla., and his office is in the second story of a small office building on Municipal Pier No. 1, about 50 feet from where the IVY usually berths.

8. The evidence given during the investigation and acknowledged by the defendant is to the effect that the Engineer of the IVY sent him through the usual channel, an official communication addressed to the Superintendent of Lighthouses in which it was being reported that Mr.

Thomas H. Curtis, First Officer, U. S. L. H. Service, temporarily in command of the IVY had endeavored to illegally dispose of one gallon of paint, the property of the Lighthouse Service. This official communication was not forwarded to destination but instead was destroyed by the defendant.

9. Further report was made by Mr. Perez under date of December 18, 1931, that at 10:15 a.m. on that date Mr. Curtis, in temporary command of the tender IVY, without provocation or warning assaulted him and from actions and manner of talking, the defendant displayed evidence of unsound mind.

10. There is no record in this office that the officer in temporary command took any steps leading to proper disciplinary action for this altercation, a gross breach of discipline.

11. (a) The formal charges and the defendants answer, together with purported affidavits submitted by him are herewith.

(b) He denies or pleads not guilty to CHARGE 1. He admits, or pleads guilty to CHARGE 2. He denies or pleads not guilty to CHARGE 3, specification 1 and no plea is definitely made to specification 2, guilt is therefore assumed.

(c) In his answer to CHARGE No. 1 he fails to comply with the requirements of the Regulations and the Instructions to Employees to which his attention was specifically invited in the closing sentence of the first paragraph of the letter of January 4, 1932, containing the charges. Instead he charges that Engineer Perez and Seaman Piarrot conspired and framed up to cause him to lose his position and that the paint was placed there by Mr. Perez, in substantiation of which he submits purported affidavits by Captain M. Cook, Harbor Master, Miami, Florida, and one Captain B. F. Foster. He further charged that Mr. Perez had a young girl on the tender for immoral purposes, that he reported the matter to Captain P. L. Cosgrove, Jr., the commanding officer.

(d) If conspiracy existed to frame up and cause the defendant to lose his position it appears that it would have been easier and more consistent to have placed the paint in the defendants own automobile, which was but a few feet from the Harbor Master's car, in which the paint was actually placed, where it was found and from whence it was recovered and returned to the tender.

(e) The affidavit obtained from Captain Cook in regards to seeing Mr. Perez place the bag, with the paint in it, in his car is by a particeps criminis, a sharer in the crime and in addition thereto the

affidavit may be of like tenor to the purported ones from the four members of the crew. Evidence of this party's credibility will be submitted further on. In reference to the affidavit from Captain B. F. Foster, I do not recollect ever having met this party. Mr. Curtis made a special trip to Miami after he received the charges and on his return brought this affidavit with him. There would have been no difficulty in getting any number of such affidavits if the same methods were used as in the case of the four seamen.

(f) On the second page of the investigation covering the illegal disposition of the can of paint, the fifth question asked by the Assistant Superintendent was addressed to Mr. Curtis and was as follows: - "Haskins - Is Captain Cook related to you in any way?", to which Mr. Curtis answered: "Curtis - No this is the first time I have ever seen him." As it was known that this was not so, on January 1, 1932, Captain Cook was requested to advise this office how long he had known the defendant to which he replied under date of January 4, 1931 and received in this office January 5, 1932. "I knew Mr. Curtis about twenty years ago in Rockland, Me. I lived there then, and I met him again in 1918 in Boston, Mass., then in the Shipping Board he took a ship that I brought out and recently in Miami." His letter is attached.

(g) Mr. Curtis states that he left the ship immediately after dinner, about 1:00 p.m. and did not return until 4:15 p.m. Mr. Perez and seaman Piarrot make affidavit that he went ashore about 1:45 p.m. with the bag containing the paint under his arm or in his hand. The defendant does not seem to be very accurate in respect to time, as will be disclosed further on, wherein he and his particeps criminis, Captain Cook are in complete agreement on the question of the time of the assault which these two claim to have occurred at 2:15 p.m. while it actually took place about 10:15 in the morning.

12. He admits the destruction of an official report under CHARGE 2 and offers as an excuse that he lost his self-control.

13. (a) He denies or pleads not guilty to CHARGE 3, specification 1, in which he is charged with assaulting the Engineer at about 10:15 on the morning of December 18, 1931. He further claims that Mr. Perez struck him and that it occurred about 2:15 p.m. It is indeed remarkable that Captain Cook also states that he saw Mr. Perez strike Mr. Curtis and that he fully agrees as to the time. His statement is attached. There can be no question as to the approximate time of the assault, which from the preponderance of evidence fixes it in the forenoon and about 10:15 oclock.

(b) It would indeed be a coincident for Captain Cook to be looking out of his window and see anyone place a bundle in his car, then see them go back there again to look at the bundle and then remove it. Then for him to be at his window again at 2:15 in the afternoon and see an act occur in the tender's mess room four hours previous thereto. Aside

from the question of time it is a physical impossibility for anyone to see under the tender's over hanging hurricane deck and into the officer's mess room. This was investigated and found to be impossible. As to the actual time the altercation occurred see evidence given during investigation and corroborative letters by A. J. Borden, Light Attendant and John Marshall, who was with him when he was onboard the tender on December 18, 1931, when he assisted Mr. Curtis in looking for his glasses after the assault.

14. There does not appear to be any answer to the second specification under CHARGE 3. - If the Engineer assaulted the commanding officer as Mr. Curtis claims and he failed to take immediate steps leading to drastic disciplinary action for gross insurbordination, then he was guilty of neglect to duty. As no such action was taken or initiated it appears reasonably certain that there was actually no such violation. The statement in answer to CHARGE 2. - "I thought and intended to report him to the Superintendent at that time but upon further consideration of the matter I decided not to do so, as he is a first cousin of the Superintendent of the Seventh Lighthouse District, his word would be taken in preference to mine xxxx" That of course is not a reasonable excuse, in fact no excuse at all, as is evidenced by the fact that he is also a second cousin by marriage of Mr. Perez, who did not hesitate to report him when necessity demanded. It is further noted that the investigation which resulted in these charges was conducted by the Assistant Superintendent who is not known to be related in any way to either party.

15. (a) As to the credibility of the defendant attention is again invited to his statement during the investigation of his placing a gallon of paint belonging to the Lighthouse Service in Captain Cook's automobile. He states "This is the first time I have ever seen him". In this connection see Captain Cook's letter of January 4, 1932, which is attached and in which he claims to have known Mr. Curtis about 20 years. He further stated during the investigation of the report relative to the paint: "The cause of this is John Nelson leaving the ship. "By his own statement he owed Mr. Perez $70.00 and he had paid him 20% per month long enough." In the first paragraph of his answer to the charges he states in reference to Mr. Perez: - "who has been upon unfriendly terms with me for more than one year last past, because of the fact that about one year ago I made an oral report to the Commanding Officer of said tender IVY that he had on the previous night brought aboard of the IVY a young girl for what appeared to me to be for immoral purposes." It will be noted in this last statement he says in substance that he reported to the commanding officer that he, Mr. Perez, "had on the previous night" etc., which would lead one to believe that he had promptly made an oral report the following day. The Commanding Officer in the second paragraph of his letter of January 8, 1932, copy attached, states in reference to this matter: "Mr. Curtis did bring up this matter in conversation with me and to the best of my knowledge a number of days after it is supposed to have occurred.

(b) Attention is also invited to his answer during this investigation to the Assistant Superintendent's question in reference to destroying the report relative to his illegal disposition of the paint. Question by H. B. Haskins: "Do you realize that by that act you violated the Regulations of the Lighthouse Service?" Answer by "T. H. Curtis - I did not know that." It would indeed be remarkable for an officer to be in the Lighthouse Service 15 years and not know that he could not destroy official reports.

16. It is stated for Bureau's information that Mr. Perez entered the Lighthouse Service about 25 years ago and has served on the former tender LAUREL and the tenders SUNFLOWER in the Fourth District, and the HIBISCUS, MAGNOLIA and IVY, in the Seventh District, advancing through the various grades from coal passer to Engineer. He attained the rank of Engineer September 5, 1921 and has served in that position to date. He is an unusually strict disciplinarian, has maintained the department of the vessel under his supervision in exceptionally efficient condition. He does not concern himself with matters pertaining to the deck department nor will he permit any unauthorized or unwarranted interference with the equipment or personnel under his jurisdiction. It has been hinted from time to time that he has loaned money to employees of the tender at exhorbitant rates of interest. I have discussed the matter with him and he emphatically denies it. He has been advised if ever it is proven beyond a reasonable doubt that he is practicing usuary on the tender or that he loans money to his subordinates, this office will take such steps as it may deem proper looking to his separation from the Service.

17. (a) Mr. Curtis has been in the Service on two occasions extending over a period of about 15 years. His service while under supervision has been satisfactory, other than disposition that causes him to concern himself with matters beyond his jurisdiction and of which he has no actual knowledge, this, together with the discussion of alleged occurrences aboard the tender with employees at the Depot and on other tenders naturally tend to create discord anboard ship. He is not always careful or accurate in his statements as is clearly indicated in sub-paragraph (f) of paragraph 11 of this communication and of course his gossip is repeated and possibly magnified and naturally redound to his discredit and discomfort.

(b) While recently detailed to temporary command of the tender POPPY, he exceeded the tender's subsistence allowance by $51.52, notwithstanding the fact that every other commanding officer in the district has not only keep within the allowance and accumulated a substantial bank balance. Then again, when on this same temporary detail there was a purchase and expenditure of 15 gallons of paint, received special scrutiny by this office, and while nothing could be developed to warrant action, it was decided he would not be placed in command again if possible to avoid it. However,

the Commanding Officer requested annual leave, was entitled to it and it was again necessary to place Mr. Curtis in temporary command.

(c) On assuming temporary command of the IVY he proceeded with buoy work in the vicinity of Miami and in relieving a buoy, where no especial difficulty had been experienced in past years, two blades were knocked from the starboard propeller and tender had to be hauled out and a new propeller installed.

(d) While on this same temporary assignment, materials had to be obtained and he failed to split the proposals, accepted the lowest for all items, and when the matter was brought to his attention again pleads ignorance. This matter is now before the Bureau for advice as to whether the amount that would otherwise be lost by the Government should be deducted from his salary. The climax to the situation was the Engineer's reports, after which Captain Cosgrove's leave was terminated and he was ordered back to command of the IVY.

(e) It is understood that when the defendant was in command of one of the Shipping Board steamers, he stopped the vessel off Sand Key Light-station and lowered down to a small boat that was awaiting his arrival ship's stores for which he was suspended from duty. He never was reassigned to one of their vessels. The party in the small boat was his father-in-law, the Keeper of Sand Key Lightstation.

18. The Bureau will note the demeanor of the complaining witness and that of the defendant throughout the investigation by the Assistant Superintendent. Mr. Perez was willing for any one to testify, while Mr. Curtis objected particularly to the mess attendant who cleaned up the broken crockery after altercation. Attention is further invited to the character witnesses whom he had sign the four purported affidavits and which they later repudiated. For this purpose he used four seamen, subordinates under his supervision instead of the tender's officers. In this connection attention is especially called to the last statement in the second paragraph of Commanding Officer's letter of January 8, 1932, which is herewith.

19. One accident or mistake does not determine a man's efficiency or his value to the Service, but an accumulation thereof is a criterion. As a result of incidents stated under paragraph 17, while no positive proof of irregularities could be obtained, my confidence in the defendant's honesty was no longer what it had been prior thereto, and as a result thereof I would neither recommend him for or assign him to a permanent command.

20. It is believed that the charges were fully justified and that they have been proven to a degree sufficient to warrant that Thomas H. Curtis, First Officer, Lighthouse Service, be dismissed for the good of the Service. In view of the fact that the property was recovered it

is not recommended that the matter be referred to the Department of Justice.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Sworn Statement of Harry Perez.

I, Harry Perez, do hereby certify that I am Engineer in the L. H. Service, assigned to duty on L. H. Tender IVY, and was serving in that capacity on December 17,1931.

That on December 17, 1931, at about 1.45 p.m. while I was walking up the port gangway of the L. H. Tender IVY, laying at Municipal Pier, Miami, Florida, I saw Mr. Thomas H. Curtis, 1st Officer of L. H. tender IVY, Acting Commanding Officer, with a bundle under his arm, - a gunny sack with a hole in it through which I could see a shiny tin which made me think it was a can of paint. Curtis, with the bundle still under his arm, went across the forward deck where some of the crew were painting buoys, and over the gang-plank on to the Municipal Pier and I went to the port gangway rail. Curtis walked to a small car, placed the gunny sack with the shiny tin in it and as he did he looked me in the face. To make sure what was in the sack I went to the car, examined the bundle and found it was a can of paint. License plate on car was "37-052 Florida 1931." Leaving the can of paint in the car I later summoned Mr. W. C. Banks, 2nd Office, L. H. Tender IVY, and told him that Mr. Curtis had put a can of paint in the car. Mr. Banks went to the car, examined the bundle and found it was a can of paint. After this I removed the gunny sack and the can of paint from the car, and placed them in my room on tender IVY for evidence, made an official report to the Super-intendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Florida, in triplicate, and gave two copies to the Quartermaster of the IVY to give in person to Mr. Curtis, then in charge of the IVY.

At 4.00 p.m., while Mr. W. C. Banks, Mr. C. E. Pangle, and myself were sitting at the dining room table eating supper, Mr. Curtis came in through the dining room, and went to his room. Quartermaster Perez gave Mr. Curtis the official reports against him to forward to the office. Mr. Curtis read the report and, in an excited way, came out of his room through the mess room, went direct to the car in question and looked in the car to see if the can of paint had been removed.

When Mr. Curtis passed the mess room where Mr. Banks, Mr. Pangle and myself were still eating supper I called Mr. Pangle to come to the window and watch Mr. Curtis go to the car to see if the paint had been removed. Mr. Curtis then returned to his room and called Mr. Banks from the dining room table where he was with Mr. Pangle and myself. Mr. Curtis and Mr. Banks talked together in Mr. Curtis room, after which Mr. Banks returned to the table and stated in the presence of Mr. Pangle and myself that Mr. Curtis was very excited and seemed to be very much worried.

After supper while I was standing on the after deck (Mr. Pangle sitting in his room and Mr. Banks on the after deck or in his room) Mr. Curtis

came to me and said: "You know Mr. Perez I haven't got anything against you and I was going to tear up these official reports and throw them overboard." I told Mr. Curtis if he tore up those reports and threw them overboard I would send same report direct to the Superintendent of Lighthouses. After that Mr. Curtis said that being an old man if he lost his job he would kill me. I told him that when he got ready to kill me to let me know and I would come to him.

(Signed) Harry Perez

Engineer, L. H. Tender IVY

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Key West, Florida, this 7th day of January, A. D. 1932.

(Signed) C. Rodney Gwynn

U. S. Commissioner, Southern District of Florida.

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Sworn Statement of Louis Piarrot.

I, Louis Piarrot, do hereby certify that I am a seaman on the L. H. Tender IVY, and was serving in that capacity on December 17, 1931.

That on December 17, 1931, at about 1:45 P.M., while I was working om buoys on the forward deck of the L. H. Tender IVY, laying at the Municipal Pier, Miami, Fla., I saw Mr. Thomas H. Curtis, 1st Officer of L. H. Tender IVY, Acting Commanding Officer, pass with a sack with something in it in his hand. He went off the ship and placed the bundle in a small dark colored car which was opposite the gangway of the Tender IVY. Mr. Curtis'car was about 12 feet farther ahead of this car.

(Signed) Louis Piarrot
Seaman, L. H. S.

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Key West, Florida this seventh day of January, A. D. 1932

(Signed) C. Rodney Gwynn
U.S.Commissioner, Southern District of Florida.

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Sworn Statement of Mr. W. C. Banks.

I, W. C. Banks, do hereby certify that I am Second Officer, L. H. Service, assigned to duty on the L. H. Tender IVY, and was serving in that capacity on December 17, 1931.

That on December 17, 1931, at about 3:00 P.M., I was summoned by Mr. Perez, Engineer, to look into a small car on the Municipal Dock and there I saw a gunny sack with a paint can in it marked "white paint". I could see the can through a hole in the sack.

(Signed) W. C. Banks
2nd Officer, L. H. Tender IVY

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Key West, Florida, this seventh day of January, 1932.

(Signed) C. Rodney Gwynn
U.S. Commissioner, Southern District of Florida.

We, Vicente Rey, John Betancourt, Charles Richardson and William Atwell, do hereby certify that we are employed on the L. H. Tender IVY as Seamen.

That certain individual affidavits of January 6, 1932, re Thomas H. Curtis, First Officer of tender IVY, alleged to have been sworn to and subscribed before Ross C. Sawyer, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for Monroe County, State of Florida, were not subscribed to by us in the presence of Ross C. Sawyer, and were not sworn to by us before any one.

(Sgd.) Vicente Rey

(Sgd.) John Betancourt

(Sgd.) Charles Richardson

His
William X Atwell
mark

Witness as to mark
of William Atwell
(Sgd.) H. B. Haskins

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Key West, Florida, this ninth day of January, A. D. 1932.

U. S. Commissioner, Southern District
of Florida.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT.
KEY WEST, FLA.

January 8, 1932.

Commanding Officer tender IVY.
Key West, Fla.

Reply, etc., to charges preferred against Thomas H. Curtis, First Officer, U. S. L. H. Service assigned to tender IVY.

1. Receipt of your letter of January 7, 1932 forwarding to this office reply to charges, together with, what purports to be, six affidavits are acknowledged. These papers are returned to you inviting attention to the statement in lines 19 to 22 inclusive, to wit: "because of the fact that about one year ago I made an oral report to the Commanding Officer of said tender Ivy that he had on the previous night brought aboard of the Ivy a young girl for what appeared to me to be for immoral purposes".

2. Attention is also invited to statements in attached papers made by the members of the crew of the tender IVY, viz: " working conditions are better now than they were prior to his becoming the First Officer of the IVY."

3. As the entire file in this case will be forwarded to the Bureau you can make any statement that you may deem proper in explaining your failure to take proper action when the alleged conduct of the Engineer was brought to your attention. It is further requested that you state what changes in working conditions have been effected by the First Officer.

C. W. Thrasher
Superintendent of Lighthouses.
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1. Referring to the statement made in lines19 to 22 inclusive, to wit: "Because of the fact that about one year ago I made an oral report to the Commanding Officer of said tender IVY that he had on the previous night brought aboard of the IVY a young girl for what appeared to me to be for immoral purposes." (Alluding to Engineer Perez)

2. Mr. Curtis did bring up this matter in a conversation with me and to the best of my knowledge a number of days after it was supposed to have occurred. "Stating that Mr. Perez brought onboard an elder woman and a young girl one night, and from his (Mr. Curtis's) remarks to me to make it appear that it was for immoral purposes." I cautioned Mr. Curtis, as he acknowledged that it was his night onboard, and my night ashore, that he should have phoned me or sent for me, as I reside less than 400 yards from the Lighthouse Depot, and also when I am not aboard the boat, and any thing like this happens again and he can't handle it immediately then call on the proper authorities for assistance. Mr. Curtis, when this thing is alleged to have occured, failed to take any action, or make a record in the ships log. I requested him to submit a written report, which he failed to do, and as I did not believe him, and fearing that he would repudiate any verbal statement, I would take no action unless he made his statement in writing over his signature.

3. Relative to any changes in conditions on the IVY effected by the 1st Officer, Thomas H. Curtis, I would respectfully state that there are none that I have observed. The service rendered by his last two predecessors, both now commanding officers in the Lighthouse Service, was perfectly satis- and there has been no change in conditions on tenders under my command or during my 42 years of service on tenders, other than the general improvements in compensation, subsistence, leave, etc., obtained and authorized, in the last twenty years, by the Bureau of Lighthouses. Attached are statements made by the same members of the crew who signed the other statements, that appeared to be affidavits. The questions were asked by me in the presence of the Radio Officer, who typed them in and witnessed the signature in each instance. Orders relative to half-day Saturdays, time off, etc., are issued by the Commanding Officer of the tender I VY, P. L. Cosgrove, jr., and not by any of the Mates, they only relay them on to the personnel under their immediate supervision.

P. L. Cosgrove. Jr.
Master, Lighthouse Service,
Commanding tender IVY.

What is your name? Vicente Rey

What is your present position? Seaman

How long have your served on the tender IVY? Ten or Twelve years

Did you on Wednesday afternoon January 6, 1932, sign this affidavit? Yes

Where did you sign it? Courthouse on Whitehead St., Key West, Fla.

Who was in the room with you? Four Seamen, L.H.S. from the IVY - Mr. Curtis - Att'y John Sawyer, thats all.

Was no one else in the room? No sir, no more

Did you read it or was it read to you? It was read to me

By whom? The Att'y John Sawyer.

Did you hold up your hand and swear to the statements contained therein? No

Who told you to hold up your hand and swear to the statements therein? No one

Have you ever served under any other First Officer on the IVY? Mr. Peterson and Mr. Austin

In what respect has the first officer bettered the working conditions on the IVY?
In no way noticeable.

(Sgd.) Vicente Rey
Signature

What is your name? John Betancourt

What is your present position? Seaman

How long have your served on the tender IVY? About 18 months

Did you on Wednesday afternoon January 6, 1932, sign this affidavit? Yes sir.

Where did you sign it? In the Courthouse on Whitehead St.

Who was in the room with you? Four Seamen, L.H.S. and Att'y John Sawyer and Mr. Curtis.

Was no one else in the room? No

Did you read it or was it read to you? It was read to me by Att'y John Sawyer

By whom? Att'y John Sawyer

Did you hold up your hand and swear to the statements contained therein? No

Who told you to hold up your hand and swear to the statements therein? No one

Have you ever served under any other First Officer on the IVY? No sir.

In what respect has the first officer bettered the working conditions on the IVY?

No difference noticed.

(Sgd.) John Betancourt

Signature

What is your name? Charles Richardson

What is your present position? Seaman

How long have your served on the tender IVY? Three years

Did you on Wednesday afternoon January 6, 1932, sign this affidavit? Yes sir.

Where did you sign it? County Courthouse, on Whitehead St.

Who was in the room with you? Four Seamen, L.H.S., Mr. Curtis, a man who was writing the affidavit called Sawyer.

Was no one else in the room? No

Did you read it or was it read to you? No

By whom? No one John Sawyer

Did you hold up your hand and swear to the statements contained therein? No sir.

Who told you to hold up your hand and swear to the statements therein? No one.

Have you ever served under any other First Officer on the IVY? No sir.

In what respect has the first officer bettered the working conditions on the IVY?
I don't know how it was run before Mr. Curtis but it has been going smoothly.

(Sgd.) Charles Richardson
Signature

What is your name? William Atwell

What is your present position? Seamen on the IVY

How long have your served on the tender IVY? About fifteen years

Did you on Wednesday afternoon January 6, 1932, sign this affidavit? Yes, made my mark

Where did you sign it? County Court House on Whitehead St.

L. H. S.

Who was in the room with you? Four Seamen, Mr. Curtis, John Sawyer, I think Mr. Ross Sawyer passed through the room.

Was no one else in the room? No one

Did you read it or was it read to you? It was read to me.

By whom? Att'y John Sawyer

Did you hold up your hand and swear to the statements contained therein? No sir.

Who told you to hold up your hand and swear to the statements therein? No sir.

Have you ever served under any other First Officer on the IVY? Yes Sir. Mr. Peterson and Mr. Austin

In what respect has the first officer bettered the working conditions on the IVY? No sir no difference only the Saturday half holidays.

His
X
William Atwell, mark

Signature

(Sgd.) E. K. Shinn

Witness

Lighthouse Tender IVY
Key West, Fla.,
January 7th., 1932.



Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Key West, Fla.

Respectfully forwarded at 9.10a.m. Jan. 7th., 1932
Mr. Thos. H. Curtis' answer to charges, and affidavits; etc.

C. F. Cosgrove Jr.
Master, Lighthouse Service,
Commanding Officer, Lighthouse Tender IVY

WHD:RP

January 4, 1932

First Officer Thomas H. Curtis, U. S. L. H. Service,
(Thru Commanding Officer tender IVY.)

Charges and specifications

As the result of reports made by Engineer H. Perez, U. S. L. H. Service, dated December 17, 1931 and December 18, 1931, and investigated by Associate Engineer H. B. Haskins, U. S. L. H. Service, Assistant Superintendent Seventh Lighthouse District, on December 21, 1931, you are hereby charged as follows and will be given three days from receipt thereof in which to submit such pertinent statements as you may desire. In this connection your attention is invited to the second paragraph of Article 91 of Instructions to Employees, Lighthouse Service, 1927, and paragraph (b) of Article 430 of Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, 1927.

CHARGE 1. - Violation of paragraphs (a) and (b) of Article 339 and Articles 340, 341 and 342 of Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, 1927, and Articles 39, 40, 41 and 42 of Instructions to Employees, Lighthouse Service, 1927.

Specification: While serving as First Officer in the United States Lighthouse Service and temporarily in command of the tender IVY, berthed at the Municipal pier, Miami, Dade County, Florida, about 1:45 p.m., December 17, 1931, you were observed proceeding ashore from the tender with something wrapped up in a bag. Through a hole in the bag it was evident that there was a can therein. This bag and its contents was taken from the tender and placed in an automobile on the pier at which the IVY was berthed. On investigation it was found that the bag which was placed in the automobile, with Florida license 37-052 for the year 1931, contained a one gallon can of white paint. The can with label etc. was similar in all respects to others in the deck department's supplies under your jurisdiction. The bag and the can of paint, property of the Lighthouse Service, was removed from the automobile and taken back aboard the tender by the senior engineer after it had been observed therein by the second officer.

CHARGE 2. - Violation of paragraph (b) of Article 25 and paragraph (a) of Article 30 of Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, 1927, and paragraph (g) of Article 69, and Articles 75 and 113 of Instructions to Employees, Lighthouse Service, 1927.

Specification: On December 17, 1931, while serving as First Officer in the United States Lighthouse Service and temporarily in command of the tender IVY, an official report from the senior engineer was submitted to you for transmittal to the Superintendent of Lighthouses. This report covering unlawful disposition of Lighthouse Service property, was destroyed and the engineer found it necessary to personally deliver a copy of the report, the original having been destroyed by you.

CHARGE 3. - Violation of paragraph (a) of Article 486, Article 487 and the last sentence of paragraph (a) of Article 486 of Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, 1927 and paragraph (a) of Article 11, Article 6 and the last sentence of paragraph (a) of Article 5 of Instructions to Employees, Lighthouse Service, 1927.

Specification 1. - At about 10:15 a.m., on December 18, 1931, while a First Officer in the United States Lighthouse Service and temporarily in command of the tender IVY, then berthed at the Municipal pier at Miami, Dade County, Florida, you assaulted Engineer H. Perez, U. S. L. H. Service, the senior engineering officer on the vessel under your command.

Specification 2. - If the senior engineering officer was disrespectful to the commanding officer in manner or deportment on this occasion, no report or other official record was made thereof. The act, if committed, would constitute a violation of Article 486 of Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, 1927 and Article 5 of Instructions to Employees, Lighthouse Service, 1927, the penalty for which is deemed cause for dismissal. Failure to promptly report violations of this nature, gross insubordination, constitute neglect of duty on your part.

Wm. W. Demeritt

Wm. W. Demeritt
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Superintendent Lighthouse Service,
Key West, Florida
(Thru Commanding Officer Tender Ivy).

ANSWER TO CHARGES AND SPECIFICATIONS .

My answer to the charges and specifications contained in your letter to me dated January 4th 1932 is as follows: I deny that I violated any one of the Articles of the Regulations for the Lighthouse Service 1927 or Articles of Instructions to Employees , Lighthouse Service 1927 as set forth in Charge No.1. In answer to the specification under said Charge No. 1, I admit that on the 17th day of December 1931, I was serving as First Officer in the United States Lighthouse Service and on said date was temporarily in command of the tender Ivy, berthed at the Municipal pier No. 1, Miami, Florida, but deny that at 1.45 P.M. on said day or at any other time that I "was seen proceeding ashore with something wrapped in a bag" deny that I took from the tender Ivy a one gallon can of white paint which was the property of the United States Lighthouse Service and placed it in an automobile , with Florida license number 37-052 for the year 1931, but allege the truth to be that Harry Perez, who is the Engineer of the said tender Ivy and who has been upon unfriendly terms with me for more than one year last past, and who has not spoken to me during such period, because of the fact that about one year ago I made an oral report to the Commanding Officer of said tender Ivy that he had on the previous night brought aboard of the Ivy a young girl for what appeared to me to be for immoral purposes, did on said date conspire with one Lois Pierrot , a member of the crew of said Ivy to injure me and did did frame up to cause me to loose my position. That he, said Harry Perez, did on said 17th day of December 1931 place the said one gallon can of white paint in Captain M. Cooks automobile, and was discovered in the act of so doing by Captain M. Cook, who is now and was then, the Harbor Master of the Port of Miami, Florida and was also seen by Captain B. F. Foster who resides at No. 1717 North East Avenue, Miami, Florida, as will further appear from the affidavit of said Captain Foster and the certificate of the said Captain M. Cook, both of which are attached hereto and made a part of this answer. That on said 17th day of December 1931 I left the Ivy , immediately after dinner , about 1. P. M. to consult with the Superintendent of Municipal Docks relative to moving certain material belonging to the Lighthouse Service which was stored at the head of pier No1. and which he had re-

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quested information as to the time such material would be moved as he desired the space occupied by this material for other ships coming to the Dock. After consulting with the Superintendent and checking this material, I attended to other matters in connection with my duties as the First Officer of the Ivy and temporarily in charge and did not return to the Ivy until 4.15 P.M. Upon my return to the Ivy I was presented by Engineer Harry Perez with a report charging me in substance with the attempted embezzlement of this one gallon can of white paint. Further answering the said specification I beg to state that although I was in command of the tender Ivy on said date and responsible for the safe keeping of all deck supplies, the forward paint locker in which this paint was kept remained unlocked on this date because of the fact that the crew was then engaged in cleaning and painting buoys and any member of the crew and likewise Engineer Harry Perez had access to the said paint locker.

My answer to charge No. 2 and its specification is : That when I returned to the Ivy at 4.15 P. M. on the afternoon of 17th of December 1931 and was handed a report by Engineer Harry Perez in which report he accused me of the attempted embezzlement of this one gallon can of white paint I lost my self-control and admit that I tore up the said report. I told Engineer Harry Perez that such a charge was false and that it was a frame up on his part in an attempt to get me out of the Lighthouse Service. I thought and intended to report him to the Superintendent at that time, but upon further consideration of the matter I decided not to do so,as he is a first cousin to the Superintendentof the Seventh Lighthouse District, his word would be taken in preference to mine and that the Superintendent would not believe that his cousin would stoop to such a low down trick.

My answer to charge No. 3 and Specifications 1 and 2 thereunder is,that I deny that on the 18th of December 1931 at about 10.15 A. M. I assaulted Engineer H. Perez, but allege the truth to be that about 2.15 P. M. on said date as I entered the door of the Officers' Mess Room, the said H. Perez suddenly and without the slightest warning struck me a blow , knocking my glasses off and then I struck back in an attempt to defend myself. The fact that he struck me first is proven by the signed statement of Captain M. Cook, which is attached hereto and made a part of this answer.

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Further answering charge No. 3 and the specifications thereunder , attention is invited to my fifteen years service in the Lighthouse Service;any investigation of my record will show that during my entire employment I have never before had any difficulty or physical encounter with any one in the Lighthouse Service. That I have always been fair, honest and courteous with the crew and all others with whom my work brought me in contact. In corroboration of this,I herewith submit the affidavits of Vicente Rey, John Betancourt, Charles Richardson and William Atwell all of whom are members of the crew of the U.S. Lighthouse tender Ivy.One well acquainted with Engineer H. Perez and me can readily see how preposterous this charge is. I am fifty-seven years of age, weigh 180 pounds and wear glasses; while Engineer H. Perez is comparatively a young man , weighs approximately 220 pounds does not wear eye-glasses and is about forty-six years of age.

Thos. H. Curtis

Thos H. Curtis
First Officer U.S.L.H.Service.

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Miami January 5th 1932

To whom it may Concern On December 17th I was on #1 dock Miami and saw the Chief Engineer Harry Perez of the Light House tender Ivy and he had something in a croker sack which he placed in Captain M Cooks Car and in about five minuits returned to the car and with one of the crew and took the bag from the car and took it on board of the Ivy.

(sd) Capt B. F. Foster

1717 N E Fst Avenue Miami, Fla.

Sworn and subscribed before me a Notary Public this 5th day of January A. D. 1932.

(SEAL)

(Sd) S. P. Lammon

Notary Public State of Florida at Large

My Commission expires Aug.23, 1933.

ROSS C. SAWYER
CLERK CIRCUIT COURT
MONROE COUNTY
KEY WEST, FLORDIA





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CAPT M. COOK
HARBOR MASTER
MUNICIPAL DOCK
MIAMI, FLA.

January 5th 1932

To certify that on December 17th at about three thirty PM the Chief Engineer H Perez placed a parcel wrapped in a bag in my car which was parked on the dock near where the L.H.S. Ivy and in a minuit he and some one else returned and Perez took the parcel out of the Car and went back on board of the Ivy.
I thought the parcel might contain liquor and that Perez had made a mistake in the Car and when he removed the parcel I supposed that he had discovered his mistake.

(sd) Capt. M. Cook

(sd) J. Fred Wolf
Notary Public State of Florida at Large
My Commission Expires Dec19, 1933.

(Notary Seal)

ROSS C. SAWYER
CLERK CIRCUIT COURT
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CAPT. M. COOK
HARBOR MASTER
MUNICIPAL DOCK
MIAMI, Fla.

January 5th 1932

On December 18th at about two fifteen PM I was looking out of the window in the waiting room of the M.M.T.Co and saw T H Curtis walking along the deck of the L.H.S.Ivy and opened the door of the mess room and as he entered the door H. Perez pushed or struck him .

(sd) Capt. M. Cook
Harbor Master Port of Miami.

(sd) J. Fred Wolf
Notary Public, State of Florida at Large
My Commission expires Dec. 19th, 1933.
(Notary Seal)

...MUNICATIONS TO
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



SEVENTH DISTRICT

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)



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AFFIDAVIT OF VICENTE REY

STATE OF FLORIDA }
COUNTY OF MONROE } SS

Before me Ross C. Sawyer, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Monroe County, State of Florida, personally appeared Vicente Rey, who being by me first duly sworn deposes and says: My name is Vicente Rey; that I am now and have been for the past twelve years a Seaman, serving as such on the United States Lighthouse Service Tender Ivy. That I know Thomas H. Curtis the First Officer of said vessel and have known him for the past three years and upwards, and during this time have served under him on said vessel. That during such time I have found him kind and considerate to the crew, never heard him use any profane or abusive language to the crew; that working conditions are better now than they were prior to his becoming the First Officer of the Ivy. That on the 17th day of December 1931 at 1.45 P.M. or any time just preceding or following it the said Thomas H. Curtis was not on board of the Ivy .

(sd) Vicente Rey

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 6th day of January 1932.

9sd) Ross C. Sawyer
Clerk Circuit Court, Monroe County
Fla

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN BETANCOURT

STATE OF FLORIDA)
SS
COUNTY OF MONROE)

Before me, Ross C. Sawyer, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Monroe County, State of Florida, personally appeared John Betancourt, who being by me first duly sworn deposes and says: My name is John Betancourt; that I am now and have been for the last two years serving continuously as a Seaman on the United States Lighthouse Service Tender IVY, That I know Thomas H. Curtis the First Officer of said vessel and have known him and have served under him as such First Officer for the past two years on said vessel. That during such time I have found him kind and considerate to the crew; never have heard him use any profane or abusive language to the crew; and that working conditions under him are excellent.

(sd) John Betancourt

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th. day of January 1932.

(sd) Ross C. Sawyer

Clerk, Circuit Court, Monroe County, Fla.

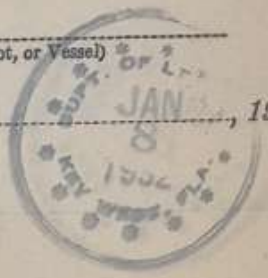
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AFFIDAVIT OF CHARLES RICHARDSON

STATE OF FLORIDA)
SS
COUNTY OF MONROE)

Before me, Ross C. Sawyer, clerk of the Circuit Court, in and for Monroe County, State of Florida, personally appeared Charles Richardson, who being by me first duly sworn deposes and says: My name is Charles Richardson; that I Oamd now and have been for the past three years serving continuously as a Seaman on the United States Lighthouse Service Tender IVY. That I know Thomas H. Curtis the First Officer of said vessel and have known him and have served under him as such First Officer for the past three years on said vessel. That during such time I have found him kind and considerate to the crew; never have heard him use any profane or abusive language to the crew; that working conditions are better now than they were prior to his becoming the First Officer of the IVY; that his reputation for honesty in Key West is excellent.

Sd. Charles Richardson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th. day of January A.D.1932.

(sd) Ross C. Sawyer

Clerk Circuit Court, Monroe County, Fla.

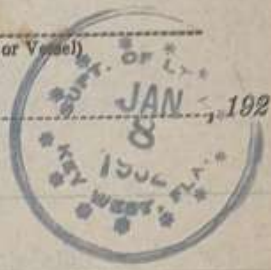
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



SEVENTH DISTRICT

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AFFIDAVIT OF WILLIAM ATWELL

STATE OF FLORIDA }
COUNTY OF MONROE } SS

Before me Ross C. Sawyer, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Monroe County, State of Florida, personally appeared William Atwell, who being by me first duly sworn deposes and says: My name is William Atwell ; that I am now and have been for the past fifteen years serving continuously as a Seaman on the United States Lighthouse Service Tender Ivy. That I know Thomas H. Curtis the First Officer of said vessel and have known him and have served under him as such First Officer for the past three years on said vessel. That during such time I have found him kind and considerate to the crew; never have heard him use any profane or abusive language to the crew; that working conditions are better now than they were prior to his becoming the First Officer of the Ivy. That his reputation for honesty in Key West is excellent.

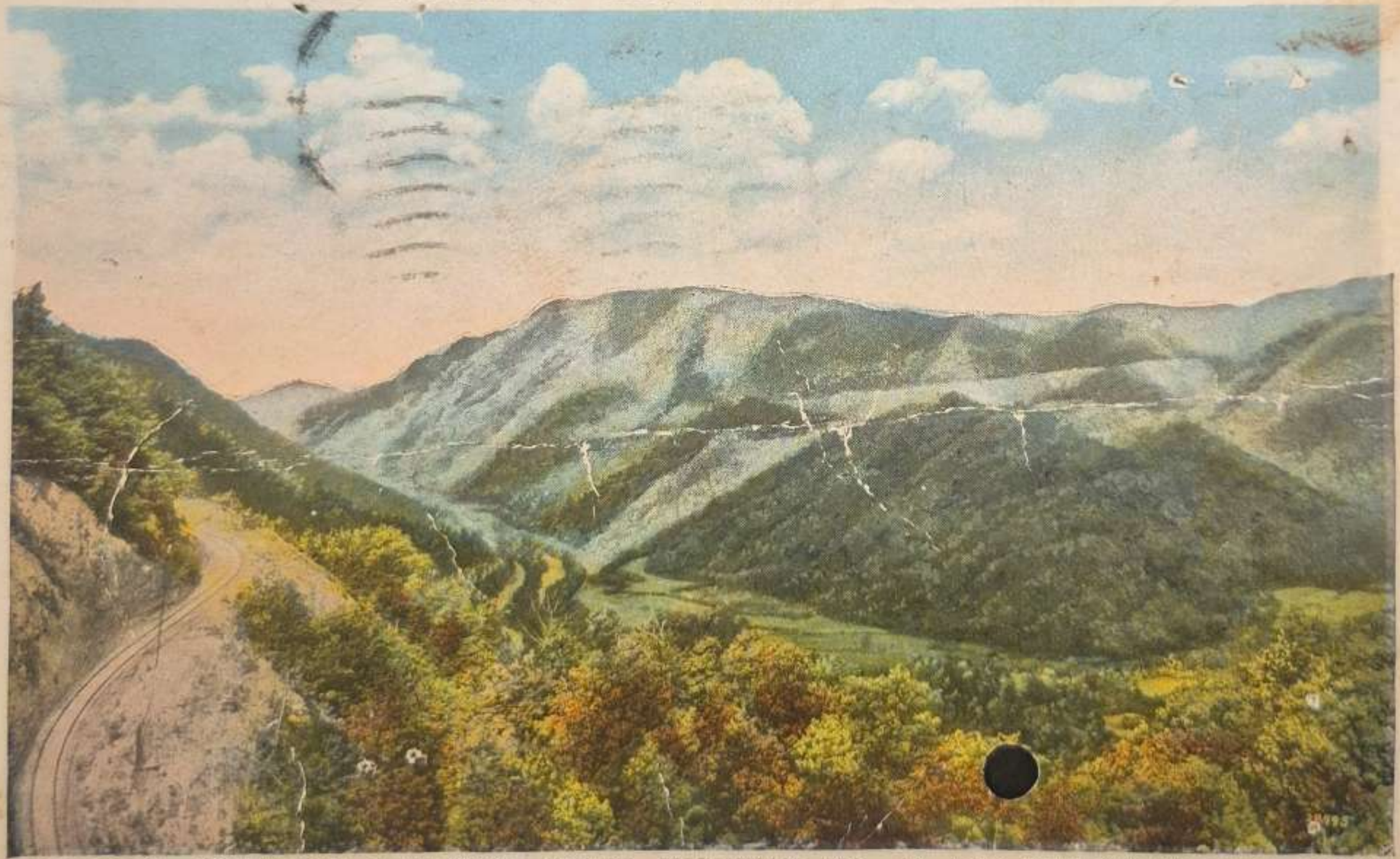
(sd) William Atwell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January A.D.1932.

(sd) Ross C. Sawyer
Clerk Circuit Court, Monroe County, Fla.

Curtis, Thomas H
Civ: Old Treasury file
DOB: 1861

426:—THE NANTAHALA GORGE, WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA.



SHOWING SOUTHERN RAILWAY, STATE HIGHWAY NO. 10 AND THE NANTAHALA RIVER.

THIS SPACE FOR WRITING

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Well we are having a glorious time in the Mountains am wondering what you are doing today give my regards to all of the boys from your Post Office.

WAYNESVILLE N.C. JUL 15 1 30 P 1921

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Key West
Fla.

Note: At this time Mr. Curtis was on leave.
Ward.

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REFER TO FILE No.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE
1932 JAN-20- AM 9:24

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

January 18, 1932

Put with other papers 1/20

SUBJECT: Bu. ind. 1/13/32 on Senator Trammell's let. 1/11/32 to Bu. inclosing John Sawyer's let. 1/8/32, together with copies of charges etc., in the case of Mr. Thomas H. Curtis, First Officer, U. S. L. H. Service.

1. All papers sent to this office for report in this case are returned herewith. Complete file of the report, the investigation, the charges, answer thereto, affidavits, purported affidavits, etc., were forwarded to the Bureau by registered mail by letter dated January 16, 1932, and should have reached the Bureau this morning.

2. Bureau will note that this matter was investigated by the Assistant Superintendent and sufficient corroborative evidence was developed to warrant formal charges which it is believed have been proven to a degree sufficient to warrant separation from the Service, which the Superintendent, in the performance of his duty, has recommended.

3. It is made to appear in answer to the charges that seaman Louis Piarrot conspired with the Engineer to cause him to lose his position. It was indeed unfortunate for him that this seaman told the truth, the others were afraid, they knew what to expect if they gave any incriminating evidence. As a result of Piarrot's testimony, Piarrot claims that the First Officer has been making things extremely disagreeable for him and he was therefore detached from the IVY and assigned to other duty. As to his standing with the First Officer prior to this occurrence the attached post card is offered in evidence - Mr. Curtis sends him the card and to the others he sends regards. This seaman has been on the IVY over five years.

4. It will be noted that he states in the second paragraph on page 2 in answer to charge No. 2 "and was handed a report by Engineer Harry Perez in which report he accused me" etc. This is false, as the report was delivered to him by the quartermaster, as stated on page 9 of the investigation.

Wm. H. Trammell

Superintendent of Lighthouses

January 23, 1932.

Hon. Park Trammell,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Trammell:

1. In reference to your letter of January 19 in the interest of Thomas H. Curtis:

2. You are respectfully informed that this matter is being investigated and that you will be further advised at an early date.

Very truly yours,

G. R. PUTNAM,
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF

JESSE H. METCALF, JR., R.I.
THOMAS D. SCHALL, MINN.
CHARLES W. WATERMAN, COLO.
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CARL H. SCHMIDT, ASST. CLERK

1932 JAN-20- AM 9:53

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON NAVAL AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Jan. 19, 1932.

1/23/32 ack.

3/3/32 ans

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

I understand that the Superintendent Lighthouse service has recently made some recommendations to you concerning Captain Curtis of Key West, Florida. From all reports I have, I doubt the merits of the charges against Capt. Curtis and trust they may be thoroughly investigated by an impartial authority. Will you please advise me as to the present statusof the case.

Very respectfully,

Park Trammell

Sept to reargon Jan 18 Trammell received Jan 18 for reference before replying to Dept it might be well to advise Sen Trammell informally WPH 1/20

Let me see pp.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

U. S. COAST GUARD

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

Commander, San Francisco District,
U. S. COAST GUARD
(For Lighthouse Office)

Lighthouse Service

CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

U. S. COAST GUARD (5)
REC'D AUG 18 1939 By
ANS'D

August 15,1939.

From: Commander, San Francisco District.
To: Commandant.

Subject: Verification service record Thomas H. Curtis, Master,18th Lighthouse District.

References: (a) Bureau Lighthouses indorsement June 20 on letter from 18th Superintendent of March 16.
(b) Commandant's letter 28 July, 1939.

Reference (a) cannot be located in Lighthouse Office and there is no record of its receipt. It is requested that a duplicate be furnished for completion of the service record of Captain Curtis.

By direction:

O. L. JENKINS

O.L. JENKINS,
Acting Superintendent of Lighthouses. CP-75

1st indorsement.
29 August, 1939.

From: Commandant.
To: Commander, San Francisco District.

Returned with Bureau of Lighthouses Indorsement of June 20, and copy of letter of May 17,1939, from the General Accounting Office verifying Mr. Curtis' service in the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, as requested above.

By direction,

R.J.Gross,
Assistant to the Chief Personnel Officer.

RC

AUG 30 1939

Standard Form No. 13
Approved by the President
2-20-26—Revised 1-10-28

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ABSTRACT OF OFFICIAL RECORD OF U. S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE

(For the use of the department to which the employee has been transferred)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. The act, approved February 14, 1923, prescribes that "each executive department, and each independent establishment of the Government not within the jurisdiction of any executive department, shall establish and maintain such record as will enable it to determine the amount deducted within each fiscal year from the basic salary, pay, or compensation of each employee within its jurisdiction to whom this act applies. When such employee is transferred from one office to another a certified abstract of his official record shall be transmitted to the office to which the transfer is made."

2. A complete official record in the Federal service of the employee named should be set forth on this abstract. If an employee is transferred to another department, an abstract will be prepared in duplicate, showing his appointment in the department from which transferred and all changes of grade or compensation while therein. The original, properly executed, will be transmitted to the department to which transferred, the duplicate to be retained in his personal file. Should such employee be again transferred the second department will prepare an abstract setting forth the data contained in that received by it, with the addition of his record while in the second department, such abstract to be transmitted to the department to which he is transferred, a duplicate being retained.
In the case of a reinstatement, the department in which the employee is reinstated should apply to the establishment in which the former service was rendered for an abstract of record in the case. Statements of employees must not be accepted unless verified from official records.

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

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

5. In the case service was per diem and continuous through the calendar year, so state; if intermittent, give dates of beginning and ending of actual employment, with the number of days served.

NAME: Curtis, Thomas, H., Mr. (Surname first, Mr., Miss, or Mrs.) — Nov. 27, 1874 (Date of birth)

Dept. of Comm-L.H.Service 3rd District
(Department and office in which last service was had. See Paragraph 2 of Instructions)

Staten Island, N.Y. (Place) — Apr. 30, 1932. (Date)

I. SERVICE RECORD

ESTABLISHMENT (a)	ACTION (b)	POSITION (Pay-roll title)	RATE OF PAY (c)	DATE EFFECTIVE
Light house	Prob. Appt.	1st Mate	$80.00-Mo.	2-10-1908
do	Pay Incr.	do	$90.00-Mo.	3-15-1909
do	Promotion	1st Officer	$1080. P.A.	11-25-1910
do	Trans.& Pro.	Master	$1980. do	7-14-1914
do	Transfer	1st Offiser	$1200. do	7-1-1915
do	Furloughed without pay	do	$1200. do	1-15-1916

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

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

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

NC 4/30/32

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.
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REFER TO FILE No.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

April 27, 1932

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Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.

1. It is requested that you furnish this office with Abstract of Official Record, covering the services of Mr. Thomas H. Curtis.

2. It is believed that Mr. Curtis started serving in the 3rd District sometime during the fiscal years 1915 or 1916, as an officer on the tender Lilac.

W. W. Emerson

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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WJL:AHD

Office, Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District,
Staten Island, N.Y., May 2nd, 1932.

Returned to the Superintendent of Lighthouses, 7th District, Room 303 Federal Building, Key West, Florida.

Enclosed is Abstract of Official Record of Thomas H. Curtis, as requested above.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

II. STATEMENT OF DEDUCTIONS FOR RETIREMENT FUND—BY FISCAL YEARS

(See Instructions No. 3)

BEGINNING—			ENDING—			DEDUCTIONS		BEGINNING—			ENDING—			DEDUCTIONS	
Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	Dollars	Cents	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	Dollars	Cents

Do records show employee has made application for refund of any portion of amount shown above? _____
(Yes or No)

If the records show that refund of the above deductions has been made in whole or in part, state the amount or amounts, and period or periods covered and give claim number. (If none, so state) _____

State leaves of absence in current calendar year: annual 0; sick 0; without pay 0

State any leave of absence in excess of six months in the aggregate in any calendar year: 0

The foregoing is a complete abstract of the official record on file in this office showing all Federal service to date of the employee named herein.

J. T. YATES
(Signature)

Countersigned _____, 19__

Supt. of L. H.-3rd Dist.
(Official title)

_____
(Signature)

_____
(Official title)

Furnished to:

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Thomas H. Curtis
a DC

LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. JAN 17 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

January 14, 1916.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,
Additional First Officer, Lighthouse Service,
Key West, Fla.

Referring to your letter of January 7, 1916, requesting that you be reassigned to duty.

I have to advise you that there is no vacancy at present to which you could be considered, but your application will be placed on file and given due consideration at the proper time.

(SIGNED)

Commissioner.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
JAN 14 1916

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To Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N.Y.
for his information, guidance, and files of office. See previous correspondence relative to this case.
Included is copy of Curtis' letter of Jan. 7, 1916.

Acting Commissioner.

COPY

Key West, Fla., January 7, 1916.

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The Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a communication from the Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N.Y., in which he informs me that after January 15, 1916, I will be furloughed without pay. This of course is a great surprise to me, and I would hate to believe that it means my separation from the Service, and that it is my reward for eight years of faithful and efficient service.

The records of the Service will show that I am a Master of Ocean Steam Vessels of any gross tonnage, and I am satisfied that all of the Inspectors under whom I have had the pleasure of serving, know and would testify that I am fully qualified to perform the duties of a deck officer in any capacity and anywhere, not only within the limits of the Lighthouse Service, but the world at large.

My loyalty to the Service cannot be questioned. I have never hesitated to go any where or go at any time, and when the interests of the Service required action, nothing else was considered or permitted to interfere.

I did not understand at the time that my promotion to the Lilac was of a temporary nature. However, if I had, I would have acted for the best interests of the Service just the same.

In this instance, it appears that I lost practically everything. I was on a good tender in my home district, and in response to the Bureau's telegraphic offer, I accepted the promotion to the Lilac. I navigated this tender successfully (without a cronometer) from New Orleans, La. to Maine, and then served satisfactorily in the First District. I took this tender to the Third District, and when she was placed out of commission, in compliance with the Bureau's instructions I went to Porto Rico and later returned to Tompkinsville, N.Y., and now, I am back home, after an absence of 1½ years away from my family, and I find myself out of employment and my former position on the tender in the Seventh District filled by some one else.

I had but 5 days leave of absence in 1914, and in response to a request for leave before going to Porto Rico, the Bureau promised that it would be given to me on my return to the States. My first request after my return was denied, but later I succeeded in getting 18 days. Fifteen days ending January 15, 1916, without pay was granted, and at the end of that time I am to be furloughed without pay.

As I have a family to support, I cannot afford to remain idle. I therefore request that my long and faithful service be taken into consideration, and that I be assigned to such duty as my seniority would entitle me to.

Hoping for a favorable reply, I am,

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) Thomas H. Curtis

Additional First Officer.

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JHC

abc

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,
C/O Lighthouse Inspector,
Seventh District,
Key West, Florida

January 3,1916

In view of the fact that your services as Additional First Officer at $1200 per annum will not be required in the Third Lighthouse District after the expiration of leave granted you, you are hereby placed on furlough, without pay, effective at the close of January 15,1916.

(Sgd.) YATES

Inspector

Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained.

YATES

VOORHEES
ASPINWALL
SERRICK
BUTLER
CHIEF CLERK

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12/28/15

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Thos H Curtis was

granted 15 days leave

without pay from

Jan 1-16 by Dept

Letter Dec 17/15

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 24 1915

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

December 23, 1915.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. DEC 31 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Commissioner:

Referring to Bureau's letter of December 15th 1915, also to letter from this office dated December 22nd 1915 in regards to offering Thomas H.Curtis the position of shipkeeper on Light Vessel No.20.

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau is copy of letter dated December 17th 1915 from the Norwich State Hospital in regard to the present condition of Mr.Thomasen. It is evident from this letter that Mr.Thomasen is not yet in such condition that would warrant his reappointment to the position of shipkeeper on Relief Light Vessel No.20.

Judging from observations made of Mr.Curtis while he has been in this District it is not considered that he would be a satisfactory man to fill the position of shipkeeper on Light Vessel No.20. This office would be adverse to having him transferred to this position but if the Bureau has no other place for Mr.Curtis and so desires his transfer to the position of shipkeeper of Relief Light Vessel No.20 the same will be offered to him.

J. T. Yates

Bureau of Lighthouses
December 29, 1915.

Returned to the Inspector with instructions to place Curtis on furlough without pay after the expiration of his leave without pay, if his services are not required after that time. Submit nomination at proper time for the appointment of a shipkeeper for light vessel No. 20. Report, in duplicate, date of Curtis' furlough, with reason therefor, for the information of the Department.

Putnam

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December 23,1915.

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J T Yates

JTY-EJC.

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December 22, 1915.

Commissioner:

Referring to Bureau's endorsement of December 18, 1915, on Department letter of December 17, 1915, addressed to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, relative to leave of Thomas H.Curtis:

Information has recently been received at this office to the effect that Theodore Thomasen, the ex-shipkeeper of Relief Light Vessel No. 20, whose services were discontinued on July 16, 1915 on account of ill health, has very much improved in health recently, and that he has expressed a desire to be reinstated to his former position. As Mr. Thomasen has been in the service for a long time and is an excellent man, if his health will permit, this office desires if possible to reinstate him in his former position.

A letter was directed to New London to obtain further information in regard to health, etc., of Mr. Thomasen and when reply is received, report called for in Bureau letter of December 15th, 1915 regarding this matter, will be forwarded.

J.T.YATES.

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JHG

Thomas H. Curtis,
C.O Lighthouse Inspector,
7th District,
Key West, Florida.

Dec. 21,1915

Referring to your letter dated December 10,1915 requesting 15 days leave of absence, without pay, beginning January 1st,1916.

You are advised that you have been granted leave of absence, without pay, for 15 days, from January 1st to January 15th,1916, inclusive.

YATES

Inspector

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
WASHINGTON

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 18 1915

December 17, 1915.

Re 18
12-21-15

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 15th instant, the Department approves the request of Thomas H. Curtis, additional first officer in the Lighthouse Service, for 15 days' leave without pay, effective January 1, 1916.

By direction of the Secretary:

J. J. Fitzgerald
Acting Chief Clerk.

JEL

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
DEC 18 1915

Tompkinsville, N. Y., ...

To Lighthouse Inspector, ... See your indorsement of December 10, for his information, guidance, and files of office. 1915, and Bureau reply thereto of December 15, 1915, in the case of Curtis.
Submit report called for in Bureau letter December 15th, regarding Mr. Curtis.

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Acting Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

H B

Thomas H. Curtis,
leave without pay.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 32 DIST. DEC 17 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

December 15, 1915.

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Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Your indorsement of December 10, 1915, transmitting application Thomas H. Curtis for fifteen days' leave without pay, January 1st to 15th, 1916, inclusive.

The application has been transmitted to the Department recommended for approval. There are no vacancies in the grade now held by Curtis in the Lighthouse Service, but the Bureau desires to be informed whether you wish to offer him the position of Shipkeeper of Light Vessel No. 20, vice Miles Oliver.

Conway
Acting Commissioner

Florence Thompson.

FWO/WJL

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1-7-16.

December 10,1915.

SUBJECT: Thomas H.Curtis,Additional 1st Officer.- Fwdg
let.Dec.10 1915 re 15 days leave without pay.

Forwarded to Commissioner with the information that Mr. Curtis has been granted leave from December 10th to 31st inclusive.

After December 31st 1915 the date of expiration of the leave granted Mr.Curtis his services will not be required in this District unless the Bureau desires him to be detailed for duty on the Tender Lilac now laid up at this Depot.

Yates

Curtis addr c/o Key West Office.

Copy WJL

Department of Commerce
Lighthouse Service

Third District

Tompkinsville, N.Y.
Dec. 10, 1915.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses

Washington, D.C.

Through the Inspector of the 3rd L.H.District

Sir:

I respectfully request to be granted 15 days leave of absence without pay beginning Jan. 1st and ending Jan 15-1916.

Respectfully

sgd Thomas H. Curtis.
Additional 1st Officer
L.H.Service

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FWO/WJL

Thomas H.Curtis,1st Officer,
Through the Master,
Lighthouse Tender Pansy.

November 11,1915.

Herewith returned is your application of November 9th 1915 for thirty days of annual leave from December 18th 1915 to January 24th 1916 with the information that it is impracticable for this office to approve leave so far in advance.

In this connection it may be stated that Yates in view of the fact that your appointment expires January 31st 1916, the amount of leave in January applied for could not be granted as after the close of December annual leave at the rate of two and one-half days for each month of service can be granted.

Yates

Form 56

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TELEGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IDENTIFICATION CARD NO. .....

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. OCT 30 1915 RECEIVED COMPTROLLER'S DEPT.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Washington D C October 29 1915 (Place and date), 191

SEND TO Lighthouse Inspector Saint George New York

Appointment Curtis additional first officer extended from November first Appointment mailed you today

Putnam

Confirmation

CHARGE BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, WASHINGTON, D. C.

APPROPRIATION FOR "GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE."

ATTEST:

..... (Name)

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..... Commissioner

Form 1204

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, VICE-PRESIDENT BELVIDERE BROOKS, VICE-PRESIDENT

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,

STGEORGE N.Y.

CURTIS ADDITIONAL FIRST OFFICER EXTENDED FROM NOVEMBER FIRST

APPOINTMENT MAILED YOU TODAY.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT-FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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October 28, 1915.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Additional First Officer in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of One Thousand Two Hundred dollars per annum, effective November 1, 1915.

The position to which you have been appointed has been authorized for a period not to exceed three months.

(By extension of transfer from additional master at $1980 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Lighthouse Vessels.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Florida.

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JHG

October 28,1915

Commissioner.

Referring to nomination dated October 23,1915 recommending the extension of temporary appointment of Thomas H.Curtis, additional first officer, for a period not to exceed three months, effective November 1,1915.

As the present temporary appointment of Mr.Curtis expires on October 31st, it is requested that this office be notified on or before that date whether or not his appointment is extended as recommended.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

HASKELL

Superintendent



Oct 29 1915
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Curtis 1st Off

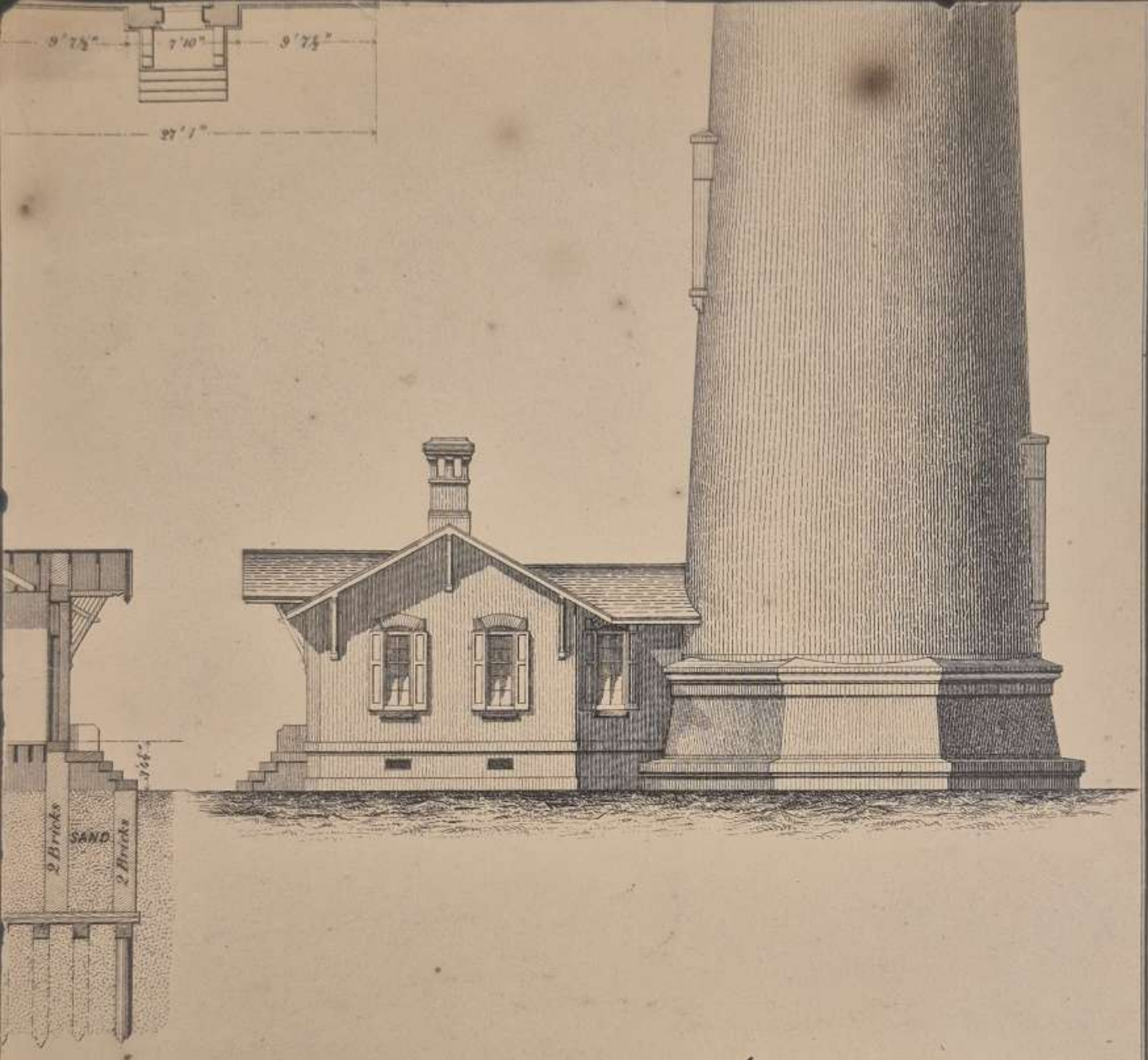
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From Washington DC Oct 29
To Lighthouse Inspector
Tompkinsville.

Curtis additional 1st officer
extended from November 1st Appointment
mailed you today.

Sgd Putnam



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George H. Elliot,

Major of Engineers
Engineer Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
WASHINGTON

LIGHT OCT 28 1915 HOUSES

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October 28, 1915.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. NOV 1 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

For the reasons set forth in the Bureau's communication of the 25th instant, and in accordance with its recommendation, the Department has extended the temporary position of additional first officer in the Lighthouse Service, at $1200 per annum, for a further period of not to exceed three months, effective November 1, 1915.

By direction of the Secretary:

T. J. Fitzgerald
Acting Chief Clerk.

JEL

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.

OCT 30 1915

To Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N. Y.,

for his information, guidance, and files of office. See your nomination of October 23, 1915, for extension of the temporary appointment of Thomas H. Curtis.
Sc'd also Bureau telegram 10-29-15

Acting Commissioner.

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Form 78

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JHG

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) October 23, 1915 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Extension of temporary appointment for a period not to exceed three months.

Name, Thomas H. Curtis — Legal residence, Florida

Position, Additional First Officer — Salary, $1200 per annum

Location, Lighthouse Service — Appropriation, Salaries, Lighthouse Vessels

Effective November 1, 1915 { the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Additional First Officer — Former salary, $1200 per annum

Location, Lighthouse Service

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

Previous incumbent, Thomas H. Curtis — Services terminated, October 31, 1915

Reason, Expiration of temporary appointment.

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks:

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

ASPINWALL

GAVIGAN Secretary, Civil Service District

YATES

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Larkspur
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 25, 1915

Third L.H. Inspector

Sir

Wish to report that Mr. Thomas H Curtis 1st officer - and Mr James Murray 1st asst Engineer, left this Tender Sept 24th inst. To go on Tender Daisy.

Klang.

HMD

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September 25, 1915

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to letter from this office dated September 14, 1915, reporting the temporary assignment on September 7th to duty on the tender Larkspur, of Thomas H. Curtis, additional first officer in the Lighthouse Service.

The Bureau is informed that this temporary assignment terminated at the close of September 24, 1915.

YATES

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES SEP 27 1915

HMD

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

LIGHT-HOUSE INSP. 3D DIST. SEP 29 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

September 25, 1915

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

In accordance with paragraph 439a of the Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, the Bureau is informed that Thomas H. Curtis, who was temporarily assigned to duty as first officer on the tender Larkspur, was today temporarily assigned to duty on the tender Pansy, this temporary assignment being necessary on account of the tender Larkspur being laid up for repairs and first officer Daly of the tender Pansy being absent from duty.

The probable duration of this temporary assignment will be about one month.

J. O. Yates

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
SEP 27 1915

Returned approved.

Putnam

HMD

September 25, 1915

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

In accordance with paragraph 439a of the Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, the Bureau is informed that Thomas H. Curtis, who was temporarily assigned to duty as first officer on the tender Larkspur, was today temporarily assigned to duty on the tender Pansy, this temporary assignment being necessary on account of the tender Larkspur being laid up for repairs and first officer Daly of the tender Pansy being absent from duty.

The probable duration of this temporary assignment will be about one month.

YATES

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September 24,1915.

Lighthouse Inspector,
Ninth District,
San Juan,P.R.

Referring to your letter of September 1st 1915 addressed to the Bureau, you are advised that Mr.Curtis returned to Tompkinsville on September 6th and was assinged to duty in this District on September 7th, from and including which date he will be taken up for pay by this District.

Yates

HMD

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September 14, 1915

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

In accordance with paragraph 439a of the Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, 1914, the Bureau is informed that on September 7, 1915, Thomas H. Curtis, who was temporarily assigned to the position of additional first officer on the tender Myrtle, 9th District, and who reported to this office for duty from Porto Rico on September 6, 1915, was temporarily assigned to duty on the tender Larkspur. This temporary assignment was necessary on account of the present first officer, Mr. Daly, being absent due to sickness.

It is not thought that the duration of this temporary assignment will be more than 10 days.

YATES

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST SEP 17 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

September 14, 1915

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

In accordance with paragraph 439a of the Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, 1914, the Bureau is informed that on September 7, 1915, Thomas H. Curtis, who was temporarily assigned to the position of additional first officer on the tender Myrtle, 9th District, and who reported to this office for duty from Porto Rico on September 6, 1915, was temporarily assigned to duty on the tender Larkspur. This temporary assignment was necessary on account of the present first officer, Mr. Daly, being absent due to sickness.

It is not thought that the duration of this temporary assignment will be more than 10 days.

J. T. Tyler

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
SEP 15 1915

Returned approved.

Conway
Acting Commissioner

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T. H. Curtis, assignment.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 13, 1915.



Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York:

Referring to your letter of September 8, 1915, stating that Thomas H. Curtis, who was temporarily assigned to the position of additional first officer on the tender Myrtle, Ninth District, reported to your office for duty from Porto Rico on September 6, 1915, and that you assigned him to duty on the tender Larkspur on September 7, 1915, in view of the fact that the present first officer is absent on account of sickness.

In this connection attention is invited to Bureau letter of September 9, 1915, in response to your letters of September 3, 1915, regarding disposition of the services of Mr. Curtis, and the matter of the authorization of an additional second officer for your district. The temporary assignment of Mr. Curtis to the Larkspur should be reported in accordance with the Amendments to the Regulations, 1914, par. 439a.

Conway
Acting Commissioner

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Thos. H. Curtis,
disposition.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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September 9, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 3, 1915, requesting to be advised what disposition is to be made of the services of Thomas H. Curtis on his return to Tompkinsville from San Juan, P. R., and of your letter of the same date recommending the authorization of position of extra second officer for general utility purposes in your district.

Mr. Curtis desired to take thirty days' leave after the Lilac arrived in Tompkinsville and before he left for San Juan, but consented to defer taking this leave until he returned to the United States, as his services were needed promptly in San Juan to relieve first officer Morris on the Myrtle. As soon as Mr. Curtis returns to Tompkinsville it is desired that you grant him such annual leave as he desires to take, in accordance with the Regulations. Mr. Curtis' status at present is that of additional first officer in the Lighthouse Service, at $1200 per annum, and his appointment will not expire until October 31, 1915.

The lack of funds under the appropriation from which salaries of officers on lighthouse vessels are payable precludes consideration of your recommendation for an additional second officer in your district, to take the place of officers on tenders when on leave or when away on account of sickness, to serve on relief and other light vessels having skeleton crews, etc., when proceeding under their own steam, and that when not thus engaged to use such officer for service on the Tulip. As there is no permanent vacancy at present for which Mr. Curtis could be considered, it is believed that the

services of Mr. Curtis could be advantageously used for the purposes enumerated in your letter of September 3, 1915. It is desired that Mr. Curtis be kept in mind for any suitable vacancy which may arise in your district before the expiration of his present temporary appointment, viz., October 31, 1915. He will also be borne in mind by the Bureau in connection with vacancies in the service generally.

If Mr. Curtis' services are utilized, as suggested by the Bureau, report details or temporary assignments in the manner prescribed by the Regulations.

Conway
Acting Commissioner.

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September 8, 1915

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

The Bureau is advised that Thomas H. Curtis, who was temporarily assigned to the position of additional first officer on the Tender Myrtle, 9th District, reported to this office for duty from Porto Rico on September 6th. In this connection it may be stated that no reply has been received from the Bureau to letter from this office of September 3, 1915, relative to the disposition of the services of Mr. Curtis. Mr. Curtis was assigned to duty on the Tender Larkspur, Mr. Daly the present first officer being absent on account of sickness, on September 7th, on which date Mr. Curtis was taken up on the pay roll of this office, as the Inspector of the 9th District states that Mr. Curtis will be carried on his pay roll including the date of his arrival in New York.

Curtis.—

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Off for Lilac reported for duty.

as per instructions sent on board—

As mate of Larkspur (see report)
did not show up. told him to take
Tuesday trip with Larkspur.

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JHG

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September 3,1915

Commissioner:-

Referring to Bureau endorsement dated June 15,1915 relative to Thomas H. Curtis, who was temporarily assigned to the position of additional first officer on the tender Myrtle, Ninth District, on July 10,1915.

The Bureau is informed that Mr.Curtis is expected back at this Depot within the next few days. As this office has not been advised as to what disposition is to be made of his services on his return to Tompkinsville from Porto Rico, the Bureau's instructions in the matter are requested.

In this connection it may be stated that the position of Mate on Northeast End Light Vessel No.44 is vacant at the present time, and if desired this position could be offered to Mr.Curtis, in case the Bureau has no other plans in view.

YATES

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SAN JUAN, P. R.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



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Thomas H. Curtis,
Temporary 1st Officer.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 9TH DISTRICT
SAN JUAN, P. R.
Sept. 1, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

Chester E. Morris, 1st Officer of the Lighthouse Tender Myrtle having returned to duty, Thomas H. Curtis, additional 1st Officer temporarily appointed to his place will sail for the U. S. today.

Mr. Curtis has been paid for the month of August and has been directed to report the date of his arrival at New York City, and he will then be paid by this office to and including said date and likewise reimbursed for his travel expenses.

Transportation request was given him for his passage on board of the S.S.Coamo. His travelling expenses to this District from the 3rd District have already been paid.

He has been directed to report to the 3rd Inspector for further orders.

A copy of this letter has been sent the 3rd Inspector for his information.

LAMY —— signed.
Office of the 9th Inspector
Sept. 1, 1915.,

Forwarded to the Inspector 3rd District for his information and file.

CHAS LAMY
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR.

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July 10,1915

Commissioner.

Referring to letter from this office dated July 1,1915, stating that Thomas H.Curtis, additional first officer, would be temporarily assigned to duty as additional first officer on the tender Myrtle in the Ninth District, on July 10th,1915.

The Bureau is informed that the effective date of this assignment is July 10,1915.

YATES

JHG

July 9,1915

Lighthouse Inspector, 9th District,

San Juan, Porto Rico

Enclosed herewith is copy of service record card of Thomas H. Curtis, who has been temporarily assigned to the position of additional 1st officer on the tender Myrtle, effective July 10,1915, the date on which he will leave this District for Porto Rico. Mr.Curtis has not been granted any annual or sick leave this year.

Mr.Curtis' salary will be paid by this office up to the close of July 9th,1915.

YATES

JHG

July 9,1915

Commissioner.

Referring to letter from this office dated July 1,1915 re temporary assignment of Thomas H.Curtis, additional first officer, to the tender Myrtle, Ninth District.

The Bureau is informed that Mr.Curtis will leave this District for Porto Rico on steamer sailing July 10,1915.

YATES

FWO/WJL

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July 9,1915.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Thomas H. Curtis is at present employed as First Officer of the Lighthouse Service.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

F W Ockenfels

Chief Clerk

JHG

July 1,1915

Commissioner.

Commissioner.

In accordance with Bureau Circular Letter No.73, dated May 22, 1915, the Bureau is informed that Thomas H. Curtis, additional first officer, was to-day temporarily assigned to duty on the tender Lilac.

The probable duration of this temporary assignment will be about ten days.

YATES

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JHG

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

LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. JUL 9 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

July 1,1915

Commissioner.

In accordance with the Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, paragraph 455, the Bureau is informed that on June 30th,1915, the following disposition was made of the officers and crew of the tender Lilac:-

Thomas H. Curtis	Additional Master,	$1980 p.a.	Temporarily assigned to duty as 1st officer on the Lilac. (To be temporarily assigned to Myrtle about July 10th)
S. F. McKown,	First Officer,	1080 p.a.	Returned to First District.
Thomas B.Fitzpatrick,	Engineer,	1380 p.a.	Remains on Lilac.
John F. Grant,	2nd Asst.Engineer,	1020 p.a.	Returned to First District.
3.....Quartermasters,	ea.	540 p.a.	Discharged.
2.....Machinists,	"	540 p.a.	"
5.....Seamen,	"	420 "	"
1.....Seaman,		420 "	Remains on Lilac.
1.....Fireman,		480 "	" " "
1.....Fireman,		480 "	Discharged
2.....Firemen, 2d cl.	"	360 "	"
1.....Steward,		660 "	"
1.....Cook,		660 "	Remains on Lilac.
2,....Mess Attendants	"	360 "	Discharged.

yours

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

JUL 6 1915

Returned approved.

Conway

Commissioner

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

July 1,1915

Commissioner.

In accordance with Bureau Circular Letter No.73, dated May 22, 1915, the Bureau is informed that Thomas H. Curtis, additional first officer, was to-day temporarily assigned to duty on the tender Lilac.

The probable duration of this temporary assignment will be about ten days.

J. T. Yates

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

JUL 9 1915

Returned approved.

Conway
Acting Commissioner

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT JUL 2 1915 HOUSES

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

July 1,1915

LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. JUL 10 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Commissioner.

In accordance with Bureau Circular Letter No.73, dated May 22, 1915, the Bureau is informed that Thomas H. Curtis, Additional First Officer, at present temporarily assigned to duty on the tender Lilac, will be temporarily assigned to duty on the tender Myrtle, stationed in the Ninth Lighthouse District, on July 10th,1915, this temporary assignment being necessary on account of the absence on leave of First Officer Morris of the Myrtle.

The probable duration of this temporary assignment will be about two months.

J. O. Yates

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUL 9 1915

Returned approved.

Conway
Acting Commissioner

JHG

July 1,1915

Thomas H. Curtis, Addtnl.1st Officer,

Tender Lilac,

General Depot.

Enclosed herewith find travel order authorizing you to travel from Tompkinsville, N.Y. to San Juan, P.R.

In accordance therewith you are hereby directed to leave this Depot for San Juan, Porto Rico, on July 10th,1915, and upon your arrival at the latter place to report to the Inspector of the Ninth Lighthouse District for temporary duty as additional first officer on the tender Myrtle while 1st officer Morris is on leave of absence. When Mr.Morris returns to duty you will report back to this Depot, unless otherwise ordered.

JHC

July 1,1915

Commissioner.

In accordance with Bureau Circular Letter No.73, dated May 22, 1915, the Bureau is informed that Thomas H. Curtis, Additional First Officer, at present temporarily assigned to duty on the tender Lilac, will be temporarily assigned to duty on the tender Myrtle, stationed in the Ninth Lighthouse District, on July 10th,1915, this temporary assignment being necessary on account of the absence on leave of First Officer Morris of the Myrtle.

The probable duration of this temporary assignment will be about two months.

YATES

Copy to Inspector 9th Lighthouse District, San Juan, P.R., for his information. Copy of travel order issued to Mr.Curtis is attached.

JHG

July 1,1915

Commissioner.

In accordance with the Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, paragraph 455, the Bureau is informed that on June 30th,1915, the following disposition was made of the officers and crew of the tender Lilac:-

Thomas H. Curtis	Additional Master,	$1980 p.a.	Temporarily assigned to duty as 1st officer on the Lilac. (To be temporarily assigned to Myrtle about ~~July 10~~ 10th)
S. F. McKown,	First Officer,	1080 p.a.	Returned to First District.
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1.....Fireman,		480 "	Discharged
2.....Firemen, 2d cl.	"	360 "	"
1.....Steward,		660 "	"
1.....Cook,		660 "	Remains on Lilac.
2,,...Mess Attendants	"	360 "	Discharged.

YATES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JHG

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 1ST DISTRICT
PORTLAND, ME.

June 30,1915

Commissioner.

Referring to Bureau endorsement dated June 15,1915 re Thomas H.Curtis, additional master on the tender Lilac.

The Bureau is informed that the temporary appointment of Mr. Curtis as additional Master on the tender Lilac, terminated at the close of June 30,1915.

YATES

Name	Leave taken
T. H. Curtis	None
Thomas B. Fitzpatrick	10 days

Inspector.

Inclosures.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
PORTLAND, ME.

Lilac-Personnel

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. JUN 30 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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Office of Inspector, 1st District
Portland, Me.

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June 29, 1915.

Sent to Asphd 6/30

Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

There is inclosed herewith service record card for Thomas H. Curtis, Master Tender Lilac also leave taken by T. H. Curtis, Master, and Thomas B. Fitzpatrick, as follows:

Name	Leave taken	
T. H. Curtis	None	addtl 1st Officer Lilac
Thomas B. Fitzpatrick	10 days	— Engr on Lilac

Inspector.

Inclosures.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT-FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 18, 1915.

Mr. Thomas H. Curtis,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Additional First Officer in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of One Thousand Two Hundred dollars per annum, effective July 1, 1915, or as soon thereafter as you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By transfer from additional master at $1980 per annum.)

Your actual and necessary traveling expenses from Tompkinsville, New York, to San Juan, Porto Rico, and return to Tompkinsville, New York, or to such other point as may be later determined, have been authorized.

The position to which you have been appointed has been authorized for a period not to exceed four months.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Lighthouse Vessels.

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: Florida.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
WASHINGTON

JUN 18 1915 HOUSES

LIGHT-HOUSE INSP. 32 DIST. JUN 22 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

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June 18, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

For the reasons set forth in the Ninth Inspector's letter of the 28th ultimo, and in accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 15th instant, the Department has authorized the temporary additional position of first officer in the Lighthouse Service, at $1200 per annum, for a period not to exceed four months, and has appointed Thomas H. Curtis thereto, by transfer from the position of additional master at $1980 per annum, effective July 1, 1915, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

As further recommended by the Bureau, a provision has been included in Mr. Curtis' appointment for the payment of his actual and necessary traveling expenses from Tompkinsville, New York, to San Juan, Porto Rico, and return to Tompkinsville, New York, or to such other point as may be later determined by the Bureau.

By direction of the Secretary:

Geo. C. Havenner

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
JUN 21 1915

To Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N. Y.
for his information, guidance, and files of office. See Bureau indorsement of June 15, 1915, in this case.

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Acting Commissioner.

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HRW-McC.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

June 15, 1915.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. JUN 17 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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Subject: Copy Bureau indorsement June 15, 1915, to Dept., leave, Chester E. Morris, and additional first officer, Myrtle.

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

In the event the Department approves the Bureau's recommendation, make necessary report of the assignment of Curtis to duty under his appointment as additional first officer, recommended in attached indorsement. See copy of Bureau letter of June 2, 1915, to the First Inspector, indorsed to you on the same date. Also report assignment and termination of assignment of Curtis to the Myrtle, which should be the dates he leaves Tompkinsville and reports back to Tompkinsville, respectively, unless he is ordered to report elsewhere; and send copies of such reports to the Ninth Inspector for his information and files. Direct Curtis to start for San Juan, P. R., in order that he may arrive there not later than July 17, 1915, and direct him to report back to you upon his relief from the Myrtle after return of Morris, regular first officer of the Myrtle, who will be granted leave of absence with pay from July 17 to August 30, 1915. Report termination of services of Curtis under his present appointment in the proper manner at the close of the date immediately preceding that on which he enters on duty as additional first officer.

Inclosed is the First Inspector's letter of June 7, 1915, in regard to Curtis.

You will be advised in due time of the action taken by the Department.

Conway
Acting Commissioner

(Copy)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

HRW-McC.

June 15, 1915.

Subject: 9th Inspr's letter May 28,1915,leave,with pay in States, C.E. Morris, and add. 1st offer., Myrtle.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that the additional position of first officer in the Lighthouse Service, at $1200 per annum, be authorized, effective beginning July 1,1915, or as soon thereafter as the person to be appointed enters on duty, for not to exceed 4 months, and that Thomas H. Curtis, additional master in the Lighthouse Service, at $1980 per annum, assigned to the Lilac, be appointed to the position above recommended. The present appointment of Curtis cannot extend beyond the close of July 13, 1915. The Lilac will be transferred from the First to the Third District on or about July 1, 1915, and the services of all the officers of that tender, except those of the engineer, will be dispensed with, if practicable. Should this recommendation be approved, Curtis will be assigned to duty in the Third District until it is necessary for him to leave for San Juan, Porto Rico, to relieve first officer Morris of the Myrtle, on or about July 17, 1915, it being desired to grant him the leave applied for. Upon completion of his duty on the Myrtle, it is proposed to return Curtis, to Tompkinsville, New York, unless the needs of the service should require that he report elsewhere. Proper report of the assignment of Curtis to duty under his appointment as additional first officer of the tender Myrtle will be made to the Department at the proper time, as will any other assignment which may be made under that appointment. Mr. Curtis has stated his willingness to accept this assignment, provided he is allowed the leave of absence to which he is entitled under the Regulations, 1914, upon his return from Porto Rico.

In view of the above, it is further recommended that a provision be included in the appointment of Mr. Curtis for the payment of his actual and necessary traveling expenses from Tompkinsville, New York, to San Juan, Porto Rico, and return to Tompkinsville, New York, or to such other point as may be later determined, in the interests of the service.

Curtis is the best qualified officer available for this duty and has the necessary license to cover the position from the Steamboat Inspection Service.

The pay recommended is considered justified and is not in excess of that paid for the same or similar services during the present fiscal year.

The appointment of Curtis as additional first officer will become effective upon his leaving New York for San Juan, P. R., and approval of the action recommended will not be in violation of section 2 of rule 1 of the civil service rules in regard to politics or religion, as it would probably be necessary to lay Curtis off after the Lilac reaches the Third District. It is expected that the new appointment recommended will be effective about July 10, 1915.

(Signed) J. S. Conway
Acting Commissioner

COMMUNICATIONS TO
THOUSE INSPECTOR
PORTLAND, ME.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
JUN 9 1915
HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 1ST DISTRICT
PORTLAND, ME.

T. H. Curtis

June 7, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

1 Referring to the 2nd paragraph of the Bureau's letter of June 2nd, 1915, subject as above, no recommendation is made at this time ~~time~~ in view of the fact that in letter from the Inspector of the Third District dated May 21st, 1915, he states "It is expected that the Tender Lilac will be laid up when turned over to this District and that one engineer will be the only officer to be retained on the vessel."

2 As the Lilac is expected to arrive in the Third District by July 1st, 1915, the temporary appointment of Capt. Curtis not expiring until the close of July 13th, which is believed to permit of ample time for consideration of this matter by the Third Inspector, it is recommended that the matter of Capt. Curtis's re-appointment be left to the Inspector of the Third District.

Sherman
Inspector.

(COPY)

HRW-McC.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. JUN 4 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

T. H. Curtis. June 2, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector, Portland, Maine:

Referring to Department notice of appointment of July 6, 1914, of Thomas H. Curtis, as additional master in the Lighthouse Service, at $1980 per annum, for assignment to duty on the tender Lilac, for a period not to exceed one year from July 14, 1914, and to Department letter of the same date authorizing the temporary additional position in question.

Submit proper report and recommendation in due time for extension of the appointment and position in question, or for such action as may be proper in this case. In this connection you are advised that William H. Field, former master of the Lilac, has been granted leave without pay to the close of July 31, 1915.

In this connection see Bureau letter to you of May 19, 1915, relative to the transfer of the Lilac to the Third District and the personnel thereof. See also Bureau indorsement to you of July 2, 1914, on copy of Bureau letter of the same date to the 8th Inspector, in regard to the complement of the tender Lilac.

A copy of this letter has been referred to the 3d Inspector for his files.

(Signed) H. B. Bowerman.
Acting Commissioner

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.

JUN 2 1915

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

Acting Chief Clerk

June 30,1915

Thomas H. Curtis, Additional Master,

Tender Lilac,

General Lighthouse Depot.

As your last day of service as Master of the Lilac will be to-day, June 30,1915, you are directed to balance your accounts covering commutation of subsistence, have properly certified all bills for purchases heretofore made that stand unpaid, and turn all papers, accounts, and books pertaining to commutation of subsistence over to Engineer Thomas B.Fitzpatrick, together with a check drawn to the order of Mr.Fitzpatrick as Engineer in the Lighthouse Service, for the balance of funds remaining to your credit in the bank which belong to the mess accounts, taking receipt therefor from Mr. Fitzpatrick and informing this office of the amount turned over to him.

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FORM 2245

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

O:

Date Prepared October 12, 1940.

Name: Curtis, Thomas H.

From: U. S. Coast Guard

Bureau No:

Retirement, Disability

	FROM	TO
Position	Master	
Grade	Field (Range $2460-2520)	
Salary	$2520 p.a., including $60 p.a. longevity pay	
Bureau or Div.	U. S. Coast Guard	
Organizational Subdivisions		
Headquarters	San Francisco, California	
Post of Duty	San Francisco L.S.#03	
Appropriation	Civilian Employees, C.G.	
Allotment		
Field or Deptl.	Field	

EFFECTIVE *Remarks:* Close October 31, 1940.

The annual rate of retired pay is $1557.73.

Justification:

Total service: 25 years and 14 days.

Computation: ($2468.50 x years 25.0389 ÷ 40) $1557.73.

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION
Reg.

DATE OF BIRTH
11-7-1874

LEGAL RESIDENCE
California

SEX: M | RACE: W

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW | ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY | VICE

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT?
Lighthouse Act 3-4-25.

DATE OF OATH

10-15-40

SUBORDINATE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Form 9

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE U. S. COAST GUARD

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

COMMANDER,
Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Date SEPTEMBER 30, 1930.

SAN FRANCISCO District

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective close October 31, 1930. on the basis of service shown hereon.

My permanent address on retirement will be 817, The Alameda, Berkeley, Calif.

Thomas H. Curtis
(Name)

MASTER, SAN FRANCISCO LIGHTVESSEL NO. 83
(Designation)

Gdv 0769

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

City San Francisco, Calif. *Date* 1 October, 1930.

Submitted to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $1957.75 per annum, effective at the close of 31 October, 1930.

It is certified that the record of service and pay shown on Page 2 is correct as shown by the records of this office, and that all Government service shown has been verified.

By direction

R. S. PAINE
COMMANDER, USCG
Superintendent of Lighthouses
COMMANDER, SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, *Washington, D. C.*,

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

Granted 6395 A 8716

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Name THOMAS H. CURTIS Date of birth November 7, 1874.

Designation MASTER, SAN FRANCISCO LIGHTSHIP NO. 83.

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

(Including military, naval, and civilian service. Each department, branch, or independent office in which applicant served in a civilian capacity should be listed separately)

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army	NONE						
Navy	NONE						
Marine Corps	NONE						
Civilian employment	See attached statement, Page 2a.						
Total service	25 years, 0 months, 24 days.						

Does applicant receive or has he applied for a pension from the Government under any law? No If so, give number of pension certificate or of claim:

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the War Risk Insurance Act? No If so, give number of claim:

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the Federal Compensation Act, as amended? No

If so, state the compensation received:

STATEMENT BY FISCAL YEARS OF BASIC PAY RECEIVED DURING LAST FIVE YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREMENT

(Compute service on basis of 30 days a month. Do not include periods of leave without pay, rations, quarters, or other allowance)

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year		
Master, San Francisco Lightship No. 83	Nov.	1	1935	June	15	1938	$2460. A.	$1957.50
do	June	16	1938	Oct.	31	1940	2520. "	5985.00

Total compensation for last five years of active service $7942.50

Average compensation for last five years of active service, 1/360 $2488.50

Annual rate of retired pay ($2488.50 × years 25-1/360 ÷ 40) = $1557.73

(Not exceeding 30)

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