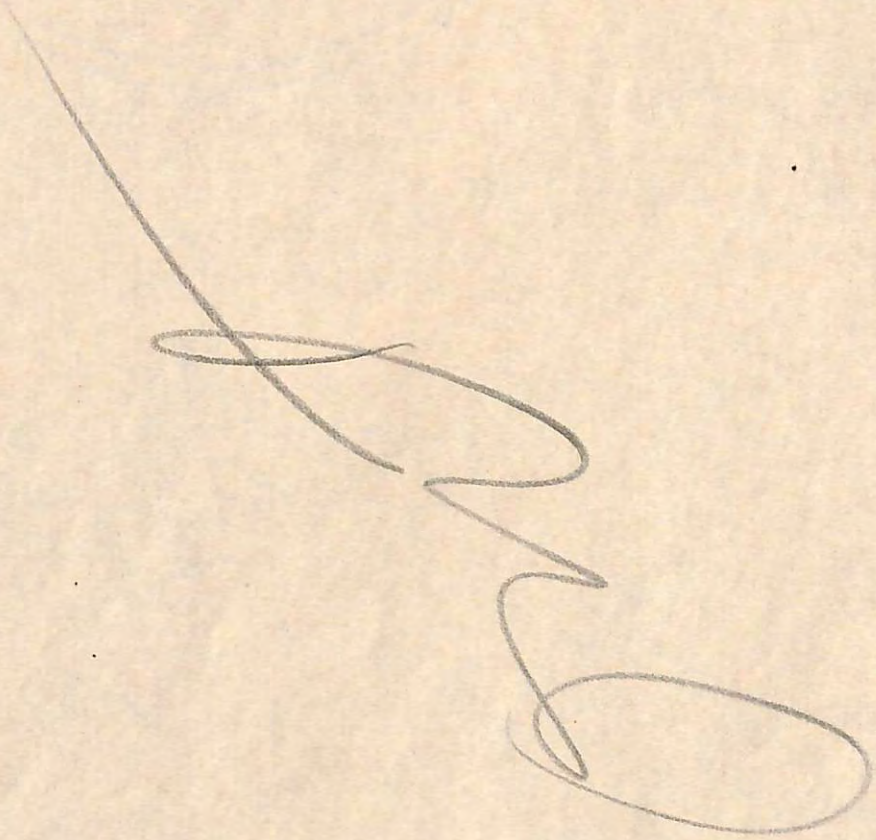
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De Bleeker, Peter



De Bleeker, Peter

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT JAN 24 1916 HOUSES

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., January 18, 1916, 191
(Date.)

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THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Through the District Secretary)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment of

Name, Peter De Blecker (Bleeker) Legal residence, California

Position, Third Assistant Keeper Salary, $516 per annum

Location, Piedras Blancas Lightstation, Cal. Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective January 25, 1916. {the actual date of entrance on duty, or / as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.}

Former position, ---------- Former salary, ----------

Location, --------

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

Fred Kiuttu (FR), Viktor Koski (C), and WM.K. Knutson (C).

Previous incumbent, Walter White ✓ Services terminated, January 14, 1916. ✓

Reason, Transfer & promotion ✓

Members of family in Government Service, No

Remarks: Request notification by wire when appointment is made.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission. JAN 19 1916, 191

C. A. Snyder
Secretary Twelfth Civil Service District.

Rhodes.
Inspector

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JAN 24 1916

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner

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

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INSTRUCTIONS

The nominee's name (include full Christian name and middle initial or initials, if any) should be correctly spelled and the official name of the position and station accurately stated. In nominating a person already in the Lighthouse Service his last appointment should be examined for official name of position, station, salary, etc.

In case a nominee's legal residence as stated on this nomination is different from that contained in his last appointment, or is different from that stated on the eligible register if the nomination is for probationary appointment, a statement to that effect should be made under "Remarks."

The instructions in regard to transfers of employees, as set forth in Regulations, 1914, paragraph 446, should be carefully followed.

Under "Action recommended" indicate clearly the kind of appointment desired, as temporary, probationary, etc. If temporary, indicate under that heading or under "Remarks" the period for which appointment is desired and the necessity therefor.

If a license from the Steamboat Inspection Service is required for the position to which appointment is recommended, state grade, waters, and tonnage covered by the license, and whether or not the same is sufficient to cover the position.

When it is proposed to fill a new position, indicate the fact by inserting, after the words "Previous incumbent," the words "New position," and give the date of Department letter. Always ascertain that proper report or recommendation for the disposition of the services of the previous incumbent has been made before submitting recommendation for the appointment of a successor.

In recommending the reinstatement, or original appointment, of a person whose papers show that he has already served under some branch of the Department of Commerce, include a brief note of that fact on the nomination.

Recommendation for permanent or temporary appointment or extension of appointment to positions for which eligible registers are maintained by the Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C., or for appointment to excepted positions, or for transfer, promotion, reduction, or reinstatement, shall not be forwarded through the civil-service district secretary, but all other recommendations for permanent or temporary appointment or extension shall be forwarded through the district secretary.

When a person recommended for probationary, excepted, or temporary appointment, or reinstatement, states that he has two or more members of his family in the Government service, he should be directed to properly fill out civil-service Form No. 1769, which should be forwarded with the nomination.

In recommending the probationary appointment of a keeper or assistant keeper, state under "Remarks" whether or not quarters are furnished by the Government for his family.

After "Other eligibles considered" inspectors will state the names of the eligibles who "declined" or "failed to reply," and those "who were merely considered without other action," and will indicate the same after each name by the use of the key terms "D," "FR," and "C," respectively.

Opposite "Rank on eligible list" inspectors will state whether the person recommended stands first, second, or third, as the case may be, of the eligibles available for appointment to the position in question.

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Washington D C January 24 1916

Lighthouse Inspector San Francisco California

De Blecker appointed third assistant keeper Piedras Blancas effective January twenty five or thereafter

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Commissioner

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

LIGHT
JAN 25 1916
HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 24, 1916.

Mr Peter De Bloeker,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Walter White.

Legal Residence: California.

(See reverse side.)

JAN 25 1916

LIGHT
JAN 25 1916
HOUSES

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

Paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII reads as follows:

(*c*) The person selected for appointment shall be duly notified by the appointing officer, and upon accepting and reporting for duty shall receive from such officer a certificate of appointment. The first six months under this appointment shall be a probationary period; but the commission and the department concerned may, by regulation, fix the probationary period at one year for any specified positions. If, and when, after full and fair trial, during this period, the conduct or capacity of the probationer be not satisfactory to the appointing officer, the probationer shall be so notified in writing, with a full statement of reasons, and this notice shall terminate his service. His retention in the service beyond the probationary period confirms his absolute appointment.

A probationer separated from the service without delinquency or misconduct may be restored to the register of eligibles in the discretion of the commission for the remainder of his period of eligibility.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES AUG 21 1916

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., July 28, 1916, 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion of

Name, Peter DeBleeker — Legal residence, California

Position, Second Assistant Keeper — Salary, $552 per annum

Location, Piedras Blancas Lightstation, Cal. — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

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

Former position, Third Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $516 per annum

Location, Piedras Blancas Lightstation, Cal.

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

Previous incumbent, Peter Ditlevson — Services terminated, July 31, 1916

Reason, Transfer & promotion

Members of family in Government Service, None

Remarks: Submitted in accordance with Inspector's telegram of this date.

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

H.W. Rhodes.

Secretary, Civil Service District. — Inspector

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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INSTRUCTIONS

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
AUG 2 1916
HOUSES

July 31, 1916.

Mr. Peter De Bleecker,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Second Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and Fifty-two dollars per annum,

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

(By promotion from third assistant keeper at $516 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Peter Ditlevson.

Legal Residence: California.

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November 18, 1919
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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES NOV 25 1919

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

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SUPERINTENDENT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

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November 18th, 1919.

Dept rec'd 11 Nov 25

Discharge for cause --
Peter DeBleeker.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. There is forwarded herewith, a copy of charges of November 7th, against Peter DeBleeker, 2nd assistant keeper, Piedras Blancas Light Station, California, and a copy of his reply thereto of November 11th, 1919.

2. There are also enclosed, copies of the following letters bearing on the case:

Oct. 3, 1919 - From James K. Neales, 3rd asst. kpr.
Oct. 7, 1919 - To James K. Neales, 3rd Asst. Kpr.
Oct. 7, 1919 - Endorsement on letter of Oct. 7 to James K. Neales requesting report from keeper and other assistant keepers regarding DeBleeker's conduct.
Oct. 9, 1919 - From James K. Neales, 3rd asst. kpr.
Oct.10, 1919 - From P. S. Admiral, 1st asst. kpr.
Oct.10, 1919 - From Andrew Czarnecke.
Nov.11, 1919 - From DeBleeker containing counter charges
Nov.12, 1919 - Affidavit by Andrew Czarnecke and James K. Neales that DeBleeker's counter charges are false.
Nov.12, 1919 - From Peter DeBleeker, 2nd asst. kpr.
Nov.13, 1919 - To Peter DeBleeker, 2nd asst. kprl
Nov.14, 1919 - To Peter DeBleeker, 2nd asst. kpr.

3. For the reasons stated in the charges contained in letter of Nov. 7th, 1919, it is recommended that Peter DeBleeker be discharged from the Lighthouse Service at the close of December 10th. DeBleeker has not taken leave of absence in excess of accrued leave.

4. The counter charges contained in DeBleeker's reply of November 11 to charges against him are being investigated, and these counter charges will be submitted to the Bureau as soon as the investigation has been completed.

5. It is requested that the Department consider in connection with the charges contained in letter of November 7th, 1919, the charge of James K. Neales, contained in the enclosed letter, dated November 15th, just received, that DeBleeker had in his possession and served intoxicating liquors in his quarters. This charge is corroborated by three witnesses in the enclosed signed statement of November 15th, 1919.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
DEC 1 1919

H. W. Rhodes.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

Commissioner

COPY - LS

Piedras Blancas,

Oct. 3, 1919.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Eighteenth District.

Sir:-

I take the liberty to call your attention to a list of stations to which I would transfer, filed according to your instructions and forwarded Jan. 4, 1919.

The keeper in charge, Mr. Czarnecke states that I render very satisfactory services.

I have lived here since July 28, 1919 under the same roof with Mr. DeBlecker which is exceedingly disagreeable due to profane and obscene language which at times is audible all through the house, also makes himself generally obnoxious.

Therefore as no transfer is forthcoming I hereby tender my resignation to take effect Nov/1, 1919.

Respectfully,

James K. Nealon,

3rd Asst.

Forwarded Oct. 4th, 1919.

Andrew Czarnecke,

Keeper.

COPY - LS

HWR:LS

October 7th, 1919.

Mr. James K. Neales, 3rd Asst. Kpr., Piedras Blancas Light Station.

(Through the Keeper).

1. Referring to your letter of October 3rd, tendering your resignation on account of disagreeable conduct on the part of Mr. DeBlecker, 2nd assistant keeper.

2. You are requested to report whether the objectionable conduct referred to is on the part of Mr. DeBlecker or of members of his family, and to furnish any further information which will show more clearly the source of the trouble.

3. Your resignation will not be acted upon until further report in this matter has been received from you.

(Signed) H. W. Rhodes.

October 7, 1919.

Copy for information and files of Keeper.

Report to this office if, to your knowledge, Mr. DeBlecker is guilty of using profane and obscene language, or of any other conduct rendering him liable to dismissal from the Service.

It is not the policy of this office to transfer a disagreeable and undesirable Keeper to another station in order to smooth out troubles for which he may be responsible. If Keepers are guilty of unbecoming conduct or are generally undesirable, they will be dismissed for cause and not make further trouble for this office and some other station by transferring them. If any other keepers desire to submit statements regarding Mr. DeBlecker's conduct, you are directed to forward them with your report.

(Signed) H. W. Rhodes.

(COPY)

LIGHT
NOV 25 1919
HOUSES

PIEDRAS BLANCAS LIGHT STATION,
October 9, 1919

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
18th District.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of Oct. 7, I wish to state, Mrs. De Bleeker, is the most coarse and foul mouthed woman I ever came in contact with. In reference to Mr. De Bleeker, I had not been on this station sixty days, when I overheard, Mr. De Bleeker, using profane and abusive language and threatenedd to assault, Mr. Admiral, 1st Assistant.

Shortly after this I heard, Mr. De Bleeker who was standing outside of Mr. Czarnecke's quarters use profane and abusive language to Mr. Czarnecke, and dared him to come outside.

About two months ago on a Sunday morning after Mr. Czarnecke had called his attention to the fact that his boys had used the rain guage for a convenience Mr. De Bleeker used profane and abusive language to Mr. Czarnecke, also made this statement "That he was laying for Mr. Czarnecke and would get him yet."

This took place just outside of my window and the language Mr. De Bleeker used was not fit for a lady and child to hear. I simply state these facts to show Mr. De Bleeker, is of a quarrelsome disposition and has no respect for age or sex.

I may safely say the only reason myself and fmily have not been drawn into numerous controversies with the De Bleeker family is because we refuse to put ourselves on the same plane with such people.

Although for twelve months they have never missed a chance by word or action to insult us. They frequently air their domestic affairs in loud and angry voices, which is very unpleasant for my wife and child to hear.

I am sure any man with self respect would not care to expose his family to such conditions.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) James K. Neales

3rd Assistant

Forwarded Oct. 10th, 1919

Andrew Czarnecke,
Keeper

(COPY)



PIEDRAS BLANCAS LIGHT STATION,

October 10, 1919

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In answer to your inquiry in regard to conduct of 2nd Ass't. Mr. P. De Bleeker, I take the liberty to call your attention to his behavior last Sept. 10, while Mr. Otter was here inspecting this Station as an object lesson.

The fundamental reason of all this nonsense is Mr. De Bleeker's fixed idea that whenever it becomes necessary for him to be an inmate of the Soldiers and Sailors Home at Santa Monica in the meantime he has no ambition whatsoever to save anything for a rainy day. Mrs. De Bleeker has a different view and is decidedly caustic in voicing her opinion, add to this that Mr. De Bleeker has an abusive nasty temper with mediocre intelligence, result, strife and an unpleasant home life which even effects his daily work and actions, briefly stated, if married, I would refuse point blank to live in the same building or stay on the job with him.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) P. S. Admiral

1st Ass't. Keeper

Through the Keeper

Forwarded October 10th, 1919

Andrew Czarnecke,

Kepper

(COPY)

PIEDRAS BLANCAS LIGHT STATION,
October 10th, 1919

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

Sir:

In reply to your letter of October 7th, 1919, I must state that after Peter De Bleeker's 6 month's Probation period expired he started to be disagreeable and often very insulting to everybody on the Station and became more so as the time past on. It is the second nature of Mr. De Bleeker and the members of his family to use profane and obscene language and telling lies. He is very insulting has a contemptible and spiteful disposition and very quarrelsome, none of the Keepers at the Station have spoken to him for months past only in the line of Duty. He is very intolerable and a detriment to the Light House Service here will be no Peace while Peter De Bleeker, 2nd Ass't. Keeper is on this Station. I therefore respectfully request not to have Peter De Bleeker promoted to first Ass't. Keeper at Piedras Blancas Light Station.

During the month of July De Bleeker's boys broken 2 window panes in the Barn instead of going to the Toilet they went behind the Rain shed fence close to the gate they urinated in to the Rain Gage which is located in the Center of the Rain Shed from where we get our cooking and drinking water, when I called De Bleeker and told him what his boys have done he used abusive language toward me which could be heard all over the Station, shouting "I'll get you, I will lay for you."

Concerning Mr. James K. Neales, 3d Ass't. Keeper, I here state, that Mr. Neales and his family are very quiet and respectable people.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) Andrew Czarnecke,

Keeper

COPY - LS

WW:LS

November 7th, 1919.

Peter DeBlecker, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. You are charged with being unfitted for employment as assistant keeper in the Lighthouse Service, in that you have not treated the keeper with proper deference and respect, have been disrespectful to the keeper and assistant keepers of the station, do continuously use profane and abusive language about the station, and particularly in the set of quarters occupied by your family and the family of another assistant keeper, to such an extent that your department brings discredit on the desired standard and efficiency of the Lighthouse Service.

2. You are hereby allowed ten days in which to reply in writing to these charges.

3. You are admonished, during the investigation of these charges, to commit no acts of insubordination, not to use profane language, and to be thoroughly respectful and courteous to the keeper and assistant keepers and their families at the station. The failure to comply with these instructions will result in your immediate suspension from duty without pay.

(Signed) E. W. Rhodes.

LIGHT
NOV 25 1919
HOUSES

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(C O P Y)

Piedras Blancas,

November 11th, 1919.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In answer to the charges brought against me, I will say there is absolutely no truth in any one of the charges preferred.

Respectfully,

(Signed) P. De Bleeker,
2nd Assistant.

Forwarded Nov. 12th, 1919.
Andrew Czarnecke, Keeper.

Nov. 11, 1919.

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LIGHT HOUSES

(C O P Y)

COUNTERCHARGES

Piedras Blancas,
November 11th, 1919.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In regard to the charges preferred against me, I wish to state they are false in every particular. For the last three years myself and family have been subjected to many insults and humiliation brought about through the antagonism of Mr.Czarnecke the Keeper, whom I have seen many times under the influence of liquor on this Station, and know him to be untrustworthy in the performance of his duties. He has falsified so many things on the log, and used language both to my wife and myself, unbecoming a gentleman.

In regard to the Assistant Keepers on this Station, I have been friendly with Mr. P.S.Admiral, 1st Asst. Keeper for the last three years, until Mr. Czarnecke the Keeper, used his influence against me. For the last three years Mr. Czarnecke, the Keeper, and Mr. P.S.Admiral 1st Asst. Keeper, have been very antagonistic toward each other. On the 28th day of June 1917, in the Fog Signal, between the hours of three and four a. m. they indulged in a fist fight. For the last few months Mr. Czarnecke the Keeper, has done his utmost to have Mr.P.S.Admiral, 1st Asst. to work against me.

In regard to Mr.J.K.Neales, 3rd Asst., our trouble started when I forbid him to sell whiskey to my boy. On Nov. 12th, 1918, or thereabout, Mr. J.K.Neales, 3rd Asst., in his automobile in company of Mrs.Neales and my wife, went to Cambria and bought whiskey, which he sold to my boy, a minor, in San Simeon, who was then working for the Hearst Estate. I reported it to Mr.Czarnecke, the Keeper, but he took no action on the matter, for the reason that Mr.J.K.Neales, 3rd Asst., was bringing Mr.Czarnecke the Keeper the liquor in also. I have witnesses in San Simeon who will furnish affidavits to this fact. I would call your attention to the fact that previous to my coming to this Station Mr.Czarnecke the Keeper, caused quite a little trouble here with the different Assistant Keepers families, and one of the first things Mr.Czarnecke the Keeper wanted me to do was to antagonize Mr.P.Ditlevsen's family, then 2nd Asst. here, which I refused to do, as I found Mr.Ditlevsen, 2nd Asst., a very good neighbor. I happened to be present in the rain shed when Mr.Czarnecke the Keeper used very insulting language to Mrs. Ditlevsen. Mr. Czarnecke, the Keeper, also wanted me to bring him liquor from Cambria, which I refused to do. In proof of the trustworthiness of Mr.Czarnecke the Keeper, he is registered as being born in Boston, Mass., which I can prove to you is not true. He is not a citizen of the United States.

Respectfully,

(Signed) P.De Blecker, 2nd Asst.

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Piedras Blancas Light Station,

November 12th, 1919.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
18th District,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

We hereby duly swear before a Notary Public that Mr. Peter De Bleeker's charges are absolutely false.

Respectfully,

(Signed) James K. Nealee, 3rd Asst. Keeper,
Andrew Csarnecke, Keeper.

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 11th day of November, 1919.

(Signed) W. M. Lyons,
Notary Public
In and for the County of San Luis Obispo
State of California.

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LIGHT
NOV 25 1919
HOUSES

COPY - LS

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

18th Dist.

Piedras Blancas Light Station

Nov. 12th, 1919.

Sir.

With my denial of charges preffered against me which I handed to Mr. Czarnecke the keeper Nov. 11th at 9 a. m. I also enclosed counter charges in separate letter, which I have reason to believe were not forwarded.

I would like to know if you received them.

Respectfully,

P. DeBleeker

2nd Asst.

COPY - LS

HWR:AMG

Nov. 13, 1919.

Mr. Peter DeBleeker, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring to your counter-charges dated November 10th against Andrew Czarnecke, Keeper, and James K. Neales, 3rd Assistant Keeper, at your station.

2. It is requested that you forward immediately to this office, the affidavits of any reputable persons showing that either Mr. Czarnecke or Mr. Neales is guilty of having sold liquor to your son, a minor, or having purchased liquor and taken it on the Lighthouse Reservation.

3. You are also directed to report further in what manner Mr. Czarnecke has falsified the records at the station.

4. Any other evidence or proof which you may be able to furnish concerning your charges against the Keeper or 3rd Assistant Keeper should be forwarded to this office as soon as practicable.

(Signed) H. W. Rhodes.

COPY - LS

HWR:AMG

Nov. 14, 1919.

Mr. Peter DeBlecker, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

1. In answer to your letter of November 14th, you are informed that the counter-charges handed to the keeper of your station on November 11th were received at this office on November 12th.

(Signed) H. W. Rhodes,

Superintendent.

COPY - LS

Piedras Blancas,

Nov. 15, 1919.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Eighteenth Dist.

Sir.

I hereby state that while visiting Piedras Blancas Station Sept. 15, 1918, I entered Mr. De Bleskers quarters where liquor was being served and was invited to partake of same and George De Bleeker, sone of Mr. De Bleeker, was partaking freely of the liquor with no restraint from either his father or step-mother, although plainly showing the effects.

(Signed) H. C. Turri, Cambria.

(Signed) Miss Mary C. Sebastian
Postmistress of San
Simeon.

(Signed) Miss Amelia Sebastian
Assistant Postmistress
San Simeon.

COPY - LS

Piedras Blancas,

Nov. 15, 1919.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Eighteenth District.

Sir:-

I hereby charge Mr. De Bleeker with having and using liquor on this station and furnish affidavit to that effect.

These parties occur frequently guest usually being a mexican family named Sota.

The delay in these charges being due to the absence of one of the witnesses.

I refer you to the Bank of Cambria as to the reputability of these witnesses.

Respectfully,

(Signed) James K. Nealles,

3rd Asst. Keeper.

Forwarded Nov. 16th, 1919.

Andrew Czarnecke,

Keeper.

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Washington D C DEC 19 1919

Lighthouse Superintendent San Francisco Calif

DeBleeker dismissed close thirty first

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Commissioner.

Dept. approved
12/19/19.

Tr Secretary
12:30 pm

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Box 191/810
Old Treasury

Peter De Bleeker

LEGAL RESIDENCE.
California

STATUS

INACTIVE

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
3rd Asst. Keeper. Piedras Blancas L. S. Cal.	#516	L. H.	Jan. 29, 1916.
2d " " " "	#552	"	Aug. 26. 1916
Keeper " Increase	720	"	Nov 1 1918.
Dismissed & clas Dec 31, 1919			

INACTIVE

Peter De Bleeker.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., January 18, 1916
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: (Through the District Secretary)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment of

Name, * Peter De Bleeker (Bleeker) Legal residence, California

Position, Third Assistant Keeper Salary, $516 per annum

APPOINTMENTS JAN 24 1916 3

Location, Piedras Blancas Lightstation, Cal. Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective January 25, 1916. {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, ---------- Former salary, ----------

Location, --------

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

Fred Kiuttu (FR), Viktor Koski (C), and WM.K. Knutson (C).

Previous incumbent, Walter White Services terminated, January 14, 1916.

Reason, Transfer & promotion to Pt. Arguello L.S. Cal. (Calif.) eff eod

Members of family in Government Service, No

Remarks: Request notification by wire when appointment is made.

* Not Papers. Sam

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. JAN 19 1916, 191

C. H. Shugart
Secretary, Twelfth Civil Service District.

Rhodes.
Inspector

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JAN 24 1916

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

J. Conway
Acting Commissioner

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

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INSTRUCTIONS

The nominee's name (include full Christian name and middle initial or initials, if any) should be correctly spelled and the official name of the position and station accurately stated. In nominating a person already in the Lighthouse Service his last appointment should be examined for official name of position, station, salary, etc.

In case a nominee's legal residence as stated on this nomination is different from that contained in his last appointment, or is different from that stated on the eligible register if the nomination is for probationary appointment, a statement to that effect should be made under "Remarks."

The instructions in regard to transfers of employees, as set forth in Regulations, 1914, paragraph 446, should be carefully followed.

Under "Action recommended" indicate clearly the kind of appointment desired, as temporary, probationary, etc. If temporary, indicate under that heading or under "Remarks" the period for which appointment is desired and the necessity therefor.

If a license from the Steamboat Inspection Service is required for the position to which appointment is recommended, state grade, waters, and tonnage covered by the license, and whether or not the same is sufficient to cover the position.

When it is proposed to fill a new position, indicate the fact by inserting, after the words "Previous incumbent," the words "New position," and give the date of Department letter. Always ascertain that proper report or recommendation for the disposition of the services of the previous incumbent has been made before submitting recommendation for the appointment of a successor.

In recommending the reinstatement, or original appointment, of a person whose papers show that he has already served under some branch of the Department of Commerce, include a brief note of that fact on the nomination.

Recommendation for permanent or temporary appointment or extension of appointment to positions for which eligible registers are maintained by the Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C., or for appointment to excepted positions, or for transfer, promotion, reduction, or reinstatement, shall not be forwarded through the civil-service district secretary, but all other recommendations for permanent or temporary appointment or extension shall be forwarded through the district secretary.

When a person recommended for probationary, excepted, or temporary appointment, or reinstatement, states that he has two or more members of his family in the Government service, he should be directed to properly fill out civil-service Form No. 1769, which should be forwarded with the nomination.

In recommending the probationary appointment of a keeper or assistant keeper, state under "Remarks" whether or not quarters are furnished by the Government for his family.

After "Other eligibles considered" inspectors will state the names of the eligibles who "declined" or "failed to reply," and those "who were merely considered without other action," and will indicate the same after each name by the use of the key terms "D," "FR," and "C," respectively.

Opposite "Rank on eligible list" inspectors will state whether the person recommended stands first, second, or third, as the case may be, of the eligibles available for appointment to the position in question.

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 24, 1916.

Mr Peter De Bleeker,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED: C

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Walter White.

Legal Residence: California.

(See reverse side.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JAN 24 1916 ★ Original

REPORTED FEB 1916 S. COMMISSION

Paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII reads as follows:

(c) The person selected for appointment shall be duly notified by the appointing officer, and upon accepting and reporting for duty shall receive from such officer a certificate of appointment. The first six months under this appointment shall be a probationary period; but the commission and the department concerned may, by regulation, fix the probationary period at one year for any specified positions. If, and when, after full and fair trial, during this period, the conduct or capacity of the probationer be not satisfactory to the appointing officer, the probationer shall be so notified in writing, with a full statement of reasons, and this notice shall terminate his service. His retention in the service beyond the probationary period confirms his absolute appointment.

A probationer separated from the service without delinquency or misconduct may be restored to the register of eligibles in the discretion of the commission for the remainder of his period of eligibility.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES FEB 9 1916
APPOINTMENTS FEB 11 1916 2,
CHIEF CLERK FEB 11 1916

I, Peter De Bleeker

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.

Peter De Bleeker
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 25th day of January, A. D. 1916.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) C. H. Thompson.

(Official title) Clerk, 18th Lighthouse Dist.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present 3rd Asst. Keeper (Probationary appointment)	$516 per annum	Piedras Blancas Lightstation, Cal.
Former[5]		

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 18th District

San Francisco, Cal., (Address) February 3, 1916 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on January 29, 1916 (Date)

CARDED.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector

A. E. Sandman Inspector
Superintendent (Signature, followed by title)

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

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

[3] The oath may be taken any time 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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LIGHT
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HOUSES

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

CHIEF CLERK
FEB 10 1916

March 5, 1913.

To the Chiefs of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce:

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

William C. Redfield
Secretary.

CARDED.

PART I.

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

1. What is your full name? (Do not use initials, but spell out each name and state whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. Example: Mr. John Richard Doe. If name itself is merely a letter, it should be so stated.)

Mr. Peter De Bleecker

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

Peter De Bleecker

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

San Francisco (City or town.) San Francisco (State or Territory.) California (County.) 5th District (Congressional district.)

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

5. Where were you born? Belgium

6. When were you born? January (Month.) 21st (Day.) 1870 (Year.)

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

None

Name. | Number and street.

City or town. | State or Territory.

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.
None				

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.)

Lighthouse keeper San Francisco Sept 20-1915

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

None

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.)

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
None					

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

No

13. 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.)

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
U.S.S. Cincinnati	Nov. 23-1891	Feb-28-1901.	Expiration of Enlistment.

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

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
U.S.S. Cincinnate	Nov-23-1891	Feb-28-1901.	Expiration
Oregon, Alert-	and Store	Ships.	of Enlistment.

15. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Name under which service was rendered No.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
U.S.S. Michigan U.S.S. Monterey,	Nov. 23-1891,	Feb-28-1901,	Expiration
U.S.S. Oregon U.S.S. Alert;			of Enlistment.

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

Bridge and Structural iron worker,

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

Public School Education

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

Iron worker

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

Lighthouse keeper San Francisco Sep-20-1915

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

yes,

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. January 19 12, 1915

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

(Signature) Peter De Bleeker

P. O. Address: 31 Brosman Street
City or town.
San Francisco
Number and street.
California
State or Territory.

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

In the absence and by direction of Inspector

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded February 3, 1916, 19

(Signature) A C Anderson

(Official title) Superintendent 18th Lighthouse Dis

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PART II.

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

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

Bureau of Lighthouses (Bureau or Service.) — Piedras Blancas Lightstation, Cal. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)) — 18th (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? Third Assistant Keeper

3. State the date of appointment. January 24, 1916

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

Entrance on duty

5. State the date of the oath. January 25, 1916

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. January 29, 1916

7. What is his salary? $516 per annum

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

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

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

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

Selection from eligible register

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No

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

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14. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out. Superior Court of San Francisco, Cal., March 16, 1897.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector,

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) A. C. Anderson

(Official title) Superintendent 18th Lighthouse Dist.

Date: February 3, 1916, 19

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T E L E G R A M

San Francisco California July 28 1916

Lighthouse Commissioner

Washington

Requested transfer promotion Peter Ditlevsen to assistant Lime Point six hundred annum August first entrance and promotion Peter De Bleeker to second Piedras Blancas five fifty two annum same date

(Signed) Rhodes

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
July 29, 1916.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending that Peter Ditlevsen be promoted from the position of second assistant keeper in the Lighthouse Service at $552 per annum, assigned to duty at the Piedras Blancas Light Station, Cal., to the position of assistant keeper in the Lighthouse Service at $600 per annum, for assignment to duty at the Lime Point Light Station; and that Peter De Bleeker be promoted from the position of third assistant keeper in the Lighthouse Service, at $516 per annum, assigned to duty at the Piedras Blancas Light Station, Cal., to the position of second assistant keeper in the Lighthouse Service at $552 per annum, for assignment to duty at the same station.

Appropriation, Salaries; Lighthouse Service.

The promotions are recommended to be effective August first or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Acting Commissioner

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 31, 1916.

Mr. Peter De Bleeker,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Second Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and Fifty-two dollars per annum,

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

(By promotion from third assistant keeper at $516 per annum.)

CHANGE REPORTED SEP 1916 U. S. COMMISSION

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASKINS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 31 1916 ON JOURNAL DEPT. OF COMMERCE

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Peter Ditlevson.

Legal Residence: California.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHT SEP 12 1916 HOUSES

APPOINTMENT SEP 19 1916

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, (Peter) De Bleeker

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.

P. De Bleeker
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 15th day of August, A. D. 1916

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) W. M. Lyon

(Official title) NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present 2nd Asst. Keeper	$552 per annum	Piedras Blancas Lightstation, Cal.
Former [5] 3rd Asst. Keeper	$516 per annum	Piedras Blancas Lightstation, Cal.

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 18th District

San Francisco, Cal., (Address) September 7, 1916 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on August 26, 1916 (Date)

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector,

A. C. Matthews
(Signature followed by title)
Superintendent 18th Lighthouse District

CARDED.

[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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SEP 19 1916

USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY. FORM 8.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS. 8—4789—1

MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN

OCT 22 1918

HOUSES

RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1918.

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

De Bleeker, Peter

2. Department:

Commerce

3. Bureau, office, or service:

18th Lighthouse District

4. Designation of position:

Third Assistant Keeper

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

See 4

6. Annual earnings:

$516.

7. Kind of appropriation:

LS

8. Present rate of pay:

$ AS

9. Initial rate of pay:

$ $516 p.a.

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

Years:

Months:

5

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

Belgium

12. Race:

W

13. Sex:

Male

14. Date of birth—

Month:

January

Year:

1870

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

E8

16. Marital condition:

M

17. War veteran?

Spanish

18. Appointed from—

Congressional district and State:

5 California

County:

San Francisco

19. Civil service status:

C

20. Method by which classified status was obtained:

CE

21. Place of employment—

City:

Piedras Blancas L.S.
(San Simeon)

State:

California

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 18, 1918.

Mr. Peter DeRlecker,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum

effective November 1, 1918.

By promotion from second assistant keeper at $552 per annum.

OR BASIS OF THIS ACTION IS
DATED 10-30-18
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CARDED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position, (By increase in compensation.)

Legal Residence: California.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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I, Peter DeBleeker

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.

P. De Bleeker
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 27th day of December, A. D. 1918

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (*Name*) W. M. Lyons

(*Official title*) NOTARY PUBLIC In and for the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California

My commission expires July 11, 1920

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$720 per annum	Piedras Blancas Lightstation, Cal.
Former [5] 2nd Asst. Keeper	$552 per annum	Do

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

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT

San Francisco, Cal., (Address) December 19, 1918 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on November 1, 1918 (Date)

IN THE ABSENCE AND BY DIRECTION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

CARDED

G. J. Otte
(Signature followed by title)

P. Asst. Superintendent 18th 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, a chief clerk in the office of a lighthouse inspector or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of lighthouse inspectors and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.
[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.
Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION

December 3, 1919.

The Acting Secretary:

I respectfully refer herewith correspondence from the Superintendent of the 18th Lighthouse District, forwarded by the Commissioner of Lighthouses on the 1st instant, recommending the dismissal of Peter DeBleeker from the position of keeper (2nd assistant) of Piedras Blancas Light Sta., California, at $720 per annum, upon charges of disrespect to his superior officers and the use of profane and abusive language to such an extent as to bring discredit to the Lighthouse Service.

Kenneth Ross

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Approved: 1919 DEC 4 PM 5 30

E. T. Sweet

Acting Secretary of Commerce.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN DEC 8 - 1919 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

may be located about the station by applying to any of the station officials.

It is recommended that appointees arrange to arrive in Washington at least a day in advance of the date on which they expect to begin work, in order to have time to find comfortable living quarters before entering upon their duties."

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

WW:LS

LIGHT NOV 25 1919 HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

November 18th, 1919.

Discharge for cause --
Peter DeBleeker.

CHIEF CLERK

APPOINTMENTS

1919 DEC 2 AM 10 12

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1919 DEC 2 AM 11 07

1. There is forwarded herewith, a copy of charges of November 7th, against Peter DeBleeker, (2nd assistant) keeper, Piedras Blancas Light Station, California, and a copy of his reply thereto of November 11th, 1919.

2. There are also enclosed, copies of the following letters bearing on the case:

Oct. 3, 1919 - From James K. Neales, 3rd asst. kpr.
Oct. 7, 1919 - To James K. Neales, 3rd Asst. Kpr.
Oct. 7, 1919 - Endorsement on letter of Oct. 7 to James K. Neales requesting report from keeper and other assistant keepers regarding DeBleeker's conduct.
Oct. 9, 1919 - From James K. Neales, 3rd asst. kpr.
Oct.10, 1919 - From P. S. Admiral, 1st asst. kpr.
Oct.10, 1919 - From Andrew Czarnecke.
Nov.11, 1919 - From DeBleeker containing counter charges
Nov.12, 1919 - Affidavit by Andrew Czarnecke and James K. Neales that DeBleeker's counter charges are false.
Nov.12, 1919 - From Peter DeBleeker, 2nd asst. kpr.
Nov.13, 1919 - To Peter DeBleeker, 2nd asst. kpr.
Nov.14, 1919 - To Peter DeBleeker, 2nd asst. kpr.

3. For the reasons stated in the charges contained in letter of Nov. 7th, 1919, it is recommended that Peter DeBleeker be discharged from the Lighthouse Service at the close of December 10th. DeBleeker has not taken leave of absence in excess of accrued leave.

4. The counter charges contained in DeBleeker's reply of November 11 to charges against him are being investigated, and these counter charges will be submitted to the Bureau as soon as the investigation has been completed.

5. It is requested that the Department consider in connection with the charges contained in letter of November 7th, 1919, the charges of James K. Neales, contained in the enclosed letter, dated November 15th, just received, that DeBleeker had in his possession and served intoxicating liquors in his quarters. This charge is corroborated by three witnesses in the enclosed signed statement of November 15th, 1919.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
DEC 1 1919

H. W. Rhodes.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

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November 7th, 1919.

Peter DeBleeker, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. You are charged with being unfitted for employment as assistant keeper in the Lighthouse Service, in that you have not treated the keeper with proper deference and respect, have been disrespectful to the keeper and assistant keepers of the station, do continuously use profane and abusive language about the station, and particularly in the set of quarters occupied by your family and the family of another assistant keeper, to such an extent that your deportment brings discredit on the desired standard and efficiency of the Lighthouse Service.

2. You are hereby allowed ten days in which to reply in writing to these charges.

3. You are admonished, during the investigation of these charges, to commit no acts of insubordination, not to use profane language, and to be thoroughly respectful and courteous to the keeper and assistant keepers and their families at the station. The failure to comply with these instructions will result in your immediate suspension from duty without pay.

(Signed) R. W. Rhodes.

BTH. (C O P Y)

Piedras Blancas,

November 11th, 1919.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In answer to the charges brought against me, I will say there is absolutely no truth in any one of the charges preferred.

Respectfully,

(Signed) P. De Bleecker,
2nd Assistant.

Forwarded Nov. 12th, 1919.
Andrew Czarnecke, Keeper.

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Piedras Blancas,

Oct. 3, 1919.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Eighteenth District.

Sir:-

I take the liberty to call your attention to a list of stations to which I would transfer, filed according to your instructions and forwarded Jan. 4, 1919.

The keeper in charge, Mr. Czarnecke states that I render very satisfactory services.

I have lived here since July 28, 1919 under the same roof with Mr. DeBleeker which is exceedingly disagreeable due to profane and obseene language which at times is audible all through the house, also makes himself generally obnoxious.

Therefore as no transfer is forthcoming I hereby tender my resignation to take effect Nov.1, 1919.

Respectfully,

James K. Neales,

3rd Asst.

Forwarded Oct. 4th, 1919.

Andrew Czarnecke,

Keeper.

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October 7th, 1919.

Mr. James K. Neales, 3rd Asst. Kpr., Piedras Blancas Light Station.

(Through the Keeper).

1. Referring to your letter of October 3rd, tendering your resignation on account of disagreeable conduct on the part of Mr. DeBleeker, 2nd assistant keeper.

2. You are requested to report whether the objectionable conduct referred to is on the part of Mr. DeBleeker or of members of his family, and to furnish any further information which will show more clearly the source of the trouble.

3. Your resignation will not be acted upon until further report in this matter has been received from you.

(Signed) H. W. Rhodes.

October 7, 1919.

Copy for information and files of Keeper.

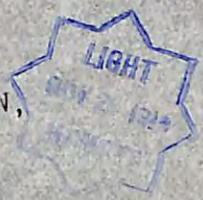
Report to this office if, to your knowledge, Mr. DeBleeker is guilty of using profane and obscene language, or of any other conduct rendering him liable to dismissal from the Service.

It is not the policy of this office to transfer a disagreeable and undesirable Keeper to another station in order to smooth out troubles for which he may be responsible. If Keepers are guilty of unbecoming conduct or are generally undesirable, they will be dismissed for cause and not permitted to make further trouble for this office and some other station by transferring them. If any other keepers desire to submit statements regarding Mr. DeBleeker's conduct, you are directed to forward them with your report.

(Signed) H. W. Rhodes.

(COPY)

PIEDRAS BLANCAS LIGHT STATION,
October 9, 1919



Superintendent of Lighthouses,
18th District.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of Oct. 7, I wish to state, Mrs. De Bleeker, is the most coarse and foul mouthed woman I ever came in contact with. In reference to Mr. De Bleeker, I had not been on this station sixty days, when I overheard, Mr. De Bleeker, using profane and abusive language and threatenedd to assault, Mr. Admiral, 1st Assistant.

Shortly after this I heard, Mr. De Bleeker who was standing outside of Mr. Czarnecke's quarters use profane and abusive language to Mr. Czarnecke, and dared him to come outside.

About two months ago on a Sunday morning after Mr. Czarnecke had called his attention to the fact that his boys had used the rain guage for a convenience Mr. De Bleeker used profane and abusive language to Mr. Czarnecke, also made this statement "That he was laying for Mr. Czarnecke and would get him yet."

This took place just outside of my window and the language Mr. De Bleeker used was not fit for a lady and child to hear. I simply state these facts to show Mr. De Bleeker, is of a quarrelsome disposition and has no respect for age or sex.

I may safely say the only reason myself and fmily have not been drawn into numerous controversies with the De Bleeker family is because we refuse to put ourselves on the same plane with such people.

Although for twelve months they have never missed a chance by word or action to insult us. They frequently air their domestic affairs in loud and angry voices, which is very unpleasant for my wife and child to hear.

I am sure any man with self respect would not care to expose his family to such conditions.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) James K. Neales

3rd Assistant

Forwarded Oct. 10th, 1919

Andrew Czarnecke,
Keeper

(COPY)

PIEDRAS BLANCAS LIGHT STATION,

October 10, 1919

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In answer to your inquiry in regard to conduct of 2nd Ass't. Mr. P. De Bleeker, I take the liberty to call your attention to his behavior last Sept. 10, while Mr. Otter was here inspecting this Station as an object lesson.

The fundamental reason of all this nonsense is Mr. De Bleeker's fixed idea that whenever it becomes necessary for him to be an inmate of the Soldiers and Sailors Home at Santa Monica in the meantime he has no ambition whatsoever to save anything for a rainy day. Mrs. De Bleeker has a different view and is decidedly caustic in voicing her opinion, add to this that Mr. De Bleeker has an abusive nasty temper with mediocre intelligence, result, strife and an unpleasant home life which even effects his daily work and actions, briefly stated, if married, I would refuse point blank to live in the same building or stay on the job with him.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) P. S. Admiral

1st Ass't. Keeper

Through the Keeper

Forwarded October 10th, 1919

Andrew Czarnecke,

Kepper

(COPY)



PIEDRAS BLANCAS LIGHT STATION,
October 10th, 1919

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

Sir:

In reply to your letter of October 7th, 1919, I must state that after Peter De Bleeker's 6 month's Probation period expired he started to be disagreeable and often very insulting to everybody on the Station and became more so as the time past on. It is the second nature of Mr. De Bleeker and the members of his family to use profane and obscene language and telling lies. He is very insulting has a contemptible and spiteful disposition and very quarrelsome, none of the Keepers at the Station have spoken to him for months past only in the line of Duty. He is very intolerable and a detriment to the Light House Service here will be no Peace while Peter De Bleeker, 2nd Ass't. Keeper is on this Station. I therefore respectfully request not to have Peter De Bleeker promoted to first Ass't. Keeper at Piedras Blancas Light Station.

During the month of July De Bleeker's boys broken 2 window panes in the Barn instead of going to the Toilet they went behind the Rain shed fence close to the gate they urinated in to the Rain Gage which is located in the Center of the Rain Shed from where we get our cooking and drinking water, when I called De Bleeker and told him what his boys have done he used abusive language toward me which could be heard all over the Station, shouting "I'll get you, I will lay for you."

Concerning Mr. James K. Neales, 3d Ass't. Keeper, I here state, that Mr. Neales and his family are very quiet and respectable people.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) Andrew Czarnecke,

Keeper

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(C O P Y)

COUNTERCHARGES



Piedras Blancas,
November 11th, 1919.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In regard to the charges preferred against me, I wish to state they are false in every particular. For the last three years myself and family have been subjected to many insults and humiliation brought about through the antagonism of Mr.Czarnecke the Keeper, whom I have seen many times under the influence of liquor on this Station, and know him to be untrustworthy in the performance of his duties. He has falsified so many things on the log, and used language both to my wife and myself, unbecoming a gentleman.

In regard to the Assistant Keepers on this Station, I have been friendly with Mr. P.S.Admiral, 1st Asst. Keeper for the last three years, until Mr. Czarnecke the Keeper, used his influence against me. For the last three years Mr. Czarnecke, the Keeper, and Mr. P.S.Admiral 1st Asst. Keeper, have been very antagonistic toward each other. On the 28th day of June 1917, in the Fog Signal, between the hours of three and four a. m. they indulged in a fist fight. For the last few months Mr. Czarnecke the Keeper, has done his utmost to have Mr.P.S.Admiral, 1st Asst. to work against me.

In regard to Mr.J.K.Neales, 3rd Asst., our trouble started when I forbid him to sell whiskey to my boy. On Nov. 12th, 1918, or thereabout, Mr. J.K.Neales, 3rd Asst., in his automobile in company of Mrs.Neales and my wife, went to Cambria and bought whiskey, which he sold to my boy, a minor, in San Simeon, who was then working for the Hearst Estate. I reported it to Mr.Czarnecke, the Keeper, but he took no action on the matter, for the reason that Mr.J.K.Neales, 3rd Asst., was bringing Mr.Czarnecke the Keeper the liquor in also. I have witnesses in San Simeon who will furnish affidavits to this fact. I would call your attention to the fact that previous to my coming to this Station Mr.Czarnecke the Keeper, caused quite a little trouble here with the different Assistant Keepers families, and one of the first things Mr.Czarnecke the Keeper wanted me to do was to antagonize Mr.P.Ditlevson's family, then 2nd Asst. here, which I refused to do, as I found Mr.Ditlevson, 2nd Asst., a very good neighbor. I happened to be present in the rain shed when Mr.Czarnecke the Keeper used very insulting language to Mrs. Ditlevson. Mr. Czarnecke, the Keeper, also wanted me to bring him liquor from Cambria, which I refused to do. In proof of the trustworthiness of Mr.Czarnecke the Keeper, he is registered as being born in Boston, Mass., which I can prove to you is not true. He is not a citizen of the United States.

Respectfully,

P.De Bleeker, 2nd Asst.

(Signed)

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(C O P Y)

Piedras Blancas Light Station,

November 12th, 1919.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
18th District,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

We hereby duly swear before a Notary Public that Mr. Peter De Bleeker's charges are absolutely false.

Respectfully,

(Signed) James K. Neales, 3rd Asst. Keeper,
Andrew Czarnecke, Keeper.

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 11th day of November, 1919.

(Signed) W. M. Lyons,
Notary Public
In and for the County of San Luis Obispo
State of California.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses,

18th Dist.

Piedras Blancas Light Station

Nov. 12th, 1919.

Sir.

With my denial of charges preffered against me which I handed to Mr. Czarnecke the keeper Nov. 11th at 9 a. m. I also enclosed counter charges in separate letter, which I have reason to believe were not forwarded. I would like to know if you received them.

Respectfully,

P. DeBleeker

2nd Asst.

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Nov. 13, 1919.

Mr. Peter DeBleeker, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring to your counter-charges dated November 10th against Andrew Czarnecke, Keeper, and James K. Neales, 3rd Assistant Keeper, at your station.

2. It is requested that you forward immediately to this office, the affidavits of any reputable persons showing that either Mr. Czarnecke or Mr. Neales is guilty of having sold liquor to your son, a minor, or having purchased liquor and taken it on the Lighthouse Reservation.

3. You are also directed to report further in what manner Mr. Czarnecke has falsified the records at the station.

4. Any other evidence or proof which you may be able to furnish concerning your charges against the Keeper or 3rd Assistant Keeper should be forwarded to this office as soon as practicable.

(Signed) H. W. Rhodes.

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Nov. 14, 1919.

Mr. Peter DeBleeker, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

1. In answer to your letter of November 14th, you are informed that the counter-charges handed to the keeper of your station on November 11th were received at this office on November 12th.

(Signed) H. W. Rhodes,

Superintendent.

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Piedras Blancas,

Nov. 15, 1919.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Eighteenth District.

Sir:-

I hereby charge Mr. De Bleeker with having and using liquor on this station and furnish affidavit to that effect.

These parties occur frequently guest usually being a mexican family named Sota.

The delay in these charges being due to the absence of one of the witnesses.

I refer you to the Bank of Cambria as to the reputability of these witnesses.

Respectfully,

(Signed) James K. Neales,

3rd Asst. Keeper.

Forwarded Nov. 16th, 1919.

Andrew Czarnecke,

Keeper.

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Piedras Blancas,

Nov. 15, 1919.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Eighteenth Dist.

Sir.

I hereby state that while visiting Piedras Blancas Station Sept. 15, 1918, I entered Mr. De Bleekers quarters where liquor was being served and was invited to partake of same and George De Bleeker, sone of Mr. De Bleeker, was partaking freely of the liquor with no restraint from either his father or step-mother, although plainly showing the effects.

(Signed) H. C. Turri, Cambria.

(Signed) Miss Mary C. Sebastian
Postmistress of San
Simeon.

(Signed) Miss Amelia Sebastian
Assistant Postmistress
San Simeon.

December 8, 1919.

Sir:

Charges having been preferred against you of disrespect to your superior officers and the use of profane and abusive language to such an extent as to bring discredit to the Lighthouse Service, and the charges having been established in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of Keeper (Second Assistant) of Piedras Blancas Light Station, California at $720 per annum to take effect at the close of December 10, 1919.

By direction of the Acting Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 8 1919

CARDED

Mr. Peter De Blocker,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.
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18th District

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Lighthouse Commissioner

Washington, D. C.

APPOINTMENTS

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Department letter December eighth dismissing De Bleeker December tenth just received He has rendered service since that date and to allow him proper advance notice for an isolated station recommend that date dismissal be changed to close December thirty first Wire action

(Signed). Rhodes.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEC 22 1919
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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
Dec. 17, 1919.

SPECIAL

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce recommending that, for the reasons stated by the 18th Superintendent, the effective date of the dismissal of Peter De Bleeker, Keeper (Second Assistant) of Piedras Blancas Light Station, be changed to the close of December 31, 1919, and that amended notice of dismissal be issued.

Jam. L. Rogers

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Acting Commissioner

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APPROVED:

Acting Secretary of Commerce.

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C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

Subject: 18th Supt's. teleg. Dec. 16, re change date of dismissal of Peter De Bleeker.

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JEH. SPECIAL Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., Dec. 17, 1919.

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Acting Commissioner

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LIGHTHOUSE COMMISSIONER

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DEPARTMENT LETTER DECEMBER EIGHTH DISMISSING DEBLEEKER DECEMBER TENTH JUST RECEIVED HE HAS RENDERED SERVICE SINCE THAT DATE AND TO ALLOW HIM PROPER ADVANCE NOTICE FOR AN ISOLATED STATION RECOMMEND THAT DATE DISMISSAL BE CHANGED TO CLOSE DECEMBER THIRTY FIRST WIRE ACTION

RHODES.

Charges were preferred against DeBleeker & he was dismissed, effective at the close of Dec. 10. Dec to Dept. amend effective date of dismissal to close of Dec. 31, for reasons given by Supt. Ltr 12/17/19.

Supt

Dept action

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Amendment

December 8, 1919.

Sir:

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By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ENTERED DEC 22 1919 CARDED DEC 22 1919

Mr. Peter De Bleeker,
Through the Commissioner
of Lighthouses.
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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

APPOINTMENTS

December 20th, 1919.

Commissioner of Lighthouses. 1920 JAN 3 AM 10 24

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1. Referring to Bureau telegram of December 19th, "DeBleeker dismissed close of 31st".

2. Department's letter of December 8th, dismissing DeBleeker at the close of December 10th is returned in duplicate for correction. to Dec 31/19

H. W. Rhodes.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
DEC 31 1919

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Acting Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

December 8, 1919.

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT DEC 15 1919 SAN FRANCISCO

Sir:

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By direction of the Acting Secretary:

Respectfully,

Clifford Harding

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Peter De Bleeker,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
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CHIEF CLERK

March 8th, 1920.

Counter Charges by
Peter DeBleeker

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Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. Referring to Paragraph 4 of Superintendent's letter of February 18th, 1920, recommending the dismissal from the Lighthouse Service of Peter DeBleeker, former assistant keeper of the Piedras Blancas Light Station, and particularly to Mr. DeBleeker's letter of December 10th, 1919, making counter charges against the keeper and 3rd assistant keeper at Piedras Blancas Light Station.

2. The Bureau is informed that these counter charges have been investigated and not substantiated. It is therefore recommended that no further action be taken in the matter.

H. W. Rhodes.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAR 16 1920

Transmitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

Commissioner

APPROVED:

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Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

March 20, 1920.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

For the reasons stated in the Eighteenth Superintendent's letter of the 8th instant, forwarded by the Bureau on the 16th instant, the Department has approved the recommendation that no further action be taken in regard to the charges preferred against the Keeper and Third Assistant Keeper of Piedras Blancas Light Station, California, by Peter DeBleeker, former Assistant Keeper of this Station who was removed at the close of December 31, 1919.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

C-M

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

March 20, 1920.

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By direction of the Secretary:

Clifford Arding
Chief of Appointment Division.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
MAR 22 1920

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Calif.
for his information, guidance, and files of office.

C-M

Acting Commissioner.

WW:LS

Counter Charges by
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Geo. Rhodes.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
JAN -3 1920
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Piedras Blancas Lt. Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

January 1st, 1920

Superintendent of Lighthouses 18th District
San Francisco Calif.

Sir:-

Mr. Peter De Bleeker dismissed 2nd Asst. Keeper at Piedras Blancas Light Station. returned to me all Government property with which he was charged, and left the Station at 11. a.m December 31st 1919.

Respectfully
Andrew Czarnecke
Keeper.

WW:AMG

Dec. 27,1919

Mr. Peter DeBleeker, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring to letter from this office of December 19th, informing you that the Department had dismissed you from the Lighthouse Service at the close of December 31,1919, and stating that the Department's letter would be mailed to you as soon as received from Washington.

2. Department letter in the case, dated December 8,1919, is forwarded herewith.

H. W. Rhodes.

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Amendment

December 8, 1919.

Sir:

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By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Peter De Bleeker,
Through the Commissioner
of Lighthouses.
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December 20th, 1919.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

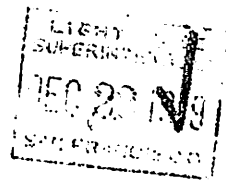
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SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT
Piedras Blancas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)
Dec. 20, 1919.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Eighteenth District.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 17th, I would reply: that when I came to Piedras Blancas, there was no road leading in from the county road to the Station and up to that time no auto had ever been into the station owning to about 300 yds. of drifting sand. I made a road and for the past 16 mo. my wife and I have shoveled sand all our spare time in a vain endeavor to keep a road open, no one else on the station having a conveyance the station has not maintained the road. Frequently after hours I had shoveling it is all we can do to go through the sand in a high powered 8 cylinder car. Mr. and Mrs. Mc Blecker, have made and still persist to make life miserable for every one on the Station until my patience

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Are just about exausted. I now have in my possession proofs that mrs. de Blecker, asked witnesses to swear to complaints and charges against me that they knew nothing about.

And in the presents of Ex. Dist. Atty. Palmer, and myself, one witness made the statment that she swore to an affidavit on Mrs. de Blecker's, say so, that Mrs. de Blecker, told her that Mr. Neales, would know nothing about it and that Mr. Nealco, was too good as fired anyway.

I have already proven to your office that, Sebastian Villa, and Mrs. Lily Sato, commited perjury. Mrs. de Blecker, solicited and promoted perjury Mr. de Blecker, taking them before a notary. Therefore as your office do awake that anyone commiting perjury

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Or Anyone soliciting false testimony and promoting ~~prodcuting~~ false testimony is liable to imprisonment from 1 to 14 years in the penitentiary. My Attorney informs me that with the proofs I have in my possession a conviction is absolutely certain if I care to prosecute.

Mrs. Le Blecker has asked Mrs. Cayatano, to make this complaint just the same as she asked the other witnesses to swear falsely I also wish to state, Frank Cayatano, husband of Mrs. F. J. Cayatano, is a cousin of Mrs. Lily Soto.

Respt.
James K. Neales
3rd Asst. Keeper.

Forwarded Dec 20th 1919
Andrew Czarnecke
Keeper.

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Piedras Blancas Lt Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

December 19th, 1919

Superintendent 18th Lighthouse District
San Francisco Calif.

Sir:-

Referring to the Complaint of Mrs. Cayetano against Mr. James. K. Neales 3d Asst Keeper at Piedras Blancas Light Station.

We must state, that here is not and never has been a road for a Auto, only which Mr. Neales has made over the Hearst Ranch. High winds blowing the Sand Continualy on to the road which is a Continuous deposit from the Ocean. Mr. & Mrs. Neales have Spend every hour of their spare time Shoveling the Sand in order that they could get over the Hearst Ranch to the County Road with their Machine, to get the Mail and Supplies. Nobody else has done anything to the Road. Respectfully

Andrew Czarnecke. Keeper.
P.S. Admiral: 1st Asst keeper

WW:W

Mr. Peter DeBleeker, December 19, 1919
2nd Asst. Keeper, Piedras Blancas Light Station:

(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring to charges heretofore made against you, the Secretary of Commerce has dismissed you from the Lighthouse Service to take effect at the close of December 31, 1919. As soon as the Department letter, dismissing you from the Service, has been received, it will be mailed to you.

2. You are directed to vacate the quarters at the light station and turn over all lighthouse property for which you are accountable to the Keeper at the close of December 31, 1919.

H. W. Rhodes.

WW:LS

December 17th, 1919.

J. K. Neales, 3rd Asst. Kpr.,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. There is enclosed, copy of a letter received from Mrs. F. J. Cayetano, San Simeon, Calif., dated December 10th, stating that you have in the past "filled up the road so as to make it impossible for my car to go through and given me quite a few punctures".

2. Please submit report in this matter.

H. W. Rhodes.

COPY - LS

Dec. 10th, 1919.

Superintendent, Lighthouses,

Sir:-

I would like to ask you to stop Mr. Neales of Piedras Blancas Light House from annoying me, when carrying supplies out to Mr. de Blecker. He has filled up the road so as to make it impossible for my car to go thru, and given me quite a few puntures. If you will attend to this you will greatly oblige.

Mrs. F. J. Cayetano,

San Simeon, Cal.

Form 56

TELEGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IDENTIFICATION CARD NO._____

RECEIVER'S No.	TIME FILED	CHECK
		PAID, GOVERNMENT RATE

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—EXEMPT FROM TAX

San Francisco Calif December 16, 19[illegible]
(Place and date)

SEND TO Lighthouse Commissioner
Washington D C

Department letter December eighth dismissing DeBlecker December tenth just received as he has rendered service since that date and to allow him proper advance notice for an isolated station recommend that date dismissal be changed to close December thirty-first Wire action

NIGHT MESSAGE

RHODES

CHARGE BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, WASHINGTON, D. C.
APPROPRIATION FOR "GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE."

ATTEST: H. W. Rhodes.
(Name)
Superintendent of Lighthouses
(Title)

11—4849

CONFIRMATION - WW:W

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TELEGRAM

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As many copies of the message should be made as administrative purposes of the district require, but not more than one copy of the message (which should be the original) should be delivered to the telegraph company.

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DEC 16 1919
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Piedras Blancas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec. 14, 1919

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
Eighteenth District.
Sir!

Yesterday I mailed you a sworn statement of Mrs Lily Soto retracting her former statement made through investigation of Mr P. De Bleeker 2nd asst Keeper, against me.
Today an affidavit by Sebastian Villa retracting his statement.
For the protection, reputation, and integrity of the services of my wife and myself I submit it herewith.

Respt.
James K. Neales
3rd asst. Keeper

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
DEC 16 1919
SAN FRANCISCO

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
)ss
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO)

I, Sebastian Villa, do hereby retract and withdraw the statements made by me in a certain affidavit made by me on the 15th day of November, 1919, as said statements as I now understand the situation were brought about by a misunderstanding and by wrong information givem to me.

I make this affidavit in order that justice may be done to Mr. Neales.

Witnessed by } Sebastian Villa
- Manuel Sebastian

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
DEC 15 1919
SAN FRANCISCO

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO)

I, Mrs. Lillie Soto, do hereby retract and withdraw that part of a certain affidavit dated November 16th, 1919, wherein I stated that I saw J. K. Neales and Mrs. B. Neales, his wife, both intoxicated, on or about the 7th day of November, 1918, and this retraction and withdrawal applies particularly to the said J. K. Neales whom I never saw intoxicated or under the influence of intoxicating liquors at any time or place.

This retraction is made freely and voluntarily.

Mrs Lillie Soto.

Subscribed and sworn
to before me, this 13th day
of December, 1919.

Chas. A. Palmer
Notary Public.

W.W.
copy to
needs to report.

Dec. 10th 1919.

LIGHTHOUSE
SUPERINTENDENT
DEC 11 1919
SAN FRANCISCO

Superintendent
Light houses.

Sir:-

I would like to ask you to stop Mr. Reales of Piedras Blancas Light House from annoying me, when carrying supplies out to Mr. de Bleeker. He has filled up the road so as to make it impossible for my car to go thru, and given me quite a few punctures. If you will attend to this you will greatly oblige

Mrs. F. J. Cayetano
San Simeon
Cal.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT
Piedras Blancas Lt. Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
November 24th, 1919

Superintendent of Lighthouses 18th District
San Francisco Calif.

Sir:-

In reply to Charges made by Mrs. Lillie Soto. that I received from the Warehouse and taken a Box of Liquor to this Station are Absolutely false, and a frame up against me between Mrs. Soto and De Bleekers. Mrs. Soto, and De Bleekers are close friends she is having very often Dinners with De Bleekers. Mrs. Soto Calls frequently at De Bleekers at times 2 to 3 times in one week. Now that their Character has been Exposed they seek revenge by false Statements. In San Simeon is only one Warehouse, and I herewith send a Statement from the Man in Charge of the Warehouse that I never received a Box of Liquor from the Warehouse at any time.

Respectfully
Andrew Barnecke
Keeper.

PIEDRA BLANCA RANCH
SAN SIMEON
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
CALIFORNIA

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
NOV 27 1919
SAN FRANCISCO

November 24, 1919.

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

Dear Sir:-

I hereby state that Mr. Andrew Czarnecke, Keeper of Piedra Blanca Lighthouse, has never received a box of liquor from San Simeon Warehouse of which I am in charge.

Roy Abercrombie

COPY - LS

San Simeon,

Nov. 16, 1919

Superintendent of Lighthouse

18th Dist.

Sir.

I Mrs. Lily Soto, have known Mr. A. Czarnecke for several years and upon one occasion during Xmas time saw him take a box of liquire to the station. one bottle must of been broken for it was leaking bad it was marked dry goods and the man at the warehouse made the remark wet dry goods, concering Mr. J. K. Neals, on the 7 day of last Nov. I seen him & his wife coming from Cambira intoxacated. Mrs. Neals was in a beastly condition from drinking. Mrs. DeBlesker was along with them. I asked her if she was not afraid to ride with them.

Respectful.

Mrs. Lily Soto.

Subscribed and before me this 15th day of November 1919.

W. M. Lyons (SEAL)

Notary Public
in and for the County
of San Luis Obispo
State of California.

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NOV 27 1919
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Piedras Blancas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

Nov. 22, 1919

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
Eighteenth District.

Sir:

In answer to charge no I sworn to by Sebastian Villa, which took place on Nov. 7. instead of Nov. 10 as he describes. On this day I took, Mrs Mc Bleeker, to the Dentist, at the town of Cambria, 17 miles south of here, on passing through San Simeon, George Mc Bleeker, stopped me and asked for a ride he being on his way to Cambria, also. We took him with us and when we were ready to leave Cambria, George, brought a gal. demijohn and put in the machine saying as he did that, Joe Soto, had asked him to call for it. When we were nearing San Simeon, George asked me to let him out at Lily Soto's house, when I stopped he took the demijohn and got out as we started away a mexican cow boy rode by whom I afterwards learned was named, Villa a nephew of Mrs. Lily Soto, I heard George

Call to him and saw them enter the Soto, house together.

I drove over to the Post Office and on the way, Mrs de Bleeker, made this remark. (What do you Reuss about that Pup didn't even say thanks for the ride.) She was always antagonizing to George.

All this could easily have been misrepresented to, Sebastian Villa, and was for him to make such a statement. I did not know what was in the demijohns and George de Bleeker, did not need anyone to buy liquor for him as he was taken for 21 in both looks and size and had been doing a mans work for several years. He had free access to all the saloons in Cambria. Referring to charge No II. Ignore this charge as he states it is hear say and Clinton Soto, is the 15 year old son of Mrs. Lily Soto, and I doubt if he knows

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the meaning of the word perjury.
Charge no III. I deny this charge and enclose testimony from reputable persons who saw, Mrs Keller, and myself on this day Nov. 7. which proves this charge to be absolutely false.
Mrs Soto. being an intimate friend of, Mrs Le Blecker and visiting them 2 & 3 times a week being wined and dined by them frequently and at times have been very hilarious.
The witnesses of, Mr Le Blecker are all related and low class mexicans and I charge their testimony as malice and a deliberate frame up. I have never mixed with this class of people and I am not popular with them.
The incident of Sept. 15. 1918. in, Mr Le Blecker, Quarters for which I furnished proof shows clearly that, Mr Le

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Blecker, charges against me are not through moral but deliberate maliciousness.
I am enclosing a number of affidavits from the most influencial people of Cambria and San Simeon, as to my character and my wifes.
Both places being so small had these charges been true it would have been the talk of both towns. Cambria, consists of one main street by which you have to enter & leave town.
There are 3 stores 1 bank and post office.
San Simeon consists of 1 store with Post office included and 6 families.
If these charges were true why did not Mr de Blecker take action a year ago and not wait until, George de Blecker, had been in the navy 10 months

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I am trying through the Navy Dept. to get in touch with George de Bluker and will have his deposition taken and will forward it to this office at the earliest possible date.
All witnesses I have furnished are willing to ~~take~~ an oath to their statements if this office so desires.
The notary Public being away for several days and a hunting trip it was impossible to send them in under oath at this time. If you desire this just return them to me and I will have them attended to.
I consider Mrs. Lily Soto, Charge a vile insult to my wife and doubt if she would have made such a charge had she continued to live in this community. Mrs Soto and family moved away from San Simeon on Nov. 17. the day after they swore to these charges.

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Mr. Le Blecker, statement that he hadn't spoken to he or family since he forbade me selling liquor to his son is entirely without foundation as he has never mentioned such a thing to me since I have been on this Station.

On Nov. 14. Mr Le Blecker came to my door while I was eating breakfast and said I didn't leave the proper amount of oil in the lantern using profane & obscene language. I told him when he came to my door he was to talk like a gentleman and told my son to close the door in his face. I reported this to Mr Czarnecke in the presence of Mr Admiral that morning and I have not spoken to the Le Blecker family only in line of duty since. This statement can be verified by Mr Czarnecke & Mr Admiral.

Respectfully
James K. Neale 3rd Asst.

Forwarded Nov 24 1919
Andrew Czarnecke
Keeper.

BANK OF CAMBRIA

No. 241, COMMERCIAL

J. H. BRADHOFF, PRESIDENT
JOHN TAYLOR, VICE PRES.
J. F. STEWART, CASHIER

CAMBRIA, CALIFORNIA

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
NOV 21 1919
SAN FRANCISCO

November 21, 1919.

To the Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Eighteenth District,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:-

I have been acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. James K. Neales, of Piedras Blancas Light Station, near San Simeon, California, for a period of more than a year.

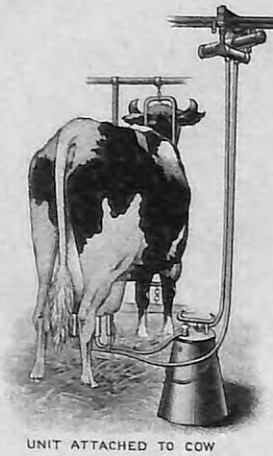
During that time I have come in contact with them frequently, chiefly in a business way. My observation leads me to believe the character and conduct of each of these people to be most exemplary.

Particularly would I state that I have never known either of them to use or to countenance the use of intoxicating liquors.

Very truly yours,

J. F. Stewart

Cashier.



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CAMBRIA, CAL., Nov 21 19 9

Light house Inspector,

Dear Sir:-

I have known Mr. Neal and wife ever since they have been at the Lighthouse and as far as I know I have never seen them under the influence of liquor, and they are very nice people and tend to their own business and associate with the best of people, and as far as I know he is always on duty.

Yours truly

Geo. S. Dickie

LYONS' STORE
W. M. LYONS, PROP.
GENERAL MERCHANDISE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
NOV 24 1919
SAN FRANCISCO

Cambria, California

To the Superintendent of Lighthouses Nov-21-19
Eighteenth Dist
San Francisco
Sir- Calif.

I have been acquainted with Mr and Mrs James K Healey of Piedras Blancas Light House Station for a period of more than one year

During that time I have never known them to be persons in the habit of using intoxicants. nor have I ever seen them intoxicated

I have frequently come in contact with Mr and Mrs Healey on account of the business which they do at the store at which I am employed

Respectfully Yours
Anna Steiner

LIGHTHOUSE
SUPERINTENDENT
NOV 24 1919
SAN FRANCISCO

Nov 21st 1919

To the Superintendent of Lighthouses
Eighth District
San Francisco California

Dear Sir

I have been acquainted with Mr and Mrs James F. Neales for more than One (1) Year of Pedras Blancas Light Station and have found them People of Good Character. and have met them while in Camera and Particularly found them Sober People and that they did not use intoxicating Liquor.

Signed
R. J. Gay
Justice of the Peace of San Simeon
Judicial Township County of
San Luis Obispo State of California

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PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
NOV 21 1919
SAN FRANCISCO

San Simeon, Cal., November 21, 1919.

To the Superintendent of Lighthouses,

San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. and Mrs James K. Neales I have personally known for a year or more and during this time that I have frequently come in contact with them I have found them gentlemanly and ladylike.

I have never seen or known of them to be under the influence of liquor.

Respectfully yours,

Agent Pacific Steamship Co.

San Simeon Cal.
Nov 21st 1919

MARITIME SUPERINTENDENT
NOV 24 1919
SAN FRANCISCO

To
The Supt. of Light Houses
18th Dist. rict -

Sir: I have been asked by Mr and Mrs Neales if I would testify as to their character. I wish to say that charges against them as to being inebriated are absolutely ridiculous. Having the only store which includes Post Office I am brought into close contact with the whole

community as it is a very small place. Had Mr and Mrs Nealer been guilty of these charges I would certainly have heard of them. I have never heard any one at any time say anything against their character. I have seen Geo. DeBlecker intoxicated more than once long before I ever knew Mr and Mrs. Nealer so it must have been tolerated by his parents for some time. I have never known the Nealer to pass through here without

Stopping for the Light House Mail.

On Nov. 7th 1918 when they called for the mail Mrs DeBlecker was with them and Mr and Mrs Neales were not intoxicated.

Respectfully,
Mary L. Sebastian
Postmistress.

HWR:AMG

Nov. 21,1919

Mr. P. DeBlecker, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Piedras Blancas LightStation.

1. In answer to your inquiry of November 19th, you are informed that the counter-charges filed by you against the Keeper and 3rd Asst. Keeper at your station were received at this office apparently in your own hand-writing and without having been changed in any way.

H. W. Rhodes.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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NOV 20 1919
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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Piedras Blancas Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

Nov. 19th, 1919.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
18th Dist.

Sir.

In answer to your request for affidavits, I have located some of the people who can testify to the facts, and have told me they would forward same to you. there are others who I cannot at present locate.

In regard to Mr. Czarnecke, keeper, falsifying his report. Will say, Since installing the Type B. Light in the tower. We have had considerable trouble with it. One night we had to use the 4th order lamp in the lens. This was never entered on the log. We have had much trouble in the past with the light, untill they stopped Cleaning the vaporizer with ammonia. all of which were never logged, With the exception of four or five times. Since I have been on this Station the Mietz & weiss engine has been very unreliable. When ever Mr. Czarnecke keeper was on fog watch, and Started Mietze & Weiss, when she would stop, he would start the Hornsby & Akroyd Engine and log it Continuous. Untill just lately. I understood Mr. Czarnecke keepers Orders were to scrape and burn the paint from the interior of the fog signal, which he did

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not do, he did not scrape or burn the paint from the North side at all, but painted right over the old paint, with the exception of a few bricks which were scraped. Mr. Czarnecke, keeper, received a torch and ten gallons of gasoline for the use of the fog signal. as I was detailed to use the torch, I remember using about five quarts of gasoline, What became of the rest, I do not know. I found the cans empty later on. I am detailed to pump the water up to the supply tank therefore I am the only one to use gasoline for the pumps and hoisting engine. I have a measureing rod, and found about three months ago, there were 3 and 3/4 inches of gasoline missing from the tank. I know to the best of my knowledge there was no gasoline used on this Station for any purpose. While Mr. Charles Brown was 3rd Asst on this Station, I notified Mr. Czarnecke keeper, that the 3rd Asst's quarters were infested with ants cockroaches and weevils, and they were getting into my quaters. The keeper paid no attention to the matter, but logs his day journal, "inspection of

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quarters every Monday." Whereas he has not inspected the quarters but four times since I am on this Station, which will be four years next Jan. After Mr. Brown 3rd Asst. left this Station. I again called Mr. Czarnecke, keeper's attention to the 3rd asst quarters, which he found in a very bad condition. Mr. Czarnecke, keeper, then put Mr. P.S. Admiral 1st Asst, and myself at work, scrubbing and painting for about a week, to put the quarters in condition.

In regard to Mr. Czarnecke's, keeper, patriotism. He showed a very poor example just before, and during war time. Allowing Mr. Brown 3rd asst, then at this Station, to remark in the presence of Mr Admiral, Mr. Czarnecke and myself, that this Country would have a revolution in six months, also that this Country would never lick Germany, as long as Germany had a man or a dollar left. I remarked I would like to be in France myself, and Mr. Czarnecke, keeper, told me I ought to be ashamed to talk that way. Mr Czarnecke was continually slurring the

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allies, and did not show much interest at that time, for this Country. On the 17th of Aug 1919, a little boy, visiting my boys, not knowing the purpose of the rain shed, urinated on the cement flooring. Mr. Garnecke came out from his quarters, and called my attention to the matter. Cursing and hollering at me in an unseemly manner. He was under the influence of liquor at the time, and ordered me to go in and clean it up myself. It was attended to immediatly. Some time ago Mr. Garnecke keeper, insisted on me going in for the Mail. I told him it was not my turn. he again became very boisterous and had been drinking also. So I went in for the Mail. the next day, Mr. Admiral 1st asst and Mr Neales 3rd asst, proved to Mr. Garnecke that it was his, Mr. Garnecke's turn, instead of mine. Mr. Admiral 1st Asst has at different times, in my kitchen, in the presence of my wife, and myself, called our attention to the fact that Mr. Garnecke keeper, had been drinking. Also the time of the light in the fog signal between Mr. Garnecke

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keeper, and Mr. Admiral 1st Asst, Mr Admiral made the remark, that Mr. Czarnecke keeper, was drunk, In regard to vulgur language being used in, or around my quarters, The only instance I can possibly think of is, On one occasion while on my way to San Simeon with the mail, I knocked at Mr Neales 3rd Asts door to inquire for his mail, and in a friendly way, reminded him that he had neglected to put the oil in the filters for the Tower, he said he had done so, and I said you must have for gotten it This Time, he jumped up from the table where he sat in company with Mrs. Neales and his boy And says, "do you mean to call me a d liar? I said no, I dont mean to call you a d liar, you simply forgot it. he then ordered his boy to slam the door in my face. On several occasions Mr. James. K. Neales took my wife to the dentist in Cambria, in his Car with Mrs Neales. he many times brought liquor back to the Station, and on Nov 7th 1918. returning from a trip to Cambria, Mr James. K. Neales was so badly intoxacated he could not drive his machine, getting a short

distance from the town, he ran his car to one side of the road, and crawled into an old building where he lay for about four hours. Mrs. Neales who was also in the same condition, laid down on the front seat of car, and was very sick.

I am taking the liberty of sending this Statement direct to you, As Mr Czarnecke the keeper, and Mr. J. K. Neales 3rd Asst: took my counter charges to a lawyer in San Luis Obispo before posting them to you. So I have been informed.

Respectfully
P. De Bleeker.
2nd Asst.

Sir.

I would like to know if my countercharges came to you in my own hand writting and unchanged.

Respectfully
P. De Bleeker
2nd Asst.

answ'd.
11/21/19

PIEDRA BLANCA RANCH
SAN SIMEON
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
CALIFORNIA

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
NOV 20 1919
SAN FRANCISCO

November 15, 1919.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The bearer Mr. Peter DeBleeker I have personally known for the past five years and at all times have found him a gentleman of the first order. As a war worker for the different drives during the war for funds for the Red Cross, Knights of Columbus, Salvation Army and other causes, upon approaching Mr. DeBleeker he was always liberal beyond the average and inthusiastic with his help for their success.

Roy Hammond

WW:LS

November 19th, 1919.

James K. Neales, 3rd Asst. Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station,

(Through the Keeper)

1. There is enclosed, a statement dated San Simeon, November 15th, sworn to by Sebastian Villa before a Notary Public, to the effect that while he was employed at the Hearst ranch at San Simeon, he saw you when in your automobile with your wife and Mrs. DeBleeker on or about November 10th, 1918, give a gallon of port wine to George DeBleeker, a minor and son of 2nd assistant keeper Peter DeBleeker.

2. There is also enclosed, a statement, dated San Simeon Nov. 16th, subscribed to by Clinton Soto before a notary public, to the effect that George DeBleeker, son of 2nd assistant keeper, Peter DeBleeker, told him that he had bought a bottle of whiskey from you and that he could buy whiskey from you at any time desired to.

3. There is also enclosed, a statement, dated San Simeon, November 16th, subscribed to by Mrs. Lillie Soto before a Notary Public to the effect that she observed you and Mrs. Neales in an intoxicated condition returning from Cambria on or about the 7th day of last November, and that Mrs. DeBleeker was with you and Mrs. Neales.

4. You are requested to make written reply to these charges without delay.

H. W. Rhodes.

WW:LS

A. Czarnecke -

November 19th, 1919.

Keeper, Piedras Blancas Light Station.

1. There is enclosed, a statement of Mrs. Lillie Soto, San Simeon, dated November 16th, and subscribed to before a notary public, stating that on one occasion during Christmas time, she saw you take a box of liquors to the light station.

2. You are requested to make written reply to these charges within ten days.

H. W. Rhodes.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Cal

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT
Piedras Blancas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)
November 19, 1919.

Sir!

To your inquiry of the 1st herewith an additional answer because I heard that Mr De Bleeker accused the keeper of making him and me disagree, such is not the case his view of life etc, differ in many instances with mine that's all.

Because it is mentioned, I give you the facts of one instance Sept. 7. 1918 the Tender landed coal oil in 50 gallon barrels, Mr Evans who hauls this from landing to out house did not show up until the 14th the 17th the Tender came back from the South called for the empties, they were still full, fog watches having interfered with the dumping so the had to wait till the next day the 18th, going to the landing I said we should not have waited a week for Mr Evans he has no standing contract to haul in this instance we should have rolled them up it is unfair to make a Tender delay 24 hours, the cause being primarily ours & Mr De Bleeker blurted out, Why in Hell should we roll barrels, it is the likes of you who put the L.H. Service on the bum. I politely told him I am not particular fond of rolling barrels it is very heavy work but circumstances alter cases, he repeated his former remark, so impolitely I called him a liar, so he threathened to assault me and as a matter of fact I invited him to try it, he did not that ended it and would forgotten it but for all that his and mine principle differ

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Allow me to inform you about Mr Neales, wife & child as I find them. They are the good type of native American well educated intelligent for comparison, take Mr Cobb & family at Ft Point Lt Stn. I have met their relatives here, clean cut woman, the youngest sister recently married to a Captain in the Canadian Army, another one, the widow of an officer who fell in France. Have seen Mr Neales & wife almost daily from the day they came to the Stn, am glad to know them, I appreciate, admire decent people.

Now I hear that Mr De Bleeker / Mrs De Bleeker is the big frog in the puddle / accuses Mr Neales of selling liquor to his at that time minor boy George, now for facts as I know them when Mr De Bleeker and at that time 14 or 15 years old boy came to the Stn the child could not write his name, neglected schooling and bad surroundings. I say decidedly had had made him slightly wayward and needed the most careful, intelligent guidance, what he got sailors apprentice style treatment of 50 years ago, expelled from school he left the Stn to work on neighboring farms, his father collecting his wages gave him what I consider too small a share of it so one day he discouraged, complained about it and not having

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a decent suit of clothes Mr Neales advanced him the cash & took him to San Luis to help him buy it, this riled his step-mother and she got busy. Finally about Feb' becoming of age, he disappeared & enlisted in the Navy. Shortly before going his father attempted to beat him on the public highway at San Simeon, the boy turned on his father & was held back by Mr Mc Sebastion, and said. I got his beatings and he took my earnings ever since I was a small boy, I am through with him and if he tries to club me I'll have a gun. This is not a defamation of Mr De Bleeker's character simple a statement of a fact.
And I assure Mr Neales is not the man to raise a boy like they
To an intelligent man like you all this letter writing seems puerile, the reason baffling, more so because I must say you can find no better people than Mr & Mrs De Bleeker in the treatment of their friends. But their friends won't be mine
The keystone of all this jumpus is Mrs De Bleeker mostly, she is too talkative and slanderous beyond belief, not intentionally but uncontrolable. I have told by the satisfaction you get is, Oh you must not mind my talk. With her on the place & she same is no you.

Respectfully
R. Stanford
Keeper

WW:LS

November 18th, 1919.

Discharge for cause --
Peter DeBleeker.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. There is forwarded herewith, a copy of charges of November 7th, against Peter DeBleeker, 2nd assistant keeper, Piedras Blancas Light Station, California, and a copy of his reply thereto of November 11th, 1919.

2. There are also enclosed, copies of the following letters bearing on the case:

Oct. 3, 1919 - From James K. Neales, 3rd asst. kpr.
Oct. 7, 1919 - To James K. Neales, 3rd Asst. Kpr.
Oct. 7, 1919 - Endorsement on letter of Oct. 7 to James K. Neales requesting report from keeper and other assistant keepers regarding DeBleeker's conduct.
Oct. 9, 1919 - From James K. Neales, 3rd asst. kpr.
Oct.10, 1919 - From P. S. Admiral, 1st asst. kpr.
Oct.10, 1919 - From Andrew Czarnecke.
Nov.11, 1919 - From DeBleeker containing counter charges
Nov.12, 1919 - Affidavit by Andrew Czarnecke and James K. Neales that DeBleeker's counter charges are false.
Nov.12, 1919 - From Peter DeBleeker, 2nd asst. kpr.
Nov.13, 1919 - To Peter DeBleeker, 2nd asst. kpr.
Nov.14, 1919 - To Peter DeBleeker, 2nd asst. kpr.

3. For the reasons stated in the charges contained in letter of Nov. 7th, 1919, it is recommended that Peter DeBleeker be discharged from the Lighthouse Service at the close of December 10th. DeBleeker has not taken leave of absence in excess of accrued leave.

4. The counter charges contained in DeBleeker's reply of November 11 to charges against him are being investigated, and these counter charges will be submitted to the Bureau as soon as the investigation has been completed.

5. It is requested that the Department consider in connection with the charges contained in letter of November 7th, 1919, the charge of James K. Neales, contained in the enclosed letter, dated November 15th, just received, that DeBleeker had in his possession and served intoxicating liquors in his quarters. This charge is corroborated by three witnesses in the enclosed signed statement of November 15th, 1919.

H. W. Rhodes.

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LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
NOV 18 1919
SAN FRANCISCO

San Simeon Cal.
Nov 16th 1919

Superintendent of Light house 18th Dist.

Sir

I was working on the Hearst Ranch with George De Bleeker, Whan he told me that he bought the bottle of whiskey from James K Neabs of the Light House.
Also he could buy some any time he wish to

Respectful.

Clinton Soto.

Subscribed before me this 15th day of November 1919.

W. M. Figueroa

NOTARY PUBLIC
SAN LUIS OBISPO

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
NOV 18 1919
SAN FRANCISCO

Superintendent of Lighthouse
6th Dist.

San Simeon
Nov 16 1919

Sir

I mrs Lily Soto have known mr a Cyaroche for seveals years and upon one occasion during X mas time saw him take a box of Liquire to the Station. one bottle must of been broken for it was leaking bad it was marked dry goods and the man at the ware house made the remark wet dry goods, concerning mr J. K. Neals, on the 7 day of last Nov I seen him & his wife coming from Cambria intoxicated. Mrs Neals was in a beastly condition from drinking. Mrs DeBuker was along with them. I asked her if she was not afraid to ride with them.

Subscribed before me this 15th day of November 1919.
W M. Tyons
NOTARY PUBLIC

Respectfully
mrs Lily Soto

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State of California
County of San Luis Obispo } ss

San Simeon Cal.
Nov 15th 1919

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Superintendent of Light Houses
12th Dist

I Sebastian Villa was employed at the Hearst ranch a San Simeon and was present when James K Healey in his Automobile with his wife and Jess De Bleeker of San Simeon about the 10th of Nov. 1918 gave a gal. of Port Wine to George De Bleeker these working on the Hearst Ranch a San Simeon

Sebastian Villa

Subscribed & Sworn to before me this 15th day of November, 1919.

W. M. Figueroa
NOTARY PUBLIC
In and for the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California

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SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Piedras Blancas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

Nov. 15, 1919

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
Eighteenth District.

Sir:-

I hereby charge Mr De Blecker with having and using Liquor on this Station and furnish affidavit to that effect.

These partys occur frequently guest usally being a Mexican family named Soto.

The delay in these charges being due to the absence of one of the witnesses.

I refer you to the Bank of Cambria as to the reputability of these witnesses.

Respectfully
James K. Neales
3rd asst Keeper

Forwarded Nov 16th 1919.
Andrew Czarnecke
Keeper.

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Piedras Blancas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

Nov. 15, 1919

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Eighteenth Dist.,
Sir:-

I hereby state that while visiting Piedras Blancas Station Sept. 15. 1918 I entered Mr Mc Bleekers, quarters when Liquor was being served and was invited to partake of same and George Mc Bleeker, son of Mr Mc Bleeker, was partaking freely of the Liquor with no restraint from either his father or Step-mother, although plainly showing the effects.

St. C. Lewis, Cambria.

Miss Mary L. Sebastian
Postmistress of
San Simeon.

Miss Amelia Sebastian
Assistant Postmistress
San Simeon.

HWR:AMG

Nov. 14, 1919

Mr. Peter DeBleeker, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

1. In answer to your letter of November 14th, you are informed that the counter-charges handed to the keeper of your station on November 11th were received at this office on November 12th.

H. W. Rhodes.

Superintendent

Superintendent of Lighthouses
18th Dist

LIGHTHOUSE
SUPERINTENDENT
NOV 1 1919
SAN FRANCISCO

Piedras Blancas
Light Station

Nov 12th 1919.

Sir.

With my denial of charges preffered against me, which I handed to Mr. Czarnecke the keeper Nov 11th at 9 a.m. I also Enclosed Counter charges in Separate letter, which I have reason to believe were not forwarded.

I would like to know if you received them.

Respectfully.
P. De Bleeker.
2nd Asst.

Reply copy which should accompany
Mr. Peter De Bleeker charges, but has been
overlooked

Respectfully
Andrew Czarnecke
Keeper.

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SUPERINTENDENT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

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NOV 13 1919
SAN FRANCISCO

November 7th, 1919.

Peter DeBlecker, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. You are charged with being unfitted for employment as assistant keeper in the Lighthouse Service, in that you have not treated the keeper with proper deference and respect, have been disrespectful to the keeper and assistant keepers of the station, do continuously use profane and abusive language about the station, and particularly in the set of quarters occupied by your family and the family of another assistant keeper, to such an extent that your department brings discredit on the desired standard and efficiency of the Lighthouse Service.

2. You are hereby allowed ten days in which to reply in writing to these charges.

3. You are admonished, during the investigation of these charges, to commit no acts of insubordination, not to use profane language, and to be thoroughly respectful and courteous to the keeper and assistant keepers and their families at the station. The failure to comply with these instructions will result in your immediate suspension from duty without pay.

H. W. Rhodes.

HWR:AMG

Nov. 13, 1919

Mr. Peter DeBlecker, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring to your counter-charges dated November 10th against Andrew Czarnecke, Keeper, and James K. Neales, 3rd Assistant Keeper, at your station.

2. It is requested that you forward immediately to this office the affidavits of any reputable persons showing that either Mr. Czarnecke or Mr. Neales is guilty of having sold liquor to your son, a minor, or having purchased liquor and taken it on the Lighthouse Reservation.

3. You are also directed to report further in what manner Mr. Czarnecke has falsified the records at the station.

4. Any other evidence or proof which you may be able to furnish concerning your charges against the Keeper or 3rd Assistant Keeper should be forwarded to this office as soon as practicable.

H. W. Rhodes.

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NOV 12 1919
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Piedras Blancas Lt. Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

Nov 12th, 1919

Superintendent of Lighthouses 18th District
San Francisco Calif.

Sir:-

We hereby duly Swear before a Notary Public that Mr. Peter De Bleeker Charges are Absolutely false

Respectfully
James K. Neales 3rd Asst.
Andrew Czarnecke Keeper.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of November, 1919.

W. M. Lyons
NOTARY PUBLIC
In and for the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California

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SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Piedras Blancas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

Nov 11th, 1919

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Sir.

In answer to the charges brought against me, I will say there is absolutely no truth in any one of the charges preffered.

Respectifully

P. De Bleeker.
2nd Asst.

Forwarded Nov 12th 1919
Andrew Czarnecki
Keeper.

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Farallon Blancas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

Nov 11th, 1919.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Sir.

In regard to the charges preferred against me, I wish to State they are false in every particular. for the last three years myself and family have been subjected to many insults and humiliation brought about through the antagonism of Mr. Czarnecke the keeper. Whom I have seen many times under the influence of Liquor on this Station, and know him to be untrustworthy in the performance of his duties. He has falsified so many things in the Log and used language both to my wife and myself, unbecoming a gentleman. In regard to the Asst keeper on this Station, I have been friendly with Mr. F. S. Admiral, 1st Asst keeper for the last three years. Untill Mr. Czarnecke the keeper used his influence against me. For the last three years Mr. Czarnecke

the keeper, and Mr. P.S. Admiral 1st Asst. keeper have been very Antagonistic toward Each other. On the 28th day of June 1917 in the Fog Signal, between the hours of three and four a.m. they indulged in a fist fight. For the last few months Mr. Czarnecke the keeper has done his utmost to have Mr. P.S. Admiral 1st Asst. to work against me. In regard to Mr. J.K. Neales, 3rd Asst. our trouble started, when I forbid him to sell Whiskey to my boy. On Nov 12th 1918, or there about, Mr. J.K. Neales 3rd Asst. In his Automobile in company of Mrs. Neales and my Wife, went to Cambria, and bought Whiskey which he sold to my boy, a miner, in San Simeon who was then working for the Hearst Estate. I reported it to Mr. Czarnecke the keeper but he took no action on the matter, for the reason that Mr. J.K. Neales 3rd Asst. was bringing Mr. Czarnecke the keeper

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The liquor in also. I have witnesses in San Simeon who will furnish affidavit to this fact. I would call your attention to the fact that previous to my coming to this Station Mr Czornecke the keeper caused quite a little trouble here with the different Asst keepers Families, and one of the first things Mr. Czornecke the keeper wanted me to do, was to antagonize Mr. P. Dilleson's family, then 2nd Asst. here, which I refused to do. As I found Mr. P Dilleson 2nd Asst. a very good neighbor. I happened to be present in the rain shed, when Mr Czornecke the keeper used very insulting language to Mrs. Dilleson. Mr Czornecke the keeper, also wanted me to bring him liquor from Cambria, which I refused to do. In proof of the trustworthiness of Mr. Czornecke the keeper. He is registered as being born in Boston, Mass. which I can prove to you is not true. He is not a Citizen of The United States.

Respectfully
P. De Bleeker
2nd Asst.

WW:LS

November 7th, 1919.

James K. Neales, 3rd Assistant Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring to your letter of October 3rd, submitting your resignation as 3rd assistant keeper of Piedras Blancas Light Station.

2. No action has been taken by this office in the matter. Charges have been preferred against 2nd assistant keeper Peter DeBleeker, and, if he is removed from the station, it is inferred that the reason for submitting your resignation will be removed and that you will withdraw your resignation.

H. W. Rhodes.

WW:LS

November 7th, 1919.

Peter DeBlecker, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. You are charged with being unfitted for employment as assistant keeper in the Lighthouse Service, in that you have not treated the keeper with proper deference and respect, have been disrespectful to the keeper and assistant keepers of the station, do continuously use profane and abusive language about the station, and particularly in the set of quarters occupied by your family and the family of another assistant keeper, to such an extent that your deportment brings discredit on the desired standard and efficiency of the Lighthouse Service.

2. You are hereby allowed ten days in which to reply in writing to these charges.

3. You are admonished, during the investigation of these charges, to commit no acts of insubordination, not to use profane language, and to be thoroughly respectful and courteous to the keeper and assistant keepers and their families at the station. The failure to comply with these instructions will result in your immediate suspension from duty without pay.

H. W. Rhodes.

(Copy for Keeper)

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LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
OCT 13 1919
SAN FRANCISCO

TWELFTH DISTRICT

Piedras Blancas Lt Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

October 10th, 1919

Superintendent of Lighthouses 18th District
San Francisco Calif.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of October 7th 1919. I must state that after Peter De Bleeker's 6 Months Probation period expired he started to be disagreeable and often very insulting to everybody on the Station and became more so as the time past on. It is the second nature of Mr. De Bleeker and the Members of his family to use profane and obscene language and telling lies. He is very insulting has a contemptible and spiteful disposition and very quarrelsome, none of the Keepers at the Station have spoken to him for Months past only in the line of Duty. He is very intolerable and a detriment to the Light House Service here will be no Peace while Peter De Bleeker 2nd Asst. Keeper is on this Station I therefore Respectfully request

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Piedras Blancas Lt. Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)
October 10th, 1919

Continued

Not to have Peter De Bleeker promoted to First Asst. Keeper at Piedras Blancas Light Station. During the Month of July De Bleekers Boys broken 2 Window panes in the Barn instead of going to the Toilet they went behind the Rain shed fence close to the gate they Urinated into the Rain Gage which is located in the Center of the Rain Shed from where we get our Cooking and drinking Water, when I called De Bleeker and told him what his Boys have done he used abusive language toward me which could be heard all over the Station Shouting I'll get You I will lay for You. Concerning Mr. James K. Neales 3d Asst Keeper I here state, that Mr. Neales and his family, are very quiet and Respectable People.

Respectfully
Andreee Garnecke
Keeper.

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Piedras Blancas
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel.~~)

October 10, 1919.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In answer to your inquiry in regard to conduct of 2nd Asst. Mr P. De Bleeker, I take the liberty to call your attention to his behavior last Sept 10, while Mr Potter was here inspecting this Station as an object lesson.

The fundamental reason of all this nonsense is Mr De Bleeker's fixed idea that whenever it becomes necessary for him, to be an inmate of the Soldiers & Sailors Home at Santa Monica, in the mean time he has no ambition whatsoever to save anything for a rainy day, Mrs De Bleeker has a different view and is decidedly caustic in voicing her opinion, add to this that Mr De Bleeker has an abusive nasty temper with mediocre intelligence, result strife and an unpleasant home life which even effects his daily work and actions, briefly stated if married, I would refuse point blank to live in the same building or stay on the job with him.

Respectfully
P. F. Admiral.
1st Asst. Keeper.

Through the keeper
Forwarded October 10th 1919
Andrew Czarnecke
Keeper.

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Piedras Blancas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

Oct. 9, 1919

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
Eighteenth District.

Sir:-

Refering to your letter of Oct. 7, I wish to state, Mrs. De Blecker, is the most Coarse and foul mouthed woman I ever came in contact with.

In reference to, Mr. De Blecker, I had not been on this station sixty days, when I overheard, Mr. De Blecker, using profane and Abusive language and threatened to assault, Mr. Admiral, 1st asst.

Shortly after this I heard, Mr. De Blecker who was standing outside of, Mr. Czarnecki, quarters use profane and abusive language to, Mr. Czarnecki, and dared him to come outside.

About two months ago on a Sunday, morning after, Mr. Czarnecki, had

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called his attention to the fact that his boys had used the rain guage for a convience, Mr. Mc Bleeker, used profane and abusive language to, Mr. Czarnecke, also made this statement. "That he was laying for Mr. Czarnecke, and would get him yet."
This took place just outside of my window and the language, Mr. Mc Bleeker, used was not fit for a lady and child to hear.
I simply state these facts to show Mr. Mc Bleeker, is of a quarelsome disposition and has no respect for age or sex.
I may safely say the only reason myself and family have not been drawn into numerous controversies with the Mc Bleeker family is

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because we refuse to put Russians on the same plane with such people.
Although for twelve months they have never missed a chance by word or action to insult us. They frequently air their domestic affairs in loud and angry voices, which is very unpleasant for my wife and child to hear.
I am sure any man with self respect would not care to expose his family to such conditions.

Respectfully,
James R. Neals.
3rd Asst.

Forwarded Oct 10th 1919
Andrew Czarnecke
Keeper.

HWR:LS

October 7th, 1919.

Mr. James K. Neales, 3rd Asst. Kpr., Piedras Blancas Light Station.

(Through the Keeper).

1. Referring to your letter of October 3rd, tendering your resignation on account of disagreeable conduct on the part of Mr. DeBleeker, 2nd Assistant Keeper.

2. You are requested to report whether the objectionable conduct referred to is on the part of Mr. DeBleeker or of members of his family, and to furnish any further information which will show more clearly the source of the trouble.

3. Your resignation will not be acted upon until further report in this matter has been received from you.

H. W. Rhodes.
October 1, 1919

Copy for information and files of Keeper.
Report to this office if, to your knowledge, Mr. DeBleeker is guilty of using profane and obscene language, or of any other conduct rendering him liable to dismissal from the Service.

It is not the policy of this office to transfer a disagreeable and undesirable Keeper to another station in order to smooth out troubles for which he may be responsible. If Keepers are guilty of unbecoming conduct or are generally undesirable, they will be dismissed for cause and not permitted to make further trouble for this office and some other station by transferring them. If any other keepers desire to submit statements regarding Mr. DeBleeker's conduct, you are directed to forward them with your report.

H. W. Rhodes.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

W. W. vacancies to which Keepers or mates can be transferred?

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
OCT 6 1919
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Piedras Blancas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

Oct. 3, 1919

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Eighteenth District.,

Sir:

I take the liberty to call your attention to a list of stations to which I would transfer, filed according to your instructions and forwarded Jan. 4. 1919.

The Keeper in Charge Mr Czarnecke states that I rendered very satisfactory services.

I have lived here since July 28. 1919 under the same roof with Mr Mc Bleaker which is exceedingly disagreeable due to profane and Obscene language which at times is audible all through the house, also makes himself generally Obnoxious.

Therefore as no transfer is forthcoming I hereby tender my resignation to take effect Nov. 1. 1919.

Respt. James T. Neales
3rd asst

Forwarded Oct 4th 1919
Andrew Czarnecke
Keeper

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AUG 29 1918
Lighthouse Inspector
SAN FRANCISCO

251 KEARNY STREET, ROOMS 402-3, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

August 28th,1918

Department of Commerce,
Superintendent of Lighthouse,
Ferry Bldg.CITY.

Dear Sir:-

On August the 5th we had a letter from you in which you stated that P. De Bleeker, Superintendent at San Simeon insisted that he only owes our client, G. Wilkinson, the sum of $68.00 for house rent. He offers to pay $5.00 per month, commencing in August, and will pay that amount or more monthly We have taken this matter up with our client and have explained the difficulty of bringing suit in San Luis Obispo County, and his probable wage, and taking everything into consideration, we have decided to accept the small amount offered and close the matter.

We are sending Mr. De Bleeker, a copy of this letter and are asking him to make a remittance to this office on or about the 10th of Septeber, and to make his remittances regularly each month thereafter. We hope that the matter may be closed in this way.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, we are,

Yours very truly,

H. G. BITTLESTON LAW AND COLLECTION AGENCY, (INC.)

HGB-H.

HWR-IG.

August 23, 1918.

H. G. Bittleson Law and Collection Agency,
251 Kearny St.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of August 15, relative to the claim of your client, Mr. G. L. Wilkinson, against Peter DeBleeker, an employee of this Service.

You are advised that this office cannot undertake to settle the controversy between Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. DeBleeker as to the amount owed by Mr. DeBleeker.

It is suggested that the proper procedure would be for Mr. Wilkinson to have the matter settled in the courts. Should a judgment be rendered against Mr. DeBleeker, this office will then be interested in seeing that he takes proper steps to discharge his obligation.

Respectfully,

H. W. Rhodes.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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SAN FRANCISCO

August 15, 1918.

Superintendent of Light House,
Department of Commerce,
CITY.

Dear Sir:-

In regard to the claim of G.L. Wilkinson against Peter De Bleeker for $425.00.

We are herewith sending you an itemized statement showing that De Bleeker owes 25 months rent at $17.00 per month. If he claims there should be more credit given him, we would like to know about it, or we would like to know why Mr. Wilkinson should give to De Bleeker 21 months rent free.

We have written to De Bleeker a number of times, and he has always ignored our letters. If there is any reason why he should be exempt from paying his just debts, we are anxious to learn of it.

Peter De Bleeker sent my client $5.00, which we are holding subject to his order, until it is definitely decided what amount that De Bleeker owes.

Thanking you for your attention to this, and for past favors, we are,

Yours very truly,

H. G. BITTLESTON LAW AND COLLECTION AGENCY, (INC.)

HWR-IG.

August 2, 1918.

H. G. Bittleston Law and Collection Agency, Inc.,
251 Kearny St.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen:

Referring again to the matter of your claim against Mr. P. DeBleeker, Second Asst. Keeper of the Piedras Blancas Light Station, as set forth in your letters of June 25th and 28th, respectively.

You are informed that under date of July 22nd, Mr. DeBleeker states that he owes Mr. Wilkinson $68 for four months rent at $17 per month, and that he is willing to pay him $5.00 per month beginning with August until he can do better.

Respectfully,

H. W. Rhodes.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

G. L. Wilkinson.
REAL ESTATE BROKER
3133 - 16th St.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.
Phone Market 6080.

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Statement of Rent Due.

from P. De Bleker. for 31 Bronnan St.
San Francisco Calif.

25 Months. Jan 1st 1914 to Feby 1st 1916.

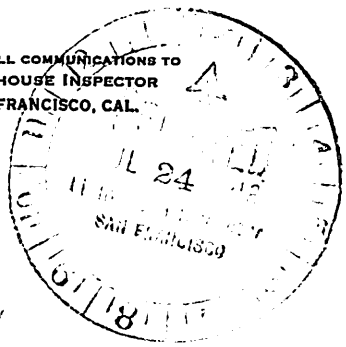
@ $17.00 per Month —— $425.00

P.S.

Last payment was made Oct 16th 1915.
one month $17.00 to Jan 1st 1914

G. L. Wilkinson

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Piedras Blancas.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

July 22nd, 1918.

Superintendant of Lighthouses. 18th District
Sir.

In answer to your letter of July 22nd 1918, will say I owe Mr Wilkerson $68.00 for four months rent, at $17.00 per month. And am willing to pay him $5.00 per month, beginning with August pay day, until I can do better.

respectfully

P. De Bleeker
2nd Asst.

Forwarded July 22nd 1918.
Andrew Czarnecke
Keeper.

HWR-IG.

July 10, 1918.

Mr. P. DeBleeker,
2nd Asst. Keeper, Piedras Blancas Light Station.

Through the Keeper.

Referring to your letter of July 3d, relative to money owed by you to Mr. G. L. Wilkinson.

This office is not concerned about your personal affairs except to see that the requirements of the Regulations are carried out, which are that all employees of the Lighthouse Service are required to pay their honest and just debts. You are, therefore, requested to state the amount that you actually owe to Mr. Wilkinson and to report what arrangements you propose to make toward making payments to him fromtime to time.

RHODES

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Forwarded July 3rd 1918 Andrew C. Jannette Keeper.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Piedras Blancas.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 3rd, 1918.

Lighthouse Inspector.
San Francisco.
Cal.

Sir.

In reply to your letter of June 26th 1918, I would say, I do not owe any such bill to Mr G. L. Wilkerson about the middle of March, 1916 Mr Wilkinson sent me a threatening letter saying, I should pay him $25.00 at once, and $15.00 per month there after. As I did not owe that amount, 17 mo's rent, I wrote him that I would not pay it, as I did not owe it. And what I did owe, I would pay as soon as able. I have been in such a condition with the high cost of living, and my family to care for, I have been unable to pay any as yet. Respectfully

P. De Bleeker R 2nd Asst.

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JUN 29 1918
Lighthouse Inspector
SAN FRANCISCO

June 28, 1918.

Light House Inspector,
U.S. Custom House,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

In regard to our claim against DeBlecker , Light House keeper at Piedras Blancas Light Station , will state that owing to a clerical error the number of months was put in at seventeen when they should have been twenty - five months at $17.00 per month making a total of $425.00

We would appreciate it if you took the matter up with the debtor.

Yours very truly,

CDG/EH

H. G. BITTLESTON LAW AND COLLECTION AGENCY, (INC.)



HWR-IG.

June 26, 1918.

Mr. Peter DeBlecker,
2nd Asst. Keeper, Piedras Blancas Light Station.

Through the Keeper.

The H. G. Bittleston Law and Collection Agency of this city has informed this office that you are indebted to G. L. Wilkinson for seventeen months rent at $17 a month, and that although they have written you a number of letters they have received no reply from you.

You are requested to inform this office if the account above referred to is correct and just, and if so, what efforts you have made toward settling it.

Your attention is invited to the provisions of the regulations of this Service which state that all employees will be required to pay their just debts.

H. W. Rhodes.

HWR-IG.

June 26, 1918.

The H. G. Bittleston Law and Collection Agency,
251 Kearny St.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen:

The matter of your claim against Mr. DeBleeker, Assistant Keeper at the Piedras Blancas Light Station, will be investigated, and you will be further advised regarding the matter at a later date.

It is noted that you state Mr. DeBleeker owes for seventeen months rent at $17 per month, making a total of $425, and it is requested that you advise this office wherein the discrepancy in your statement lies.

Respectfully, H. W. Rhodes

Inspector, 18th Lighthouse District.

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SAN FRANCISCO

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June 25, 1918.

Light House Inspector,
U. S. Custom House,
City.

Dear Sir:

Mr. P. DeBlecker, who is stationed at the Light House at Piedras Blancas Light Station at San Simeon, San Louis Obispo Co. Calif., is indebted to G. L. Wilkinson for seventeen months rent at $17.00 a month , making a total of $425.00.

We have written him a number of letters , but are unable to get any reply from him. We would appreciate it greatly if you would take the matter up with him regarding a settlement.

Thanking you in advance for this, we are,

Yours very truly,



CDG/EH

H. G. BITTLESTON LAW AND COLLECTION AGENCY, (INC.)