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REQUESTER INFORMATION

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

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

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Durfee, Thurman, I.		1907 RI

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service:

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

Type of Rank:

- ☐ Enlisted
- ☐ Officer
- ☐ Unknown

Service Period (Check all that apply):

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

Date & Place of Death: 1961 RI

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (RI)	From: 1927	To: 1932
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

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

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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THURMAN I. DURFEE

resigned wop at close 1/9/32

THURMAN I. DURFEE

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Salvesen St Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

....., 192

Subject to form 14, question 23
Daily Duty
50 Per Cent
Washing Paint and floors 8 hrs.
Oiling cleaning boat winch and greasing cable 8 hrs
Lighting lamps 1 hr.
General cleaning sweeping and dusting station 4 hrs.
Doing laundry washing blankets mattress covers pillow slips towels and lense covers 4 hrs.
Polishing lense 8 hrs.
Polishing brass in lamp room 8 hrs.
Polishing and blacking stove 2 hrs.
Cleaning and oiling tools 1 hr.
Polishing hand lamps and doorknobs 2 hrs.
Cleaning and washing windows 2 hrs.
Chipping and painting rust spots on tower 1 hr.
Puting out light at sunrise wiping of lense filling tanks and hanging curtains 1 hr.
Sunday Regular Duty

PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 14—FIELD QUESTIONNAIRE
(To be filled out in accordance with the instructions given in P. C. B. Forms Nos. 15 and 16)

Bureau No. 16 1652 Sheet No. 3(b)127

Space reserved for the use of the Board

1. Surname: Burfee Given name: Thurman Initial: I

2. Department: Commerce
3. Bureau: Lighthouses
4. Field service: Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field station: Sakonnet Light Station
(b) Subdivision: Third District
(c) City or town: Staten Island State: N.Y.

6. Pay roll title: Light Keeper
7. Customary office title: First Assistant Keeper
8. Present administrative allocation: $1440-1740
9. Present gross rate of pay: $ 1500.00
10. Deduction for allowances: $ None
11. Net rate paid in cash: $ 1500.00

12. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box or boxes the kind of allowances, if any, received by the employee:
☐ House ☐ Room { ☐ Furnished ☐ Unfurnished } ☐ Heat ☒ Fuel ☒ Light ☐ Laundry ☐ Uniform Meals per day: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ Subsistence or rations in kind

Offshore Lt. Sta.

13. Describe any other allowance, privilege, or perquisite of value. —

14. If any special equipment or a bond is required by law or regulation to be furnished at the employee's expense, state kind and annual cost —

15. (a) Regular hours of work: From 12 P.m. to 12 P.m. (b) How many hours per week excluding unusual or irregular overtime work? —
Summer — Winter — (c) If not a full time and all-the-year-round position, state number of hours per day —
number of days per ~~week~~ month ~~year~~ — (d) If certain hours of availability for duty, outside of regular working hours, are required, state hours and type of such duty —

See 16a.

16. (a) Rate of pay for overtime — None (b) Amount of overtime pay in last 12 months — None

17. (a) Does the employee in any way direct or supervise other employees? No (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering) ~~Assists the keeper & obtained the endorsement of the keeper and one of stations~~
(c) How many? ~~None~~

18. If the employee supervises other persons through immediate contact, give the name and the sheet numbers of such persons. (For such of these as may not be covered by questionnaires, give number and kinds by occupations.) If the employee exercises supervision through section or division heads, give the title of such sections or divisions and the names and sheet numbers of their heads.

~~Dreyer H. Keen 2nd asst~~ 3(B) 128

16a. Not specified; average eight or less hours per day; Sundays operation of light only.

Stand watches; work equally divided.

19. (a) Is the employee in any way directed, supervised, or instructed, or his work reviewed? Yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering.)
By the keeper in charge of station.
As first assistant keeper he is in charge of and supervises work of the station in the absence of the keeper.

20. What is the name, official position, and sheet number of the employee's immediate superior? Wm H. Dreyer Keeper
3(B) 126

21. Employee's education: Strike an "X" over the number representing the highest grade or year completed in each type of school:

Elementary								High				Normal				College				Postgraduate or professional				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	— (Kind)

Other education (describe): — Thurman V. Burfee

22. What length and kind of experience or other training did the employee possess upon original entrance into this position which was most qualifying or pertinent?

Thurman V. Burfee

10—1856

23. TO THE EMPLOYEE: Describe in detail the work you do. Put each distinct duty, task, or process in a separate paragraph. Explain first those that require most of your time. Explain occasional duties last. In the column at the left opposite each paragraph enter the approximate percentage of your time devoted to the work described in that paragraph. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO COMPOSE THIS STATEMENT WITHOUT FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS OF P. C. B. FORM NO. 15.

Percentage of working time	
50 Per Cent	Semi Annual Duties Chipping scraping rust and painting exterior of tower from top to base 8 weeks Chipping and painting the boat landing 2 weeks Scraping and painting boats on station two boats three times a year 3 weeks Scraping chipping and painting interior of tower 10 rooms 2 hallways 8 weeks Scraping chipping and painting kerosene tank 2 weeks Scraping and whitewashing cellar 2 weeks Cleaning and washing interior of cistern 1 week

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

Thurman V Dufer 1st asst
(Signature of Employee)

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

Assisting in operation of illuminating apparatus; keep apparatus in clean and efficient working order; care for buildings, keep them clean and in order, including painting and minor repairs.

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

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

OCT 12 1928 (Date), 1928 — F. W. SCHNELL (Signature of Preparing Officer) — Asst. Superintendent. (Title)

28. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ---------- In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 1440. to $ 1740.

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

29. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ---------- In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 1440 to $ 1740

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

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1928

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No. 2500—July, 1925
SERVICE COMMISSION

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

SERIAL NO. 6

Durfee Thurman Irvin
(SURNAME) (FIRST NAME) (MIDDLE NAME)

LEAVE BLANK

ACTIVE NUMBER	WITHDRAWAL NUMBER	STATUS 7

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

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

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

5. PLACE OF BIRTH: Rhode Island (STATE OR COUNTRY) — 10

6. LEGAL (VOTING) RESIDENCE: CONG. DIST. 2d — STATE Conn. — 11 12

7. ANNUAL RATE OF COMPENSATION ON:

	CODE		CODE
a. JUNE 30, 1920 $	1	d. JUNE 30, 1923 $	
b. JUNE 30, 1921		e. JUNE 30, 1924	2
c. JUNE 30, 1922		f. JUNE 30, 1925 1320	3

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

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

OTHER ..... (STATE WHAT)

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

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

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

12. DATE OF BIRTH: MONTH 1 | DAY 18 | YEAR 1907 — 13

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

15

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

COMMON SCHOOL 6 YEARS
HIGH SCHOOL ..... YEARS
COLLEGE ..... YEARS
..... SCHOOL ..... YEARS

LIST DEGREES RECEIVED, IF ANY

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 6—7018

Name Durfee Thurman Irvin
(Surname) (First name) (Middle name)

Department or office Commerce

Bureau or service Lighthouse, 3d District

Employed (City) Staten Island (State) New York

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

Former name ..... Changed ..... (Date)

Former name ..... Changed ..... (Date)

No. 2500—July, 1925
SERVICE COMMISSION

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

SERIAL NO. 6

Durfee Thurman Irvin
(SURNAME) (FIRST NAME) (MIDDLE NAME)

LEAVE BLANK

ACTIVE NUMBER	WITHDRAWAL NUMBER	STATUS 7

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

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

4. ARE YOU SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT LAW? — CODE 9

INDICATE BY X		IF "YES" INDICATE BY X AT WHICH AGE			
NO (1)	YES	70 (2)	65 (3)	62 (4)	DOUBTFUL
X					

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6. LEGAL (VOTING) RESIDENCE: CONG. DIST. 2d — 11; STATE Conn. — 12

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LIST DEGREES RECEIVED, IF ANY

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 0—7018

Name Durfee Thurman Irvin
(Surname) (First name) (Middle name)

Department or office Commerce

Bureau or service Lighthouse, 3d District

Employed Staten Island (City) New York (State)

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

Former name ..... Changed ..... (Date)

Former name ..... Changed ..... (Date)

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

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

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

KIND OF SERVICE (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)	NAME OF EACH DEPARTMENT AND BUREAU OR OTHER BRANCH IN WHICH YOU HAVE SERVED AND ITS LOCATION	APPOINTED OR ENLISTED			SEPARATED OR DISCHARGED			LEAVE BLANK		
		MONTH	DAY	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	Y	M	D
C	3d Lighthouse Dist, S.D., N.Y.	April	1	1925						

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TOTAL SERVICE, CIVIL AND MILITARY: YEARS _____ MONTHS 3 DAYS _____

IY PERIOD OF LEAVE WITHOUT PAY OF SIX
S OR MORE OCCURRING IN PERIOD OF SERVICE
ED ABOVE, BUT NOT PERIODS OF ACTUAL SEP-
N.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1932 SEP 21 AM 8:32

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N.Y., Sept. 20, 1932, 19
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, Thurman I. Durfee

Position, Keeper

Location, Saybrook Bkw.Lt.Sta., Conn.

Effective, Oct.1,1932

Legal residence, Connecticut

Proposed salary, $1380 p.a.

Proposed range, $1380-$1740 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

Former position, Keeper (1st Asst)

Location, Sakonnet Lt.Sta.& Sakonnet Bkw.Lt. R.I.

Former salary, $1560 p.a.

Former range, $1500-$1860 p.a.

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

(Lt.#1653)

Previous incumbent and his pay, Samuel L. Fuller Services terminated, Sept.30,1932

Reason, Transferred (Salary $1620 p.a.)

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

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

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 26, 1932

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, inviting attention to separate nomination in the case of Keeper Samuel L. Fuller. Justification form in the case of Keeper Durfee is also attached.

W. P. HARRIAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Position No. _____

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Justification for Filling Vacancy under Authority of the Act Approved June 30, 1932.

Bureau or Office: Lighthouses, 3rd District, Staten Island, N.Y.

Position: Keeper

Thurman d. Duffee vice Samuel h. Fuller LT. #1653

Compensation: $1380-1740 Range

Location: Saybrook Bkw. Lightstation, Conn.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Date of Vacancy: Transfer of incumbent pending

Justification:

The position of Keeper of Saybrook Breakwater Light station is the sole position authorized for the care and maintenance of the light and fog signal. To permit this position to remain vacant would necessitate the discontinuance of the light and fog signal which would obviously be detrimental to the safety of shipping, and in order to safeguard life and property authorization for the filling of the position is recommended.

This vacancy arises through the necessity of disciplinary action in the case of another keeper, as a result of which two keepers will exchange positions, one keeper receiving a demotion and another a promotion, the net effect of the transaction being an economy of $60 per annum.

Approved:

Secretary of Commerce.

Recommended by:

E. P. HARMAN

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

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LIGHTHOUSES
1932 SEP-21-AM 9:32

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Justification for Filling Vacancy under Authority of the Act approved June 30,1932.

Bureau or Office: 3rd Lighthouse District

Position: Keeper

Compensation: $1380 P.A.

Location: Saybrook Bkw.Lt.Sta.,Conn.

Appropriation: Salaries,Keepers of Lighthouses.

Date of Vacancy: Commencing Sept.30,1932---By transfer.
Date to be filled: Oct.1,1932.
Justification:

The position of Keeper of Saybrook Breakwater Lt.Sta. is the sole position authorized for the care and maintenance of the light and fog signal. To permit this position to remain vacant would necessitate the discontinuance of the light and fog signal which would obviously be detrimental to the safety of shipping, and in order to safeguard life and property authorization for the filling of the position is recommended.

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APPROVED:

Secretary of Commerce

Recommended by:

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSES

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1932 SEP-21-AM 9:32

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

Commissioner of Lighthouses; Sept.20,1932

SUBJECT: Transfer, 1st Asst.Keeper, Sakonnet Lt.Sta.,R.I.
REFERENCE: Bureau Circular Letter 358 of Aug.12,1932.

1. It is recommended that authority be granted this office to transfer Thurman I. Durfee from the position of 1st Assistant Keeper of Sakonnet Lt.Sta. & Sakonnet Bkw. Light, R.I., to the position of Keeper of Saybrook Breakwater Lt.Sta.,Conn.,with pay at the rate of $1380 per annum.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

See Form 73 for transf of Durfee
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Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES

1932 OCT - 11 - AM 8:37

October 8, 1932.

Mr. Thurman I. Durfee,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty (change of station and duties).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1560 per annum.

To: $1380 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

Original for cancelation returned for file 10/13/32 Durfee resigned

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

C O P Y

LIGHTHOUSES

JOHN CLARKE & CO., Inc., 1932 OCT -22- AM 9:13
Brokers & Import Agents,

135 Front Street,
New York

October 18,1932

Mr. Yates, Supt.,
Lighthouse Establishment.
Clifton, Staten Island, N. Y.

Dear Mr.Yates ;

Re Keeper Outerlight (Sam Fuller) at Saybrook Breakwater Light. This person is a troublesome character. He doesn't like the cottage owners there, because none of them will let him use any of their garages. He is more or less of a slob, and he is liable to cause a fire there with all the deep dry grass there is, by dropping a lighted Butt in the Grass, or something. I dont know if he bootlegs or not. But Baldwin, keeper of the Lynde Point Light is a respectable man, peaceable and decent (and the slowest talker in the town) and he does no work for the cottagers, though I should think it would be hard to resist the temptation these days.

I know all of us cottage owners would feel much safer if Fuller was somewhere else.

If I can get time, I will be glad to go to your office, when I can get time, and speak with you, briefly, if I can think of other points.

I am sorry to bother you with this but this man has been a bad spot for quite a long while, and it seems as though such a nuisance might be abated, if it can be done.

I thank you for your courtesy on the phone.

Very truly yours,
/s/ John Clarke

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3d Lighthouse Dist.,Staten Is.,N.Y.
Oct.20,1932

1. Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information in connection with recent previous correspondence concerning Samuel L. Fuller, Keeper of Saybrook Breakwater Lt.Sta.,Conn.

2. The reference to Keeper Baldwin, refers to Arthur J. Baldwin, Keeper of Saybrook (Lynde Point) Lt.Sta.,concerning whom a complaint was recently received it being alleged that he was working for cottagers in the vicinity, which, however, Mr.Baldwin denies is the case.

AND IN THE ABSENCE
THE SUPERINTENDENT

F. W. Ockenden
Asst. Superintendent

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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1931 NOV - 17 - AM 9:31

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

RECEIVED

Commissioner of Lighthouses; Nov. 16,1932

SUBJECT: Transfers of Samuel L. Fuller and Thurman I. Durfee, Keepers.
REFERENCE: Forms 73 dated Sept.20,1932.

1. Referring to Forms 73 dated Sept.20,1932 recommending transfers of Samuel L. Fuller from Saybrook Breakwater Lt.Sta. to Sakonnet Lt.Sta., and the transfer of Thurman I Durfee from Sakonnet Lt.Sta. to Saybrook Breakwater Lt.Sta., and to Department letters of Oct.3rd and 26th addressed to Durfee and Fuller re change in compensation, also to Justification Letters, dated Sept.20th, forwarded to the Bureau, and to Bureau endorsement of Oct.18,1932 on letter from this office dated Oct.15th,1932 re report called for by Bureau of the Budget Circular Letter No.313; information is requested as to whether or not it has yet been decided whether Presidential authority is required before the transfers of Fuller and Durfee can be effected.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Asst. Supt.

RG:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., November 17, 1932.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y., with advice that these transfers may be effected on the basis of Department notices of changes in compensation which have been issued to these two employees. These two transfers are regarded as reassignments, and Presidential authority is not required, in view of the fact that in both cases a reduction in gross pay results.

For the Commissioner:

R. J. GROSS
Chief, Personnel Division.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

1931 NOV - 19 - AM 9 : 30

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

Nov.18,1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses;

SUBJECT: Transfers of Keepers Fuller and Durfee.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Nov.16, ~~Bureau~~ end. Nov.17,1932.

1. Returned to Commissioner.

2. In the case of the transfer of Mr.Fuller a reduction in gross pay results. In the case of Mr.Durfee, however, the rate of pay he is to receive at Saybrook Bkw. is $1380 per annum plus value of quarters $240 per annum or a total gross pay of $1620 per annum, whereas he at present receives a total pay of $1560 per annum which shows an increase of $60 per annum, in view of which it would appear that Presidential authority would be necessary.

OK for [illegible] 11/19

3. The Bureau's further instructions are requested.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

RG:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., November 22, 1932.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y. When this case was originally acted on by the Department, it appears that it was considered that Presidential authority would not be required in view of the fact that in the mutual exchange of positions between Fuller and Durfee no increased cost was involved. The present policy, however, is that when an increase in pay in the case of any employee is involved, Presidential authority will be necessary. The Bureau has had this case up informally with the Department, and it was considered that no further action should be taken at this time, but that at a later date if there is an disallowance of the case by the Comptroller General, then due action will be taken by the Department.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSES
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

1932 DEC-13- AM 8:10

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

Commissioner of Lighthouses Dec.12,1932

SUBJECT: Transfer, Thurman I. Durfee, Keeper, from Sakonnet Lt.Sta.to Saybrook Bkw.Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Department letter of appointment dated Oct.3,1932.

1. Department letter of Appointment, dated Oct. 3,1932, addressed to Thurman I Durfee, re his transfer from the position of 1st Assistant Keeper of Sakonnet Light Station, Rhode Island, to Keeper of Saybrook Breakwater Light Station, Connecticut, is returned herewith for cancellation, as Mr.Durfee has tendered his resignation, effective at the close of December 9,1932.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F.W.OCKENFELS
Asst. Superintendent

Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington December 20, 1932

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for cancellation for the reason stated by the Superintendent, Mr. Durfee's resignation being separately submitted this date.

For the Commissioner:

Incl
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Chief of Personnel Division

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Form A-82

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

December 28, 1932.

Mr. Thurman I. Durfee,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department has accepted without prejudice, your resignation from the position designated below, effective at the close of business on December 9, 1932.

Bureau ..... Lighthouse Service.

Position ..... Keeper.

Allocation .....

Salary ..... $1560 per annum.

Station ..... Sakonnet Light Station, Rhode Island

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Chief of Appointment Division.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1928

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

February 8, 1933.

Memorandum:

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Lighthouse Keeper Held in Rum Charge

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Keeper of Saybrook Breakwater Light Station , Connecticut,
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on Herald (morning) of February 9, 1933, the attached item

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the liquor charge had come to the attention of the Service
resignation had anything to do with this. Mr. Hawthorn
was advised to this effect.

Administrative Assistant.

WPH:ORM

**Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
February 10, 1933.**

Copy to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y., for his information. The newspaper item referred to above was as follows:

"LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER HELD IN RUM CHARGE

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The Bureau has just received your letter of February 9, regarding this matter.

Advise Bureau whether offence for which Durfee was indicted occurred while he was still in Lighthouse Service employ; also whether there is any truth in reference to signals flashed from lighthouses. If a light station of this Service is implicated, the matter should be fully investigated. Submit report to Bureau.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant.

GRP:ORM

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1933 FEB 10 AM 9:01

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

February 9, 1933

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

RG:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., February 11, 1933.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for information, it being noted that Keeper Thurman I. Durfee was separated from the Service by resignation, effective December 9, 1932. The Bureau has requested the Superintendent to investigate this matter further, particularly with reference to obtaining information as to signals flashed from lighthouses in connection with the matter.

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSES
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1933 FEB - 16 - AM 9 : 05

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

February 15, 1933

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: Thurman I. Durfee, former first assistant keeper of Sakonnet Light Station, R. I.

REFERENCE: Bureau endorsement February 10, 1933.

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1. All available information on the subject was forwarded with letter from this office of February 9th. According to the first information received on the subject, which was in the form of a telephone report to the Master of the Tender Hawthorn from some member of the Coast Guard, the occurrence of arrest took place during the last week in October. Newspaper articles also referred to the seizure of the Steamer Malbo as having occurred during October. The report of the Coast Guard Service dated January 25th states that Mr. Durfee was arrested with the crew of the British Oil Screw Vessel Malbo, which would indicate that Mr. Durfee was either on or near the vessel at the time it was seized. This office has no information or evidence as to signals flashed from Sakonnet Light Station as referred to in newspaper articles. It is noted that the report of the Coast Guard Service makes no reference to such signals.

2. The first intimation on the subject was the receipt of report of December 27th from the Master of Tender Hawthorn based on a telephone report by a person representing himself to be a member of the Coast Guard, and of which report confirmation could not be obtained. This office was not aware of the fact that the former first assistant keeper of Sakonnet had been arrested with the crew of a British Vessel until about February 1st, and as the occurrence apparently took place during October, and as Mr. Durfee had terminated his employment in this Service on December 9th, it did not appear to be desirable to take further action in the matter since the man concerned had the status of a former employee.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.



May 1, 1933.

Secretary of Commerce:

In reference to Bureau indorsement of February 11, and the Department's informal request in connection therewith, there is herewith submitted a copy of the 3d Superintendent's letter of February 15 in regard to certain alleged rum running activities of former Lighthouse Keeper Thurman I. Durfee, whose separation it is noted was effected at the close of December 9, 1932.

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF
Incl.

September 4, 1924.

The Commandant,

U. S. Coast Guard.

Sir:

By direction of the Secretary and referring to your letter of the 26th ultimo, I transmit herewith temporary commissions, dated August 29, 1924, for the following-named persons in the U. S. Coast Guard, to rank from dates of oaths:

As Ensigns:

Thomas Durfee
Donald G. Jacobs
John F. Kinnaly
John McCann
Stewart P. Mehlman
Joseph T. Ogden

As Ensign (Engineering):

Ozro H. Hunt

Respectfully,

Declined
Lee L. H. Milton

(Signed) J B HARPER

For authority see papers of
Doandl G. Jacobs

Chief, Division of Appointments.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Thurman I Surjee (Name) — Conn (Legal Residence)

STATUS

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DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU–SERVICE–STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper	Prob.	1020	L.H. - Old Orchard L.S.Sta.	April 1, 1925 -
"	Prom.	1380	" "	Dec. 21, 1925 -
"	Trans.	1020	" Saybrook L.S. Pt.	Feb. 16, 1926
" INCREASE IN COMPENSATION		1380	" "	JAN 1 1927
"	COMPENSATION Act. May 28, 1928.	1500	" "	JUL 1928
" INCREASE IN COMPENSATION		1560	"	JAN 1 1931
~~"~~	~~Transfer.~~	~~1380~~	~~L.H. Saybrook L.S. Conn.~~	cancelled
	Resigned Close Dec. 9, 1932.			

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

Oath of Office fwd. to Wash. 4/10/25
Personal Question Sheet fwd.
to Washington 4/10/25

PERSONAL HISTORY

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

Bureau, division, or office Division Dept. of Commerce Light House Service

1. Name in full I Lurman J. Durfee

2. Legal (voting) residence Conn 2nd Dist New London Groton
(State and Congressional District) (County) (City or town)

3. Where born? Westerly R.I. town When born? Jan. 18 1907
(State or foreign country) (City or town) (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien V

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

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

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

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

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

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

Enlisted ..... Discharged .....
Organization .....

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Organization .....

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

9. State special qualifications Seaman.

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

Wm. P. Durfee (Name) Father (Relationship)

Sakonet Point Little Compton R.I. (Post office address)

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

I Lurman J. Durfee
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

April 1, 1925 (Date)

10—1659

Present address Great Kills Staten Island N.Y.

I acknowledge receipt of a copy of Department Circular No. 253 (second edition), of September 22, 1914, relating to political activity of officeholders, and fully understand its purport.

Thurman J Durfee
(Name.)

2nd Asst. Keeper
(Position.)

Great Kills Staten Island.
(Bureau, Office, or Service.) N.Y.

Date, April 1, 1925

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(This acknowledgment should be forwarded to, and filed in, the bureau or office to which appointee is assigned.)

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J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

N. Y. Journal Feb. 8, 1933.

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DIRECTOR OF LIGHTHOUSES

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W. P. HALL

Administrative Assistant.

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For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant.

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FWO:HR

January 28, 1933

Lieut. Commander R. S. Patch,
U. S. Coast Guard,
Commander, Base Eighteen,
Woods Hole, Mass.

Sir:-

Captain J. H. Kuhne, of the Lighthouse Tender Hawthorn, has referred to this office your letter of January 25, 1933, concerning the arrest of the crew of the British Oil Screw Vessel "MALBO". This office desires to express to you its thanks for your courtesy in furnishing information in this matter. It is noted that the party is referred to in your letter as Thurman Bursee, which no doubt is the same person as Thurman I. Durfee, who was formerly employed as first assistant keeper at Sakonnet Light Station.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Hawthorn
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

January 27th.1933., 193

Superintendent,

Staten Island,N.Y.

Subject: Keeper-Sakonnet Light.

Sir:

Attached please find letter from Lt.Commd.R.S.Patch, Commander,Base Eighteen.Woods-Hole,Mass.relative to the matter discussed.

John L. Keeler.

Master,L.H.S.

64. Personal and confidential.

COAST GUARD CUTTER
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Woods Hole, Massachusetts,
25 January, 1933.

Captain J. H. Kuhne,
Master, U.S. Lighthouse Tender "HAWTHORN",
New London, Connecticut.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of 3 January, 1933, I wish to inform you that I have obtained the following information from an agent in regard to the lightkeeper at Sakonnet Light.

The agent informs me that Thurman Bursee was arrested with the crew of the British Oil Screw Vessel "MALBO", which is an off-shore rum carrier, and was arraigned before the United States Commissioner in Providence, Rhode Island, and held in $2500.00 bail. At this point the authorities discovered who Thurman Bursee was. It is understood that he has resigned his post. The agent also informs me the subject man's father is principal keeper at Sakonnet Light.

I trust that this information is what you wish to obtain and if, at any future time, I may be of service to you kindly call upon me.

Respectfully,

R. S. PATCH,
Lieut. Commander, U.S.C.G.,
Commander, Base Eighteen.

Thurman I. Bursee

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Hawthorn
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

January 5th. 1933. 19.

Superintendent,

Staten Island, N.Y.

Subject: My letter to the Superintendent dated Dec. 27th. 1932.

Attached please find all correspondence pertaining to the matter refered to in my letter of the 27th. of December last.

As soon as further information from Lt. Com. Patch — Woods Hole Base, or any other source, is received it will be immediately submitted to you.

John H. Kehne
Master, L.H.S.

Taken action at the time deemed appear desirable
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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTS
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Tender HAWTHORN,
NEW LONDON, Connecticut.

January 5, 1933.

Lieut. Commander R. S. Patch,
Commander, Section Base 18,
U. S. Coast Guard,
WOODS HOLE, Mass.

Dear Commander Patch:-

I have your letter of the 4th inst., and am glad to note that you will investigate the matter concerning a report that the first assistant keeper at Sakonnet Light was arrested for rum running.

I appreciate your courtesy and cooperation very much and trust you will keep me informed of any new developments.

Respectfully,

John H. Kuhne

J. H. KUHNE,
Master, HAWTHORN.

COAST GUARD CUTTER
WAYANDA

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Woods Hole, Massachusetts,
4 January, 1933.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Captain T. H. Kuhne,
Master, U.S.L.T. HAWTHORN,
New London, Connecticut.

Dear Captain Kuhne,

In reply to your letter of 3 January, 1933, in regard to an alleged offense of attempted smuggling of liquor by the First Assistant Keeper of Sakonnet Light in late October, 1932, I wish to inform you that I have no knowledge of this alleged offense.

However, I have requested an agent to make inquiry and upon receipt of information from him I will let you know the results.

Respectfully,

R. S. Patch

R. S. PATCH,
Lieutenant-Commander, U. S. Coast Guard,
Commander, Section Base Eighteen.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Tender HAWTHORN,
NEW LONDON, Connecticut

January 3, 1933.

Commander, Section Base 18,
U. S. Coast Guard,
WOODS HOLE, Mass.

Sir:-

At 9:05 a.m., December 27, 1932, I received a telephone message from a man who said he was the boatswain in charge of patrol boat CG-283, to the effect that the First Asst. Keeper on Sakonnet Light had been caught attempting to smuggle intoxicating liquors into the United States and at the present time was free under bonds of $2,000.00. He further stated that he was making the report upon orders from his superior officers. When asked when the offense occurred and the name of the person apprehended he replied that the offense occurred some time in the latter part of last October but he did not know the name of the offender.

I immediately transmitted this report to the Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, New York, and he requested me to ascertain the name of the keeper by what U. S. Commissioner or Court he was allowed his liberty under bonds. In an effort to secure this information the matter was taken up with Captain Coyle and Lieutenant Jacobs of the local Coast Guard Base and the former advised me this date that he knew absolutely nothing about the matter and the officer-in-charge of patrol boat CG-283 denied having made such a report to the undersigned.

Captain Coyle suggested that I communicate with you to find out whether or not you know anything of the alleged offense. I will appreciate any information you may give me relative to this case, particularly the name of the first assistant keeper, the exact date of the offense, and the court which granted him liberty under bonds, together with schedule date of trial, or if already tried, disposition made of case by the Court.

Respectfully,

John H. Kuehne

J. H. KUEHNE,
Master, HAWTHORN.

FWO-JHG

Thurman I. Durfee,
Sakonnet Point,
Rhode Island.

Jan. 3,1933

SUBJECT: Reinstatement.
REFERENCE: Your letter Dec.31,1932.

1. Your letter dated Dec.31,1932 requesting reinstatement as Assistant Keeper, has been received and placed on file, and you will be considered for any vacancies which may occur.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Coast Guard

Sakonnet Point R.I.
December 2 1932

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Sir:-

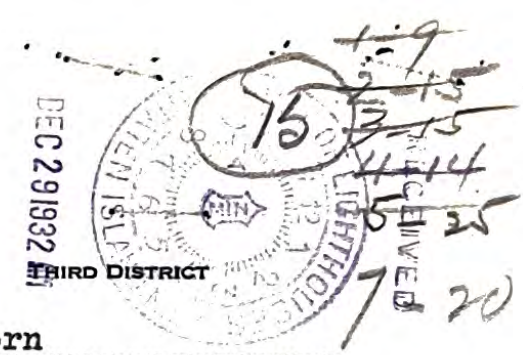
In case of a vacancy in the light house service, I would like to be considered for a reinstatement

Thurman D. Hurlee
Sakonnet P.O.
Rhode Island

1932

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



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Hawthorn
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Superintendent, December 27th. 1932.
Staten Island, N.Y.

The following is a report of a telephone conversation I had with the Warrant Officer in charge of the C.G.283.

At 9.05 am. the above mentioned Officer called for me at the telephone stating that his Superior Officer had ordered him to advise me that the I.Asst.Keeper of Sakonnet Lt. was caught running Liquor and that another man got away. The first Asst. Sakonet Lt. is now under a $ 2000.00 bond.

Asked when all this had taken placehe replied the last week in October, when asked why this had not been reported sooner he told me that he just received orders to make the report.

I them told him that I would report the matter to you, but that the expeditious and proper way is to report to the Supt. of Lighthouses Staten Isl. N.Y. direct, he answered that his orders were to report to me for transmission to the proper Officer.

Master, L.H.S.

FWO-JHG

Commissioner of Lighthouses Dec.12,1932

SUBJECT: Transfer, Thurman I. Durfee, Keeper, from Sakonnet Lt.Sta. to Saybrook Bkw.Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Department letter of appointment dated Oct.3,1932.

1. Department letter of Appointment, dated Oct. 3,1932, addressed to Thurman I Durfee, re his transfer from the position of 1st Assistant Keeper of Sakonnet Light Station, Rhode Island, to Keeper of Saybrook Breakwater Light Station, Connecticut, is returned herewith for cancellation, as Mr.Durfee has tendered his resignation, effective at the close of December 9,1932.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F.W.OCKENFELS
Asst. Superintendent

FWO-JHG

Thurman I. Durfee, 1st Asst.Kpr., Dec. 6,1932
Through the Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compton, R. I.

SUBJECT: Transfer to Saybrook Bkw.Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Dec.3 and your letter Dec.5,1932.

1. The contents of your letter of Dec.5th have been noted. In connection with this matter your attention is invited to the fact that your selection and appointment to the position of Keeper at Saybrook Breakwater Lt.Sta. is based entirely on your voluntary application to be transferred to that position. As your appointment covering your transfer has already been issued, and as another person has already been appointed and ordered to report for duty to take your place as 1st Assistant Keeper at Sakonnet Lt.Sta., it is impracticable at this late date to make any change in plans or orders. In accordance with orders heretofore furnished, you are expected to report for duty at Saybrook Breakwater Lt.Sta. on Dec.9th, 1932. If you cannot see your way clear to comply with the orders referred to you may submit your resignation to take effect at the close of December 9,1932, in which case you will be considered in connection with such vacancies as may hereafter occur. In case you do not report for duty at Saybrook Bkw.Lt.Sta.on Dec.9th you are directed to return to this office for cancellation, Department letter, dated Oct.3,1932, addressed to you, which letter was forwarded to you with letter from this office dated Nov.25,1932.

J. T. YATES

Superintenden

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1st asst

THIRD DISTRICT

Sakonnet Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

December 5, 1932

Your letter of Dec. 3. 1932

Sir:-

In regards to transfer to Saybrook Breakwater light Station.

I made a visit to that station and find that I can not take my family there, and it is impossible to stay there alone.

The Keeper there told me that the breakwater is covered with Ice during the winter months, making it impossible to take the Children to school or ashore in case of sickness, When the harbor is to rough to row across

I am now living in a furnished house and have no furniture of my own to move into the station. Therefore it would be impossible to move there on the ninth (9th) of December

If nothing can be done about this transfer my preference will have to

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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be to send in my resignation for December (9th) ninth 1932.

T. D. Hurley
1st Asst Keeper

FWO-JHG

Dec. 3,1932

Thurman I. Durfee, 1st Asst.Kpr.,
Through the Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compton, R. I.

SUBJECT: Transfer to Saybrook Bkw.Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter Dec.2,1932.

1. Your letter dated Dec.2,1932 has been received and contents noted. In view of the fact that your appointment has already been issued covering your transfer to Saybrook Breakwater Light Station, and also as another person has already been appointedaand ordered to report for duty to take your place as First Assistant Keeper at Sakonnet Light Station, it is not possible at this late date to cancel the action already taken in the matter, and you will accordingly be expected to report for duty at Saybrook Breakwater Light Station on December 9th in accordance with orders heretofore furnished you.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1st Asst
Per

THIRD DISTRICT

Sakonnet Pt.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec. 2, 1932

Sir

Your letter dated Nov. 26, 1932 stating that I have been transfered to Saybrook Brkw. Lt. Sta.

Since I requested a transfer to that station I have three small children one is just school age and the other two are under age for school.

The Station is so inconvient there for children that I would not like to consider the transfer there.

Thurman D. Lanfear
1st asst. kpr.

FWO-JHG

Thurman I Durfee, 1AK,
Thr.The Keeper,
Sakonnet Lt.Sta.,
Little Compton, R. I.

Nov. 25,1932

SUBJECT: Transfer to Saybrook Bkw.Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter Aug.6,1927.

1. Referring to your letter requesting transfer in the event of a vacancy to the position of Keeper of Saybrook Breakwater Lt.Sta.; transmitted herewith is Department letter dated Oct.3,1932 appointing you to this position, and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to report at that station and relieve the present keeper at the close of Dec.9th,1932, giving him receipt for the station and all Government property under his charge, in triplicate on Form 30, one copy of which should be forwarded to this office. Transportation charges will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the Keeper of Saybrook Bkw.,which will be his authority for turning the station over to you. Advise this office by letter of the date on which you take charge of Saybrook Bkw.Lt.Sta. The address of the station is Saybrook Point, Conn. Acknowledge receipt of this letter.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Asst.Supt.

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1. Copy forwarded for his information to the Keeper of Sakonnet Lt.Sta. Advise this office promptly by letter of the date T.I.Durfee leaves Sakonnet Lt.Sta. Samuel L. Fuller has been instructed to report for duty as 1AK at Sakonnet, and it is expected that he will so report on Dec.10. Report the date on which Fuller does report for duty.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Asst.Supt.

Form 78

NOMINATION

FRO-JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N.Y., Sept. 20, 1932, 19
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, Thurman I. Durfee

Position, Keeper

Location, Saybrook Bkw.Lt.Sta., Conn.

Effective, Oct.1,1932

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

Former position, Keeper (1st Asst)

Location, Sakonnet Lt.Sta.& Sakonnet Bkw.Lt. R.I.

Legal residence, Connecticut

Proposed salary, $1380 p.a.

Proposed range, $1380-$1740 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Former salary, $1560 p.a.

Former range, $1500-$1860 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Samuel L. Fuller Services terminated, Sept.30,1932

Reason, Transferred (Salary $1620 p.a.)

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

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

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Justification Letter sent Bur. 9-20-32

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Form
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

FWO-JHG

Office of Superintendent
Third Lighthouse District
Staten Island, N. Y.

T. I. Durfee,1st Asst.K,
Sakonnet Lt.Sta.,
Little Compton, R.I.

June 16,1931

1. Enclosed is Form 206 "Record of Physical Examination of Light Keeper or Assistant Light Keeper", addressed to the U.S. Public Health Service, requesting that you be given a physical examination, for the purpose of determining whether or not you are entitled to medical relief without charge at hospitals and other stations of the Public Health Service, pursuant to the Act of Congress, approved August 28,1916. A copy of the provision contained in said Act is quoted in District Circular Letter No. 187, dated May 21,1917.

2. You are directed to arrange to take the required physical examination at the earliest practicable date.

3. After you have been given a physical examination by the medical off icer designated on attached Form 206, said Form 206 will be returned to you by the medical officer. You will then send it to this office so that it may be recorded, after which it will be returned to you. The original copy of Form 206 will then be your property, and you are directed to preserve it and keep it in your possession for future reference.

4. The Assistant Keeper is to sign Form 206 where marked "A" and the Keeper to sign where marked "B".

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

...NS TO
OF LIGHTHOUSES
...EN ISLAND, N. Y.

Per

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Lahommet Lt Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 16, 1931

Request Form 206

Sir,

I would like you to send me a Form 206 for medical exam. as I have mislaid mine or it has been distroyed.

Thurman L. Dunfee
1st asst.

Signed
Wm. H. Dunfee

...SICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT ... OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF ... 'EALTH SERVICE

FILE No. S

DEPARTMENT OF ... LIGHTHOUSE ...

FEO-JHG

OFFICE OF SUPERINTEN...

~~3rd~~ ..... DISTRICT,

Place ...

...y .....

Thurman I. Durfee, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Sakonnet Lt.Sta.,
Little Compton, R.I.

June 16, 19...

Sir:

SUBJECT: Physical Examination.
REFERENCE: Your letter June 15,1931.

1. As requested by your letter of June 15,1931 there is enclosed herewith Form 206 directing you to report for physical examination to the U. S. Public Health Service.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

(Signature of applicant)

To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank, or witnessed by a commissioned officer of the [illegible] Service, by ...

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE ...

DATE ..., 19...

SIR: I CERTIFY that I have this day examined the weight, hearing, and physical condition of ... and find her ... in accordance with rules approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce, for the appointment of Public Health Service of light keepers and ... pursuant to the Act of Congress approved August 28, 1916.

He is disqualified for the reasons stated on page ...

U. S. Public Health Service



PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

FILE No. S

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

PLACE, Staten Island, N.Y.,

To the MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Station 293,
98 Mill St., Newport, R.I.

DATE, June 16, 1931, 19

SIR:

Please examine Thurman I. Durfee, 1AK, Sakonnet Lt. Sta.

nativity, United States; age, 25; height, 5 feet, 4-½ inches;

weight, 144 pounds; color of hair, brown; color of eyes, brown

distinguishing marks, scar on forehead.

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

When the examination has been completed the findings should be recorded on this blank and the blank returned to the applicant.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton, *Superintendent of Lighthouses.*
Chief Clerk

A

(Signature of applicant:)

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.)

B

Witnessed by Keeper, Sakonnet Lt. Sta.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE,

DATE, , 19

To SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.

SIR: This certifies that I have this day examined the eyesight, hearing, and physical condition of , and find him physically { disqualified / qualified* } in accordance with rules approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce, respecting the treatment by the Public Health Service of light keepers and assistant light keepers of the Lighthouse Service pursuant to the Act of Congress approved August 28, 1916.

He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.

Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.

* If qualified, strike out the word "disqualified" and the paragraph following.

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Form A-38

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

December 30, 1930

Mr. Thurman I. Durfee

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 1, 1931.

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. I. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1500

To: $1560

Service and grade: Range $1440-1800

Appropriation (unit): Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

3d District.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

(75)

Asst Supt
Per

THIRD DISTRICT

Sakonnet
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

August 2, 1927

Superintendent

Sir

I do not care to except Borden Flates light station.

Thurman J. Duffee
1st asst. keeper

Signed
Wm. H. Hunter
Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTH
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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December 24, 1925.

Norman J. Durfee, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper
Old Orchard Shoal Light Station,
Great Kills, S. I., N. Y.

SUBJECT: Signing of Watch Book.

REFERENCE: Letter from this office December 18 and your reply December 20.

1. Your explanation in regard to the matter of signing the Watch Book in advance on December 16 to include time up to sun-rise on December 17 is not by any means satisfactory. The Watch Book necessarily should be only signed at the completion of a watch and should then be signed promptly by the man who stood the watch and the fact that you may have expected to stand watches on December 16 and December 17 was no good reason for your action in signing the Watch Book in advance.

2. You are directed to see to it that there is no recurrence of this character at any future time.

J. T. YATES.

Superintendent.

THIRD DISTRICT

Old Orchard St. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Great Kills Dec. 20 1925
S.I. N.Y.

Supt. of Lighthouses
Through the Keeper

Sir in answer to your letter Dec. 18, 1925
for the reason why I signed the watch book
I signed it for no piticular reason
as I was to go on watch from that night to
the 17th and that is the reason why I
signed it

Respectfully

Thurman J. Durfee
2nd asst. Keeper

Signed
Andrew Quinn Jr.
Keeper

December 18, 1925.

Thurman I. Durfee, 2nd Asst. Keeper.
Through the Keeper.
Old Orchard Shoal Light Station,
Great Kills, Staten Island.

SUBJECT: Signing of Watch Book.

When Old Orchard Shoal Light Station was inspected on December 16, 1925 it was found that the Watch Book had been signed in advance up to sun rise December 17. You are directed to submit full and complete explanation as to your action as stated above.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. OCKERHELS.

1st. Asst. Superintendent.

FWO-JHB

Thurman I. Durfee, 2nd Asst.Keeper, Dec. 14,1925
Through the Keeper,
Old Orchard Shoal Light Station,
Great Kills, S.I., N. Y.

SUBJECT: Promotion.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated Dec. 10,1925 promoting you to the position of 1st Asst.Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to enter on duty in that position on December 21,1925.

Superintendent

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Thurman I. Durfee

Position, Keeper

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Effective Dec. 21,1925

Legal residence, Connecticut

Salary, $1380 p.a. (Salary Range $1380 to $1620 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries,Keepers of Lighthouses

{ 'the actual date of entrance on duty, or
{ as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Former salary, $1320 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, Charles G. Parry Services terminated, Dec.20,1925

Reason, Resigned (Salary $1380 p.a.)

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth,

Remarks:

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

J. T. Yates

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

VC Ad. 12/9/25

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

1925 DEC 11 PM 3 20

December 10, 1925.

M. Thurman I. Durfee.

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1320 per annum to $1360 per annum effective December 21, 1925, or upon entrance on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Chief of Appointment Division.

OFFICE

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

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Thurman I. Durfee

Position, Keeper

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Effective Dec. 21,1925

Legal residence, Connecticut

Salary, $1380 p.a. (Salary Range $1380 to $1620 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries,Keepers of Lighthouses

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

Former salary, $1320 p.a.

Former position, Keeper

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, Charles G. Parry Services terminated, Dec.20,1925

Reason, Resigned (Salary $1380 p.a.)

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth,

Remarks:

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

J. T. Yates

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

VC PS. 12/23/25

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

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Andrew Zuius,Jr., Keeper,
Old Orchard Shoal Light Station,
Great Kills, S.I., N. Y.

July 30,1925

SUBJECT: Probation of Thurman I Durfee, 2nd Asst.Keeper.

1. The probationary period of employment of Thurman I. Durfee, 2nd Asst.Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, will expire on Sept. 30,1925; advise this office by return mail if his services have been satisfactory, and whether or not in your opinion, he is a suitable and competent man to receive a permanent appointment in his present position. If you do not consider him competent, state fully in what respect he is incompetent.

J.T.YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

AUG 3 1925 RECEIVED LIGHTHOUSE TOMPKINSVILLE

THIRD DISTRICT

Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

August 1, 1925.

Great Kills S.I. N.Y.

Superintendent of light houses.

Sir

In reference to your letter of July 30, 1925 regarding the probationary period of Thurman D. Durfee. 2nd Assistant keeper of this Station

I here by recommend him a suitable and competent man. to fill the position he now employed at.

Respectfully

Andrew Sinn Jr.
Keeper.

WJL-JHB

3rd Lighthouse District

Staten Island, N.Y.

August 27,1925

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

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on September 30,1925, 192 .

The conduct and capacity of this employee has been satisfactory* and (he) (she) is considered qualified for absolute appointment.

Name Thurman I. Durfee

Position Keeper

Salary $1320 per annum

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Station Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Date of entrance on duty April 1,1925

Remarks:

J. T. Yates

(Signature of immediate superior.)

SUBMITTED:

Supt. 3rd Lighthouse Dist.

(Head of Bureau or Office.)

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

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CROSS - REFERENCE SHEET

Cross-file UNIT..... Number 75

Letter from.....

Date..... April 1/1925.....

Subject..... Thurman J. Dunfee.....

Original filed under

Unit..... Old Orchard Shoal Lt. St. ..... Number 602

April 1/1925.

CROSS - REFERENCE SHEET

Cross-file UNIT..... Number 75

Letter from.....

Date Feb 17- 1926.

Subject Thurman S. Dunfee.

Original filed under

Unit Sakonnet R.I. Number 601

Feb. 17- 1926.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Sakonnet R. I.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb. 17th., 1926

Superintendent Sir

Subject to Transfer of T. J. Durfee

DURFEE

Just to inform you that Thurman I. Durfee reported at this Station for duty Feb. 17, 1926. At 9 a.m. as 1st. Asst. Keeper.

Signed
Wm. H. Durfee
Keeper.

EOD at Sakonnet 2-16-26

MISS RUTH PARKS
LITTLE COMPTON, RHODE ISLAND

MAR 10 1937
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March 10th 1937.

Superindentant of Light Houses
Staten Island, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Dennis has asked me to write you in behalf of Thurman I. Durfee. Is there any posibility of his being reemployed as assistant keeper of the Sakonnet Light?

It seems that there must be some extenuating circumstances in his case, as he was taken on as a substitute last summer.

He has such a nice family - children 10, 9 and six years old, and his wife is at present at the State "T.B." Sanitarium.

We are most anxious to help them, and if there was any hope of his regaining his former employment it would be a solution.

I am told that his C.C. rating is C94.

Would it be possible to take him back on probation?

Very truly yours,

Ruth Parks.

FWO-JHG

Mrs Mae H. Dennis,
Social Worker,
Unemployment Relief Headquarters,
Little Compton, R. I.

March 9,1937

Madam:-

SUBJECT: Thurman H. Durfee.
REFERENCE: Your letter March 3,1937.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 3,1937 relative to Thurman Durfee of Sakonnet Point, Rhode Island, and in reply you are advised there is no prospect at this time of Mr. Durfee being reemployed in the Lighthouse Service.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Per

Unemployment Relief Headquarters,
Little Compton, R.I.



March 3, 1937.

Supt. of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N.Y.

Re: Thurman Durfee,
Sakonnet Point, R.I.

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Dear sir:—

Mr. Thurman Durfee who holds a Civil Service rating with your department is at the present time is at the present time working on a Relief Project. He has be known to our agency for the past three Winters. And now he is not only faced with the problem of unemployment but his wife who is tubercular is obliged to enter a sanitorium for treatments. There are three small children who must be considered.

Is there any prospect of this man receiving an appointment in the near future?.

Apparently until his dismissal from the Lighthouse Service he was self-maintaining.

I would also appreciate any information you would care to give me concerning his dismissal.

Very truly yours,
(Mrs.) Mae H. Dennis,
Social Worker.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHELSEA, MASS.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.

July 22, 1935.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Third District,
Staten Island, New York.

1. Thurman I. Durfee, who claims previous service in your district as Assistant Lighthouse Keeper, has applied for consideration for reinstatement in this district. Will you please forward copy of service record of above man, and advise whether he is recommended for reinstatement.

GEO. E. EATON
Superintendent.

FWO-JHG

3d Lighthouse Dist., Staten Is., NY
July 24, 1935

1. Returned to Superintendent 2nd Lighthouse District, together with copy of Mr. Durfee's service record card.

2. Late in December, 1932, it came to light that Thurman I. Durfee while employed as LAK at Sakonnet Lt. Sta., was arrested, during October 1932, with the crew of a British rum carrier and was held in $2500 bail. Before this office was aware of the fact that Mr. Durfee had been arrested, he tendered his resignation to take effect at the close of Dec. 9, 1932. There was considerable newspaper notoriety at the time which referred to Mr. Durfee by name and indicated that he was Assistant Keeper of Sakonnet Lt. Sta. This office has no information to show the final disposition of Durfee's case in connection with his arrest, but from the information available as to the conditions that brought about his arrest, this office would not recommend his reinstatement. For your information there is enclosed copy of letter of Jan. 25, 1933 from the Commander of Coast Guard Base Eighteen, Woods Hole, Mass.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. OCKENFELS
Asst. Supt.

Form A-32

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 29 PM 2:39

December 28, 1932.

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Mr. Thurman I. Durfee,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department has accepted without prejudice, your resignation from the position designated below, effective at the close of business on December 9, 1932.

Bureau ..... Lighthouse Service.

Position ..... Keeper.

Allocation .....

Salary ..... $1560 per annum.

Station ..... Sakonnet Light Station, Rhode Island

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Dec.12,1932

Thurman I. Durfee,
C/O Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compton, R. I.

SUBJECT: Resignation.
REFERENCE: Your letter Dec.9,1932.

1. Your letter dated Dec.9,1932 resigning your position as 1st Assistant Keeper of Sakonnet Light Station, has been received and forwarded to Washington, with recommendation that same be accepted, effective at the close of Dec. 9,1932.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form 93 NOTIC[redacted]RESIGNATION OR DEATH

FFO-JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island,N.Y., Dec. 10,1932 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Thurman I. Durfee Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Connecticut Station, Sakonnet Lt.Sta. & Sakonnet Bkw.Lt.,R.I.

Salary, $1560.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of Dec.9,1932.

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

Remarks:

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For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

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F.W.OCKENFELS
Asst. Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce,

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Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

FWO-JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island,N.Y., Dec. 10,1932 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Thurman I. Durfee Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Connecticut Station, Sakonnet Lt.Sta. & Sakonnet Bkw.Lt.,R.I.

Salary, $1560.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of Dec.9,1932.

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

Remarks:

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F.W. GOKEMEIER
Asst. Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce,

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

C O P Y

THIRD DISTRICT

Sakonnet Lt.Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

December 9,1932, 193

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Sir:-

Please accept my resignation for December 9,1932.

I am forwarding the letter dated Oct. 3,1932 sent to me Nov.25,1932 as requested.

/s/ Thurman I Durfee

1st Asst.Kpr.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 10 1932
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Little Comptons P.O.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec 9, 1932

Supt Lts.

In regards to 1st Asst. Keeper Thurman D. Dupree. State that he left this station at 5 P.m. after the close of business. Resigned

Signed
Wm. H. Dupree
Keeper

1926.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Resigned
Dec 9-1932

THIRD DISTRICT

Sakonnet
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 6, 1927

Superintendent

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Sir

Please consider me as keeper for Stations named below.

T. I. Durfee

X Barber Point, N.Y.
X Black Rock, Conn.
X Bristol Ferry, R.I.
X Chapel Hill N.J.
X Coney Island N.Y.
X Conover Beacon, N.J.
X Crown Point, N.Y.
X Cumberland Head, N.Y.
X Elm Tree Beacon, N.Y.
X Hereford Inlet, N.J.
X Horton Point, N.Y.
X Indian Beach, N.J.
X New Dorp, Bcn, N.Y.
X Point Au. Roche, N.Y.
X Point Comfort Bcn, N.J.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



Sakonnet
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 6, 1927

X Princess Bay, N.Y.
X Sands Point, N.Y.
X Sandy Hook, N.J.
X Saugerties, N.Y.
X Saybrook B'kw., Conn.
X Saybrook Lynde Pt., Conn.
X Sea Girt, N.J.
X Split Rock, N.Y.
X Stony Point, N.Y.
X Stuyvesant, N.Y.
X Throgs Neck, N.Y.
X Waackaack, N.J.
X Windmill Point, N.Y.

Thurman L. Dunfee
1st asst

Signed Wm. H. Dunfee
Keeper.

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July 28,1927

Thurman I.Durfee, 1AK, Sakonnet

Mahlon Burdge, 1AK Hog Is.Shoal

SUBJECT: Transfer to Bordens Flats Lt.Sta.

1. Advise this office by letter whether or not, in the event of a vacancy, you would be willing to accept transfer to the position of Keeper of Bordens Flats Light Station, located off shore in Mount Hope Bay off Fall River, Mass. The light at this station is a 5th order flashing, oil vapor, and the fog signal a bell operated by clockwork. Family quarters are provided at this station. The salary would be $1200 per annum.

2. A prompt reply is desired.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



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THIRD DISTRICT

Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb 17, 1926.

Great Kills S.I. N.Y

Under
per

Superintendent of light houses.

Sir

I respectfully report that Thurman L. Dustin 1st asst keeper of this station whose was transfered to Sakonnet Lt. Station R.I.

Left this station February 15, 1926. at 8 3/5 A.M. to report for duty to above station as 1st asst keeper.

Respectfully

Andrew Luisi Jr
Keeper.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Per

Old Orchard St. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

February 7, 1926

Great Kills
Staten Island
N.Y.

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Through the Keeper

Sir

Refering to your letter dated Febuary 5, 1926. Stating that I have been appointed to the position of 1 asst Keeper of Sakonnet Lt. Sta. and requested to report for duty Febuary 16, 1926 I will report Febuary 16, 1926 for Duty at that station.

Respectfully

Thurman L. Durfee 1 asst Keeper
Andrew Guiles Jr.
Keeper

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FWO-JHG

Thurman I. Durfee, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Old Orchard Shoal Light Station,
Staten Island, N. Y.

Feb. 5,1926

SUBJECT: Transfer to Sakonnet Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter Jan. 20,1926.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated January 29,1926 appointing you to the position of 1st Assistant Keeper of Sakonnet Light Station, and in accordance therewith youaare hereby directed to report for duty at that station on February 16,1926. Transportation charges will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the Keeper, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty. The name and address of the Keeper is William H. Durfee, Little Compton, R. I.

2. Acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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1. Copy forwarded for his information, to the Keeper of Sakonnet Lt.Sta.

2. Report to this office by separate letters, the date on which 1st Asst.Keeper Blish leaves the station, and the date on which T.I. Durfee reports for duty as 1st Asst.Keeper.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Durfee, Thurman I

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Per

Old Orchard Shoals Lt Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

February 8, 1926

Great Kills
Staten Island

Subject Transfer to Sakonnet Lt Sta. R.I.
Superintendent of Lighthouses
Through the Keeper

Sir

Refering to your letter dated January 27, 1926. Refering that I have been nominated to exchange positions with Arthur W. Blish. I am holding my self in readiness to report for duty at that station as soon as definite orders are sent me

Respectfully
Thurman L. Duffee 1st asst keeper
Andrew Burns Jr.
Keeper.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1926 FEB 2 PM 3 55

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 29, 1926.

Mr. Thurman I. Durfee,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1380 per annum to $ 1320 per annum, effective February 16, 1926, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Form 73

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. (City.) Jan. 27, 1926 (Date.) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, Thurman I. Durfee

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper

Pay Range ($1320 to $1560 p.a.)

Salary $1320 p.a.

Location, Sakonnet Lt.Sta. and Sakonnet Bkw.Lt., R.I.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective Feb. 16,1926 {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper

Former salary, $1380 p.a.

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,R.I.

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

Previous incumbent, Arthur W.Blish Services terminated, Feb.15,1926

Reason, Transferred (Salary $1320 p.a.)

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth,

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

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

J. T. Yates

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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FWO-JHG

Thurman I. Durfee, 1st Asst.Keeper, Jan. 27,1926
Through the Keeper,
Old Orchard Shoal Light Station,
Great Kills, Staten Is.,N.Y.

SUBJECT: Transfer.
REFERENCE: Your letter Jan. 20,1926.

1. Referring to your letter dated January 20,1926 requesting permission to exchange positions with A.W.Blish, 1st Assistant Keeper of Sakonnet Light Station; you are advised you have to-day been nominated for appointment to this position, and in accordance therewith are directed to hold yourself in readiness to report for duty at that station as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be appointed to this posititn the effective date of your transfer will be about February 16,1926. Acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form 73

NOMINATION

FWO-JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. (City.) Jan. 27, 1926 (Date.) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, Thurman I. Durfee — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary $1320 p.a. (Pay Range $1320 to $1560 p.a.

Location, Sakonnet Lt.Sta. and Sakonnet Bkw.Lt., R.I. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective Feb. 16, 1926 — ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $1380 p.a.

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., R.I.

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

Previous incumbent, Arthur W. Blish — Services terminated, Feb. 15, 1926

Reason, Transferred (Salary $1320 p.a.)

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth,

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

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

J. T. Yates

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

VC 2/19/26

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Lighthouse Service

Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta
Great Kills, Jan. 20?1926
Staten Island,N.Y.

Supt. of Lighthouses,
Through the Keeper.

Dear Sir:-

I respectfully wish to ask if I can transfer with 1st Asst. Keeper Arthur Blish of Sakonnet Lt.Sta.,Little Compton,R.I. as he is willing to transfer with me if it can be done as I do not care to stay at this station.

Respectfully,

/s/ Thurman I. Durfee,
1st Asst.Keeper

/s/ Andrew Zuius, Jr.,
Keeper

Form 206 FILE No. S 15

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

FWO-JHS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

PLACE, Staten Island, N.Y.

DATE, April 9, 1925, 19

To the MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Stapleton, N. Y.

SIR:

Please examine Thurman I. Durfee, 2nd Asst. Keeper, Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta.

nativity, United States; age, 19; height, 5 feet, 4½ inches;

weight, 144 pounds; color of hair, Brown; color of eyes, Brown

distinguishing marks, scar on forehead.

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

When the examination has been completed the findings should be recorded on this blank and the blank returned to the applicant.

Respectfully,

J. T. Yates

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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(Signature of applicant:)

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.)

B Witness Keeper, Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE,

DATE, , 19

To SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.

SIR: This certifies that I have this day examined the eyesight, hearing, and physical condition of , and find him physically { disqualified / qualified* } in accordance with rules approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce, respecting the treatment by the Public Health Service of light keepers and assistant light keepers of the Lighthouse Service pursuant to the Act of Congress approved August 28, 1916.

He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.

Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.

* If qualified, strike out the word "disqualified" and the paragraph following.

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Office of Superintendent,
Third Lighthouse District
Staten Island, New York.

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Thurman I. Durfee, 2nd Asst. Keeper, **April 9, 1925**
Through the Keeper,
Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta.
Great Kills, S.I., N. Y.

Enclosed is Form 206 "Record of Physical Examination of Light Keeper or Assistant Light Keeper," addressed to the U.S. Public Health Service, requesting that you be given a physical examination, for the purpose of determining whether or not you are entitled to medical relief without charge at hospitals and other stations of the Public Health Service, pursuant to the Act of Congress, approved August 28, 1916. A copy of the provision contained in Said Act is quoted in District Circular Letter No. 187, dated May 21, 1917.

Under the terms thereof it will be necessary for you to submit to said examination and be found phtsically qualified before you will be entitled to the benefits provided for by the Act of August 28, 1916. As said benefits will be solely to your personal advantageit is to your interest to give this matter attention at the earliest opportunity.

After you have been given a physical examination by the medical officer designated on attached Form 206, said Form 206 will be returned to you by the medical officer. You will then send it to this office so that it may be recorded, after which it will be returned to you. The original copy of Form 206 will then be your property, and you are directed to preserve it and keep it in your posession for future reference.

The Assistant Keeper is to sign Form 206 where marked "A" and the keeper to sign where marked "B".

J. T. YATES

Superintendent.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

JHG

April 4,1925

Andrew Zuius, Jr., ...Keeper,
Old Orchard Shoal .....Lt.Sta.,
Great Kills, S.I., N. Y. .....

1. Furnish the information called for below in regard to Assistant Keeper Thurman I. Durfee and return this sheet to this office.

2. Be careful to see that the information given is accurate.

Born in (Country or State) Westerly Rhode Island.
Age 19
Height 5 feet 4½ inches
Weight, 144 pounds
Color of hair. Brown
Color of eyes Brown
Distinguishing marks Scar on forehead

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

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1. Returned to Superintendent, the information required having been inserted above.

Andrew Zuius Jr.
Keeper.

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FWO-JHG

Thurman I. Durfee,
56 Hamilton Avenue,
Groton, Connecticut

March 27,1925

SUBJECT: Position of 2nd Asst.Keeper,Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office March 16,1925.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated March 19,1925 appointing you to the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to report for duty at that station on April 1,1925. Transportation charges will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the keeper, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty. The name and address of the Keeper is Andrew Zuius,Jr., Great Kills, Staten Island, N. Y. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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FWO-JHG March 27,1925

1. Copy forwarded for his information, to the keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta. Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which Durfee reports for duty as 2nd Asst.Keeper.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 19, 1925.

Mr. Thurman I. Durfee,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 MAR 26 AM 10 21

Sir:

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

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Such appropriation to which under the provision of Section 5678 R. S. the duties performed may be properly chargeable.

Vice: Charles G. Parry

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

Form A-14 (See reverse side.) 11—6000

Groton Conn.
March. 17/25

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Supintenclent Sir

I received your letter of Mar. 16 1925. Stating that I had been nominated for appointment as 2nd asst at Old Orchard Shoal Lt Stat And am holding my self in readiness for same. And you also have my Correct adatress.

Signed
Thurman L Dunfee
56 Hamilton Ave,
Groton Conn.

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Thurman I. Durfee,
56 Hamilton Avenue,
Groton, Connecticut

March 16,1925

SUBJECT: Position of 2nd Asst.Keeper, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter March 12,1925.

1. Referring to your letter dated March 12,1925 stating you were willing to accept the position of 2nd Asst?Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station; you are advised you have to-day been nominated for appointment to this position, and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to hold yourself in readiness to report for duty as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be appointed to this position your services will probably be required about April 1,1925. Acknowledge receipt of this letter, and state whether or not above is your correct address.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWS-JHS

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 2nd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y., March 16, 1925 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, (Chr.Sec'y 2nd C.S.Dist.) Probationary appointment.

Name, Thurman I.Durfee

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper

Salary, $1320 p.a. *

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective April 1,1925 { the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position,

Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 85.0 , Other eligibles considered:

Harry M. Mott----C. Raymond A.Shaffer---C.

Previous incumbent, Charles C.Parry Services terminated, March 31,1925

Reason, Promoted (Nos.1 & 3 on eligible list will accept appointment only at certain specified stations.No.2 will accept appointment only at stations where family quarters are provided.

Members of family in Government Service one, father, Wm.H.Durfee,Keeper,Sakonnet Lt.Sta.

Date of birth, Jan.17,1906

Remarks: *This amount includes commutation of rations at 45¢ p.d.payable from General Expenses,Lighthouse Service.No employee of District desired transfer to this position.There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station.Mr.Geo.A.Zaius who is #4 on eligible list was not considered for this position as there are already 2 members of his family in the Govt. service.

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

J. T. Yates

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

[signature]

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

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Form 73

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y., March 16, 1925[19]
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Thurman I.Durfee — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary, $1320 p.a. *

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective April 1,1925 — {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, — Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 — Rating, Keeper — Percentage, 83.0 — , Other eligibles considered:

Harry M. Mott----C. Raymond A.Shaffer---C.

Previous incumbent, Charles G.Parry — Services terminated, March 31,1925

Reason, Promoted

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

J. T. Yates

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

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Staten Island, N. Y., March 11, 1925

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2nd Assistant
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., located off shore in New York Lower Bay

Total Compensation: $1320 per annum (~~which includes: Salary, $ per annum; bonus, $ per annum~~; and subsistence, ~~cents per day.~~)

~~**Longevity Pay:** In addition to the above keepers receive $ per annum, after years of continuous service, as longevity pay.~~

Quarters and Fuel: Quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station, but not for families of keepers. Family quarters can probably be rented on Staten Island
(State whether or not quarters are furnished for families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Necessary furniture will be supplied by the Government.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 96 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This is a letter of inquiry and not an offer of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

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

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

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

If selected, I can report for duty in.....days from to-day.

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

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

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

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

Similar letter to - A Cole 3/16

Name	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
T. J. Durfee —	A			
H. M. Mott —	A	Position..... Department or office.....		
R A Shaffer				
W M Probst —	B	Position..... Department or office.....		
E F Whitney				

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

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

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(Signature).....

Date..... (Post-office address).....

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FWO-JHG

March 12,1937

Miss Ruth Parks,
Little Compton,
Rhode Island.

Madam:-

SUBJECT: Thurman I. Durfee, employment.
REFERENCE: Your letter March 10,1937.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated March 10th,1937 relative to re-employment of Thurman I. Durfee, and in reply you are advised that Sakonnet Light Station is under the jurisdiction of the Superintendent of the Second Lighthouse District, 37 Marginal St., Chelsea, Mass., therefore this office has no information as to whether there are any vacancies or prospects of vacancies at that station.

2. In this District there are no vacancies or prospects of vacancies for which Mr.Durfee might be considered.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

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T. J. Durfee

Staten Island, N.Y., March 11, 1925 19

SUPT. LIGHTHOUSES

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2nd Asst. Keeper
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)
of Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta., located off shore in New York Lower Bay

Total Compensation: $ 1320 per annum (~~which includes: Salary, $ per annum; bonus, $ per annum; and subsistence, cents per day.~~)

~~**Longevity Pay:** In addition to the above keepers receive $ per annum, after years of continuous service, as longevity pay.~~

Quarters and Fuel: Quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station, but not for families of keepers. Family quarters can probably be rented on Staten Island.
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Necessary furniture will be supplied by the Government.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 96 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This is a letter of inquiry and not an offer of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

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

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

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

If selected, I can report for duty in 5 days from to-day.

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

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

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

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." Yes. If yes, state how many 1; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Wm. H. Durfee	Sakonet Pt. & Little Compton R.I.	Position Lighthouse Department Department or office	Father	Married
		Position Department or office		

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

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) Thurman I. Durfee

Date March 12/1925

(Post-office address) 56 Hamilton Ave.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

M. ...an I. Durfee,

...rough the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses.

You are advised that under the Welch Act your compensation ...s been changed as indicated below, effective July 1, 1928.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

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January 1, 1927.

Mr. Thurman I. Durfee,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 1, 1927.

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

[illegible] CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320 per annum.

To: $1380 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY - 3 - 1933
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

May 1, 1933.

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CHIEF CLERK

Secretary of Commerce:

In reference to Bureau indorsement of February 11, and the Department's informal request in connection therewith, there is herewith submitted a copy of the 3d Superintendent's letter of February 15 in regard to certain alleged rum running activities of former Lighthouse Keeper Thurman I. Durfee, whose separation it is noted was effected at the close of December 9, 1932.

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF
Incl.

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DIVISION OF PURCHASES AND SALES
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Copy

Department of Commerce
Lighthouse Service

General Depot
Office Superintendent of Lighthouses
3d District, Staten Island, N. Y.
February 15, 1933.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: Thurman I. Durfee, former first assistant keeper of Sakonnet Light Station, R. I.

REFERENCE: Bureau endorsement February 10, 1933.

1. All available information on the subject was forwarded with letter from this office of February 9th. According to the first information received on the subject, which was in the form of a telephone report to the Master of the Tender HAWTHORN from some member of the Coast Guard, the occurrence of arrest took place during the last week in October. Newspaper articles also referred to the seizure of the Steamer Malbo as having occurred during October. The report of the Coast Guard Service dated January 25th states that Mr. Durfee was arrested with the crew of the British Oil Screw Vessel Malbo, which would indicate that Mr. Durfee was either on or near the vessel at the time it was seized. This office has no information or evidence as to signals flashed from Sakonnet Light Station as referred to in newspaper articles. It is noted that the report of the Coast Guard Service makes no reference to such signals.

2. The first intimation on the subject was the receipt of report of December 27th from the Master of Tender Hawthorn based on a telephone report by a person representing himself to be a member of the Coast Guard, and of which report confirmation could not be obtained. This office was not aware of the fact that the former first assistant keeper of Sakonnet had been arrested with the crew of a British Vessel until about February 1st, and as the occurrence apparently took place during October, and as Mr. Durfee had terminated his employment in this Service on December 9th, it did not appear to be desirable to take further action in the matter since the man concerned had the status of a former employee.

(Sgd.) J. T.Yates,
Superintendent.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1933 FEB - 10 - AM 9:01

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
FEB 13 1933
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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

February 9, 1933

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Enclosed for the Bureau's information is a clipping from the New York Journal of February 8, 1933, which pertains to the indictment of a Thomas Durfee in connection with rum running. This news item apparently has reference to Thurman I. Durfee who was formerly employed as first assistant keeper at Sakonnet Light Station, Rhode Island, and who resigned effective December 9, 1932. In order that the Bureau may have all available information in the matter, the following correspondence is enclosed:

Copy of letter of December 27, 1932, from J. H. Kuhne, Master, Tender Hawthorn.
Copy of letter of January 5, 1933 and inclosures from J. H. Kuhne, Master, Tender Hawthorn.
Copy of letter of January 27, 1933 and inclosures from J. H. Kuhne, Master, Tender Hawthorn.
Copy of letter of January 28, 1933, addressed to Commander, Coast Guard Base 18, Woods Hole, Mass.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

RG:EMF
INC

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., February 11, 1933.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for information, it being noted that Keeper Thurman I. Durfee was separated from the Service by resignation effective December 9, 1932. The Bureau has requested the Superintendent to investigate this matter further, particularly with reference to obtaining information as to signals flashed from lighthouses in connection with the matter. {without prejudice

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

NEW YORK JOURNAL
FEBRUARY 8, 1933.

Lighthouse Man in Rum Link

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 8.—Light houses flashing secret signals to liquor smugglers is the latest in rum running. Thomas Durfee, assistant keeper of the Federal light at Sakonnet Point, was among a group of nine men under indictment today in the seizure of the alleged liquor-laden speedy cruiser Malbo, last October.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

HAWTHORN

December 27, 1932.

Superintendent,
Staten Island, N. Y.

The following is a report of a telephone conversation I had with the Warrant Officer in charge of the C.G. 283.

At 9:05 am the above mentioned officer called for me at the telephone stating that his Superior Officer had ordered him to advise me that the 1st Asst. Keeper of Sakonnet Lt. was caught running liquor and that another man got away. The first Asst. Sakonnet Lt. is now under a $2000.00 bond.

Asked when all this had taken place he replied the last week in October, when asked why this had not been reported sooner he told me that he just received orders to make the report.

I then told him that I would report the matter to you but that the expeditious and proper way is to report to the Supt. of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y. direct, he answered that his orders were to report to me for transmission to the proper officer.

/s/ John H. Kuhne
Master, L.H.S.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

HAWTHORN

January 5th, 1933

Superintendent,
Staten Island, N. Y.

Subject: My letter to the Superintendent dated Dec. 27, 1932.

Attached please find all correspondence pertaining to the matter referred to in my letter of the 27th of December last.

As soon as further information from Lt.Com. Patch, Woods Hole Base, or any other source, is received it will be immediately submitted to you.

/s/ John H. Kuhne
Master, L.H.S.



Tender HAWTHORN,
NEW LONDON, Connecticut

January 3, 1933.

Commander, Section Base 18,
U. S. Coast Guard,
WOODS HOLE, Mass.

Sir:-

At 9:05 a.m., December 27, 1932, I received a telephone message from a man who said he was the boatswain in charge of patrol boat CG-283, to the effect that the First Asst. Keeper on Sakonnet Light had been caught attempting to smuggle intoxicating liquors into the United States and at the present time was free under bonds of $2000. He further stated that he was making the report upon orders from his superior officers. When asked when the offense occurred and the name of the person apprehended he replied that the offense occurred some time in the latter part of last October but he did not know the name of the offender.

I immediately transmitted this report to the Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, New York, and he requested me to ascertain the name of the keeper by what U. S. Commissioner or Court he was allowed his liberty under bonds. In an effort to secure this information the matter was taken up with Captain Coyle and Lieutenant Jacobs of the local Coast Guard Base and the former advised me this date that he knew absolutely nothing about the matter and the officer-in-charge of patrol boat CG-283 denied having made such a report to the undersigned.

Captain Coyle suggested that I communicate with you to find out whether or not you know anything of the alleged offense. I will appreciate any information you may give me relative to this case, particularly the name of the first assistant keeper, the exact date of the offense, and the court which granted him liberty under bonds, together with schedule date of trial, or if already tried, disposition made of case by the Court.

Respectfully,

/s/ John H. Kuhne
J. H. KUHNE,
Master, HAWTHORN.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Coast Guard Cutter
WAYANDA

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Woods Hole, Massachusetts.

4 January, 1933.

Captain J. H. Kuhne,
Master, U.S.L.T. HAWTHORN,
New London, Connecticut.

Dear Captain Kuhne,

In reply to your letter of 3 January, 1933, in regard to an alleged offense of attempted smuggling of liquor by the First Assistant Keeper of Sakonnet Light in late October, 1932, I wish to inform you that I have no knowledge of this alleged offense.

However, I have requested an agent to make inquiry and upon receipt of information from him I will let you know the results.

Respectfully,

/s/ R. S. Patch
R. S. PATCH,
Lieutenant-Commander, U. S. Coast Guard,
Commander, Section Base Eighteen.



Tender HAWTHORN,
NEW LONDON, Connecticut.

January 5, 1933.

Lieut. Commander R. S. Patch,
Commander, Section Base 18,
U. S. Coast Guard,
WOODS HOLE, Mass.

Dear Commander Patch:-

I have your letter of the 4th inst., and am glad to note that you will investigate the matter concerning a report that the first assistant keeper at Sakonnet Light was arrested for rum running.

I appreciate your courtesy and cooperation very much and trust you will keep me informed of any new developments.

Respectfully,

/s/ John H. Kuhne
J. H. KUHNE,
Master, HAWTHORN.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

HAWTHORN

January 27th, 1933

Superintendent,

Staten Island, N. Y.

Subject: Keeper - Sakonnet Light.

Sir:

Attached please find letter from Lt.Comm. R. S. Patch, Commander, Base Eighteen, Woods Hole, Mass. relative to the matter discussed.

/s/ John H. Kuhne,
Master, L.H.S.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Coast Guard Cutter
WAYANDA

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Woods Hole, Massachusetts.

25 January, 1933.

Captain J. H. Kuhne,
Master, U. S. Lighthouse Tender "HAWTHORN",
New London, Connecticut.

Dear Sir:-

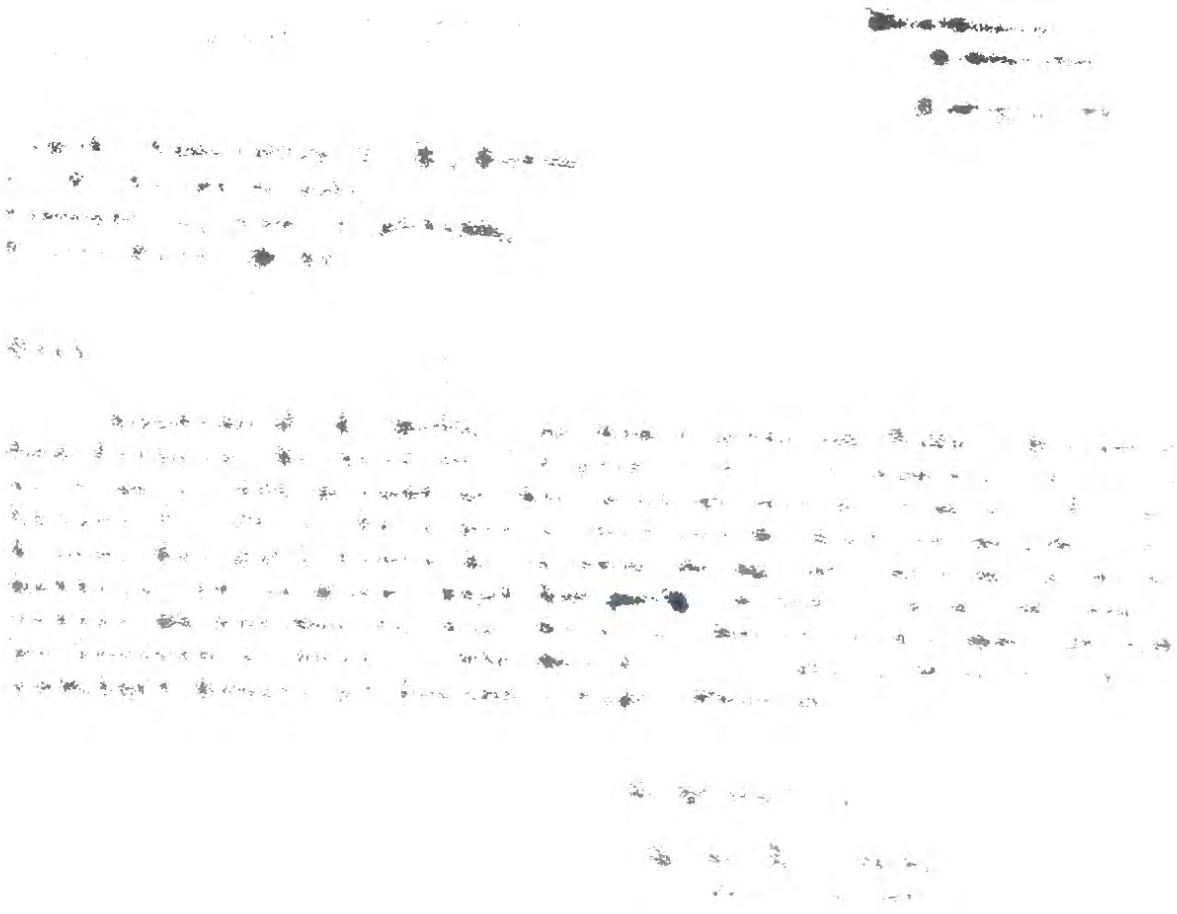
In reply to your letter of 3 January, 1933, I wish to inform you that I have obtained the following information from an agent in regard to the lightkeeper at Sakonnet Light.

The agent informs me that Thurman Bursee was arrested with the crew of the British Oil Screw Vessel "MALBO" which is an off-shore rum carrier, and was arraigned before the United States Commissioner in Providence, Rhode Island, and held in $2500.00 bail. At this point the authorities discovered who Thurman Bursee was. It is understood that he has resigned his post. The agent also informs me the subject man's father is principal keeper at Sakonnet Light.

I trust that this information is what you wish to obtain and if, at any future time, I may be of service to you kindly call upon me.

Respectfully,

/s/ R. S. PATCH
R. S. PATCH,
Lieut. Commander, U.S.C.G.,
Commander, Base Eighteen.



Form A-32

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

December 28, 1932.

Mr. Thurman I. Durfee,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department has accepted without prejudice, your resignation from the position designated below, effective at the close of business on December 9, 1932.

Bureau Lighthouse Service.

Position Keeper.

Allocation

Salary $1560 per annum.

Station Sakonnet Light Station, Rhode Island

By direction of the Secretary:

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Respectfully,

WM. J. GARDNER,

DEC 30 1932

Chief of Appointment Division.

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LIGHTHOUSES
NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

FWO-JHG

1932 DEC - 13 AM 9:12

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEC 21 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEC 20 AM 2:54
CHIEF CLERK

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island,N.Y., Dec. 10,1932 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Thurman I. Durfee Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Connecticut Station, Sakonnet Lt.Sta. & Sakonnet Bkw.Lt.,R.I.

Salary, $1560.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of Dec.9,1932.

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

Remarks:

12-21-32

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F.W.OCKENFELS
Asst. Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 20 1932

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending acceptance without prejudice. 11—4023

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
DEC 28 1932
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF
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Sakonnet Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

December 9, 1932

Sir:-

Please accept my resignation for December 9, 1932.

I am forwarding the letter dated Oct 3, 1932 sent to me Nov. 25, 1932 as requested.

Thurman I. Heyfee
1st asst. Kpr.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEC 21 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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1932 DEC-13- AM 9:10

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEC 27 1932
APPOINTMENT

Commissioner of Lighthouses

Dec.12,1932

SUBJECT: Transfer, Thurman I. Durfee, Keeper, from Sakonnet Lt.Sta.to Sayrbook Bkw.Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Department letter of appointment dated Oct.3,1932.

1. Department letter of Appointment, dated Oct. 3,1932, addressed to Thurman I Durfee, re his transfer from the position of 1st Assistant Keeper of Sakonnet Light Station, Rhode Island, to Keeper of Saybrook Breakwater Light Station, Connecticut, is returned herewith for cancellation, as Mr.Durfee has tendered his resignation, effective at the close of December 9,1932. – at Sakonnet L.S.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F.W.OCKENFELS
Asst. Superintendent

Cancellation of transfer from Sakonnet L.S. to Saybrook L.S.

Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington December 20, 1932

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for cancellation for the reason stated by the Superintendent, Mr. Durfee's resignation being separately submitted this date.

12-21-32

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For the Commissioner:

Incl
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Chief of Personnel Division

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 10 1932
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COMMERCE DEPARTMENT

October 3, 1932.

Mr. Thurman I. Durfee,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty (change of station and duties).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1560 per annum.

To: $1380 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

Cancelled

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

October 5, 1932.

Mr. Thurman I. Durfee,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrence on duty (change of station and duties).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1560 per annum.

To: $1380 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSES 1932 SEP-21-AM 9:32

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SEP 27 1932 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OCT -3 1932 APPOINTMENT

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT

Staten Island, N.Y., Sept. 20, 1932, 19
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer (mutual)

Name, Thurman I. Durfee

Position, Keeper End. 4/10/25

Location, Saybrook Bkw.Lt.Sta., Conn.

Effective, Oct.1,1932

Legal residence, Connecticut

Proposed salary, $1380 p.a.

Proposed range, $1380-$1740 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

Former position, Keeper (1st Asst)

Location, Sakonnet Lt.Sta. & Sakonnet Bkw.Lt. R.I.

Former salary, $1560 p.a.

Former range, $1500-$1860 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Samuel L. Fuller (Lt.#1653) Services terminated, Sept.30,1932

Reason, Transferred (Salary $1620 p.a.) Pending - recom. herewith.

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

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

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

9-27-32

Secretary, Civil Service District.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 26, 1932

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, inviting attention to separate nomination in the case of Keeper Samuel L. Fuller. Justification form in the case of Keeper Durfee is also attached.

Action O.K.

Adm Asst. to Secy

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN OCT 8 1932 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
LIGHTHOUSES

1932 SEP - 21 - AM 9 : 33

THIRD DISTRICT

Sahonnet
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 6, 1927

Superintendent

Sir

Please Consider me as Keeper for. Stations named below

Barber Point, N.Y.
Black Rock, Conn.
Bristol Ferry, R.I.
Chapel Hill, N.J.
Coney Island, N.Y.
Conover Beacon, N.J.
Crown Point, N.Y.
Cumberland Head, N.Y.
Elm Tree Beacon, N.Y.
Hereford Inlet, N.J.
Horton Point N.Y.
Indiana Beach N.J.
New Dorp Bcn, N.Y.
Point Au. Roche, N.Y.
Point Comfort Bcn., N.J.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

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(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 6, 1927

Princess Bay, N.Y.
Sands Point, N.Y.
Sandy Hook, N.J.
Sangerties, N.Y.
Saybrook Bkw. Conn.
Saybrook Lynde Pt. Conn.
Sea Girt, N.J.
Split Rock, N.Y.
Stoney Point, N.Y.
Stuyvesant, N.Y.
Thaogs Neck, N.Y.
Waackaack, N.J.
Windmill Point, N.Y.

Thurman V. Dunfee
1st asst

Signed Wm. H. Dunfee
Keeper.

Position No. _____

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Justification for Filling Vacancy under Authority of the Act Approved June 30, 1932.

Bureau or Office: Lighthouses, 3rd District, Staten Island, N.Y.

Position: Keeper

Compensation: $1380-1740 Range

Location: Saybrook Bkw. Lightstation, Conn.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Date of Vacancy: Transfer of incumbent pending

Justification:

The position of Keeper of Saybrook Breakwater Light station is the sole position authorized for the care and maintenance of the light and fog signal. To permit this position to remain vacant would necessitate the discontinuance of the light and fog signal which would obviously be detrimental to the safety of shipping, and in order to safeguard life and property authorization for the filling of the position is recommended.

This vacancy arises through the necessity of disciplinary action in the case of another keeper, as a result of which two keepers will exchange positions, one keeper receiving a demotion and another a promotion, the net effect of the transaction being an economy of $60 per annum.

Justification not required since this is considered to be a reallocation downward

Approved:

Secretary of Commerce.

Recommended by:

W. P. Harman

W. P. HARMAN
(Head of Bureau or Office)
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Form 38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

December 30, 1930

M. Thurman I. Durfee

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 1, 1931.

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. I. CAT[illegible]

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1500

To: $1560

Service and grade Range $1440-1800

Appropriation (unit): Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

3d District.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

Mr. [illegible],

Through the Chief, Bureau of [illegible].

Sir:

You are advised that under the Welch Act your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective July 1, 1928.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1200

To: $1500

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
JUL 2 1928
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Form A-88

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

January 1, 1927.

Mr. Thurman I. Durfee,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 1, 1927.

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320 per annum.

To: $1380 per annum.

JAN 12 1927

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

APPROVED BY THE ACTING SECRETARY 1/12/27

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JAN 13 1927 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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(SIGNED)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3d DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND

Feb. 24, 1926.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: Effective date of changes in personnel in 3rd District.
REFERENCE: Department letter of May 19, 1918.

1. The Bureau is advised that the effective dates of recent changes in the personnel of the Third Lighthouse District, are as follows:-

NAME	POSITION	SALARY	NATURE OF CHANGE	LETTER DATE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Daniel A. Sullivan	Keeper	$1440 p.a.	Transfer	1-25-1926	2-16-1926
William O. Chapel	do	$1500 p.a.	Promottion	1-25-1926	2-16-1926
Thurman I. Durfee	do	$1320 p.a.	Transfer	1-29-1926	2-16-1926
Arthur W. Blish	do	$1380 p.a.	Transfer	1-29-1926	2-16-1926

/s/ J. YATES

See file of Fred B. White for original letter dated February 24, 1926.

See file of George Doige - letter from Supt of 3rd District to Lighthouses dated 12/24/25, giving effedtive dates of recent change:

Name	Position	Salary	Nature of Change	Letter Date	Effective Date
Andrew A. McLintock	Keeper	$1440 p.a.	Promotion	12/3/25	12/30/25
Thurman I. Durfee	"	1380 "	"	12/10/25	12/21/25

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 29, 1926.

Mr. Thurman I. Durfee,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1380 per annum to $ 1320 per annum, effective February 16, 1926, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

JAN 28 1926

Chief of Appointment Division.

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LIGHTHOUSES

1926 JAN 28 AM 9 05

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. Jan. 27, 1926 19
(City.) (Date.)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JAN 29 1926 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, Thurman I. Durfee

Position, Keeper

Location, Sakonnet Lt.Sta. and Sakonnet Bkw.Lt., R.I.

Effective Feb. 16, 1926

Legal residence, Connecticut

Salary $1320 p.a. (Pay Range ($1320 to ($1560 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

Former position, Keeper

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., R.I.

Former salary, $1380 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, Arthur W. Blish Services terminated, Feb. 15, 1926

Reason, Transferred (Salary $1320 p.a.)

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth,

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JAN 30 1926 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JAN 28 1926

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPROVED:

ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Inclosure

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

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LIGHTHOUSES
1926 JAN 28 AM 9 05

Old Orchard L.H. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Great Kills Jan 20, 1926
Staten Island
N.Y.

Supt. of Lighthouses

Through the Keeper

Dear Sir

I respectfully wish to ask if I can transfer with Asst Keeper Luther Blish of Sakonnet Lt. Sta. Little Compton R.I. as he is willing to transfer with me if it can be done as I do not care to stay at this station.

Respectfully.

COD 4-1-25

Thurman L. Dunfee
Asst Keeper

Andrew Jennings Jr.
Keeper.

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 10, 1925.

Mr. Thurman I. Durfee,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1320 per annum to $ 1380 per annum, effective December 21, 1925, or upon entrance on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) [illegible]

Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

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

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Thurman I. Durfee — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary, $1380 p.a. (Salary Range $1380 to $1620 p.a.)

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective Dec. 21,1925 {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $1320 p.a.

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, Charles G. Parry — Services terminated, Dec.20,1925

Reason, Resigned (Salary $1380 p.a.)

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth,

Remarks:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NO OBSSARY
ACTION TAKEN
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

J. F. Yates Actg.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 9 - 1925

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

H. B. Bowerman

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE.
(This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service.)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AU 28 25
DIVISION

3rd Lighthouse District
Staten Island, N.Y.
(Bureau)

August 27,1925
(Date)

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

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on September 30,1925, 192 .

The conduct and capacity of this employee has been ~~~~~~~~satisfactory* and (he) (~~she~~) is ~~~~nonsidered qualified for absolute appointment.

Name Thurman I. Durfee

Position Keeper

Salary $1320 per annum

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Station Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Date of entrance on duty April 1,1925

Remarks:

AUG 28 1925

J. Yates
(Signature of immediate superior.)
Supt. 3rd Lighthouse Dist.

SUBMITTED:

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.
(Head of Bureau or Office.)

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

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

3d Asst

LIGHTHOUSES

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PERSONAL HISTORY

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

Bureau, division, or office Department of Commerce - Lighthouse Service

326 S. Ridge Ave. Oakland Cal.

1. Name in full I. Surman I. Durfee

2. Legal (voting) residence ~~Westerly~~ 2nd Dist. New London Groton
(State and Congressional District) (County) (City or town)

3. Where born? Westerly R.I. town When born? Jan 18, 1907
(State or foreign country) (City or town) (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien ✓

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Organization .....

Enlisted ..... Discharged ✓.....

Organization .....

8.

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

9. State special qualifications Seaman

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

Wm. H. Durfee (Name) Father (Relationship)

Lashonet Point Little Compton R.I. (Post office address)

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

I. Surman I. Durfee
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

April 1, 1925 (Date)

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Present address Great Kills Staten Island
Old Orchard Shore N.Y.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Thurman I. Durfee

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.

I Thurman I Durfee

(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 31st day of March, A. D. 19 25

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (*Name*) [illegible]

(*Official title*) NOTARY PUBLIC RICHMOND COUNTY

My commission expires March 1, 1927

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$1320 p.a.	Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta., N.Y.
Former[5]		

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

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District

Staten Island, N.Y. (Address), April 10, 1925 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on April 1, 1925 (Date)

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U. S. REPORT DATE

Supt. of Lighthouses 3rd Dist.

(Signature, followed by title)

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

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

[3] The oath may be taken any time on or after the effective date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a superintendent of lighthouses or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of superintendent of lighthouses and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.

[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.

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

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

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 19, 1925.

M F. Thurman I. Durfee,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

RECEIVED MAR 26 1925

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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

Vice: Charles G. Parry

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

(See reverse side.)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y., March 16, 1925 19
(City.) (Date.)

MAR 19 1925 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Thurman I. Durfee — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary, $1320 p.a. *

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta., N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective April 1, 1925 { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty, or~~ as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, — Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 83.0, Other eligibles considered:
Harry M. Mott----C. Raymond A. Shaffer---C.

Previous incumbent, Charles G. Parry Services terminated, March 31, 1925

Reason, Promoted (Nos. 1 & 3 on eligible list will accept appointment only at certain specified stations. No. 2 will accept appointment only at stations where family quarters are provided.

Members of family in Government Service one, father, Wm. H. Durfee, Keeper, Sakonnet Lt. Sta.

Date of birth, Jan. 17, 1906

Remarks: *This amount includes commutation of rations at 45¢ p.d. payable from General Expenses, Lighthouse Service. No employee of District desired transfer to this position. There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station. Mr. Geo. A. Zuius who is #4 on eligible list was not considered for this position as there are already 2 members of his family in the Govt. service.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, March 17, 1925

3/19/25 G. A. Parkes Assistant
Secretary, 2nd Civil Service District.

J. T. Skees Adv.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAR 18 1925

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPROVED:
J. Walter Drake
ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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