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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
Gibbon, John,W.St.G.		1875 Canada

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: 1951 LA

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 (LA/MS)		
From: 1909	To: 1918	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Time Out:

Final Return:

John H. St. G. Gibbon

STATE FROM WHICH APPOINTED
Miss.

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STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	OFFICE, BUREAU, OR DIVISION	DATE APPOINTED
A. K. South Pass Jetty, La.	$450	Light-House	May 2, 1906
A. K. Asst Pass East Jetty L.S. Etc, La.	$4½ per pm	"	July 1, 1908
Keeper Horn Isl L-S Miss	$52.	"	July 20, 1909
" " " " "	$624.	"	Aug. 1, 1912
" Head of Passes L.S. etc. La suspended from duty 90 days eff. date to be reported.	$720.	"	July 15, 1914.
Removed Clerk			July 3, 1918.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

File No. 9407. LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

Washington 28 April 1906.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED APR 30 1906 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED APR 30 1906 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

The Board has the honor to ask the probationary appointment of Mr. John W. St.G. Gibbon, of Mississippi, as Assistant Keeper at South Pass Jetty, La., Light-Station, with pay at the rate of $450 a year, to date from 1 May, '06, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty, in the place of Mr. Jeremiah Rightmyer, resigned. Mem 12/06.

Mr. Gibbon has passed the required Civil Service examination and received a rating of 89.4 per cent in Class Four.

The Board begs to invite attention to another letter of this date, requesting the removal of the names of Messrs. A. W. Loveland and John Weber, from the eligible list of Assistant Keepers, Class Four, Eighth Light-House District, who were offered this position by the Inspector of the District.

Respectfully,

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Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

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3rd on eligible list.

Considered with:

John Weber,

Elbert W. Loveland,

8th Insps. D.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS APPOINTMENT WRITTEN MAY 1 1906 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT—WITHOUT FIXED DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

[illegible], 1906.

Mr. John B. Stetson, Jr. of Mississippi, having qualified under the civil-service regulations, is hereby appointed Assistant Keeper of [illegible], in the Light-House Service, Louisiana, with compensation at the rate of One Hundred and Fifty dollars per annum, for a probationary period of six months, effective beginning May 1, 1906, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. (vice Jeremiah Hightmyer.)

Retention in the service after the expiration of probationary period shall be equivalent to absolute appointment.

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

CARDED.

CHANGE REPORTED MAY — 1906 C. S. COMMISSION.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS REPORTED MAY 2 1906 TO DISBURSING CLERK OF DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Laurence L. Murray
Assistant Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

(See copy-following)

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT—WITHOUT FIXED DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 1, 1906.

Mr. John W. St. G. Gibbon, of Mississippi, having qualified under the civil-service regulations, is hereby appointed Assistant Keeper of the South Pass Jetty Light Station, Louisiana., in the Light-House Service, with compensation at the rate of Four Hundred and Fifty dollars per annum, for a probationary period of six months, effective beginning May 1, 1906, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. (vice Jeremiah Rightmeyer.)

Retention in the service after the expiration of probationary period shall be equivalent to absolute appointment.

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

CHANGE REPORTED MAY — 1906 C. S. COMMISSION.

(Signed) Lawrence O. Murray,

Assistant Secretary. G.W.L.

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(Copy of blurred press copy)

The Light-House Board.

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OATH OF OFFICE.

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, John W. H. G. Gibbon,

do solemnly[a] Swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: **So help me God.**

John W. H. G. Gibbon.

[b] Sworn and subscribed before me,
this 11 day of May, A. D. 1906

[c] Name George W. Delesdernier

Official title Justice of the Peace

Affix official seal.

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Asst Keeper	South Pass Jetty, Louisiana.	Canada.	Mississippi.

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

In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

Light House Board,
Entered upon duty.
Date May 21 1906.

CARDED.

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E. B. Johnson
Chief Clerk.

S.W.B.

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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 10, 1904.

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

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

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Geo. B. Cortelyou

Secretary.

PART I.

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

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

2. How do you write your name on the pay roll? John W. St. G. Gibbons.

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

City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.
Pascagoula.	Mississippi.	Jackson.	

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

5. Where were you born? Ontario. Canada.

6. When were you born?

Month.	Day.	Year.
June	First.	1874.

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

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

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
A. Gibbons.	half brother.	Com'l Fisheries.	Light House.	2nd Assistant.

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

Asst Light House Keeper. March 1. 1906.

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

No.

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

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

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

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

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

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

Fisherman.

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

Public school.

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

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

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

Yes.

19. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled May 11th, 1906.

(Signature) John W. St. G. Gibbons.

Witness:

P. O. Address: Port Eads. City or town.

In case signature is by mark.

Number and street.

Louisiana. State or Territory.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded May 1st, 1906.

(Signature) James A. Deans Comdr. U.S.N.

(Official title) Inspector 8th Light House District. G.W.V.

PART II.

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

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

Light House Bureau of Service. South Pass Jetty La. Ho. Sta. Place (city, town, or station). Eighth District.

2. To what position has he been appointed? Assistant Keeper South Pass Jetty La. Ho. Sta.

3. State the date of appointment. May 1. 1906.

4. State the date the appointee or employee entered on duty. May 2d 1906.

5. What is his salary? $720.00 per annum.

6. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries of Keepers of Light Houses

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

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

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

By Examination. June 1st. Assistant Light House Keeper

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

(Signature) James A. Deans Comdr. U.S.N.

Date: May 1st, 1906. (Official title) Inspector 8th Light House District. G.W.V.

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED AUG 27 1908 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Office of the Inspector, 8th L. H. Dist.,
New Orleans, La.,
August 10, 1908.
(Date)

The Light-House Board,
Washington, D. C.

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) increase in pay
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)
of (2) John W. StG. Gibbon No eff. of (3) Mississippi
(Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) (State of legal residence)
from (4) Assistant Keeper
(Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (5) South Pass Jetty Light-Station, La.,
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
at (6) $450 a year to (7) Assistant Keeper (See correct title below)
(Salary now paid) (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (8) South Pass East & West Jetties & South Pass Front Lts., La. at
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
(9) $42.50 a month, effective beginning (10) July 1, 1908 (the date
(Salary recommended)
of his entrance on duty) (~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~)
(Strike out the clause not appropriate)
in the place of (11) -----
(State name of *last* person holding position)
who (12) (increase in pay) on (13)
(Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) (Last day of service)
Mr. (14) stands No. (15) in list of eligibles,
This increase is recommended in accordance with the report of the
Class (16), with an average of (17) per cent, and
Committee on Equalization of Pay, approved June 25, 1908.
was considered with (18)

(19) letters of declination of herewith.

Respectfully,

8-27-08

J. L. Purcell Comdr., U.S.N.,
Inspector 8th L.H.District.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

9407 AUGUST 26, 1908.

Approved, and respectfully forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor. The correct title should be Assistant Keeper of South Pass East Jetty Light-Station, South Pass West Jetty and South Pass Range Front Lights, La.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED AUG 27 1908 TO APPOINTMENTS DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS APPOINTMENT WRITTEN AUG 27 1908 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

9407

August 27, 1908.

Mr. John W. St.G. Gibbon, of Mississippi, is hereby appointed Assistant Keeper of South Pass East Jetty Light-Station, South Pass West Jetty and South Pass Range Front Lights, Louisiana,

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Forty-two and 50/100 dollars per month,

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

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

(By promotion from Assistant Keeper of South Pass Jetty Light-Station, Louisiana, $ 450 per annum.)

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Acting Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190

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The Light-house Board.
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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED SEP 30 1908 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

No. 9407

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, John W. St. G. Gibbon,

do solemnly[a] swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

John W. St. G. Gibbon.

[b] Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 16 day of Sept., A. D. 1908

(Affix official seal here.)

[c](Name:) Josiah Gross

(Official title:) Notary Public

Official Title.	Name of Station.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Assistant Keeper.	South Pass E. Jetty, South Pass W. Jetty, South Pass Range Front, La.	Canada.	Mississippi.

$42.50 mo.

CARDED

Office of the Inspector, 8th Light-House District,

New Orleans, La., (Address.) September 17, 1908. (Date.)

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

(Signed:) J. H. Purcell

Commander, U. S. N.,
Inspector 8th L. H. District.

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

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

[c] This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

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

NOTE CAREFULLY.

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

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

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

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Office of the Inspector, 8th L. H. Dist.,
New Orleans, La.,
July 6, 1909.
(Date)

The Light-House Board,
Washington, D. C.

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) transfer & promotion
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)
of (2) John W. StG. Gibbon 1909 - 1 to E. 01 of (3) Mississippi
(Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) (State of legal residence)
from (4) Assistant Keeper
(Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (5) South Pass East Jetty Light-Station, South Pass West Jetty and South Pass Range Front Lights, Louisiana,
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
at (6) $ 42.50 a mo. to (7) Keeper
(Salary now paid) (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (8) Horn Island, Miss., light-station at
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
(9) $ 52 a month, effective beginning (10) July 16, 1909, ~~(the date of his entrance on duty)~~ (or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty)
(Salary recommended) (Strike out the clause not appropriate)
in the place of (11) Charles A. Johnson
(State name of *last* person holding position)
who (12) was dismissed on (13) June 8, 1909.
(Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) (Last day of service)
Mr. (14) Gibbon stands No. (15) 7 ~~on list of eligibles,~~
on seniority list of Assistant Keepers. Four of those ahead of him
Class (16) ____, with an average of (17) ____ per cent, and
have declined this position, no answer received from one who is
was considered with (18) ____
also likely to decline, and another will be selected for a position
(19) letters of declination of ____ herewith.
at Southwest Pass Light-Station.

Respectfully,

W. W. Witzel
Comdr. U.S.N., Rtd.
Inspector 8th L.H. District.

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

July 9, 1909.

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

Jno. M. Carey
Lt. Col., Corps of Engineers, U.S.A.,
Engineer Secretary.

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

This letter is returned for correction of items Nos. ____

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July 12, 1909.

Mr. John W. St. C. Gibbon Miss.

Keeper of Horn Island Light-Station, Mississippi,

Light-House Service.

Fifty-two

July 16, 1909.

month

(vice Charles A. Johnson.)

(By transfer from Assistant Keeper of South Pass East Jetty Light-Station, South Pass West Jetty and South Pass Range Front Lights, Louisiana, at $42.50 per month.)

CARDED.

Acting

The Light House Board.

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OATH OF OFFICE

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Enclosure

I, John W. St. G. Gibbon,

do solemnly[a] swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

John W. St. G. Gibbon.

[b] Sworn and subscribed before me, this 23d day of July, A. D. 1909

(Affix official seal here.)

[c](Name:) Chas. E. Chibbey

(Official title:) Notary Public

Official Title.	Name of Station.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Keeper.	Horn Island Light-Station, Miss.	Canada.	Mississippi.

$52 a month.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Office of the Inspector 8th Light-House District,

New Orleans, La. (Address.), July 28, 1909. (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on July 20, 1909. (Date.)

(Signed:) W. M. Witzel

Commander, U.S.N., Retd.,
Inspector, 8th L.-H. District.

CARDED.

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

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

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

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Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

1. Bureau Light-House Establishment. 2. Where employed South Pass E. Jetty Lt.-Sta. & South Pass W. Jetty & South Pass Range Front Lights, La.
3. Name John W. St. G. Gibbon. 4. Where born Canada.
5. Age 35 6. Position Assistant Keeper.
7. Compensation $42.50 pm. 8. When appointed (*a*) May 2, 1906.
9. How appointed (*b*) Through Civil-Service Examination. O. R.
10. Appointed from — State Mississippi. Congressional District Sixth. County Jackson.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified Competitive.
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service None.
14. Duties (describe fully) Assists in exhibition of lights, operation of bell fog-signal, and care of dwelling and government property.
15. Efficiency — Quantity of work (*d*) 10/10. Quality of work (*e*) Excellent. Interest manifested in work (*f*) Excellent.
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (*g*)

CAPTAIN, U. S. N.
NAVAL SECRETARY

A. M. Mitzel Comdr., U.S.N., Retd.,
Inspector, 8th L.-H. District, *Head of Bureau or Office.*

June 7, 1909.

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READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

L-J.

New Orleans, La.
May 12, 1911.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

1. Name John W. St.G. Gibbon. 2. Age 37. (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau of Lighthouses. 4. Position Keeper.

5. Compensation $624 p.a. 6. Where employed Horn Island Light House, Miss.

7. When appointed (*a*) May 2, 1906. 8. How appointed (*b*) Through Civ. Ser. Exam.

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

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.

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

12. Other Government service None.

13. Duties (describe fully) Exhibits 4th-order light; cares for dwelling and Government property; renders necessary reports and returns. Station is extremely isolated and is reached by boat.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? Yes. If so, state them Writes an intelligent letter.

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	100	2	200
Quality of work	100	3	300
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	100	3	300
Attendance		2	
Total		8 10x	800
Average percentage			100

RECEIVED JUN 1 1911 DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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

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

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

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

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

20. Remarks: (e) One of the deserving keepers in the district.

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

Inspector.

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

G. P. Putnam

Chief of Bureau or Office.

T.S.C.

11—4259

Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

TJC-EFS

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES JUN 28 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., June 25, 1912

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Change in Appointment.

Name, John W. St G. Gibbon Legal residence, Mississippi

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service Salary, $624 per annum, Appropriation "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses, 1913".

Location, Horn Island Light Station, Miss.

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

Former position, Keeper Former salary, $52 p.m.

Location, Horn Island Light Station, Miss.

Rank in list of eligibles, ---------- Rating, ---------- Percentage, ----------

Other eligibles considered, ----------

Letters of declination inclosed, ----------

Previous incumbent, ---------- Services terminated, ----------

Reason, ----------

Remarks:

Appointment to read "In the Lighthouse Service", and monthly pay changed to annual.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector:

Conway

Chief Clerk.

7/5/12 MCG

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES JUL 1 1912

WASHINGTON

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

11—2314

APPOINTMENT DIVISION APPOINTMENT WRITTEN JUL 10 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Fitz Putnam

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

July 10, 1912.

Mr. John W. St. G. Gibbon,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

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

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

(By change from $52 per month.)

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED JUL 11 1912 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) R. O. SHELSE

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Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Mississippi.

Not to be reported to C. S. C.

11—3692

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES AUG 3 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

OFFICE DISBURSING RECEIVED AUG 7 1912 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Carded in the Disbursing Office

I, - - - - - - - - John W. St G. Gibbon - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

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.

John W. St G. Gibbon
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 20th day of July, A. D. 1912

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) W. M. Lemmy Jr.

(Official title) Notary Public.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Keeper in the Lighthouse Service Change in appointment from Keeper at $52.00	$624. p. a.	Horn Island Light Station, Miss. of Horn Island Light Station, Miss per month.

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Eighth District

CARDED.

New Orleans, La., (Address) August 1, 1912. (Date)

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

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED AUG 7 1912 G DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

R B Dorroh
(Signature, followed by title)
Inspector.

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

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

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

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

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

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CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED MAR 5 1913 COMMERCE AND LABOR

CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED TO MAR 5 1913 APPTS. COMMERCE AND LABOR

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR
Lighthouse Service

Office of Inspector, 8th L.H. District

New Orleans, La., February 25, 1913.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To Keepers of Lighthouses, 8th District.

APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED MAR 6 - 1913 COMMERCE AND LABOR

In accordance with the instructions on pages 163 and 164 of the Regulations, you are informed that the following named Keepers of Light Stations in the 8th District have been commended for general efficiency and neatness of the station and personnel under their charge, during the quarter ended Dec. 31, 1912:--

John W. St.G. Gibbon, Keeper, Horn Island Light Station, Miss., Niels Nilson, Keeper, Round Island Light Station, Miss., Peter Clarisse, Keeper, Ship Island Light Station, Miss., Albert Sommer, Keeper, Biloxi Harbor Lights, Miss., Mrs. Maria Younghans, Keeper, Biloxi Light Station, Miss., Joseph Swain, Keeper, Merrill Shell Bank Light Station, Miss., Sydney Gibbon, Keeper, Chandeleur Light Station, La., Ralph Gordon, Keeper, Head of Passes Light Station, La.

B. B. DORRY

Inspector 8th Lighthouse District.

Copy respectfully furnished the
Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector:

(Signed) CONWAY
Chief Clerk.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
March 3-1913.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce and Labor for his information.

Conway
Acting Commissioner.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

TJC-WB

LIGHT JUN 18 1914 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., June 16, 1914
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK JUN 18 1914

APPOINTMENT DIVISION APPOINTMENT WRITTEN JUN 18 1914 DEPT OF COMMERCE

Action recommended, Transfer, promotion and appointment.

Name, John W. St. G. Gibbon Ef. 100. Legal residence, Mississippi.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $720 per annum.

Location, Head of Passes L.S., Head of Passes E.& W. Jetty, Depot Point and Franks Crossing Lights, La. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective July 1, 1914 ~~the date of his appointment, or~~ as soon thereafter as he enters on duty 1015

Former position, Keeper Former salary, $624 per annum.

Location, Horn Island Light Station, Miss.

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

- -

Previous incumbent, Ralph Gordon Removed 6-19-14 Services terminated, **not yet determined.**

Reason, Recommended for transfer to Port Eads Lighthouse Depot, La., as Keeper.

Relatives in Government Service, - - - - -

Remarks:

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Inspector.

6-19-14

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUN 18 1914

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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

11—2314

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

June 19, 1914.

Mr. John W. St. C. Gibbon,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from keeper at $624 per annum.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUN 20 1914 ON JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

C-H

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Ralph Gordon.

Legal Residence: Mississippi.

CHANGE REPORTED

JUL 1914

U. S. COMMISSION.

11—3692

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, JUL 13 1914 DIST.
LIGHTHOUSES AUG 3 1914
CHIEF CLERK AUG 5 1914
APPOINTMENTS AUG 15 1914

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, John W. St. G. Gibbon

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.

John W. St. G. Gibbon.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 10th day of July, A. D. 1914

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) W. C. Havens Clerk Circuit

(Official title) Court Jackson County, Miss.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Keeper in the Light-house Service Present	$720 p.a.	Head of Passes L.S., and Head of Passes E.& W. Jetty Lts. and Depot Point and Franks Crossing Lts., La.
Keeper in the Light-house Service Former	$624 p.a.	Horn Island Light Station, Miss.

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

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CARDED.

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 8th District

New Orleans, La., August 1, 1914.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on July 15, 1914.
(Date)

R R Dorry
(Signature, followed by title)
Inspector.

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

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

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

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

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

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

11—944

NOV 6 1915

Sir:

Referring to report of the service rendered by you during the trying conditions caused by the hurricane of September 28 and 29, 1915, in maintaining the lights under your charge, and in making temporary repairs, you are commended for the service rendered by you on that occasion, which fact will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Secretary.

Mr. John W. St.G. Gibbon, Keeper,
Head of Passes Light Station, etc., La.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.)

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LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files. WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Exact copy as signed by

Mailed NOV 8 - 1915 by

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NOV 24 1915

APPOINTMENTS
NOV 24 1915

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on October 9, 1915, to the crew of the gasoline launch SHIRLEY, which was disabled in Southwest Pass, Louisiana, you are commended for the assistance rendered in that occasion, which fact will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Secretary.

Mr. John W. St.G. Gibbon, Keeper,
Head of Passes Light Station, etc., La.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.)

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files WILLIAM C. REDFIELD.

Exact copy as signed by

Mailed NOV 24 1915 by

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APPOINTMENTS
DEC 5 1917

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of report of the damage caused by the hurricane of September 28, 1917, and takes pleasure in commending you for prompt action in recovering Government property and making temporary repairs after the storm. The fact that you have been commended will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Secretary.

Mr. John W. St.G. Gibbon, Keeper,
Head of Pauses Light Station, Etc., La.
(Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses)

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files

Exact copy as signed by WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Mailed DEC 5 - 1917 by RSW

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USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.
FORM 8.

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

MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.

RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

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

Gibbon, John W. St. G.

2. Department:

Commerce

3. Bureau, office, or service:

Lighthouse

4. Designation of position:

Keeper

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

Care light and govt. property

6. Annual earnings:

$720

7. Kind of appropriation:

LS

8. Present rate of pay:

$ AS

9. Initial rate of pay:

$ 600 PA

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

Substitute—		Regular—	
Years:	Months:	Years:	Months:
		10	6

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

Canada

12. Race:

W

13. Sex:

M

14. Date of birth—

Month: June

Year: 1875

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

E6; H3

16. Marital condition:

S

17. War veteran?

No

18. Appointed from—

Congressional district and State: 6 Miss.

County: Jackson

19. Civil service status:

C

20. Method by which classified status was obtained:

CE

21. Place of employment—

City: Pilot Town

State: La.

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

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(Copy)

McC.

Set inclosures.

May 27, 1918.

Subject: Eighth Inspector's letter May 21,1918, Keeper, Head of Passes L.S., and 2d asst. keeper, Bolivar Point L.S., charges.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending suspension of John W. St. C. Gibbon, keeper, Head of Passes Light Station, etc., La., and Christian T. Thomasen, second assistant keeper, Bolivar Point Light Station, Tex.

The Bureau also recommends that a copy of the Inspector's report be transmitted to the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, for such action as may be deemed appropriate, and that, if this recommendation be approved, the Bureau be authorized to transmit the information directly to the Bureau of Investigation, with request that this Bureau be advised at the proper time of the result of the investigation.

There is inclosed, with request that it be returned to the Bureau, original of Department letter of May 3, 1918, addressed to Mr. H. M. Brutt, New Orleans, La., which has been received back from the postal authorities undelivered, as explained on attached envelope.

It is further recommended that the Bureau be authorized to direct the Inspector to defer suspending these men until the Bureau of Investigation shall have reported the results of its findings, this method of procedure being considered advisable in order that future action by the Lighthouse Service may not in any way embarrass or interfere with the investigation of the Department of Justice.

It is recommended that the accompanying papers be returned to this office when their purpose at the Department shall have been served.

(SIGNED) J. S. Conway
Acting Commissioner

Approved:

Acting Secretary.

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Exact copy as signed by

Mailed by Clifford Hastings.

C
R

Chief of Appointment Division.

May 28, 1918.

Sir:

Upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, the Department has suspended you from duty, for a period not to exceed ninety days from a date to be fixed by the Bureau and reported to the Department, pending the disposition of charges of misconduct.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. John W. St. G. Gibbon,
Through the Commission of Lighthouses.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAY 28 1918 IN JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Set inclosures

July 9, 1918.

Subject: 8th Supt's letter, July 5,1918, etc., John W. St. G. Gibbon, suspension. and recommendation

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce inviting attention to Bureau indorsement of May 27, 1918, and to Department action thereon in this case, including that of 2d assistant keeper Thomasen, Bolivar Point Light Station, Texas.

The Bureau concurs in the above, referred to recommendation of the Eighth Superintendent that the suspension of Gibbon be continued until his case is finally disposed of. The Bureau also concurs in that part of the Superintendent's recommendation in his letter (herewith) of June 28, 1918, to the Bureau that Thomasen be dismissed.

Referring again to Bureau indorsement of May 27, 1918, the Department is informed that the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, was furnished, on May 28, 1918, for investigation, copies of correspondence relative to these two men. The Bureau of Investigation's report has not yet been received. It is further recommended that copies of the papers received since May 27th in the cases of these two men be transmitted to the Bureau of Investigation for such action as may be deemed appropriate, and that if this recommendation be approved the Bureau be authorized to furnish the information directly to the Bureau of Investigation, with request that this officebe advised at the proper time of the result of its investigation.

It is further recommended that this office be authorized to direct the Superintendent to defer final action as to the dismissal of Thomasen until the Bureau of Investigation shall have reported the results of its findings, as explained in Bureau's aforementioned indorsement of May 27th.

Attention is also invited to the Superintendent's separate report (herewith) dated July 5, 1918, relative to the disposition of Government property by Gibbon and Stephen E. Mozier, the latter having formerly been a temporary laborer at the Head of Passes Light Station.

Referring to the complaint (herewith) dated June 12, 1918, from Mrs. Gertrude Thomasen, wife of second assistant keeper Thomasen, against the Eighth Superintendent, it is recommended that the Bureau be authorized to inform her that, after careful consideration, it has not been found that the Superintendent made any remarks that could be construed as reflecting against her character, as alleged.

It is recommended that the accompanying papers be returned to this office when their purpose shall have been served.

APPROVED:

C F

Assistant Secretary.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses:

LIGHTHOUSES--Appointment Division's files

Exact copy as signed by

Mailed

(SIGNED) by E. Greenwood

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Dismissal of John W. St.G.Gibbon, keeper at $720 per annum, Head of Passes Light Station, La., effective upon a date to be reported later.

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OCT 17 1918

APPROVED:

Secretary.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATION TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS LA

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT OCT 8 1918 HOUSES
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

October 5, 1918.

Christian T. Thomasen and
John W. St.G. Gibbon: dismissal

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The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to Bureau telegram of October 2, 1918, in re the case of Thomasen and Gibbon:

The Department letter dismissing Thomasen from the Service, held in this office pending further instructions, was forwarded to the addressee by registered mail today.

In regard to John W. St.G. Gibbon, former keeper, Head of Passes Light Station, La - 720 pa. it is recommended that he be dismissed from the Service effective at the close of August 3, 1918, for reasons previously stated in letters from this office dated May 21, June 22, and June 28, 1918, and the further fact that he was indicted by the Grand Jury for illegally disposing of Government property.

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OCT 7 1918

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

PS.--Herewith is letter from the Aid for Information, 8th Naval District, New Orleans, La., in re the investigation they made of John W. St.G. Gibbon.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

HMC
Incl.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
October 14, 1918.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending that Gibbon be dismissed from the service, effective at the close of a date later to be determined and reported to the Department. * Inclosed for the information of the Department is copy of letter dated Sept. 30, 1918, from the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, in this matter. * Copies of letters referred to by the Superintendent are also inclosed with request that the same be returned to the Bureau when their purposes shall have been served. The Department will be advised later whether Gibbon has taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

* Returned to L. Hauser 10/23/18

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October 17, 1918.

Sir:

Having been charged with conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service, and the charges having been sustained to a degree to warrant such action, the Department, upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of keeper of Head of Passes Light Station, La., at $720 per annum, effective upon a date to be fixed by the Bureau and later reported to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED OCT 17 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Chief of Appointment Division.

OCT 16 1918

Mr. John W. St. G. Gibbon,
c Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses

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BUY A U. S. GOVERNMENT BOND OF THE FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN.

Hydrog.
Engr. Corps
Mar. Engr.
Inspectors
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Comnr.
Comnr.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

HMC

October 14, 1918.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTION OCT 18 1918 New Orleans, La.

Subject: Eighth Supt's let. Oct. 5, 1918, recommending dismissal of John W. St.G. Gibbon, keeper, Head of Passes Light Station.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

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LIGHT OCT 21 1918 HOUSES

Recommendation has been made to the Department that Gibbon be dismissed the service effective at the close of a date later to be determined and reported. Your letter of July 5, 1918, stated Gibbon had been removed from the station on July 3, although dismissal is recommended effective Aug. 3, 1918. Report correct date of dismissal and state also whether Gibbon has taken leave in excess of the accrued rate, in accordance with the Regulations, Art. 488, (2d par.) Be guided accordingly in future similar cases.

CHIEF CLERK

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H H Putnam

CARDED

MCC

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District,
New Orleans, La., October 18, 1918.

OCT 24 1918 Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.

Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses. The correct date of dismissal of John W. St.G. Gibbon was July 3, 1918, instead of August 3 as inadvertently stated in letter from this office dated October 5, 1918. This employee was not granted leave in excess of the accrued rate allowed by the Regulations.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

October 24, 1918.

Acting Commissioner.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATION TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
~~Personnel~~
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Comm.

LIGHT
OCT 25 1918
HOUSES

OCT 25 1918 10 00 AM

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
October 22, 1918.

CHIEF CLERK

John W. St.G. Gibbon,
dismissal

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

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APPOINTMENTS

Referring to Department letter dated October 17, 1918, dismissing John W. St. G. Gibbon from the position of keeper of Head of Passes Light Station, La.

1918 OCT 29 AM 8 55

The Bureau is advised that the effective date of above dismissal has been fixed at the close of July 3, 1918, the date on which Gibbon was removed from the station.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
OCT 26 1918

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Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

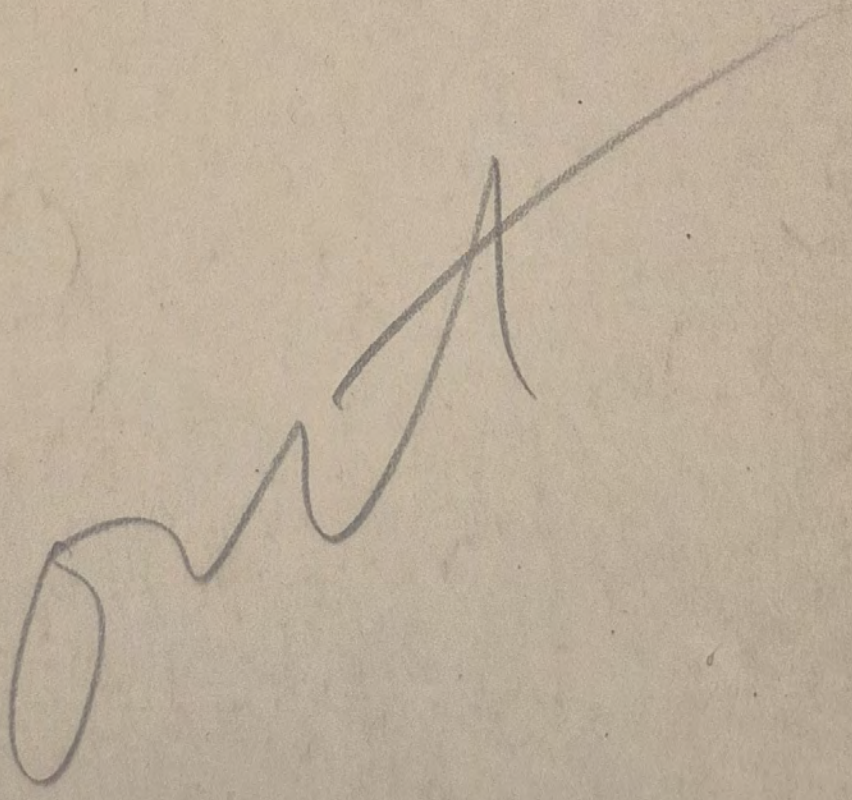
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Acting Commissioner

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GIBBON, JOHN W. ST. G.

GIBBON, JOHN W. ST G.



Form 73

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

TJC-EFS

JUN 28 1912

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., June 25 , 1912

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Change in Appointment.

Name, **John W. St G. Gibbon** Legal residence, **Mississippi**

Position, **Keeper in the Lighthouse Service** Salary, **$624 per annum, Appropriation "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses, 1913".**

Location, **Horn Island Light Station, Miss.**

Effective **August 1, 1912, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.**

Former position, Keeper Former salary, **$52 p.m.**

Location, **Horn Island Light Station, Miss.**

Rank in list of eligibles, ---------- Rating, ---------- Percentage, ----------

Other eligibles considered, ----------

Letters of declination inclosed, ----------

Previous incumbent, ---------- Services terminated, ----------

Reason, ----------

Remarks:

Appointment to read "In the Lighthouse Service", and monthly pay changed to annual.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector:

Conway

Chief Clerk.

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

JUL 1 1912

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

11—2314

G T Putnam

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

July 10, 1912.

Mr. John W. St. G. Gibbon,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

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

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

(By change from $52 per month.)

EOD 8-1-12

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) R. C. SHELSE

F
D

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Mississippi.

11—3692

Copy to Dept

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.

Feb. March 3-1913,

Copy Submitted to Secretary of Commerce and Labor for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
TJC-AC
FEB 28 1913
DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Office of Inspector, 8th. L. H. District.

New Orleans, La., February 25, 1913.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To Keepers of Lighthouses, 8th. District.

In accordance with the instructions on pages 163 and 164 of the Regulations, you are informed that the following named Keepers of Light Stations in the 8th. District have been commended for general efficiency and neatness of the station and personnel under their charge, during the quarter ended Dec. 31, 1912:---

John W. St. G. Gibbon, Keeper, Horn Island Light Station, Miss., Niels Nilsen, Keeper, Round Island Light Station, Miss., Peter Clarisse, Keeper, Ship Island Light Station, Miss., Albert Sommer, Keeper, Biloxi Harbor Lights, Miss., Mrs. Maria Younghans, Keeper, Biloxi Light Station, Miss., Joseph Swain, Keeper, Merrill Shell Bank Light Station, Miss., Sydney Gibbon, Keeper, Chandeleur Light Station, La., Ralph Gordon, Keeper, Head of Passes Light Station, La.

B. B. DORR,

Inspector, 8th. Lighthouse District.

Copy respectfully furnished the
Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector:

Conway
Chief Clerk.

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 9 1909
NO.

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

1. Bureau Light-House Establishment. 2. Where employed South Pass E. Jetty Lt.-Sta. & South Pass W. Jetty & South Pass Range Front Lights, La.
3. Name John W. St. G. Gibbon. 4. Where born Canada.
5. Age 35 6. Position Assistant Keeper.
7. Compensation $42.50 pm. 8. When appointed (*a*) May 2, 1906.
9. How appointed (*b*) Through Civil-Service Examination.
10. Appointed from — State Mississippi. Congressional District Sixth. County Jackson.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified Competitive.
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service None.
14. Duties (describe fully) Assists in exhibition of lights, operation of bell fog-signal, and care of dwelling and government property.
15. Efficiency — Quantity of work (*d*) 10/10. Quality of work (*e*) Excellent. Interest manifested in work (*f*) Excellent.
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (*g*)

S. M. Whitzel Comdr., U.S.N., Retd.,
Inspector, 8th L.-H. District, *Head of Bureau or Office.*

June 7, 1909.

11—3005

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

L-J.

New Orleans, La.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

May 12, 1911.

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

1. Name John W. St.G. Gibbon. 2. Age 37. (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau of Lighthouses. 4. Position Keeper.

5. Compensation $624 p.a. 6. Where employed Horn Island Light House, Miss.

7. When appointed (a) May 2, 1906. 8. How appointed (b) Through Civ. Ser. Exam.

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

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.

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

12. Other Government service None.

13. Duties (describe fully) Exhibits 4th-order light; cares for dwelling and Government property; renders necessary reports and returns. Station is extremely isolated and is reached by boat.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? Yes. If so, state them Writes an intelligent letter.

15. Efficiency (d):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	100	2	200
Quality of work	100	3	300
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	100	3	300
Attendance		2	
Total		8 ~~xx~~ 10	800
Average percentage			100

11—4259

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

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

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

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

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

20. Remarks: (*e*) One of the deserving keepers in the district.

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

Inspector.

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

Chief of Bureau or Office.

Form

NOMINATION

TJC-WB

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT JUN 18 1914 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT.

6-19-14 Wrote S.

New Orleans, La., June 16, 1914
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer, promotion and appointment.

Name, **John W. St. G. Gibbon** Legal residence, **Mississippi.**

Position, **Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.** Salary, **$720 per annum.**

Location, **Head of Passes L.S., Head of Passes E.& W. Jetty, Depot Point and Franks Crossing Lights, La.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **July 1, 1914** ~~the actual date of assumption of duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper Former salary, **$624 per annum.**

Location, **Horn Island Light Station, Miss.**

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

- - - -

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 19, 1914.

Mr. John W. St. G. Gibbon,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from keeper at $624 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

C-H

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Ralph Gordon.

Legal Residence: Mississippi.

11—3692

JUN 23 1914

EOD July 15, 1914.

LIGHT
NOV 8 1915
LIGHTHOUSES

Sir:

Referring to report of the service rendered by you during the trying conditions caused by the hurricane of September 28 and 29, 1915, in maintaining the lights under your charge, and in making temporary repairs, you are commended for the service rendered by you on that occasion, which fact will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD
Secretary.

Mr. John W. St.C. Gibbon, Keeper,
Head of Passes Light Station, etc., La.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.)

LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's files.

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Exact copy as signed by ..... JAC .....
Mailed NOV 8 - 1915 by .....

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

Inclosure

To Lighthouse Inspector ... New Orleans, La. ... NOV 8 1915
for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner.
Copy of similar letter to assistant keeper Thomason, is inclosed.

TSC
Chief Clerk.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA

TJC-MCC
1 enclosure.

Nov 24/1915
Commended

John W. St. G. Gibbon,
Christian T. Thomasen,
Commendation of.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT NOV 12 1915 HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

November 10, 1915.

Mail Jax Nov 12

LIGHT NOV 24 1915 HOUSES

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. I enclose herewith copy of letter of the Keeper of Head of the Passes Light Station, Louisiana, relative to assistance rendered the crew of the disabled launch, "Shirley," on October 9, 1915.

2. I recommend that a letter of commendation be addressed to John W. St. G. Gibbon, Keeper, and Christian T. Thomasen, Assistant Keeper, of Head of the Passes Light Station, etc., Louisiana, for assistance rendered in this instance.

SECRETARY NOV 2 4 1915

Sorry
Inspector.

COPY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

LIGHT
NOV 12 1915
HOUSES

Eighth District
Head of the Passes, La.,
Pilot Town, La., November 1, 1915.

LIGHT
NOV 24 1915
HOUSES

Lighthouse Inspector,

New Orleans, La.

SECRETARY
NOV 2 4 1915

Sir:

I wish to report, that on the evening of October 9, 1915, Assistant Keeper, Christian T. Thomasen, and I went to the assistance of Gasoline Launch "SHIRLEY" in South West Pass. Wind, North-East, BRISK; nasty sea running. Weather, very cool.

Launch disabled; sea breaking over her. Brought man and boy to the station; supplied them with hot drinks and food; dried their clothing. When wind subsided, they were able to proceed without further assistance, after being supplied with Gasoline, etc. Boy ill and had to be taken to the Doctor.

Very respectfully,

JOHN ST.G. GIBBON,

Keeper.

(REPORT FILE.)

JEL



NOV 24 1915

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on October 9, 1915, to the crew of the gasoline launch SHIRLEY, which was disabled in Southwest Pass, Louisiana, you are commended for the assistance rendered on that occasion, which fact will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Secretary.

Mr. John W. St.C. Gibbon, Keeper,
Head of Passes Light Station, etc., La.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.)

LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's files. WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Exact copy as signed by _____
Mailed NOV 24 1915 by _____

Inclosure

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

NOV 24 1915

To Lighthouse Inspector New Orleans La.
for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner: Copy of similar letter to Assistant Keeper Thomasen, is inclosed. See your report of Nov. 10, 1915.

TSC

Chief Clerk

JEL

November 26, 1915.

Memorandum for the Chief, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

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On November 24, 1915, the Secretary of Commerce commended John W. St.G. Gibbon, and Christian T. Thomasen, keeper and assistant keeper, respectively, at Head of Passes Light Station, La., for assistance rendered to the crew of the gasoline launch SHIRLEY, which was disabled in Southwest Pass, La.

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LIGHT
DEC 5 1917
HOUSES

DEC 4 1917

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of report of the damage caused by the hurricane of September 28, 1917, and takes pleasure in commending you for prompt action in recovering Government property and making temporary repairs after the storm. The fact that you have been commended will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Secretary.

Mr. John W. St.G. Gibbon, Keeper,
Head of Passes Light Station, Etc., La.
(Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses)

Copy & Ltr with Bur. indorse. 12/1/17 (Gibbs, Steam Colliers)

LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's files.

Exact copy as signed by WILLIAM C. REDFIELD
Mailed DEC 5 - 1917 by

McC.

Set inclosures.

May 27, 1918.

Subject: Eighth Inspector's letter May 21,1918, Keeper, Head of Passes L.S., and 2d asst. keeper, Bolivar Point L.S., charges.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending suspension of John W. St. G. Gibbon, keeper, Head of Passes Light Station, etc., La., and Christian T. Thomasen, second assistant keeper, Bolivar Point Light Station, Tex.

The Bureau also recommends that a copy of the Inspector's report be transmitted to the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, for such action as may be deemed appropriate, and that, if this recommendation be approved, the Bureau be authorized to transmit the information directly to the Bureau of Investigation, with request that this Bureau be advised at the proper time of the result of the investigation.

There is inclosed, with request that it be returned to the Bureau, original of Department letter of May 3, 1918, addressed to Mr. H. M. Bratt, New Orleans, La., which has been received back from the postal authorities undelivered, as explained on attached envelope.

It is further recommended that the Bureau be authorized to direct the Inspector to defer suspending these men until the Bureau of Investigation shall have reported the results of its findings, this method of procedure being considered advisable in order that future action by the Lighthouse Service may not in any way embarrass or interfere with the investigation of the Department of Justice.

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Set inclosures.

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It is recommended that the accompanying papers be returned to this office when their purpose at the Department shall have been served.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
MAY 27 1918
Acting Commissioner.

To Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans La
for his information, guidance, and files of office. See your report of May 21, 1918.
You will be advised in due time of the action taken by the Department.

APPROVED:
(Signed) E. T. Sweet
Acting Secretary

Acting Commissioner.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses:
(Signed) Clifford Hastings, Chief of Appointment Division

LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's files.

Exact copy as signed by_____

Mailed _____ by_____

AKT

Bureau of Lighthouses,
May 28, 1918

Referred to Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, La. for his information, guidance and files of office, attention being invited to your report of May 21, 1918. Per Bureau endst of May 27

Acting Commissioner.

McC.

May Washington May 28 1918

Lighthouse Inspector New Orleans Louisiana

Gibbon Thomason cases before Department Justice Do not suspend until receipt further instructions

Bowerman ~~Dowart~~

Acting Commissioner

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Cross ref Dept. atty 5/27/18

Dept atty 5/28

To Dept 5/27/18

5/28/18

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3 inclosures

Kpr. Hd. of Passes L.S.
Asst. Kpr. Boliver Pt. L.S. charges.

May 28, 1918

Chief, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to inclose for your information and for such action as you may deem appropriate, a report dated May 21, 1918, and accompanying papers, from the Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, La., relative to an investigation made by him of actions on the part of John W. St. G. Gibbon, keeper, Head of Passes Light Station, etc., La., and Christian T. Thomasen, second assistant keeper, Boliver Point Light Station, Tex.

There is also included in these papers a copy of indorsement of May 27, 1918, of this Bureau, transmitting the correspondence in these cases to the Secretary of Commerce; the recommendations of the Bureau in that indorsement have been approved by the Acting Secretary of Commerce.

This office would be pleased to be advised of the result of the investigation, if made, by your office, and, in the meantime, no further action in the matter will be taken by the Lighthouse Service. ~~There is inclosed copy of Bureau indorsement referred to, dated May 27, 1918.~~

Respectfully,

HHB

Acting Commissioner.

1 incl.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAY 27 1918

To Lighthouse Inspector New Orleans, La

For files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner:
There is also inclosed copy of Bureau indorsement to Dept., dated May 27, 1918.

Chief Clerk

TSC-MKT
4 inclosures.

May 31, 1918.

Subject: Dept. suspensions May 28,1918; kpr. Hd of Passes L.S., asst.kpr. Bolivar Pt. L.S.

Referred to Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, La. for information, guidance and files. In accordance with Department directions, you are requested to defer delivering the attached letters of suspension and to defer suspending these two men until the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, shall have reported the results of its findings, as explained in Bureau letter of May 27, 1918, to the Department, copy of which was furnished you by Bureau indorsement of May 28, 1918. The Bureau will instruct you at a later date when to deliver the two suspensions inclosed

Acting Commissioner

Gibbon & Thomason TSC

(cy. for(John W. St.G. Gibbon's folder)

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

JAM-RSW
Inclosures.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT HOUSES JUN 25 1918

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
June 24, 1918.
JUN 25 1918 9 07 AM

John W. St. G. Gibbon and
Christian T. Thomasen,
preferring charges.

Rec'd to Dept first also Bu of Invest Dept of Just.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Herewith is copy of letter preferring charges against John W. St. G. Gibbon, Keeper of Head of Passes Light Station, La., and his reply thereto, also original letter preferring charges against Christian T. Thomasen, former Assistant Keeper at Head of Passes Light Station, La., with reply attached thereto.

As additional evidence, the original copies of the following letters are forwarded herewith, attention being invited to the similarity in construction, typewriting, etc., to the letters bearing fictitious signatures previously forwarded above the signatures of Gibbon and Thomasen.

Per Chief Clerk re returning papers to S.H. 7/9

Gibbon to Treutel, December 1, 1917.
" " " " 22,1917.
" " " February 18, 1918.
Gibbon to Captain B. B. Dorry, May 12, 1918.
Gibbon to Treutel, May 28, 1918.
Typewritten document found in the station log, which Gibbon admits having written.
Thomasen to C. W. Heartt, February 24, 1918.
Thomasen to Lighthouse Inspector, May 27, 1918.

The letter from Gibbon to Treutel dated May 28, 1918, was brought to this office by Mrs. Treutel, who stated that the underlining thereon is exactly as it was when the letter was received.

It is the opinion of this office that the charges are fully substantiated by the evidence herewith and that brought out in the investigation made by the Examiner and Inspector, report of which, with inclosures, was forwarded to the Bureau under date of May 21, 1918. It is recommended that the Bureau review this report with a view of comparing the original papers therewith with those forwarded with this letter.

Referring to Bureau letter to Department dated May 27, 1918, in re investigation by the Department of Justice, the Bureau is advised that this case was turned over by the Department of Justice to the Aid for Information, 8th Naval District, for investigation, from whom this office has received no definite report of their findings.

This office has procured from the Food Administrator the original letters addressed to him by C. T. Thomasen, and they are forwarded for the Bureau's information. It is requested that when they have served their purpose that they be returned to the U. S. Food Administrator through this office.

In view of the established facts in the case it is recommended that Gibbon and Thomasen be immediately dismissed from the Service.

Inspector.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
JUL 2 1918 9 05 AM

J. W. St. G. Gibbon and
C. T. Thomasen, resignations.

June 28, 1918.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to previous correspondence, and telegram of this day in re. the case of Gibbon and Thomasen:

Herewith are copies of resignations of each, which this office declined to recommend acceptance of while charges against them were pending. From information at hand it appears that Christian T. Thomasen intends to leave Bolivar Point Light Station at the close of June 30th, and that J. W. St. G. Gibbon may leave his station on short notice.

The general attitude of the two employees in question is detrimental to the best interests of the Service, and it is urgently recommended that they be dismissed at the earliest possible date. In the event the Department does not consider the evidence submitted sufficient to warrant dismissal, it is recommended that their resignations be accepted the date on which they leave their respective stations.

In addition to copies of resignations there is also inclosed for the Bureau's information copies of other correspondence between this office and these employees.

Superintendent.

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for suspension &
G to be continued until
settled Heff case
TSe 7/9

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
JUL 8 1918 9 21 AM
July 5, 1918.

John W. St. G. Gibbon, Stephen E. Mozier, illegal disposition of Government property.

Put with 8th Suppl. Lelcg 2 July 6 + letter
Recd this am 1111
Aug 8

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Bureau is advised that John W. St. G. Gibbon, Keeper of Head of Passes Light Station, and Stephen E. Mozier, formerly employed at this station as temporary laborer, are under arrest and in custody of the U. S. Marshal, this city, charged with illegally disposing of Government property taken from Head of Passes Light Station or other lighthouse reservations. The circumstances leading to their arrest are as follows:

On June 28, 1918, Mrs. Josephine Mozier, wife of Stephen E. Mozier, called at this office and reported that her husband had property in his house at Pilot Town, Louisiana, that she believed to have been taken from Head of Passes Light Station. She brought with her several articles such as crash towels, keepers' aprons, etc., that she claimed to have removed from Mozier's house unknown to him. A copy of her statement is herewith. The U. S. District Attorney was notified and an order to arrest and a search warrant were issued. A Deputy U. S. Marshal and the Superintendent of Lighthouses proceeded to Pilot Town, Louisiana, arriving there about 7 p. m. June 29, 1918, and proceeded to the dwelling of Stephen E. Mozier. His house was searched in the presence of George Delesdernier of Pilot Town, Louisiana, and Albert Matulich, a keeper in this Service, and the articles as reported by Mrs. Mozier were found. There was also a tool chest in the dwelling which Mozier stated belonged to J. W. St. G. Gibbon, and in which was found several articles commonly used at light-stations. Mozier was placed under arrest and the party proceeded to Head of Passes Light Station. In questioning keeper Gibbon he acknowledged that the tool chest belonged to him and that it only contained his personal property, and could not account for how the articles similar to those used in the Lighthouse Service could have gotten into the chest. Mozier was brought to New Orleans and is now being held, pending trial.

From statements made by Mozier another search warrant was procured, and a trunk belonging to keeper Gibbon, stored at No. 324 Exchange Place, this city, was examined and found to contain more towels, machine wipers, etc., similar to that used by the Lighthouse Service. An order to arrest was issued and a Deputy U. S. Marshal and the Lighthouse Superintendent proceeded to Head of Passes Light Station, arriving there July 5, 1918,

placed Gibbon under arrest and brought him back to New Orleans to await trial.

A report of preliminary hearings will be made to the Bureau when completed.

Superintendent.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES
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For proper action see 8th Ltr dtd July 6
HM July 8

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
July 5, 1918.
JUL 8 1918 9 20 AM

John W. St. G. Gibbon,
suspension.

Cabal

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Herewith is copy of letter addressed to John W. St. G. Gibbon, Keeper of Head of Passes Light Station, suspending him from duty at the close of July 5, 1918, the date on which he was placed under arrest by the Department of Justice, and removed from the station under charges of having illegally disposed of Government property.

It is believed that sufficient evidence is at hand to convict keeper Gibbon and it is recommended that his suspension be continued until his case is finally disposed of.

The circumstances leading to the arrest of John W. St. G. Gibbon, Keeper of Head of Passes Light Station, and Stephen E. Mozier, former temporary laborer employed at this station, is the subject of a separate letter.

Superintendent.

McC.

Set inclosures

July 9, 1918.

LIGHT JUL 12 1918 HOUSES

SPECIAL

Subject: 8th Supt's letter and recommendation, July 5,1918, etc., John W. St. G. Gibbon, suspension.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce inviting attention to Bureau indorsement of May 27, 1918, and to Department action thereon in this case, including that of 2d assistant keeper Thomasen, Bolivar Point Light Station, Texas.

The Bureau concurs in the above recommendation of the Eighth Superintendent that the suspension of Gibbon be continued until his case is finally disposed of. The Bureau also concurs in that part of the Superintendent's recommendation in his letter (herewith) referred to of June 28, 1918, to the Bureau that Thomasen be dismissed.

Referring again to Bureau indorsement of May 27, 1918, the Department is informed that the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, was furnished, on May 28, 1918, for investigation, copies of correspondence relative to these two men. The Bureau of Investigation's report has not yet been received. It is further recommended that copies of the papers received since May 27th in the cases of these two men be transmitted to the Bureau of Investigation for such action as may be deemed appropriate, and that if this recommendation be approved the Bureau be authorized to furnish the information directly to the Bureau of Investigation, with request that this officebe advised at the proper time of the result of its investigation.

It is further recommended that this office be authorized to direct the Superintendent to defer final action as to the dismissal of Thomasen until the Bureau of Investigation shall have reported the results of its findings, as explained in Bureau's aforementioned indorsement of May 27th.

Attention is also invited to the Superintendent's separate report (herewith) dated July 5, 1918, relative to the disposition of Government property by Gibbon and Stephen E. Mozier, the latter having formerly been a temporary laborer at the Head of Passes Light Station.

Referring to the complaint (herewith) dated June 12, 1918, from Mrs. Gertrude Thomasen, wife of second assistant keeper Thomasen, against the Eighth Superintendent, it is recommended that the Bureau be authorized to inform her that, after careful consideration, it has not been found that the Superintendent made any remarks that could be construed as reflecting against her character, as alleged.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
JUL 18 1918

It is recommended that the accompanying papers be returned to this office when their purpose shall have been served.

APPROVED:

C F SWEET
Assistant Secretary.

To Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans La.
for his information, guidance, and files of office. See Bureau telegram of July 13, 1918.
LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's files.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Exact copy as signed by (SIGNED) W. D. GIBBONS
Acting Commissioner.

Mailed _____ by _____

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

ADDRESS REPLY TO
CHIEF, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
AND REFER TO INITIALS.

LIGHT
OCT 2 1918
10:34 AM

Department of Justice,

OCT 2 1918

Bureau of Investigation,

Washington.

September 30, 1918.

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Dep. Comr.
Comsnr.

10/2/18 Noted 8th.

T. S. Clark, Esq.,

Light House Board,

Department of Commerce and Labor,

Washington, D. C.

Rec dismiss Thomaston; call on 8th for rec re Gibbon, who is now under suspension. Dept authority abroy need, were 8th explaining action, dlt see not now dependent on that of Dept Just

Dear Sir:

IN RE: W. ST. G. GIBBON AND CHRISTIAN THOMASEN.

TSC 10/2

Noted 10/2

In confirmation of certain telephone conversations with your office, and in response to your correspondence in the above, I wish to advise you that this case has been referred to the U. S. District Attorney, who rendered an informal opinion that the correspondence of Subjects constituted criminal libel, and the prosecution might be sustained.

While this Bureau has not taken any official action in regard to a possible prosecution, there would seem to be no objection whatever to your taking such action in the matter as may be deemed proper. In other words, any action taken by your Department will not interfere with any further investigation or action by this Bureau.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
OCT 5 1918

Yours very truly,

A. B. Bielaski

Chief.

To Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, La.
for his information, guidance, and files of office.
See Bureau telegram of
Oct. 2, 1918.
Be guided accordingly.

Acting Commissioner

COPY

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON

September 30, 1918.

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Light House Board,

Department of Commerce and Labor,

Washington, D.C.

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Yours very truly,

(SIGNED) A. B. BIELASKI

Chief.

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Washington October 2 1918

Lighthouse Superintendent New Orleans Louisiana

Dismiss Thomasen Department Justice approves any action Bureau may take relative Gibbon Mail recommendation

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Commissioner

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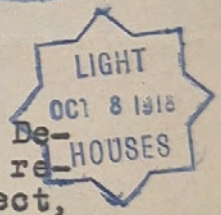
NAVY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF AID FOR INFORMATION
EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.



October 4, 1918.

Captain B. B. Dorry,
Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:



IN RE: JOHN W. St. GEORGE GIBBONS.

This Office is in receipt of a letter from the Department of Justice, requesting that we advise you of the results of investigation of the actions of above named subject, who was keeper of the Head of Passes Light Station, La.

It will be recalled that the investigation originally started as the result of a report that St. George Gibbons was the author of several anonymous letters to Washington, wherein complaint was made that various lighthouse keepers were using supplies belonging to that Department for their own use, and making other charges against members of that service.

On or about May 29th, this Office became interested in this investigation through a request from the Department of Justice that we conduct a search of the personal effects of subject. This was done, and after examining same very carefully it was found that this matter was one that was of no interest to the Navy Department, but was a matter for the Department heads of the Light House Service - therefore, on or about July 1st, all the files on this subject were delivered to your office in the Custom House Building by a representative of this Department.

Yours very truly,

R. S. Manley

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.F.,
AID FOR INFORMATION,
EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

HMC

October 14, 1918.

Subject: Eighth Supt's let. Oct. 5, 1918, recommending dismissal of John W. St.G. Gibbon, keeper, Head of Passes Light Station.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

Recommendation has been made to the Department that Gibbon be dismissed from the service effective at the close of a date later to be determined and reported. Your letter of July 5, 1918, stated Gibbon had been removed from the station on July 3, although dismissal is recommended effective Aug. 3, 1918. Report correct date of dismissal and state also whether Gibbon has taken leave in excess of the accrued rate, in accordance with the Regulations, Art. 488, (2d par.). Be guided accordingly in future similar cases.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES MAY 25 1918

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Cshmr.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
May 21, 1918.
MAY 25 1918 9.03 AM

Gibbon

SUBJECT: Bureau indorsement of May 3, 1918, on letter dated March 4, 1918, to the President of the United States, signed F. M. Bratt.

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Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

This matter has been carefully investigated by the Inspector, assisted by Examiner Flood who was in this district during the time the investigation was being made.

The signature to the letter is evidently fictitious. The name, F. M. Bratt, is not listed in the New Orleans City Directory for 1918. Upon reading the letter, this office was strongly of the opinion that it was written by someone in the Lighthouse Service. Previous letters, also bearing evidently fictitious signatures, were looked into,--one dated June 29, 1915, addressed to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, purporting to be signed by Z. Breeland, 802 St. Charles Street, New Orleans, and one dated July 30, 1917, addressed to the Secretary of Commerce, purporting to be signed by J. Williams, c/o Treutel, 632 Bienville Street, New Orleans. A certain similarity in the style of language used in these letters and official letters on file in this office from the Keeper and Assistant Keeper of Head of Passes Light Station, Louisiana, directed suspicion to these employees as being the authors of the three letters referred to. The Head of Passes Light Station was visited May 10, 1918. A supply of unofficial paper was found at that station which was identical with the paper used in writing the letter of March 4, 1918, to the President, the water-marks (Brother Jonathan Bond) and the size of the paper being the same. The Keeper of Head of Passes Light Station is John W. St. G. Gibbon, and the Assistant Keeper, up to May 2, 1918, was Christian T. Thomasen, who was transferred to Bolivar Point Light Station on May 3, 1918. The Keeper was allowed to read the letter and was questioned as to whether he knew who wrote it. He denied writing the letter himself or knowing who wrote it, but stated that he was of the opinion that the letter had been written by Thomasen, the former Assistant Keeper of that station. He admitted having purchased the "Brother Jonathan Bond" paper and stated Mr. Thomasen, the Assistant Keeper, also had a supply of this paper. Each had a typewriting machine the work of which looked very much like that shown by the letter. Mr. Gibbon also stated that Thomasen was suspected of having written letters to the Food Administrator at New Orleans reflecting on the way business was being conducted by the River Improvement officials of the War Department in that vicinity. Upon making further inquiry, it was learned that Thomasen had the reputation of interfering in other people's business in the vicinity of the light station where he was employed and the feeling against him was unfavorable.

The office of the Food Administrator at New Orleans was visited and inquiry made as to whether Thomasen had written him any letters reflecting on the conduct of business by the War Department and he produced two letters

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from Mr. Thomasen, copies of which are attached hereto. These letters are signed by Thomasen and appear to have been written with the same typewriting machine as the letter to the President dated March 4, 1918. Thomasen admitted writing these two letters to the Food Administrator. In the letter to the President it will be noted that the following words are misspelled:

Interest; allow; known; freedom.

Thomasen was given a sheet of paper and asked to write down these words. He wrote the words in the presence of the Inspector and Examiner with the identical misspelling in every case to correspond with the misspelling in that letter, as shown by the attached slip bearing these words in his own handwriting.

A letter, dated May 12, 1918, copy of which is attached hereto, was received from Keeper Gibbon bearing on the matter and on Thomasen's reputation, in which, among other things, it is stated that Thomasen mentioned to the Customs Officer at Pilot Town that he had written to the President. The Mrs. Odderstol referred to in this letter called at this office on Monday, May 13, 1918, and made complaint that Thomasen, while boarding at her house January 4 to 17, 1918, had caused her house to be watched by two city detectives. Mrs. Odderstol stated that one of these detectives had since informed another of her boarders that Thomasen was the man who called the attention of the police to alleged misconduct in her house, and for which she stated there was no cause whatever. Thomasen made a general denial of all these matters.

In my opinion, the circumstantial evidence collected in this case proves conclusively that C. T. Thomasen wrote the letter of March 4, 1918, to the President.

Regarding the matters referred to in said letter,--(1) as to poor quality of matches furnished stations last year, it may be stated that the matches have not proven satisfactory, as they appear to absorb moisture in this locality. They were furnished on requisition from the General Depot. (2) It has been the practice of this office to invite keepers to submit a list of stations to which they desire transfer in event of a vacancy, and to recommend appointment accordingly as opportunity offers. The following are the stations in this district which are provided with quarters for keepers' families and now occupied by single men:

Southwest Pass Light Station, La.
Head of Passes Light Station, La.
Pointe Aux Herbes Light Station, La.
West Rigolets Light Station, La.
Calcasieu Range Light Station, La.
Cat Island Light Station, Miss.

Southwest Pass and Head of Passes Light Stations have been occupied by the present keepers since 1913 and 1914, respectively. The keepers at the two stations mentioned were transferred because of long service and being adapted for the boat work necessary at these stations. The present keeper of Pointe Aux Herbes Light Station has been at that station since 1908. The present keeper of West Rigolets Light Station has been at that station since 1915 and there is no ap-

plication on file for this station by keepers or assistant keepers at other stations who have families. The present keeper at Calcasieu Range Light Station has been at that station since 1912. There are no applications on file for this station from keepers or assistant keepers at other stations who have families. The present keeper at Cat Island Light Station was appointed thereto in January, 1918. There was an application for this station on file from Arthur J. Garland, Assistant Keeper at Matagorda Light Station, but, as Garland was transferred to Keeper at Halfmoon Reef Light Station in August, 1917, at his own request, this canceled his application for Cat Island Light Station.

In regard to the alleged conversation with the Keeper of South Pass East Jetty Light Station, referred to in a letter signed F. M. Bratt, the Keeper of that station was questioned at this office on May 14, 1918, in regard to any conversations he may have had of the kind stated. He stated that no such conversation or statement had ever been made by him to anyone, but stated his opinion, without any suggestion, that the letter was probably written by Mr. Thomasen, the reason given by him for this opinion being that Thomasen had been Assistant Keeper with him at South Pass East Jetty Light Station from May to October, 1915, and had shown a disposition for gossiping and tale-bearing of the character referred to.

Captain Carsten E. Torjusen, Louisiana Bar Pilot, informed this office verbally that Mr. Thomasen had the reputation of causing trouble in that vicinity by interfering in other people's business and by writing letters.

In regard to the other matters referred to in the letter signed F. M. Bratt which reflect on the personal and patriotic character and conduct of the Inspector, it is not considered necessary to make any reply further than to state that the insinuations made are absolutely and unqualifiedly false and that the most searching investigation is invited to warrant the confidence of the Commissioner of Lighthouses and the Secretary of Commerce in the Inspector's position regarding these statements.

The investigation in this case having led to the conclusion that Assistant Keeper Thomasen, now at Bolivar Point Light Station, is the writer of the letter dated March 4, 1918, to the President of the United States and signed F. M. Bratt, and also in view of his signed letters to the Food Administrator of this city, which he admits having written, criticising the conduct of business of another Government Department, charges have been preferred against this employee which will be forwarded to the Bureau with proper recommendation upon receipt of his reply thereto.

With regard to the letters of June 29, 1915, signed Q. Z. Breeland, and of July 30, 1917, signed J. Williams, above referred to, investigation into these letters in connection with the investigation of the letter signed F. M. Bratt, has developed conclusive evidence that John W. St.G. Gibbon, Keeper, Head of Passes Light Station, is the writer of these two letters. Gibbon denied writing any of these letters, but admitted that he was a friend of John George who lived at the address given, namely, 802 St. Charles Street, New Orleans, on June 29, 1915, when the first letter was written. It appears that John George has since that

time died and the barber shop which he conducted at that place is now out of business. In regard to the letter of July 30, 1917, signed J. Williams, c/o Treutel, 632 Bienville Street, New Orleans, the premises referred to are occupied as a barber shop by Fred A. Treutel. Mr. Treutel, on being questioned, admitted that he was acquainted with Mr. Gibbon and that Gibbon has on various occasions received mail through Treutel's address, both in his own name and in fictitious names under which he conducted correspondence. Mr. Treutel further stated that he first met Gibbon through Mr. George of 802 St. Charles Street, above referred to. It now appears that Mr. Gibbon was in the habit of conducting correspondence through the address of 802 St. Charles Street during the time that Mr. George occupied these premises and after Mr. George's death that he transferred the address for the purpose of clandestine correspondence to Treutel's address at 632 Bienville Street. Copies of letters written Treutel by Gibbon are inclosed herewith in order to give an idea of Gibbon's methods and the character of his correspondence.

Mr. Treutel stated that Gibbon sent him a postal about the time the letter of July 30, 1917, was written to the Secretary of Commerce, stating that a certain party expected mail addressed to him at Treutel's address, and that he desired such mail to be forwarded to him care Gibbon. Treutel stated he did forward some official mail for this party to Gibbon, and that shortly thereafter Gibbon notified him to return any further mail for this party to the postman as undelivered. Treutel stated that he could not state positively the name of this party was J. Williams, as he did not pay much attention to the matter.

With reference to the letter of June 29, 1915, signed Q. Z. Breeland, 802 St. Charles Street, New Orleans, Assistant Keeper Thomasen admitted, upon being questioned, that all the matters referred to in that letter had been discussed between himself and the Keeper, Gibbon, at various times while at that station. In regard to the matter referred to in paragraph numbered "5" of that letter reflecting on the conduct of John Asplund, Mr. Thomasen stated verbally that the Mr. Edwardson referred to is his half-brother and that the incident was as follows: Thomasen stated he had written to Edwardson, who was at Galveston, asking him to call upon Asplund in order to ascertain whether there might be any prospect of a vacancy as assistant keeper under Asplund, as he desired a change; and that Edwardson informed him later that when he called upon Asplund for the purpose stated, the latter was drunk and that he was unable to obtain the information desired. This matter was discussed also with Mr. Gibbon and, so far as Thomasen knew, with no one else.

The other charges made in the letter of June 29, 1915, against various Lighthouse employees, and covering a considerable period of time, related to persons Gibbon knew and it is not thought that there is anyone else in the Lighthouse Service who would reasonably be expected to be familiar with all the parties referred to. The allegations made in that letter against other employees or the Service in general have not been found to have any basis in fact.

In view of the circumstances which, in my opinion, identify John W. St.G. Gibbon, Keeper of Head of Passes Light Station, as being the author of the two letters of June 29, 1915, and July 30, 1917, above referred to, charges have been preferred against this employee which will be forwarded to the Bureau with proper recommendation upon receipt of his reply thereto.

As it appears that the writers of the three letters referred to bearing fictitious signatures have been definitely identified as Gibbon and Thomasen, who, in my opinion, are thereby guilty of (1) defamation of personal character, (2) making false statements for the purpose of bringing discredit on the Government Service, and (3) using the U. S. mail under fictitious names for improper purposes, it is suggested that the Attorney General be advised of the situation in order that such steps may be taken as may be considered in the interest of the Government, as, in my opinion, it is not deemed safe for such men to be at large.

It is also recommended that Gibbon and Thomasen be suspended pending disposition of the charges preferred against them.

Inspector.

COPY (MCC)

(Words written by C. T. Thomasen while in
Office of Inspector, 8th Lighthouse District,
New Orleans, La.)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Office of the Chief Clerk
WASHINGTON

Lighthouses: May 1,1918.
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May 1,1918, 2:34 P.M.
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Chief of Bureau or Office:

Please prepare a reply for the signature of the Acting Secretary, and return the incoming letter to this office with the reply.

E. W. LIBBY,

Chief Clerk.

Hydrog.
~~Engr.Cons.~~
~~Mar.Engr.~~
~~Personnel~~-- Recd.Pers.3:45 p.m.
Accounts 5/2 McC.
Contracts
Chf.Clk.
-Dep.Commr.--Rec.ack.and 8th; also
-Commr.--P. show Flood before he goes to N.O.
JSC-May 1.

Noted.--F.F.-5/2.

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Recd.,The White House, April 24, 1918.
" Div.of Cor.,Mails & Files,Navy Dept.,4-30-18.
" Lighthouses, May 1, 1918.
" Chf.Clk., 11 A.M.,May 1,1918. Indexed.
Ackgd., Bu.of L.H., Dept.of Commerce, 5/1/18.
Recd., Asst.& Chf.Clk., War Dept., Apr.27,1918.
" L.H.Inspr.,N.O.,La.,May 6,1918, 9 a.m.

New Orleans, La., March 4, 1918.

His Excelenovy, Woodrow Wilson,
President of the United States.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:--

As this good country was forced to enter the great war, not only to help those that were fighting before us, for their freedome; But also were we forced to fight for our own freedome, so that not only we but our coming generations may injoy peace and liberty. Therefore every American should do all within their power to help his country to gain victory, not only by financial aid, but also in a kind yet firm way encourage those that is weak minded regarding our good cause, this should be done not only in words but also with deeds that would set good examples to their follow citizens. But I am very sorry that I have to state, that after the begining of the war I have found that the impression made on the people, by most of those that we may call petty leaders of of the general public, is far from what it ought to be, and by no means patriotic, even some of those that now hold position as Executives in the lower departments in the Government service, in this letter I will only mention the contitions prevailing, in two branches of the Government service in New Orleans, La. Namely:-

The U. S. Engineers Department. and the U. S. Lighthouse Department, New Orleans, La.

It may be of intrest to you, not only as the President of our country, but also as a Tax payeer, to know, that the U. S. Engineers Department have spent about fourteen millions dollars, on South West Pass, La. and is countinually spending large sums of money on the said pass, in order to keep a clear waterway to New Orleans, yet in case of an emergency, a Battleship, can not be brought in nor out of the said pass. a Pilot told me when I asked him about the matter, that most all the shiping had to go through South Pass, except for a few light draft ships that go through South West Pass Light, and yet they have not spent one third, of the money on South Pass, that they have spent on South West Pass. and the man told me that they will never be able to keep the South West Pass open for large shipes, I asked him if he could explain the reason why all the money is spent without doing any good to the country, then he answered me by asking me if I could speel Poork, I said that I did not understand, then he said that it have been a graft ever since the New Orleans, Politicians got the work started, up to this day, and that the politicians can buy and sell nay of the men in charge of the works except one man they can not buy, and that is the man at South Pass, but he can not do much, as the bunch keep him in his place they are not going to let a honest men get to far, as he may open the lead of the pot. I asked the man who the man was, then the pilot said, you better ask Alexander the Contracter, and he will tell you, as he know them all, and Alexander in the man that get about one half of the graft. NOW I will ask, is that the way Government allowe our income taxes to be squanderd, and our war taxes to be wasted?.

LIGHT
MAY 25 1918
HOUSE

I have for sometime watched the movment of the Lighthouse Department, In New Orleans, La. and especially since the begining of the war; As you well know, the Lighthouse service, next to our Navy is the most important aid to our Shiping, and therefore in order that the best service can be had from the Lighthouse service, the District Executives most be not only Competent men, but also conscientious men; But I have learnd that the man at the head of the Lighthouse Departement in New Orleans, La. have none of those qualifications.

I have been informed, that Mr. B. Dorry, the Head of the Lighthouse Department in New Orleans, La. IS not only a Incompetent man for that position, But that under good cover he is doing all he can to aid our Enemy, and by his most Stubbornnes he have been the cause of our ships have been delayed going out of our Gulf Ports, because he have not recommended the proper aid to Navigation in the channels; I have also information to the fact that he have made frequent visits to women of easy virtue that that is suspected of haven given shiping news to our enemy.

I have been informed by a man of high social standing, that when Mr. Wm. Redfield. Secretary of Commerce, visited New Orleans, Mr. B. Dorry, then recommended a new lighthouse depot, to be buildt in New Orleans. not conssidering the Fact the a New depot have just been completed at Port Eads, La. and that to erecte a new depot in New Orleans, would not only bring the Lighthouse tenders, One Hundred miles out of their way when going for their supplies, but a new depot would cost our country a small sume of about One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars. and Mr. Dorry knew well that if he was able to engineer the plan through, then he would get his intrest when the Contracts was given.

I understand that in MR. Dorry Office it will be found on record that the Annual suplies when bought last year should be all prime, and yet 90 per cent of the Matches issued to the stations last year, I understand can not be used, and other thing of the suplies that is very poor. Why?

I have also been informed that Mr. Dorry, is most hated among the officers and employees under his Jurisdiction, I understand the reason is as follows, A man can be the most efficient, man, and yet if he do not excert outside influence and Mr. Dorry have no personal liking for the man, then he will do all he can to keep the man down, the result is that a good man that enter the service, will either leave the service, or lose all his intrest in the service. I will now write down a conversation, that I had with a man that told me that he was a keeper in the Lighthouse Service, I asked the man at what Station he was, he said at Burrwood, La. I said them you are married, as I knew that there was and is quarters for married men at that station, the man told me that he was not married, then I saked how did you come to get that station, well he said that our Inspector is a single man, and if he can place a single man in a married man place, he will do so for the fun of it, I said that I did not belive him, then he said, why is it then that I know of Five stations that is knowen to be the best stations in the district for married men, and yet all the keepers is single, of course he said there is other reasons too, I said wont you let me in as I like to know, well he said it is this way that a single man can afford to use his influence where the married man can not, I then say, you do not men to say that the men in the government have to pay for their promotions, you do not mean to say that you paid for your promotion, then he said, that he did not just pay direct, but he spent enough money on those that recommended him, he said that he have heard of money have been past over, but That part of it was well coverd. the man told me that he knew of a man that have benn reported to his office by his Assistant keepers for neglect of duty, and in each case the Assistant keepers have had to get out, and in the 1915. Hurrican that struck the Gulf Coast, and Mississippi river, the same man deserted his station before the hurrican came, and yet he was recommended for

bravery, I said that can not be so, he said that he would prove it by the pilots at that place, well said I how can that be, the man said that all he have to do is to come acrose and he will be at the station as long as he like, I asked at what station the man was, he said South Pass jetty, I since have found that what the man told me is true in every respect, I have found out that Mr. Dorry, even have Gon so far as to abuse a Keepers wife in order to get something or some reason to dismisse the keeper, so that he could be able to promote a single man to that Station. I have heard of many more cases of the same kind, but my time do not allow me to go any further I just will say, that I though that married men should have the same rights as the single men, and a little more, as I see it to be the married men is really they that take the most intrest in the service.

Another important thing I will call your attention to and that is, that at the beginning of the war the rarions for all employees in the government service was raised except for the Lighthouse Keepers, why is it. Is it any wonder that the officers and employees in the Lighthouse service is dissatisfied. I know that America do want all men and women that is employed in the U.S.government service, shall have a square deal, more now than ever, in order that they may stand by the government.

This being so, then I and millions more of good American Tax payeers, do not ~~want~~ any longer stand for that such public Parasites as the above stated that have heretofore, and is today feeding on the public, shall do so any longer, because the people is opning their eyes to see, and the graft in the government service, is now one of the strongest points in the German propaganda, in order to make the people distrust our government, and in most cases, they can prove what they say, that is the worst, We must do our best to stop those things and try to form a unit a capite ad Calcem; and that is the reason why I am writing this letter to you so that you may have the above stated facts investigated, and the persons involved dealt with.

May the All Wise Power be with our Noble President and lead our Country to Victory.

Yours Truly,

(Sgd.) F. M. BRATT.

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Q.Z.B/SW. New Orleans, La., June 29, 1915.

Honorable George R. Putnam,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Having a number of friends in the Lighthouse Service, I was always under the impression that they were engaged in a branch of the Government Service, where only HONORABLE men were employed, but,recently I was rudely shocked, in the lobby of one of hotels, on hearing a dejected young man, tell a man from St. Louis, that he had recently been "turned down" by a young lady, because he was engaged in the Lighthouse Service, and her Guardian had proven to her satisfaction, that the Lighthouse Service, particularly in the 8th District, was a fine place for "Drunks; Crooks and Grafters." I was annoyed at first, tho the matter did not seem to concern me, but, being a Writer for a Radical Magazine, I introduced myself and learned a few curious facts about how things are run in the 8th Lighthouse District. Since, I have made personal investigation and found things WORSE than these men had stated. I'll just quote a few cases, from my Notes. Do these men retain their positions, thru GRAFT; Roman Catholic Church influence, (as some of them assert.) OR has it come to where HONORABLE men are no longer required?

#1.-- Sidney Gibbon, at present, Keeper of a station on the Texas Coast, but, at the time (1911 & 12.) was Keeper of Chandeleur Island Lightstation. Was ejected from the "Bay View Hotel" Biloxi, Miss., as "Drunk & disorderly. Sent ashore, by George Duggan, a Fisherman of Biloxi, Miss., a quantity of paint, supposed to have been used for Lighthouse service. I am reliably informed, that it was sold & the Keeper, received upwards of $20. as his "share" of the proceeds. Later, sold a quantity of L.H. White Zinc paint, to a man named Schriber, of Ocean Springs, Miss. Gave to the above-mentioned Duggan, 20 gallons ofilluminating Oil & a quantity of Manila Rope, all of it GOVERNMENT property. (That is enough to start on, in this case.)

#2.-- Albert Summers, Keeper of Biloxi (Miss.) Beacons. About 1913, given instructions to engage a man to assist him paint Beacons. I am reliably informed, he did the work himself, after informing the L. H. Inspector, that he was unable to do it without help; got his Brother-in-law (who was then steadily engaged by Gorenflo & Co., of Biloxi.) to sign the "Time sheet" & check, & they divided the proceeds. This Summers, has been seen on the streets of Biloxi, several times, with the above-mentioned Sidney Gibbon, when BOTH of them were in a disgraceful state of intoxication. Made the assertion, that he had a "Pull" through the Roman Catholic Church, so the L. H. Officials dare not discharge him, or some of the District Officers would lose THEIR jobs.

#3.-- Max Wray, Keeper of a Lighthouse near the mouth of the Mississippi River. Whilst Assistant Keeper, at Chandeleur Island, about 1911. Ashore at

Biloxi, Miss., for 30 days, SUPPOSED to be sick, but was so intoxicated for six days, that he was a disgrace to ANY Branch of the Government Service. Whilst intoxicated, attempted to enter the home of a Mr. Desporte, at 10 P.M. Desporte threatened to shoot him, if he could be found next day. BUT, Wray was well enough to leave Biloxi for Chandeleur Island, before daylight the next morning. Later when he was made Keeper of Sabine Bank Lighthouse, he told several parties (names withheld for REASONS) in Sabine, Texas, that the L. H. Superintendent, whom he called "Tom Brown," had taken him (Wray) into a saloon on Canal Street, New Orleans, and treated him, until he promised to accept the Keepership of Sabine Bank L.H. That the Lighthouse people were very glad to have him in the Service, owing to the big "pull" he had through the Jesuit Society of the Roman Catholic Church. May 5th, of this year. Same Wray was so intoxicated on the sailboat DOROTHY. (which runs from Buras, La., to mouth of Mississippi River) that he was offensive to other passengers & insulted several ladies.--(Information received from Capt. Jos. Clark, sailboat DOROTHY, Buras, La.)

#4.-- John Mason, Keeper of a First Order L. H. near Burrwood, La., in such an intoxicated condition, on mailboat "VENICE" in the first part of the present year, that he hug several of the other passengers. I am informed that an Assistant Keeper, named Matilitz, who went to meet the mailboat, did not think it safe to take Mason to the station that night, in their small boat, for fear he would fall overboard. I am further informed that Mason was ordered out of a place of amusement at Burrwood, La., owing to intoxication.

#5.-- A Mr. Edwardson, gives the information, that he called upon John Asplund, (Keeper of Galveston Lights) at his home in 16th St., Galveston, Texas, in the first part of May, & describes Asplund as being "SO DRUNK that he was unable to talk sence."

#6.-- A Mr. Redi, said to be Keeper of a Lighthouse near the mouth of the Mississippi River, told an Assistant Keeper, (who was wanting a transfer) that HE had a "Pull" at the L. H. Office, as he made presents at Xmas to certain Officials, and could get pretty much what he wanted. For $20 he would use his influence through a Capt. Turjeson, to help him to a Keeper's job, as it had only cost a John Reese $15 to get a Keepership at the Eastern end of the District, but he believed the price was a little higher now.

#7.-- Joe Sprunkles, now Keeper of Beacons near Mobile Bay, whilst acting as Temporary Assistant, (after Keeper Heineman of Chandeleur was drowned) with the connivance of a Jake Hansen (afterwards Keeper of Chandeleur Light, but since discharged; Sprunkles is reported to have taken a galvanized Anchor & chain;two blocks and a quantity of rope from that station. (My informant brought the matter to the attention of Commander Witzel who was then L. H. Inspector, while he was visiting Gulfport, Miss. Commander Witzel, is said to have replied that he was convinced that Sprunkles was a "crook" but he had been appointed as Assistant Keeper, and he (Com.Witzel) would see that the said Sprunkles was never advanced to KEEPER.)

See the enclosed note about a Mr. Brousseard. HOW WAS IT that HE was made a KEEPER so quickly, when there were a lot of others who had served long enough to be given the appointment?

There are several other cases I could call your attention to, but these will be enough at present to open your eyes, if you were not aware of such things, and will give you a point to start investigations from.

(If I can get hold of that Keeper, Redi (or Rhody) when he comes to town, again, I may be able to gather a lot more facts about how money is distributed to have men made Lighthouse KEEPERS;) for he seems to be a garrulous fellow and willing to give abundant information.

I am going to Texas for a few weeks, but letter will be forwarded to me from 802 St. Charles St., New Orleans, La.

If your Department starts to "clean shop" in the 8th District before August 10th, I shall have to revise some of my notes, no doubt, but I can assure you that some of the facts I have not yet exposed will make very interesting reading for the general Public who are not aware that such things are allowed in the Lighthouse Service. It will be particularly interesting to those opposed to the Democratic Party, with the Elections so near at hand.

Having been informed by a Lighthouse Keeper that District inspections are from 9 to 12 months apart, one can readily understand how easily these "stunts" CAN be pulled off without the knowledge of District Officers.

Yours respectfully,

C. Z. Breeland,

(Sgd.) Per S.W.

Stenographer's note.--Mr. Breeland asked me to forward this if he did not return by Tuesday evening.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
July 3, 1915.

To Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, for remark and return.

(Sgd.) CONWAY, T.S.C.

Acting Commissioner.

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August 17, 1917.

Mr. J. Williams,
care Treutel,
632 Bienville St.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring again to your letter of July 30th, addressed to the Secretary of Commerce, relative to light stations provided with quarters for keepers, etc.

The Bureau states that there are two unmarried men at the Passes of the Mississippi River, one at Head of the Passes Light Station, and one at Southwest Pass Light Station. Both were transferred to their present positions because of long and efficient service, and because they were peculiarly adapted to the best work necessary at these stations.

Both of these stations have quarters for the families of the keepers, as referred to in your letter, it being the practice in the Lighthouse Service to provide quarters for the families of keepers of the more important lights, wherever practicable. In the event that you desire any further information regarding this matter, the Lighthouse Inspector in charge of the District, whose offices are located in the Customhouse, New Orleans, will be pleased to take the matter up with you.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
August 17, 1917.

To Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, La., for his information, guidance, and files of office. See your indorsement of August 6, 1917.

CONWAY
Acting Commissioner.

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August 6, 1917.

Bureau indorsement of August 4, 1917, on letter from J. Williams, New Orleans, La., dated July 30, 1917.

Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

There are two unmarried keepers at the Passes of the Mississippi River, at Head of the Passes Light Station and one at Southwest Pass Light Station, La. Both were transferred to their present stations because of long efficient service and because they were peculiarly adapted to the best work necessary at these stations.

It is unnecessary to answer that portion of the communication relative to a lighthouse being for the benefit of navigation, nor to the reference to any light station as a "married man's station."

Both of the above-named stations have quarters for the families of keepers, which may have caused the reference to them as alleged in the unsigned communication. The reason given for the communication does not seem sound and it is suggested that, if Mr. J. Williams desires any further information, he be referred to this office. His address is within a few squares of the location of this office.

(Signed) B. B. DORRY,
Inspector.

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New Orleans, Louisiana, 7/30/17.

William C. Redfield,
Secretary of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Recently I heard the remark passed in connection with a Lighthouse, viz:-"That is a MARRIED man's station." Altho I have been connected with shipping for several years, it was the first I had heard of that being applied to a Lighthouse, which I always thought was for the benefit of NAVIGATION. IF it makes any difference as to whether a Lighthouse keeper is Married or Single, I should be pleased to be informed of it, because there is a man in charge of a Lighthouse down the Mississippi River, to whom I have twice offered a great deal better salary, but he does not seem inclined to leave the L.H.S. If sentiment has anything to do with the appointments, I see a way to get him, as I am told that he is the first UNmarried Keeper in charge of that station since 1870, and has been there now for about 3 years.

Trusting that you will supply the information required, I enclose a postage stamp for reply.

Yours very respectfully,

J. WILLIAMS,
c/o Treutel,
632 Bienville St.,
New Orleans, La.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
August 4, 1917.

To Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, La., for remark and return.

CONWAY,
Acting Commissioner.

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Head of the Passes Lightstation
Pilottown, La., Dec. 1, 1917.

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Mr. Fred Treutel,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Friend:-

I am rather ashamed of myself for not having written to you sooner, but I have been putting it off from time to time, as I have been SO busy since I came back from New Orleans, that I have rather neglected my correspondence, other than Official. In the first place, the Official orders were changed shortly after I returned regarding Thomasen going to take temporary charge of Cubitt's Gap Lightstation, and another man has been sent there until February.

NEXT came the Inspector & Superintendent, who told us that owing to the Departments all trying to economize during the War, WE would have to get busy hunting in the marsh below here, for the fencing and walk material such as could be found down there and bring it back, then clear away debris from the Point North of here AND around the grounds generally. Now just imagine a plot of ground, 1012 ft.X 908' X 1180' pretty well covered with all sort of wreckage, such as willows; logs; lumber; parts of Wharf and fences (from up the River) some barbed wire mixed in with it, and from 2' to 5' high, then you can get an idea of what we were up against, BUT as we NOW only have 3 lights operating, they thought we were getting our money under false pretense. As we have had ideal weather for burning rubbish, we have had some GRAND bonfires of the debris. We would select a spot, and after removing such material as we thought MIGHT be used again, we would clear a path about 12' wide, in a circle around where we intended to have the fire; next carry tubs of water and set them where they could be used in a hurry, and when there was no wind, we would fire the pile. Twice during the past month we nearly made a mess of it, by the fire ALMOST getting beyond our control, but we managed to check it each time, not without having said a few cuss words whilst scrambling over the debris with buckets of water from the river. ALL the folks at Pilot Town; Port Eads & Burrwood, have been out of drinking water, owing to the cisterns all drying out from lack of rain, but the Government tugs have been bringing down drinking water for the folks, from up the river some place. Thank the Lord that WE still have a little in our cisterns. There has been sufficient rain up the river and to within 11 miles of here, but from that down, we have had no rain since the September storm.

Only this week a Tank steamer came in, filled up with drinking waterat Buras (about 4000 tons) and took it to Port Arthur, Texas, I am told that they were in such a desperate need of water to drink over there, that the Captain had orders to lose NO TIME in getting back, and when they crossed the BAR and the Pilot-boat was about 4 miles to the East putting a Pilot on a sailing vessel, the Captain of the steamer would not wait for them to return and take off the BAR PILOT, so he took him to Port Arthur, and sent him back to N.O. by train. That is only the 3rd. time in 12 years that Pilots have been carried away from here. The OTHER 2, could NOT be taken off, owing to the heavy Sea outside; one of them was taken to Liverpool & brought back by a steamer of the same line and the other one was put ashore at Savannah and came back via Railroad.

I am enclosing 3 letters which I wish you would mail for me, you see if I sign the 2 about the Land enquiry, the Politicians (who all in cahoots) would likely "smell a rat" and pass the news to Delesdernier in Pilot Town, and until I know a few things more, I do NOT wish him to know what I am up to. You may recollect that I told U he had 2 stores, and had jumped the prices since the War began (on the poor folks down this way) at a scandalous rate. There was

boast that NEITHER of his 2 sons (who are both eligible for Millitary ser-ice.) would be Drafted. To save ONE of them, they turned over the Burrwood tore (by a blanket sale) in HIS name and he made the plea that as the only store-keeper in that town, it was NECESSARY for him to be Exempted. The other one HAS gone to work on a tug, and as she is now towing oil for the Government (on contract.) that lets HIM out. HE is a pretty decent young fellow and I rather like him, but the other, will learn that HE is no little GOD because his father IS a Country Politician. IF they had let ME alone and not tryed to "SQUEEZE" me, I should not have been SO active in opposing them.

Already I've set the wheels going so that the OLDEST Delesdernier, had to ENLIST to escape being DRAFTED. And I have the Food Administration on his daddy's trail. It might be reasonable to allow Delesdernier to make 15% profit, BUT when it comes to MORE it is about thime to stop him, BECAUSE MOST of the folks who have to deal with him, are in the Government employ and their wages are SET at certain figures and DID NOT increase when the War came on. Of course this matter is just between ourselves, for as yet, the bunch does not know WHO put the FACTS up to Washington.

Thomasen was a little RASH in his talk around Pilot Town (unfortunately he does not always know WHEN to keep his tongue still.) & has had his CREDIT cut off at the Delesdernier store. I expect he will be in New Orleans in January, as he is going to try to attend the Government's Nautical school, IF he can get a month's LEAVE of ABSENCE.

I have sealed up the letter to the STATE'S Attorney, but the answer will come to your address, addressed to me. I'll enclose stamps to have you forward the letters to me when you get them. The one to the State's Attorney, is just to get the CORRECT interpretation of the AGENCY Law in THIS State. IF what I am going to try out, proves to be successful, I may be able to put YOU wise to a GOOD proposition, also, but I want to try it out FIRST to be sure of it before I recommend it to a FRIEND of mine.

I trust that you are all well and that business is good with you. With Best Wishes to the Madam and the youngster, I remain,

Sincerely,

(Signed) St. George Gibbon.

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Head of the Passes Lightstation,
Pilottown, La., Dec. 22,1917.

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Mr. A. F. Treutel,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Friend:-

Just a few lines to let you know that I am still alive. I wish to thank you very much for assisting me with those letters. The Post Card from Baton Rouge, you know was a "stand off", and if you had read the letter from Lobrano, you would have seen the same sort of thing. IT was a "Grand Stall", such as he might have given ME, and just what I wanted to get around, for he gives no information. However, I'll try AGAIN, by having you send letters to OTHER parties. The next time, I'll try with the Couunty ASSESSOR & The U.S.Land Agent, (as suggested by the STATE Land Agent.) It os pretty hard to get information from the durn STATE Politicians, about anything down this way, as they ALL figure on what VOTES the PILOTS control, and I do not hesitate to say that I BELIEVE some of them would STEAL for the Pilots. But I KNOW all about the Land Grant to the PILOTS for STATION purposes, BUT what I WANT to find out, IS, how far South their limit extends, and whether Delesdernier's store in ON that Land. I'll send you the letters later, that is if it is not too much trouble for you? Durn these "Grafter" anyway! BUT, I have worked around until AT LAST Delesdernier's prices HAVE BEEN REGULATED, and althe he does not KNOW that I was behind it, he SUSPECTS me. I put OTHER matters upnte Washington, and his oldest Son, HAD TO enlist to save being "conscripted", I'll tell you the story later. If they'd treated me right, I should have left them alone, but since THEY started things, BY JINKS! there'll be SMOKE on their trail before they get through. The only trouble is that I have to work alne for MOST of the folks down this way are related and I am not ONE of them.

I enclose a check for $2. to get "Goody" a Christmas present, as YOU will know better what would suit him, than I would.

I trust that you are all in good health and spend an ENJOYABLE Christmas & have a HAPPY & PRESPEROUS New Year.

All well here.

Sincerely,
(Signed) ST. G. GIBBON.

P.S. (OVER)

When I get the Photos I need for the War Department, I'll send the letter to you to mail from N.O. The party I usually send them through, will be on vacation until Jan.21st. I cannot very well send them from the local P.O. as, if the "gang" get "wise" I would not be of much more use to the W.Dept. here, and I know you will keep matter quiet. I'll show you copies of the photos & explain matters, when I go to N.O. At present I do not know, who is to be "shaken up," but suspect it is the "Boss of Construction".

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Head of the Passes Lightstation,
Pilottown, La., Feb.18,1918.

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Mr. Fred A. Treutel,
New Orleans, La.
Dear Friend:

I arrived safely at 7.P.M. after a day of travelling and then had to transfer from the Spicuzza boat at Olga, La. to the MAIL-boat, as they were so delayed by the Fog, that they did not expect to get here until the next morning & THAT turned out to be the case, as it was 7, the next morning when they came nosing past here in the FOG.

There was quita crowd on the Spicuzza boat and moreover she was loaded with Brick and gravel for Fort Jackson. After leaving the city (3/4 of an hour late) we cleared the Fog and for the next 10 miles had it comparatively clear, but after THAT the Fog was bad all the way down and with the load she had aboard and danger of bumping into logs, she was running slow a good part of the time, but even at that, we bumped into ONE big log, in a way that gave the boat some jar. Had I come down by the train I should have missed connections as the train had not arrived when the Mail-boat left Buras. The boat USED TO wait for the train, when they were carrying, but the folks at Burrwood (15 miles down South WEST Pass from here) got up a petition to the P. O. Department to force the Mail-boat to deliver THEIR mail earlier. THAT forced the Mail Contractor to have the boat leave on Contract time, to protect his Bondsmen. The Contract time is not LATER than 2.30 P.M. and NOW even if the train arrives at THAT time, the boat does not wait for the mail, which has to be checked at the Buras Office B4 being sent to the various other Postoffices, down this way & West from Buras, so you see that the folks at Burrwood gained little more than the satisfaction of making the Contractor "live to Contract" I am told that some of the folks down that way are SORRY they did not let "good enough alone" but it is too late to be sorry until the NEXT contract is let, which will not be for nearly 2 years yet. Not long since, a P.O. Inspector was down this way to try and arrange a new Schedule, but the Contractor kicked and said that he would apply for an injunction to protect his Bondsmen, so the matter was dropped.

Under separate cover I am sending to the Madam, 2 cakes of "LAUNDRY Marvel" as she found the first lot to be O.K. so she said. There is a possibility of getting an Agency for New Orleans and making a bit out of it, as it is a real good thing, for those who do their own washing. The profit is not large, BUT, as Kalomite Products are not sold through stores as yet, they would likely be a lot of "repeat" orders if you kept a close list of where it was sold.

Tell the Madam that I delivered the BIB for Miss. Blanche Thomasen, and her mother thanks Mrs. Treutel very much. After doing the shopping for Thomasen that he requested, there was only ONE lot that suited him, and I had to keep things which I did not NEED, thereby being $2. out on the deal. The Spectacles I have returned to Dr. King and asked that the money be returned to me. That is the 2nd. time that I have done shopping at his request and it was not satisfactory, and you can place your bets that it will be the LAST time I do shopping for him. At the places he asked me to go, I asked for goods as per his list, and thought I got them correct but it would seem not. The paper I got at "KRESS'S for him, I can use myself, but some bolts that had to be made specially to the order, I cannot return. I handed his drawing and measurements to the Machine-shop man who said he understood what was wanted. I got the bolts and paid for them, presuming that they were what was wanted, but I think the price did not suit Thomasen.

F.A.T. #2:--



I enclose the Receipe for the Madam. I sent in the order, with several others, on Saturday, (Feb. 16th.)

I hope that "Goody" is better by this time. With BEST REGARDS to you all, I remain,

Sincerely,

(Signed) St. George Gibbon.

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Pilottown, La.
Feb 24th, 1918.

Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Heartt.

Dear Friends:-

Your most wellcome letter of 20 inst, on hand, and I will say that we are more than pleased to hear that you have recovered and is able to report for duty again, I realy think that I owen you a letter, not because I did not care to write to you, nor did I think that it was a matter of short time, and you would be in the resting place, as I think that I told you that you would get well when proper treated. But I was not going to write to you before I knew if you was to come back or not, for my own reasons, I did not long to see you dead, and lots of letter writing is indeed nice, but it dos not bring much after all, I may be some different from the rest of good people, but I will always do my best to treat a

When in N. O. he seems to be OK. I did not have time to go out my course, and when I found out that I would not have time to do so, I went home, as I did not see any reason why I should stay and spend anymore money when I could not get what I wanted, I understan that Snow will go to Bolivar L.S.Tex. When you get back, if you so wish, then you can get back the tings that I got from you except the gun, the price is the same as when we got them.

Well I will enclose $15.00 that may help you out in case of that you will find your self short, if you have told me that you did need more, then of course I would sent more, but now as I do not know if you need any, then I just send this in case you should be short, and you can pay me back any time ~~xxxxxx~~ betwine now and June, 1918. If you do not need the money, then you may return it to me by mail.

With best wishes to you both, I beg to remain.

Yours in F.L.&T.

(Signed) C. T. THOMASEN & WIFE.

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Pilottown, La. March 20, 1918.

U. S. Food Administration.
New Orleans, La.

Gentlemen:-

I would like to know how much flour and sugar we that live in the country, can order from our grocer.

I for my part live about 90 miles from New Orleans and I have been dealing in New Orleans, for the past 5 years and I have taken three months groceries at the time including flour as I make my own bread, I used to get 1/2 Barrle at the time, as I then can get it so much cheaper freight rates included, and Sugar I used to get from 50 to 100 pounds, the last Sugar that I boutht was in April 1918, then I got 100 pounds from my Grocer, H.Ricke.N.O. this is for three persons, Now I am out and find that I can not get more than about 10 pounds at the time, in the country, and flour I must take 50--50. Now if I was in the city, then I would not need to write you about the matter because then I would n not need to, as I understand that wheatless and meatless days in the city is now become a joke, whereas we that live in the country we must either spend our money with the highest retail grocer, or else spend the money on freight, it is no wonder that the people here do not care to buy any W.S.S when they are so treated. I for my part I raise my own garden, and my own eggs and chickens, and milk we use but very little meat, I am proud to say that we have meatless and wheatless days, not like in the City, but real, but if I am to keep up helping my country, not only by saving but also by buying Bonds and W.S.Stamps, then I want the Government to be fair to me, and allowe me to buy anough food to last my house for a fair time. but if I have to buy in small lots, and have to pay the highest price for it, then I can not buy any bonds nor W.S.Stamps. I am just writing to you so that you may know the feeling not only in my home, but in many other homes, that is in the same fix that I am in.

Respectfully,

(Signed) C. T. THOMASEN

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March 22, 1918.

Mr. C. T. Thomasen,
Pilot Town, La.

Dear Sir:-

The Government has concentrated upon wheat flour as the most vital food needed for war purposes. In addition it had asked us to be more conservative in our use of sugar, meats and fats. As we are all anxious to win the war and to stand by our country in her hour of need and test, we should not consider it any great hardship or sacrifice to co-operate with the government in its very wise purpose, especially as there are so many other foods and substitutes which we can use.

We are sure you have been misinformed about the patriotism of New Orleans, as our inspectors find that there are very few violations of the rules, and the few which have been found have readily yielded to the education bestowed. If you know of any violation, either in the city or country, it will be a patriotic contribution to the Government to let us know, and we will undertake effective remedy.

In your own case, we trust the very reasonable and moderate regulations of the Government will not so seriously interfere with your prosperity as to make it harder for you to invest in bonds and war stamps and other securities which our country has issued in order to finance the war in our defense and to keep, equip and supply the brave men and people who are fighting for us. The least we can do is to stand by the Government and those fighting for us, and to carry out the regulations which are part of the necessary war measures. We trust that you will look at it in this light, and thank you in advance for all the co-operation you will give.

Yours very truly,

FOOD ADMINISTRATOR FOR LA.
FOOD ADMINISTRATION FOR LA.

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Pilottown, La. March 25th, 1918.



Mr. John M. Parker.
Food Administrator for Louisiana.
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:-

I have your most intresting letter of the 22 inst, and I will here try to answer same, but first I will say that this letter is not a letter of hard feeling toward anyone, but it is writen in order to give our country all the aid and co-operation that I can as I always have and always will stand for America first.

In the first part of your letter, you state that the Government have concentrated upon wheat flour; And I will say that the government have done the right thing in so doing, Yet I am sorry to have to state, that the government have overlooked one most important part when they allow the waste of flour and sugar and meat, on the government works, You may say no, but then I will Say yes, as I know what I am talking about, as about 2000 yards from where I live is a government boarding house, and there is another at Burrwood, La. and then all the Dredges that is working at Burrwood, I have seen good wheat bread that could be used for the men, taken away upto a place close here and used for hog feed, when some people is doing all they can to save the bread, the Gomernment have men in the service that do not care how much they waste, as long as they can give fresh meals, and save a little work when they can; I have seen meat wasted in the same manner, in fact I have and see almost daily the waste of food from the government works around here.it may be that I think I see and notice more that some folks, the reason is I belive is that I have been teached to save since I was a child and I have been living on rations for years, I have also been cater for large numbers of men, and I have been knowen as a man that have taken intrest in both the men and the concern for whom I have worked, therefor when I write about waste, then I know what I write about.

Now to the second part of your letter, in which you state that your inspectors report that there is very few violations of the rules, that is well we will at any rate hope that it is the truth, for the good of the country, yet I have heard reports to the contrary, those statements I hope are not true.

The third part of your letter, refering to my own case, I will say, that I realy do not know the allowens made by the government for those that live in the country, and have to buy for more that each day, and I would consider it a favor from you, if you would let me know, in order that I may be able in ordring my groceries from my grocer, not to exceed the regulation.

In Conclusion I will say that I will do Hereafter as heretofore all in my power to aid my country to win the war, and anything that I can do to aid you in your noble task I will be very pleased to do, as it is our duty to aid eachother.

Yours truly,

(Signed) C. T. THOMASEN.

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LIGHT
MAY 25 1918
HOUSES

March 28, 1918.

Mr. C. T. Thomasen,
Pilottown, La.

Dear Sir:-

Thanks for your information regarding the waste of flour at Pilottown and Burrwood, La., as it has enabled us to call the attention of the proper authorities to the matter.

Thanking you for your co-operation in the work which we are all attempting to do for state and nation, we are,

Yours very truly,

FOOD ADMINISTRATOR FOR LA.

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RSW



Pilot Town, La. May, 12, 1918.

Captain. B. B. Dorry.
New Orleans, La.

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Very respectfully,

(Signed) St. George Gibbon.

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Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 4, 1918, addressed to the President of the United States, which concerns in part the district of the Lighthouse Service with headquarters at New Orleans, La., which letter has been referred to this Department for attention, I take pleasure in stating that the matter will be investigated and you will be advised in regard thereto at a later date.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Sam. L. Rogers.

Acting Secretary.

Mr. H. M. Bratt,
New Orleans, La.

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AKT Gibbons

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May 25, 1918

Subject: Dept. let. May 3, 1918, addressed to H. M. Bratt in ans. to his let. March 4, 1918, concerning LHS at New Orleans.

Referred to Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, La. for delivery if practicable, to H. M. Bratt, New Orleans, La. See Bureau indorsement of May 3, 1918.

Acting Commissioner

Rec'd back from P.O. undelivered, as explained on attached envelope returned by postal auths. with statement that name of addressee is not in New Orleans directory.

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September 3, 1918.

Subject: Anonymous letter of August 21, 1918, relative to conditions in 8th District.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., for his information. Return to Bureau for file,

Acting Commissioner.

ADDRESS REPLY TO
CHIEF, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
AND REFER TO INITIALS.

Department of Justice,

Bureau of Investigation,

Washington.

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February 8, 1919.

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T. S. Clark, Esq.,

Light House Board,

Dept. of Commerce, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In re: W. St. G. Gibbon and Christian Thomasen.

I am enclosing you herewith a file of papers which would seem to constitute your original file in the above matter. My recollection is that said file was brought to the office of this bureau by one of your employes for our information.

Very truly yours,

W E Allen

Acting Chief.

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Transmitted to them by Ruler 7/13/18

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HEAD OF THE PASSES
LIGHTSTATION

Pilottown, La., Feb. 18. 1918.

Mr. Fred A. Treutel.
New Orleans, La.

Dear friend:-

I arrived safely at 7.P.M. after a day of travelling and then had to transfer from the Spicuzza boat at Olga, La. to the MAIL-boat, as they were so delayed by the Fog, that they did not expect to get here until the next morning & THAT turned out to be the case, as it was 7, the next morning when they came nosing past here in the FOG.

There was quita crowd on the Spicuzza boat and moreover she was loaded with Brick and gravel for Fort Jackson. After leaving the city(3/4 of an hour late) we cleared the Fog and for the next 10 miles had it comparatively clear, but after THAT the Fog was bad all the way down and with the load she had aboard and danger of bumping into logs, she was running slow a good part of the time, but even at that, we bumped into ONE big log, in a way that gave the boat some jar. Had I come down by the train I should have missed connections as the train had not arrived when the Mail-boat left Buras. The boat USED TO wait for the train, when they were carrying, but the folks at Burrwood(15 miles down South WEST Pass from here) got up a petition to the P.O. Department to force the Mail-boat to deliver THEIR mail earlier. THAT forced the Mail Contractor to have the boat leave on Contract time, to protect his Bondsmen. The Contract time is not LATER than 2.30 P.M. and NOW even if the train arrives at THAT time, the boat does not wait for the mail, which has to be checked at the Buras Office B4 being sent to the various other Postoffices, down this way & West from Buras, so you see that the folks at Burrwood gained little more than the satisfaction of making the Contractor "live to Contract" I am told that some of the folks down that way are SORRY they did not let "good enough alone" but it is too late to be sorry until the NEXT contract is let, which will not be for nearly 2 years yet. Not long since, a P.O.Inspector was down this way to try and arrange a new Schedule, but the Contractor kicked and said that he would apply for an injunction to protect his Bondsmen, so the matter was dropped.

Under separate cover I am sending to the Madam, 2 cakes of "LAUNDRY Marvel" as she found the first lot to be O.K. so she said. There is a possibility of getting an Agency for New Orleans and making a bit out of it, as it is a real good thing, for those who do their own washing. The profit is not large, BUT, as Kalomite Products are not sold through stores as yet, they would likely be a lot of "repeat" orders if you kept a close list of where it was sold.

Tell the Madam that I delivered the BIB for Miss. Blanche Thomasen, and her mother thanks Mrs. Treutel very much. After doing the shopping for Thomasen that he requested, there was only ONE lot that suited him, and I had to keep things which I did not NEED, thereby being $2. out on the deal. The Spectacles I have returned to Dr. King and asked that the money be returned to me. That is the 2nd. time that I have done shopping at his request and it was not satisfactory, and you can place your bets that it will be the LAST time I

do shopping for him. At the places he asked me to go, I asked for goods as per his list, and thought I got them correct but it would seem not. The paper I got at "KRESS'S for him, I can use myself, but some bolts that had to be made specially to the order, I cannot return. I handed his drawing and measurements to the Machine-shop man who said he understood what was wanted. I got the bolts and paid for them, presuming that they were what was wanted, but I think the price did not suit Thomasen.

I enclose the Receipe for the Madam. I sent in the order, with several others, on Saturday, (Feb. 16th.)

I hope that "Goody" is better by this time. With BEST REGARDS to you all, I remain,

Sincerely,

St. George Gibbon.

Pilot Town, La. May, 12, 1918.

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New Orleans, La.

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Very respectfully,

St. George Gibbon.

Pilot Town, La. May, 28, 1918.

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JUN 25 1918
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Mr. Fred Treutel.
New Orleans, La.

Dear Fred:-

I have just tendered my Resignation in the Lighthouse Service, as I see well enough that they intend to make either Thomasen or I the "Goat" in that investigation they had, and I find that the Lodges which Thomasen belongs to:. Moose; Maccabees & Odd-fellows are likely to put up a defense for him, tho I find that some folks down this way, who"shot the Bull" to him, are not going to stand by him. He has written quite a number of letters to folks hereabouts but I am told that most of them are not going to recommend him. He meddled in other folks affairs too much here. As they told me at the Lighthouse Office, that you denied knowing anything about Light-house affairs or letters, that is the best place to stand. Know no-thing and it saves a lot of unnecessary trouble. Do you know the name of the Chief Instructor, who worked for Jack at the College? I may have to look him up, if, he is around New Orleans, to get some information about a man who Jack knew. I am going to write to Carl Rohr(Jack's Nephew) to find out about some of the "boys" I knew, who went to the school, but whom I have lost track of since. I Prepaid the freight on the Trunk & box I sent your wife for storage, but I have not received the drayage bill from you. However, I expect to be in New Orleans, by June 15th. I hope that you are all well and I send best regards. to you all.

Yours sincerely,

St. G. Gibbon.

P.S.- I was surprised to find how few friends, Thomasen seems to have left here.

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THE LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER'S BAD DREAM!

Once upon a time a Lighthouse Service man, fell into a troubled sleep, for he was very tiredafter having made several trips during the night to attend Post-lights under his charge, which, altho there was nothing APPARENTLY the matter with them, they would NOT stay alight for more than a few minutes at a time. In his troubled sleep he imagined that he was transported to the INFERNAL REGIONS, and there beheld the IMP of Darkness and his many Faithful Servants. After the meeting had been duly called to Order, His SATANIC Majesty, growled:-

"List ye Tarriers! I note by the list here before me, that we have "gained LESS Recruits from the ranks of the LIGHTHOUSE men, than from "any other source. There is something wrong with our System and you "Loafers had better GET BUSY! D'yuh hear?"

Then up and spoke a BOLD IMP, "YOUR MAJESTY! I also have been annoyed not a little by that same report, BUT, I have the scheme that will bring those L.H.S. chumps, on the run! I have perfected a new contraption which we will (With YOUR MAJESTY'S kind permission) have designated as:- New style; Type B. 150. M.M. 8 day Postlight."

His Satanic Majesty became mightily peeved at the suggestion, and ROARED "LIGHT! LIGHT! None of THAT my son! NOTHING for the BENEFIT of mankind!"
"Pardon ME, Your Majesty!" spoke the BOLD IMP. "I did not state that "THIS contraption WOULD stay alight, THERE is just where the CATCH comes, "and I forsee that it will cause more Lighthouse Service men to Fall "from Grace, than anything that has yet been tried. Now I propose to " have Mr.(and being a WILEY IMP, he WHISPERED the name to His Majesty.) "introduce THIS."

"BUT!" quoth His Majesty. "THAT man is NO LAMPIST!"

"ADMITTED! SIR! BUT I'll arrange to have the folks at Washington, U.S.A. "THINK he IS! Then, unless present plans miscarry, they'll grab this like "a hungry Mackerel takes a Shrimp!

"What a SHAME", whispered the Lighthouse man to his Conductor, Not at all my son, THAT is "BUSINESS!"

The CONDUCTOR, made a pass with his wand & again drew aside the curtain, whispering:-"You have been transported through a space of several months and "NOW behold the consumation of the Plot!" As he looked, the BOLD IMP was presenting a Report to SATAN, who, after scanning it, roared:-
"GOOD BOY! GOOD BOY! I note that your invention has caused to be "recorded some Fearful & wonderful combinations of Cuss words "never before used by L.H.S.men & already we have a goodly number "of Light Tenders, registered for Service. Now if you can put "ONE more over that will carry like THAT, you can promise your "friend,(Lampist did you call him?) HA! HA! HAa! Well never mind, " just promise him that he shall be allowed to sit in the draught "for 10 minutes per day, when he comes down here, and remind him

that he will NOT becrowded during that time, as FEW there'll be who shall enjoy a like privilege, EXCEPT some of the GREATEST Financiers."

And as FEAR overcame the Lighthouse man, he awoke covered with a COLD Sweat.

HEAD OF THE PASSES
LIGHTSTATION

Pilottown, La., DEC, 1, 1917.

LIGHT
JUN 25 1918
HOUSES

Mr. Fred Treutel.
New Orleans, La.

Dear Friend:-

I am rather ashamed of myself for not having written to you sooner, but I have been putting it off from time to time, as I have been SO busy since I came back from New Orleans, that I have rather neglected my correspondence, other than Official. In the first place, the Official orders were changed shortly after I returned regarding Thomasen going to take temporary charge of Cubitt's Gap Lightstation, and another man has been sent there until February.

NEXT came the Inspector & Superintendent, who told us that owing to the Departments all trying to economize during the War, WE would have to get busy hunting in the marsh below here, for the fencing and walk material such as could be found down there and bring it back, then clear away debris from the Point North of here AND around the grounds generally. Now just imagine a plot of ground, 1012 ft.X 988' X 1180' pretty well covered with all sort of wreckage, such as willows; logs; lumber; parts of Wharf and fences(from up the River) some barbed wire mixed in with it, and from 2' to 5' high, then you can get an idea of what we were up against, BUT as we NOW only have 3 lights operating, they thought we were getting our money under false pretense. As we have had ideal weather for burning rubbish, we have had some GRAND bonfires of the debris. We would select a spot, and after removing such materail as we thought MIGHT be used again, we would clear a path about 12' wide, in a circle around where we intended to have the fire; next carry tubs of water and set them where they could be used in a hurry, and when there was no wind, we would fire the pile. Twice during the past month we nearly made a mess of it, by the fire ALMOST getting beyond our control, but we managed to check it each time, not without having said a few cuss words whilst scrambling over the debris with buckets of water from the river. ALL the folks at Pilot Town; Port Eads & Burrwood, have been out of drinking water, owing to the cisterns all drying out from lack of rain, but the Government tugs have been bringing down drinking water for the folks, from up the river some place. Thank the Lord that WE still have a little in our cisterns. There has been sufficient rain up the river and to within 11 miles of here, but from that down, we have had no rain since the September storm.

Only this week a Tank steamer came in, filled up with drinking waterat Buras(about 4000 tons) and took it to Port Arthur, Texas. I am told that they were in such a desperate need of water to drink over there, that the Captain had orders to lose NO TIME in getting back, and when they crossed the BAR and the Pilot-boat was about 4 miles to the East putting a Pilot on a sailing vessel, the Captain of the steamer would not wait for them to return and take off the BAR PILOT, so he took him to Port Arthur, and sent him back to N.O by train. That is only the 3rd. time in 12 years that Pilots have been carried away from here. The OTHER 2, could NOT be taken off, owing to the heavy Sea outside; one of them was taken to Liverpool & brought back by a steamer of the same line and the other one was put ashore at Savannah and came back via Railroad.

A.F.T. #2:--

I am enclosing 3 letters which I wish you would mail for me, you see if I sign the 2 about the Land enquiry, the Politicians(who all in cahoots) would likely "smell a rat" and pass the news to Delesdernier in Pilot Town, and until I know a few things more, I do NOT wish him to know what I am up to. You may recollect that I told U he had 2 stores, and had jumped the prices since the War began(on the poor folks down this way) at a scandalous rate. There was a boast that NEITHER of his 2 sons(who are both eligible for Millitary service.) would be Drafted. To save ONE of them, they turned over the Burrwood store(by a blanket sale) in HIS name and he made the plea that as the only store-keeper in that town, it was NECESSARY for him to be Exempted. The other one HAS gone to work on a tug, and as she is now towing oil for the Government(on contract.) that lets HIM out. HE is a pretty decent young fellow and I rather like <u>him</u>, but the other, will learn that HE is no little GOD because his father IS a Country Politician. IF they had let ME alongs and not tryed to "SQUEEZE" me, I should not have been SO active in opposing them .

Already I've set the wheels going so that the OLDEST Delesdernier, <u>had to</u> ENLIST to escape being DRAFTED. And Ihave the Food Administration on his daddy's trail. It might be reasonable to allow Delesdernier to make 15% profit, BUT when it comes to MORE it is about thime to stop him, BECAUSE MOSE of the folks who have to deal with him, are in the Government employ and their wages are SET at certain figures and DID NOT increase when the War came on. Of course this matter is just between ourselves, for as yet, the bunch does not know WHO put the FACTS up to Washington.

Thomasen was a little RASH in his talk around Pilot Town(unfortunately he does not always know WHEN to keep his tongue still.) & has had his CREDIT cut off at the Delesdernier store. I expect he will be in New Orleans in January, as he is going to try to attend the Government's Nautical school, IF he can get a month's LEAVE of ABSENCE.

I have sealed up the letter to the STATE'S Attorney, but the answer will come to your address, addressed to me. I'll enclose stamps to have you forward the letters to me when you get them. The one to the State's Attorney, is just to get the CORRECT interpretation of the AGENCY Law in THIS State. IF what I am going to try out, proves to be successful, I may be able to put YOU wise to a GOOD proposition, also, but I want to try it out FIRST to be sure of it before I recommend it to a FREEND of mine.

I trust that you are all well and that business is good with you. With Best Wishes to the Madam and the youngster, I remain,

Sincerely.

St. George Tibbon.

HEAD OF THE PASSES
LIGHTSTATION,

Pilottown, La., DEC. 22, 1917.

Mr. A. F. Treutel.
New Orleans, La.

Dear Friend:-

Just a few lines to let you know that I am still alive. I wish to thank you very much for assisting me with those letters. The Post Card from Baton Rouge, you know was a "stand off" and if you had read the letter from Lobrano, you would have seen the same sort of thing. IT was a "Grand Stall," such as he might have given ME, and just what I wanted to get around, for he gives no information. However, I'll try AGAIN, by having you send letters to OTHER parties. The next time, I'll try with the Couunty ASSESSOR & The U.S.Land Agent,(as suggested by the STATE Land Agent.) It os pretty hard to get information from the durn STATE Politicians, about anything down this way, as they ALL figure on what VOTES the PILOTS control, and I do not hesitate to say that I BELIEVE some of them would STEAL for the Pilots. But I KNOW all about the Land Grant to the PILOTS for STATION purposes, BUT what I WANT to find out, IS, how far South their limit extends, and whether Delesdernier's store in ON that Land. I'll send you the letters later, that is if it is not too much trouble for you? Durn these "Grafter" anyway! BUT, I have worked around until AT LAST Delesdernier's prices HAVE BEEN REGULATED, and altho he does not KNOW that I was behind it, he SUSPECTS me.

I put OTHER matters up to Washington, and his oldest Son, HAD TO enlist to save being "conscripted" I'll tell you the story later. If they'd treated me right, I should have left them alone, but since THEY started things, BY JINKS! there'll be SMOKE on their trail before they get through. The only trouble is that I have to work alne for MOST of the folks down this way are related and I am not ONE of them.

I enclose a check for $2. to get "Goody" a Christmas present, as YOU will know better what would suit him, than I would.

I trust that you are all in good health and spend an ENJOYABLE Christmas & have a HAPPY & PROSPEROUS New Year.

(over.)

All well here.

Sincerely. St. G. Gibbon.

P.S. When I get the Photos I need for the War Department. I'll send the letter to you to mail from Q.C. The party I usually send them through, will be on vacation until Jan. 2/04 I cannot very well send them from the local P.O. as, if the "gang" get "wise" I would not be of much more use to the W. Dept. here, and I know you will keep matter quiet. I'll show you copies of the photos & explain matters, when I go to Q.C. At present I do not know, who is to be "shaken up," but suspect it is the "Heads of Construction."

SBD-MCC
Inclosures

BY REGISTERED MAIL.

LIGHT
JUN 25 1918
HOUSES

May 21, 1918.

John W. St. G. Gibbon, Keeper,
Head of Passes Light Station,
Pilot Town, Louisiana.

You are hereby charged with violating paragraphs 8, 11, 14, 55, and 56 of "Instructions to Employees of the United States Lighthouse Service" as hereinafter specified. You will be given three (3) days in which to submit such statement as you desire. Be guided by paragraph 45, page 14, of "Instructions to Employees" in submitting your reply.

Paragraphs 8, 11, and 14 are quoted below. Paragraphs 55 and 56 relate to proper method of transmitting communications pertaining to the Lighthouse Service or other branches of the Government Service.

> Par. 8. Personal character.--All employees of the Lighthouse Service are required to show in themselves a good example of virtue, honor, patriotism, and subordination and to exact similar conduct from persons placed under their jurisdiction.
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> Par.11. Obedience to orders.--All persons in the service are required to obey readily and strictly, and to execute with promptitude and zeal, the lawful orders of their superiors. They shall show to their superiors the proper deference and respect. No person in the service shall join in or abet any combination to weaken the lawful authority of, or lessen the respect due to, his superior officer, or shall treat his superior officer with contempt or be disrespectful to him in manner or deportment.
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> Violation of this regulation will be deemed cause for the dismissal of the offender.
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> Par.14. Making false statements reflecting on the character and conduct of a superior, malicious talebearing to officers in authority, or detrimental criticism of the same character, whether orally or in writing, will be considered cause for the dismissal of the offender.

CHARGES

(1) That you wrote a letter to Honorable George R. Putnam as from New Orleans, dated June 29, 1915, above the fictitious signature of "Q. Z. Breeland," copy of which is attached as Exhibit A; and another letter to Honorable William C. Redfield as from New Orleans, dated July 30, 1917, over the fictitious signature, "J.Williams," copy of which is attached as Exhibit B. The fact that you affixed fictitious signatures to communications referring to Lighthouse matters and reflecting on the character and reputation of employees in the Lighthouse Service shows your personal character to be diametrically opposite to that required by paragraph 8.

(2) That in letter, Exhibit A, you maligned a number of employees of the Lighthouse Service without assuming any part of the burden of proof and in your criticism of the administration of the Eighth District you were disrespectful to and reflected on the honesty of your superior officers, in violation of paragraph 11.

(3) That you have made false statements in letter, Exhibit A, reflecting on the character and conduct of your superiors and other employees of the District and that the letter as a whole constitutes malicious talebearing to officers in authority, in violation of paragraph 14. This charge is made in view of the fact that the letter carries no proof of the accusations and that upon investigation by this office no substantial evidence could be procured.

(4) That in forwarding the said letter other than through official channels you have violated paragraphs 55 and 56.

(5) That you have conducted clandestine correspondence through an address in New Orleans for the purpose of obtaining information and reporting to various sources happenings in the vicinity of Head of Passes Light Station.

Return all papers with your reply.

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Inspector.

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Bureau of Lighthouses
Ack. July 3, 1915.) COPY

(Lighthouses, July 2, 1915.)
(L.H.Inspr., N.O.,La., July 6, 1915.)

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LIGHT
JUN 25 1918
HOUSES

Q.Z.B/SW.

New Orleans, La., June 29, 1915.

Exhibit "A"

Honorable George R. Putnam,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Having a number of friends in the Lighthouse Service, I was always under the impression that they were engaged in a branch of the Government Service, where only HONORABLE men were employed, but,recently I was rudely shocked, in the lobby of one of hotels, on hearing a dejected young man, tell a man from St. Louis, that he had recently been "turned down" by a young lady, because he was engaged in the Lighthouse Service, and her Guardian had proven to her satisfaction, that the Lighthouse service, particularly in the 8th District, was a fine place for "Drunks; Crooks and Grafters." I was annoyed at first, tho the matter did not seem to concern me, but, being a Writer for a Radical Magazine, I introduced myself and learned a few curious facts about how things are run in the 8th Lighthouse District. Since, I have made personal investigation and found things WORSE than these men had stated. I'll just quote a few cases, from my Notes. Do these men retain their positions, thru GRAFT; Roman Catholic Church influence, (as some of them assert.) OR has it come to where HONORABLE men are no longer required?

#1.-- Sidney Gibbon, at present, Keeper of a station on the Texas Coast, but, at the time (1911 & 12.) was Keeper of Chandeleur Island Lightstation. Was ejected from the "Bay View Hotel" Biloxi, Miss., as "Drunk & disorderly. Sent ashore, by George Duggan, a Fisherman of Biloxi, Miss., a quantity of paint, supposed to have been used for Lighthouse service. I am reliably informed, that it was sold & the Keeper, received upwards of $20. as his "share" of the proceeds. Later, sold a quantity of L.H. White Zinc paint, to a man named Schriber, of Ocean Springs, Miss. Gave to the above-mentioned Duggan, 20 gallons ofilluminating Oil & a quantity of Manila Rope, all of it GOVERNMENT property. (That is enough to start on, in this case.)

#2.-- Albert Summers, Keeper of Biloxi (Miss.) Beacons. About 1913, given instructions to engage a man to assist him paint Beacons. I am reliably informed, he did the work himself, after informing the L. H. Inspector, that he was unable to do it without help; got his Brother-in-law (who was then steadily engaged by Gorenflo & Co., of Biloxi.) to sign the "Time sheet" & check, & they divided the proceeds. This Summers, has been seen on the streets of Biloxi, several times, with the above-mentioned Sidney Gibbon, when BOTH of them were in a disgraceful state of intoxication. Made the assertion, that he had a "Pull" through the Roman Catholic Church, so the L. H. Officials dare not discharge him, or some of the District Officers would lose THEIR jobs.

#3.-- Max Wray, Keeper of a Lighthouse near the mouth of the Mississippi River. Whilst Assistant Keeper, at Chandeleur Island, about 1911. Ashore at

Biloxi, Miss., for 30 days, SUPPOSED to be sick, but was so intoxicated for six days, that he was a disgrace to ANY Branch of the Government Service. Whilst intoxicated, attempted to enter the home of a Mr. Desporte, at 10 P.M. Desporte threatened to shoot him, if he could be found next day. BUT, Wray was well enough to leave Biloxi for Chandeleur Island, before daylight the next morning. Later when he was made Keeper of Sabine Bank Lighthouse, he told several parties (names withheld for REASONS) in Sabine, Texas, that the L. H. Superintendent, whom he called "Tom Brown," had taken him (Wray) into a saloon on Canal Street, New Orleans, and treated him, until he promised to accept the Keepership of Sabine Bank L.H. That the Lighthouse people were very glad to have him in the Service, owing to the big "pull" he had through the Jesuit Society of the Roman Catholic Church. May 5th, of this year. Same Wray was so intoxicated on the sailboat DOROTHY, (which runs from Buras, La., to mouth of Mississippi River) that he was offensive to other passengers & insulted several ladies.--(Information received from Capt. Jos. Clark, sailboat DOROTHY, Buras, La.)

#4.-- John Mason, Keeper of a First Order L. H. near Burrwood, La., in such an intoxicated condition, on mailboat "VENICE" in the first part of the present year, that he hug several of the other passengers. I am informed that an Assistant Keeper, named Matilits, who went to meet the mailboat, did not think it safe to take Mason to the station that night, in their small boat, for fear he would fall overboard. I am further informed that Mason was ordered out of a place of amusement at Burrwood, La., owing to intoxication.

#5.-- A Mr. Edwardson, gives the information, that he called upon John Asplund, (Keeper of Galveston Lights) at his home in 16th St., Galveston, Texas, in the first part of May, & describes Asplund as being "SO DRUNK that he was unable to talk sence."

#6.-- A Mr. Rodi, said to be Keeper of a Lighthouse near the mouth of the Mississippi River, told an Assistant Keeper, (who was wanting a transfer) that HE had a "Pull" at the L. H. Office, as he made presents at Xmas to certain Officials, and could get pretty much what he wanted. For $20 he would use his influence through a Capt. Turjeson, to help him to a Keeper's job, as it had only cost a John Reese $15 to get a Keepership at the Eastern end of the District, but he believed the price was a little higher now.

#7.-- Joe Sprunkles, now Keeper of Beacons near Mobile Bay, whilst acting as Temporary Assistant, (after Keeper Heineman of Chandeleur was drowned) with the connivance of a Jake Hanson (afterwards Keeper of Chandeleur Light, but since discharged; Sprunkles is reported to have taken a galvanized Anchor & chain;two blocks and a quantity of rope from that station. (My informant brought the matter to the attention of Commander Witzel who was then L. H. Inspector, while he was visiting Gulfport, Miss. Commander Witzel, is said to have replied that he was convinced that Sprunkles was a "crook" but he had been appointed as Assistant Keeper, and he (Com.Witzel) would see that the said Sprunkles was never advanced to KEEPER.)

the enclosed note about a Mr. Broussard. HOW WAS IT that HE was made so quickly, when there were a lot of others who had served long enough given the appointment?

There are several other cases I could call your attention to, but these are enough at present to open your eyes, if you were not aware of such things, will give you a point to start investigations from.

(If I can get hold of that Keeper, Rodi (or Rhody) when he comes to town, again, I may be able to gather a lot more facts about how money is distributed to have men made Lighthouse KEEPERS;) for he seems to be a garrulous fellow and willing to give abundant information.

I am going to Texas for a few weeks, but letter will be forwarded to me from 802 St. Charles St., New Orleans, La.

If your Department starts to "clean shop" in the 8th District before August 10th, I shall have to revise some of my notes, no doubt, but I can assure you that some of the facts I have not yet exposed will make very interesting reading for the general Public who are not aware that such things are allowed in the Lighthouse Service. It will be particularly interesting to those opposed to the Democratic Party, with the Elections so near at hand.

Having been informed by a Lighthouse Keeper that District inspections are from 9 to 12 months apart, one can readily understand how easily these "stunts" CAN be pulled off without the knowledge of District Officers.

Yours respectfully,

C. Z. Breeland,

(Sgd.) Per S.W.

Stenographer's note.--Mr. Breeland asked me to forward this if he did not return by Tuesday evening.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
July 3, 1915.

To Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, for remark and return.

(Sgd.) CONWAY, T. S. C.

Acting Commissioner.

Copy RSW

(Lighthouses--July 2, 1915.)

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The man you mentioned in your letter was promoted to Keeper of Halfmoon Reef L. S. after about six months' service. He was appointed Assistant Keeper of Sand Island L. S., but exchanged with Talley, who was at the Pass L. S. Broussard agreed to give Talley one month's pay for the exchange, but after the exchange was made Talley would not accept the month's pay as he heard that someone was going to report him to the Inspector,-so much the better for Broussard, as it saved him about $54.00.

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LIGHT
JUN 25 1918
HOUSES

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August 17, 1917.

Mr. J. Williams,
care Treutel,
632 Bienville St.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring again to your letter of July 30th, addressed to the Secretary of Commerce, relative to light stations provided with quarters for keepers, etc.

The Bureau states that there are two unmarried men at the Passes of the Mississippi River, one at Head of the Passes Light Station, and one at Southwest Pass Light Station. Both were transferred to their present positions because of long and efficient service, and because they were peculiarly adapted to the best work necessary at these stations.

Both of these stations have quarters for the families of the keepers, as referred to in your letter, it being the practice in the Lighthouse Service to provide quarters for the families of keepers of the more important lights, wherever practicable. In the event that you desire any further information regarding this matter, the Lighthouse Inspector in charge of the District, whose offices are located in the Customhouse, New Orleans, will be pleased to take the matter up with you.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
August 17, 1917.

To Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, La., for his information, guidance, and files of office. See your indorsement of August 6, 1917.

CONWAY
Acting Commissioner.

Copy RSW

August 6, 1917.

SUBJECT: Bureau indorsement of August 4, 1917, on letter from J. Williams, New Orleans, La., dated July 30, 1917.

Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

There are two unmarried keepers at the Passes of the Mississippi River, one at Head of the Passes Light Station and one at Southwest Pass Light Station, La. Both were transferred to their present stations because of long and efficient service and because they were peculiarly adapted to the boat work necessary at these stations.

It is unnecessary to answer that portion of the communication relative to a lighthouse being for the benefit of navigation, nor to the reference to any light station as a "married man's station."

Both of the above-named stations have quarters for the families of keepers, which may have caused the reference to them as alleged in the unsigned communication. The reason given for the communication does not seem sound and it is suggested that, if Mr. J. Williams desires any further information, he be referred to this office. His address is within a few squares of the location of this office.

(Signed) B. B. DORRY,
Inspector.

Copy RSW

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New Orleans, Louisiana, 7/30/17.

Exhibit B

Honorable William C. Redfield,
Secretary of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Recently I heard the remark passed in connection with a Lighthouse, viz:-"That is a MARRIED man's station." Altho I have been connected with shipping for several years, it was the first I had heard of that being applied to a Lighthouse, which I always thought was for the benefit of NAVIGATION. IF it makes any difference as to whether a Lighthouse keeper is Married or Single, I should be pleased to be informed of it, because there is a man in charge of a Lighthouse down the Mississippi River, to whom I have twice offered a great deal better salary, but he does not seem inclined to leave the L.H.S. If sentiment has anything to do with the appointments, I see a way to get him, as I am told that he is the first UNmarried Keeper in charge of that station since 1870, and has been there now for about 3 years.

Trusting that you will supply the information required, I enclose a postage stamp for reply.

Yours very respectfully,

J. WILLIAMS,
c/o Treutel,
632 Bienville St.,
New Orleans, La.

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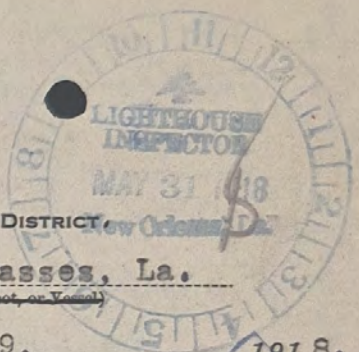
Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
August 4, 1917.

To Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, La., for remark and return.

CONWAY,
Acting Commissioner.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

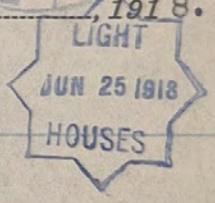
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE,



EIGHTH DISTRICT,

Head of the Passes, La.
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

Pilot Town, La. May. 29, 1918.



Lighthouse Inspector,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Three days ago, this evening, I received by registered mail, the letter of May, 21, 1918. containing --CHARGES-- and letters marked Exhibit "A" and Exhibit B. As instructed, I am returning the letters.

Relating to Charge (1) I enter denial, but have not the proof at hand now to file. This denial covers charges (2) (3) and (4).

Charge (5) I do not recollect at present, "reporting to various sources happenings in the vicinity of Head of Passes Light station.

Very respectfully,

John N. Stg. Gibbon.

Keeper.

H.O.P.
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LIGHTHOUSE COMMISSIONER 4067

WASHINGTON

GIBBON SUSPENDED JULY THIRD NOW UNDER ARREST FOR ILLEGAL DISPOSITION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY MOZIER FORMER TEMPORARY LABORER ALSO UNDER ARREST SAME OFFENCE LETTER FOLLOWS

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Cabal Await letter. Papers bearing on this case now on CC desk HHD July 6

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LIGHT
JUL 2 1918
HOUSES

Head of the Passes, Louisiana.

Pilot Town, Louisiana., May,. 27th. 1918.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington, D.C.

(Through Captain B.B.Dorry.)

Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir:-

I respectfully tender my Resignation as Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, effective, June, 11th. 1918. for the reason as set forth in the attached certificate. I have been suffering for some time from Chronic Bladder trouble and for nearly a month, from Malarial Fever, which has been gradually becoming worse. The Physician advises that I must have regular daily treatment for at least 6 weeks and I cannot get that here.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) John W. St. G. Gibbon.

Keeper, Head of the Passes Lightstation,

Louisiana.

Medical certificate attached.

(COPY)

LIGHT
AUG 2 1918
HOUSES

New Orleans, May 28th 1918.

This is to certify that J.W.St G. Gibbon is suffering with Chr Bladder trouble,I have advised that he come to City for treatment which may require six weeks or two months treatment.

Chas A Borey M. D.

LIGHT
JUL 2 1918
HOUSES

5-25-18.

This is to certify that Mr. John W. St. G. Gibbon is suffering from Chronic Bladder trouble and Malaria and will require at least six weeks treatment, necessitating his absence from duty.

(Signed) J. H. Galloway, M. D.

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LIGHT
JUL 2 1918
HOUSES

Head of the Passes, La.

Pilot Town, Louisiana., June, 22, 1918.

Lighthouse Inspector,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

I am returning the Efficiency Star.

I have your letter of June, 3, directing me to continue my present duties, altho I duly filed a Medical certificate as to my condition requiring Medical treatment which I cannot obtain here. I therefore forward herewith, a certificate from Dr. Chas. A. Borey and a copy of certificate from J.D.Fredemann. Asst. Surg. U.S.N.R.F. and request that I be granted Six weeks Leave of Absence, from July, 1st, 1918. to take Medical treatment, as advised by Doctors, Galloway. Borey and Fredemann. all of whom have given me treatment. I have sufficient medicine for temporary treatment until end of June. I cannot obtain a Substitute to take my place for the required time.

Respectfully,

(Signed) John W. St.G. Gibbon.

Keeper.

3 enclosures.

LIGHT
JUL 12 1918
HOUSES

"Burrwood, La., June, 18, 1918.

"This is to certify that J. W. St.G. Gibbon, is suffering with a severe case of Chronic Cystitis, and in my opinion it is absolutely necessary that he receive Hospital Treatment as soon as possible.

(Signed) J.D.Fredemann.
Asst. Surg. U.S.N.R.F."

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA
JAM-RSW

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
JUL 8 1918
HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
July 5, 1918.

John W. St. G. Gibbon, Keeper,
Head of Passes Light Station,
Pilot Town, Louisiana.

You have this day been suspended from duty as Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, on account of charges being preferred against you for illegally disposing of Government property, and the further fact that you have been arrested on this charge by the Department of Justice.

This suspension shall be with lawful pay if you are exonerated of the charges or if they are not found to be sufficiently substantiated to justify suspension without pay, and shall be without pay if they are sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action.

(Signed) B. B. Dorry,
Superintendent.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
July 5, 1918.

John W. St. G. Gibbon,
suspension.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Herewith is copy of letter addressed to John W. St. G. Gibbon, Keeper of Head of Passes Light Station, suspending him from duty at the close of July 3, 1918, the date on which he was placed under arrest by the Department of Justice, and removed from the station under charges of having illegally disposed of Government property.

It is believed that sufficient evidence is at hand to convict keeper Gibbon and it is recommended that his suspension be continued until his case is finally disposed of.

The circumstances leading to the arrest of John W. St. G. Gibbon, Keeper of Head of Passes Light Station, and Stephen E. Mozier, former temporary laborer employed at this station, is the subject of a separate letter.

Superintendent.

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
July 5, 1918.

John W. St. G. Gibbon,
Stephen E. Mozier, illegal
disposition of Government
property.

LIGHT
JUL 12 1918
HOUSES

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The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Bureau is advised that John W. St. G. Gibbon, Keeper of Head of Passes Light Station, and Stephen E. Mozier, formerly employed at this station as temporary laborer, are under arrest and in custody of the U. S. Marshal, this city, charged with illegally disposing of Government property taken from Head of Passes Light Station or other lighthouse reservations. The circumstances leading to their arrest are as follows:

On June 28, 1918, Mrs. Josephine Mozier, wife of Stephen E. Mozier, called at this office and reported that her husband had property in his house at Pilot Town, Louisiana, that she believed to have been taken from Head of Passes Light Station. She brought with her several articles such as crash towels, keepers' aprons, etc., that she claimed to have removed from Mozier's house unknown to him. A copy of her statement is herewith. The U. S. District Attorney was notified and an order to arrest and a search warrant were issued. A Deputy U. S. Marshal and the Superintendent of Lighthouses proceeded to Pilot Town, Louisiana, arriving there about 7 p. m. June 29, 1918, and proceeded to the dwelling of Stephen E. Mozier. His house was searched in the presence of George Delesdernier of Pilot Town, Louisiana, and Albert Matulich, a keeper in this Service, and the articles as reported by Mrs. Mozier were found. There was also a tool chest in the dwelling which Mozier stated belonged to J. W. St. G. Gibbon, and in which was found several articles commonly used at light-stations. Mozier was placed under arrest and the party proceeded to Head of Passes Light Station. In questioning keeper Gibbon he acknowledged that the tool chest belonged to him and that it only contained his personal property, and could not account for how the articles similar to those used in the Lighthouse Service could have gotten into the chest. Mozier was brought to New Orleans and is now being held, pending trial.

From statements made by Mozier another search warrant was procured, and a trunk belonging to keeper Gibbon, stored at No. 324 Exchange Place, this city, was examined and found to contain more towels, machine wipers, etc., similar to that used by the Lighthouse Service. An order to arrest was issued and a Deputy U. S. Marshal and the Lighthouse Superintendent proceeded to Head of Passes Light Station, arriving there July 3, 1918,

placed Gibbon under arrest and brought him back to New Orleans to await trial.

A report of preliminary hearings will be made to the Bureau when completed.

Superintendent.

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LIGHT
JUL 8 1918
HOUSES

Statements made by Mrs. Josephine Mozier, June 28, 1918, in the office of the Superintendent, Eighth Lighthouse District, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mrs. Mozier called at the office at 10:30 on the morning of June 28, 1918, and brought several articles of lighthouse property which were removed by her husband, Stephen E. Mozier, from Head of the Passes Light Station during the time he was employed as Temporary Keeper at that station. Mrs. Mozier stated that he caused her to cut out all service indentification marks and he burned them in the presence of her and her daughter, Myrtle Williams. He then caused her to sew the articles together in such a manner as they could be used for towels, and the lighthouse keepers' aprons he caused her to cut up in such a manner as to enable her to make a skirt for herself and two shirts for himself from the same material. He also removed from the light station four cans of green and one can of brown paint, and afterwards removed the paint from the original cans into coffee cans, and threw the original cans into the river. He brought all this material away from the light station during the night. This paint is now stored in the house in a box upstairs. The linen towels and such other material of the kind are stored in a locked trunk in his sleeping room downstairs. More than half a box of washing soap, "Swift's Pride" brand, in stored in a box under his bed.

The above is a true and correct statement of interview between myself and the Lighthouse Superintendent, June 28, 1918.

This testimony was given in the presence of:

(Signed) J. A. Malone
Chief Clerk.

(Signed) R. S. Whittaker
Clerk.

(Signed) Josephine Mozier

(Signed) B. B. Dorry.
Superintendent 8th Lighthouse Dist.

McC.

July 9, 1918.

SPECIAL

Subject: 8th Supt's letters, July 5,1918, etc., John W. St. C. Gibbon, suspension.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce inviting attention to Bureau indorsement of May 27, 1918, and to Department action thereon in this case, including that of 2d assistant keeper Thomasen, Bolivar Point Light Station, Texas.

The Bureau concurs in the above recommendation of the Eighth Superintendent that the suspension of Gibbon be continued until his case is finally disposed of. The Bureau also concurs in that part of the Superintendent's recommendation in his letter (herewith) of June 28, 1918, to the Bureau that Thomasen be dismissed.

Referring again to Bureau indorsement of May 27, 1918, the Department is informed that the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, which was furnished, on May 28, 1918, for investigation, copies of correspondence relative to these two men. The Bureau of Investigation's report has not yet been received. It is further recommended that copies of the papers received since May 27th in the cases of these two men be transmitted to the Bureau of Investigation for such action as may be deemed appropriate, and that if this recommendation be approved the Bureau be authorized to furnish the information directly to the Bureau of Investigation, with request that this officebe advised at the proper time of the result of its investigation.

It is further recommended that this office be authorized to direct the Superintendent to defer final action as to the dismissal of Thomasen until the Bureau of Investigation shall have reported the results of its findings, as explained in Bureau's aforementioned indorsement of May 27th.

Attention is also invited to the Superintendent's separate report (herewith) dated July 5, 1918, relative to the disposition of Government property by Gibbon and Stephen E. Mosier, the latter having formerly been a temporary laborer at the Head of Passes Light Station.

Referring to the complaint (herewith) dated June 13, 1918, from Mrs. Gertrude Thomasen, wife of second assistant keeper Thomasen, against the Eighth Superintendent, it is recommended that the Bureau be authorized to inform her that, after careful consideration, it has not been found that the Superintendent made any remarks that could be construed as reflecting against her character, as alleged.

It is recommended that the accompanying papers be returned to this office when their purpose shall have been served.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District,
Bolivar Point L.S., Tex.
Aug. 20, 1918.

Lighthouse Superintendent,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

I will hereby respectfully inquire if I have been restored to the same confidence in the Service as before the charges was made against me.

As it is now over three months since the charges was made, and as when I tendered my resignation, I sent my household goods away from here, thinking that my resignation would be excepted, then when my resignation was not excepted and knowing that the Service was short of men, and also knowing that the charges were not true, I decided to stay and wait, and thereby I lost a good position, then I withdrew my resignation.

In all this time since I tendered my resignation, and sent my household goods away from here, my wife and child have being resting at night on a small couch, and I having being sleeping on the floor.

Now if I can not be restored to the same confidence in the Service, then I have to leave the Service after the Fifth of next month, as this will give your office time to get another man in my place. If I be restored to the same confidence in the Service, as before and respected according to my merit and conduct, then I will stay, and have my goods shiped back to the Station.

If your Office can not give me any intelligence on this matter, then kindly inform me, as I then will have to take this matter up with Head quarters, as nither my family nor myself will not endure those conditions any longer.

Very respectfully,

C. T. THOMASEN,

2d Asst. Kpr.

FORWARDED:
H. C. Claiborne,
Keeper.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
August 26, 1918.

Christian T. Thomasen,
dismissal.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Inclosed herewith is letter from Christian T. Thomasen, Second Assistant Keeper, Bolivar Point Light Station, Texas.

Referring to the file of correspondence relative to Mr. Thomasen, it is recommended that the Department letter of dismissal of July 12, 1918, be delivered to Mr. Thomasen effective on or before September 5, 1918. No reply will be sent to Mr. Thomasen until advice has been received from the Bureau as to definite action which will be taken in this matter. Please telegraph the decision.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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September 12, 1918

John W. St. G. Gibbon
Christian T. Thomasen

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring further to the recommendation of this office in the cases of John W. St. G. Gibbon and Christian T. Thomasen, inclosed herewith is a carbon copy of letter of September 11, 1918, from the Division Superintendent, Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, New Orleans, La., from which it will be seen that the representative of the Department of Justice at New Orleans has made no investigation of the case of John W. St. G. Gibbon.

Inclosed herewith is copy of a report of Daniel Trazivuk, representative of the Department of Justice at Galveston, from which it is shown that no investigation of the case of Christian T. Thomasen has been made.

The recommendation heretofore made for the delivery of letter of dismissal to Christian T. Thomasen is reiterated.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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