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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
Harrington, Joseph		1874 Ireland

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service:

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

Type of Rank:

- ☐ Enlisted
- ☐ Officer
- ☐ Unknown

Service Period (Check all that apply):

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

Date & Place of Death:

State of Residence (upon entry into service): CA

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

Researcher Signature: Kraig Anderson

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service	From: 1907	To: 1944
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: 2-280 71948205

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SCREENING NOTES

- ☑ Reviewed and Nothing Removed
- ☐ Items Removed and User Informed

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items: 23 MAY 23

☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: HARRINGTON, Joseph **DOB:** 1874 POB IRELAND
DOS: 1907-1944

Records checked:

Agency: Commerce 6028 Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk positive (negative)

Agency: Commerce 6029 Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk positive (negative)

Agency: Old Commerce Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk positive (negative)

AND

Agency: Treasury 2189 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk (positive) negative

Agency: Treasury 2188 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive (negative)

Agency: Old Treasury Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk (positive) negative

If Negative:

Agency: Treasury SRCs series 1 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive negative

Agency: Treasury SRCs series 2 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive negative

Agency: Treasury SRCs series 3 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive negative

Agency: Coast Guard SRCs Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive negative

If Negative:

CMRS: possible CG service Area: _____ positive negative

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Notice of change of address # ~~209~~ 419

From: 20 Whitney St
San Francisco 12 California

To: 1208 Park Ave
San Bruno California

Joseph Hassington

Date: Nov 8 1951

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Punta Gorda Light Station,
Oct. 21st, 1924.

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 OCT 29 AM 8 55

To the Lighthouse Superintendent,
San Francisco, Calif.

Through the Keeper.

Sir:

On this date, Oct. 21, 1924, I came home on account ofrain and to get some tools needed on the trail. I had been home only a short time when First Assistant's wife, Mrs. Joseph Harrington, came into my house without permission, looking for the keeper. I said I did not know where he was. She said, "You are a pair of sneaking, lying devils," this to my wife and myself. I told her to go away, she would not go, so I was compelled to close the door and lock her out, but she returned and tried to force the door. She then stood on the sidewalk and turned out language unfit to put on paper.

She had no provocation for doing this, as we have not spoken to her for over three years, and want nothing to do with her. I have done my duty to the Government for over seventeen years, and this is the first place I have been threatened and abused. My wife dare not go out alone for fear this woman will do her bodily harm. If this continues I shall be compelled to ask for a transfer to some other station. I have stood nearly all I can here. Conditions are becoming serious on this station and there is no telling what will happen.

Respectfully,

(Sgd) C. W. Lindley.

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LIGHTHOUSES
1924 OCT 29 AM 8 55

Oct. 19th, 1924.

Capt. H. W. Rhodes.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of October 14th as to the general character and general conduct of Mr. Joseph Harrington during the time that I was associated with him, his record for efficiency was only fair. His record for obedience to orders and zealous performance of duties was bad.

His reputation for truthfulness is bad. I would not believe him under oath. He did not work harmoniously with other keepers, and was guilty of attempts to undermine the authority of the keepers.

Respectfully,

(Signed) James Dunn.

Millbrae Park, Calif.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Punta Gorda Light Station
October 19, 1924.

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 OCT 29 AM 8 55

To the Lighthouse Superintendent,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

In answer to the First Assistant Joseph Harrington's report to my charges preferred against him, I swear they are false in every detail. He has repeated his own actions exactly when stating of running the water off when other people are using it, which they still are doing. The Second Assistant has nothing to do with the charges against the First Assistant, it is all their own doings, and to show how they try to tantalize or rather defy my orders, on Sept. 30th they left the horse gate open going to the beach, and Oct. 10th the gate to the pasture, allowing animals to come inside. This is a constant practice.

The only liars and slanderers on this station are Joseph Harrington and his wife. I am boarding with the Second Assistant. I pay for what I get and no concessions granted any more than what the First Assistant gets. In all the time I have been with the Second Assistant I have never heard of them passing such slanderous remarks as Joseph Harrington has done in this case. In regards to the Second Assistant's wife leaving the water running, she was washing the windows, when the phone rang, which was only for a few minutes duration and furthermore the overflow was running. I have never persecuted him in any way whatever - I have been too lenient, in fact. All mechanical work is done by the Second Assistant and myself, the First Assistant not capable to do this work, leaving him only the brass to keep clean and other minor jobs, when he works he only puts in three hours per day, having all the rest of the time to himself.

The First Assistant is lacking in zeal in his duties in every respect. All slanderous remarks in this and previous letters fit his own character and not the people he has slandered. When I took charge of this station I saw how the First Assistant had had the full run of things, so I made a system and rules which I still keep, that is why I got extra padlocks and keys, which does not suit the First Assistant. When I get supplies all the keepers are present to unpack. I issue the supplies to each keeper and give them anything when they ask for it, within reason. The First Assistant had five linen towels issued to him just before I took charge. He has not returned any and I do not issue any until the old ones are returned, as I have to account for them. The only truth Joseph Harrington mentioned in his report is about the $30.00 paid to have his cow examined and which died a few months later, the cause I do not know.

I can guard against a thief but not a liar. I am enclosing an envelope which Joseph Harrington, as he said, opened by mistake. I don't see any excuse why he should make a mistake in such decidedly different names, another cunning trick, and not the first time. I have spoken to him about getting a uniform - he has none and never had any since he came in the service. This water trouble was going on in Keeper Dunn's time. The First Assistant, Joseph Harrington, has violated Par. 55, page 16, paragraph 45, page 14, and par. 47, page 15, of Instructions to Lighthouse Keepers.

Respectfully,
(Sgd) H. Luff,
Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service.

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 OCT 29 AM 8 55

Alcatraz, October 18, 1924.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of October 14, 1924, regarding Mr. Jos. Harrington, 1st Assistant, Punta Gorda.

(a) His efficiency was poor. Previous to going to Punta Gorda he had experience with gas engines, but in the two years I was with him he had not familiarized himself with the engines and at no time could regulate the Crosby timer. At one time on an inspection of the station by Mr. Wilson he was told by Mr. Wilson to adjust the Crosby, and it took Mr. Holmes, 1st Assistant, some fifteen minutes to readjust it.

(b) I found Mr. Harrington not overzealous in his duties, and not interested in the work of the Lighthouse Service, only as far as it pertained to his pay check. I can not say that he was not obedient to orders, but was rather slow to obey at times.

(c) I can not say as to his truthfulness, though he made statements at times to which I had grave doubts.

(d) As far as Mr. Harrington and myself were concerned, we got along, and had no trouble other than was caused by his wife, who caused trouble with everyone on the station. I do not think that he tried to undermine the authority of the keeper during my keepership, for I am positive Mr. Holmes would have told me, as he, Holmes, did not approve of such.

I can only say from what I know personally of the man, I could not conscientiously recommend him.

Respectfully,

(Sgd) F. A. Harrington,

Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Punta Gorda Light Station
October 12, 1924.

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 OCT 29 AM 8 53

To Lighthouse Superintendent,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Referring to the report of the 1st assistant concerning hay and disposal thereof, I will state that his report is false in every detail. The hay delivered by Mr. Clark is here and ready for inspection at any time. I consider the hay the best in the Mattole Valley, and the price was the same the country over. The grain delivered by Mr. Clark is also here. Very little has been used and when I begin feeding the new hay less grain will be used for this hay is full of good grain. I do not know how much old hay was on hand when the new hay arrived; all I know is the old hay and grain was so poor it required a larger amount to feed the team, and before the old station mare was shot, I was compelled to feed her to keep her alive, which was only humane.

I did not call the 1st assistant when I fed the team, therefore his tally is mere supposition and false. No hay or grain belonging to the station team was fed to the 2nd assistant's or my stock. I have the keys and know what is fed the team; when not convenient in my watch I give orders for the 2nd assistant to feed the team and the team will show for itself whether they are well fed or not.

At no time was there three head of stock kept in my yard. I had two calves there and fed them milk. They were born Dec. 10th and 12th, 1923, and were turned out in the south pasture about May, 1924. This gave them about six months of milk as required for calves, and they ate nothing else but grass. The 1st assistant has a calf on the south pasture in just as good condition as mine. He purchased one ton of hay in 1922, none since. He has three head of stock reduced from five since 1922. His stock are in as good condition as any on the station. The 2nd assistant purchased two tons of hay in 1922, besides a quantity of grain and cured over a ton of grass hay. He also got one ton of hay and grain this year.

Here is a threat made to me by Joseph Harrington. He said he would get both the 2nd assistant and myself, if it cost him $10,000. Evidently he is trying it out.

Respectfully,

H. Luff,

Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service.

Punta Gorda
Oct. 10, 1924.

To the Superintendent.

Sir:

Aug. 10th T. K. Clarke delivered on this station 3 tons of hay. The keeper accepted and approved this hay for No. 1 grade. Two tons is very good hay of the No. 1 grade, but one ton is a very low grade, as hay is classed in the market, it would be a low grade No. 2, short and trashy. Furthermore, the keeper attempted to unload on the Government two extra tons of this low grade hay at an enormous price and knowing that the hay was of inferior quality and that there was no need whatever for the hay, so far as feeding the mules was concerned.

Aug. 10th there was on hand 400 bundles or 3200 lbs. of the hay left over from last year. The keeper and 2nd Assistant have been feeding this hay regular to their own stock until now there is less than 600 lbs. left. None of the keepers bought hay in 1923. There was close to a ton of the Government hay left over from 1922, it was very good hay. I think the best I ever handled, red oat. The keeper and 2nd Assistant fed every pound of it to their own stock. They took advantage of the day I went to Petrolia to replenish their supply by moving the hay from the mules left over to the 2nd Assistant. The keeper and 2nd Assistant had six head of stock on the station in 1923 and 1924 - 2 cows, 1 heifer, 2 calves, and 1 horse. Those stock were partly fed at Government expense. They kept three of the animals confined in the keeper's yard and fed them both the hay and grain. The 2nd Assistant is the instigator of this dishonest practice. The keeper is but a weak tool, the instrument through which the other fellow works. They are both disloyal to the Service.

I am submitting herewith a tally. It will show you when the mules were fed and the quantity they were fed, from August 10th to October 10th. Yo u will see by this tally that the mules were fed 114 bundles or 1152 lbs. with 600 lbs, that is 1752 lbs. of the 3200 lbs. of last year's hay, accounted for, and leaves 1448 lbs. that was fed by the 2 nd Assistant and keeper to their own stock. There is no tally kept here of the grain furnished the station. I never saw a pound of the grain fed the mules, with the exception when they take local officials back and forth, might be half dozen times. I gave a copy of these charges to the keeper to be forwarded to the office.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Jos. Harrington, 1st Asst.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 OCT 29 AM 8 53

Eighteenth District
Punta Gorda
Oct.9,1924.

To The Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Replying to the charges of the keeper that I have disobeyed his lawful orders in regard to the use of water on this station. These charges are absolutely false. They are made with the object in view of advancing the 2nd assistant's interest by his attempt to get me off the Station.

The keeper is in a position to make it pleasant or disagreeable as he sees fit, and he seems determined to war against me until he accomplishes his object. When he can't succeed in one thing he tries something else. First it was the cow; I paid $30.00 to prove to you he was lying in that; then it was the pasture, and the bringing of mail and packages; now it is the water, all in which the man lied for the purpose of gratifying his whim.

The keeper would make it appear that he does not irrigate, but when he is on watch he irrigates for the 2nd assistant and he has emptied the tank time and again. When I called his attention to it he always framed up some excuse. I have never emptied the tank, as the keeper would make believe; in fact, I didn't know of the tank being empty from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and I don't see how it could be without me knowing it.

There is no shortage of water on this station - never has been. The keeper gave the order for the purpose of depriving me of all the water he possibly could, and to turn it over to the 2nd assistant. It is all very well for each man to irrigate on his watch, but as soon as I turn on the water they turn it also over to the 2nd assistant, therefore cutting off the overflow, and there is where the trouble started. They are, as it were, stealing the water from me, but still the keeper comes and accuses me of running the water - that is the very thing their charges spring from. I took the keeper and showed him where the wife of the 2nd assistant was emptying the tank through the open hose, the 2nd assistant being at the time on leave of absence. He said she opened the faucet and forgot to close it, but that is a regular practice.

The keeper is right when he says he can and does watch the 2nd assistant's place all the time. He is living there - he is very much interested in that quarter, but he is not telling the truth when he says he called my attention to the water on the 18th of September. It was I that called his attention to it. I went on watch at 2 p.m., working in the yard. I was irrigating, but at 3 p.m. the water was suddenly cut off. I went to the tank to see what the trouble was. There was an inch and a quarter of water running into it, but still there was no overflow. At 5:40 p.m. before going off of watch I called the keeper's attention to it, and I told him the 2nd assistant was using the water. I told him at that very moment an inch and a quarter of water was running into the tank, but he had the front to tell me the 2nd Assistant was not using it.

During the months of May and June, the 2nd assistant every night regularly emptied the water tank to irrigate a potato patch he had on the beach and to get the grass to grow in the lane to cut for his stock, leaving us without any fire protection. I went to the keeper several times to complain, but to no avail. The practice went on until no more irrigation was needed and the potatoes dug.

The keeper says I told him to go ahead and to make his report. Yes, I told him to go ahead and report - why should I fear his lies and slander. It is the truth that hurts, but the truth prevails in the end. He would not dare say before you that I ever showed open defiance, and there is nothing in the past that won't stand the most rigid investigation. I have borne very patiently with this man. He has persecuted me in every possible way. You could not imagine that a white man could resort to such low cunning, unless you were here to see it. He is not the man the officials see when they visit the station. He changes as soon as your back is turned. He is so long in the Service that he imagines himself immune from punishment no matter what the offense. He recommended the second assistant to confirm any and all of his charges - the very one who is setting him on - to make these charges against me. The aim of these charges can be summed up in the two last lines, to get me off of the station and have the 2nd assistant promoted.

I regret the keeper in filing charges against me should implicate my wife, who he says is satanical. That is the language of the slum baiter. The keeper can't shelter his own wife, but is always ready to slander mine. Of course Mm. Harrington uses the water a great deal. She takes great interest in the flowers and garden and such. She likes to see things looking nice. The keeper does his best to deprive her of that pleasure, if possible. I have little time to take care of the grounds, and my wife mostly does it, but as for interfering with the business of the station that is out of the question. She hasn't spoken to these people in the past two years, and furthermore the conduct of the keeper towards us compels her to be off the station a good part of the time.

The whole trouble at this station, there is too much star boarder. The keeper is so wrapped in brotherly love he has lost all sense of reason and justice. He is continually dancing to the music of the cook. They feed him and he pays for his food with concessions. As long as these things are permitted there is no justice on this station for the third party.

During the three years the keeper is on this station he hasn't given me a towel or a wiper to do my work with. I have to use an old rag to clean the lantern in the tower, and use waste to clean the brass in the signal. If I want a little paint to brighten things up round my quarters I couldn't have it, and to clean the brass in my quarters I have to buy Brilliantshine in the store, though I know the keeper has several cans of it in his storehouse. I know not what supplies come on the station, but I supposed the things to do the work with was furnished.

Respectfully,
(Sgd) Jos. Harrington, 1st Asst.

COPY:LH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

1924

Punta Gorda Light Station.

Oct. 7, 1924.

To The Lighthouse Superintendent,
San Francisco, Calif. (Through the Keeper)

Sir:-

1. In reply to your letter dated Oct. 3, 1924, I wish to state that the charges against 1st Asst. Jos. Harrington are true, as the keeper states he gave the order to use water for irrigating in May 1923, and to irrigate on our watches only. This rule was necessary for the dry seasons cut down the supply very low, and if the tank is not kept full, in case of fire we would have no protection. However, I have seen Mrs. Harrington running the water in my watch, keeping the water low in the tank so I could use none for my garden, and I have carried water to my cow and horse on numerous occasions. I have also seen the hose concealed in the vegetation running the water away, this in my watch also, and the 1st Asst. would flatly deny the fact. The above actions have forced me to irrigate on my night watch, but I can not do that all the time, for the tank is not always full even then, these actions have been going on for a long time, and conditions are not improving.

2. Referring to the trouble at the barn on the 19th inst., Mrs. Harrington abused the keeper, calling him a dirty sneaking old coyote, and other violent remarks I could not get, the meaning of, as the woman seemed to have lost all control of herself through rage. This is not the first time Mrs. Harrington has been abusive, or interfered with the duties of this station. She is always looking for a chance to cause trouble. I know no reason why she should abuse the keeper as she did; the keeper told her to go home and not interfere with the duties of the station. She would not go. The keeper told her husband he would report Mrs. Harrington, the 1st Asst. was ~~deficient;~~ defiant, told the keeper to go ahead and report, said he had reported enough already and it won't do you any good. This is not the first time he has shown open defiance.

Respectfully,

(Signed) C. W. Lindley

2nd Asst.

COPY:LH

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

HWR:LH
Encl.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 OCT 29 AM 8 53

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOM HOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Oct. 28, 1924.

C. W. Lindley, Second Assistant Keeper,
Punta Gorda Light Station,
Petrolia, California.

1. There is enclosed for your information and attention a copy of a letter from the keeper of the Punta Gorda Light Station, dated September 22d, preferring charges against Joseph Harrington, First Assistant Keeper of the station.

2. You are directed to inform this office as soon as practicable if to your knowledge the charges made by the keeper are true, either in whole or in part; and if to your knowledge in part only, you are directed to state to what extent they are true.

3. The information desired in this matter is necessary for the proper operation of the Service, and it is your duty to submit a full report in the matter, irrespective of any personal disinclination which you may have to avoid testifying in the matter.

4. You are requested to submit your report as soon as practicable.

(Signed) H. W. RHODES.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSES
1924 OCT 29 AM 8 83
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOM HOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Charges.

REGISTER.

Oct. 3, 1924.

Joseph Harrington, First Assistant Keeper,
Punta Gorda Light Station.

1. There is enclosed for your information and attention a copy of a letter from the keeper of your station, dated September 22d, reporting your disobedience of orders relative to the use of water at your station.

2. You are hereby charged with violation of paragraph 11 of Instructions to Employees of the U. S. Lighthouse Service, 1915, in that you have disobeyed the lawful order of the keeper at your station and that you have failed to treat him with proper deference and respect in the matter of using water at your station during the past year.

3. You are directed to submit in writing to this office within ten day such reply as you desire to make to these charges.

4. Pending action on these charges, you are directed to comply explicitly with the instructions given you by the keeper in regard to the use of water at your station.

(Signed) H. W. Rhodes.

COPY:LH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 OCT 29 AM 8 53

Punta Gorda Light Station,
September [illegible], 1924.

Charges against First Assistant
Keeper Jos. Harrington,
Disobedience of orders.

To the Lighthouse Superintendent,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

We have a 5000-gal. tank for our water supply with an overflow pipe which supplies two watering troughs for the stock on the station and also tells when the tank is full. Last season and this one being unusually dry and there being a small flow of water in the creek, I gave orders for each keeper to irrigate on his own watch, which gives them eight hours apiece, with instructions to have the overflow pipe running when they go off watch.

I gave this order in May,1923, since which time I have had to be continuously after the First Assistant about it. The trouble seems to be mostly with Mrs. Harrington, who is satanical and over whom Jos. Harrington seems to have no control. On this occasion, September 11th, there was no water overflowing or in the troughs from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., consequently not allowing a drop of water for any other person on the station for irrigation or for the stock.

Whenever I speak to him about using the water he deliberately lies in the face of it and tries to put the blame on the Second Assistant, which I know is false, as I can and do watch the Second Assistant's place at all times. On the 18th inst. I spoke to the First Assistant again about the water and told him if my orders were not obeyed I would let the office settle it. On the morning of the 19th inst., while both assistants and myself were working at the barn, Mrs. Harrington came down without any provocation and started to abuse me. I told her to go to her quarters and not interfere with the duties of the station. (This is not the first similar offense.) She called me a dirty, sneaking old coyote, and other insulting remarks.

I told her husband I would report this case. He said, "Go ahead and report. You have reported plenty already and it won't do you any good." He has escaped with so much in the past that they now show open defiance, and in defiance of all this, on the 20th inst. the water stopped at 2:30 p.m. and was not overflowing when I went on watch at 10 p.m. There had been no water used either at the keeper's or second assistant's quarters.

They are malicious prevaricators and beyond my handling. This has been going on for years and now they are so defiant about it all that if there is not something done I see nothing but serious trouble ahead. The water supply is becoming a serious question, both for the stock and fire protection, if my orders are not fully carried out. When any official is on the station they shut the water off and the overflow is running full.

The Second Assistant can confirm any or all of the above charge. I recommend and request that these people be removed from this station.

Respectfully,
(Signed) H. Luff,
Keeper.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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10/30/24 Fwd to State Dept.

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 OCT 25 AM 8 53

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

Charges -
Joseph Harrington

11/11/24 Reprimanded Harrington Copy to Dept Copy to 18th

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Oct. 24, 1924.

1. There is enclosed a copy of a letter addressed to Joseph Harrington, First Assistant Keeper, Punta Gorda Light Station, on October 3, 1924, preferring charges against him for violation of paragraph 11 of Instructions to Employees of the U. S. Lighthouse Service, 1915, in that he disobeyed a lawful order of the keeper at Punta Gorda Light Station, and has failed to treat him with proper deference and respect in the matter of using water at the station in the past year.

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

Sep.22,1924 - H. Luff, Keeper, Punta Gorda L. S., to Superintendent.
Oct. 3,1924 - Supt. to C. W. Lindley, 2d Asst. Kpr., Punta Gorda LS.
Oct. 7,1924 - C.W.Lindley, 2d Asst. Kpr., to Superintendent.
Oct. 9,1924 - 1st Asst. Kpr. Jos. Harrington, to Superintendent.
Oct.10,1924 - Jos. Harrington to Superintendent.
Oct.12,1924 - H. Luff, Keeper, to Superintendent.
Oct.18,1924 - F.A.Harrington, Kpr. Alcatraz Light Station (formerly Keeper Punta Gorda L.S.) to Superintendent.
Oct.19,1924 - J.Dunn (formerly Keeper Punta Gorda L.S.) to Supt.
Oct.19,1924 - H.Luff, Keeper, to Superintendent.
Oct.21,1924 - C.W.Lindley, 2d Asst. Kpr. to Superintendent.

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Personnel
Financial
Law and Prop.
Adm Asst.
Supt.
Comr.

memo attached
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3. It appears from the letters of Keeper Luff, Second Assistant Keeper Lindley, and former keepers of Punta Gorda Light Station under whom Joseph Harrington served, that the charges contained in Superintendent's letter to Joseph Harrington of October 3d are fully substantiated. It is therefore recommended that he be reprimanded by the Department for violation of par. 11 of Instructions to Employees of the U. S. Lighthouse Service, 1915, and that he be transferred to the position of First or Second Assistant Keeper at some other station in the district, involving a reduction in pay if necessary, at the first favorable opportunity; and that he be advised that more drastic action will be taken if his conduct in the future is not up to the standard required of a lighthouse keeper.

4. On account of Harrington's long service and the fact that much of his trouble at Punta Gorda Light Station is due to the actions of his wife, the Superintendent is of the opinion that Harrington should be afforded an opportunity to make good at some other station in the district, feeling that both he and his wife will fully appreciate the seriousness of his case when reprimanded by the Department and threatened with more drastic action in case of a repetition of the offense.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 13, 1917.

Mr. Joseph Harrington,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Second Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

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

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

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Leander W. Holmes.

Legal Residence: California.

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Form 73

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT JUN 12 1917 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., June 7, 1917, 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer & promotion of

Name, Joseph Harrington — Legal residence, California

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

Location, Punta Gorda Lightstation, Cal. — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective June 15, 1917 — {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

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

Location, Piedras Blancas Lightstation, Cal.

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

Previous incumbent, Leander W. Holmes — Services terminated, June 14, 1917

Reason, Promotion

Members of family in Government Service, None

Remarks: Transfer requested by nominee.

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

H. W. Rhodes

Secretary, Civil Service District. — **Inspector**

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUN 12 1917

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

HWRS

Acting Commissioner

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

LIGHT
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 22, 1916.

M. Joseph Harrington,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice Peter DeBleekr.

Legal Residence California.

(See reverse side.)

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Washington D C August 22 1916

Lighthouse Inspector San Francisco California

Joseph Harrington appointed third assistant keeper Piedras Blancas Otto Nielsen second assistant keeper Ano Nuevo

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Acting Commissioner

On journal

To printer
3:10 pm.
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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT HOUSES AUG 21 1916

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., August 14, 1916, 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Through the District Secretary)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment of

Name, Joseph Harrington — Legal residence, California

Position, Third Assistant Keeper — Salary, $516 per annum

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

Effective August 23, 1916 — {[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

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

Location, ----------

Rank on eligible list, 2 Rating, Asst. Keeper Percentage, 83.6, Other eligibles considered:

Rolland C. Avery (C) and Thomas W. LeBallister (C)

Previous incumbent, Peter De Bleeker — Services terminated, ~~-~~ about August 22, 1916.

Reason, Promotion

Members of family in Government Service, None

Remarks: Resigned 1st Asst. Keeper, Point Reyes Lightstation, Cal., May 31, 1911.
Request notification by wire when appointment is made.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. AUG 15 1916, ~~191~~

John A. Darby
ACTING. *Secretary, Twelfth Civil Service District.*

H. W. Rhodes.
Inspector

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. AUG 21 1916

Acting Commissioner

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

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 12 1909
NO.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

1. Bureau Light-House Service. 2. Where employed Point Reyes Light.
3. Name Joseph Harrington. 4. Where born Ireland.
5. Age ~~35~~ 34 6. Position 1st Asst. Keeper, Point Reyes Light-Station, Cal.
7. Compensation $50. pm. 8. When appointed (*a*) ~~May~~ July 7, 1907.
9. How appointed (*b*) Through Civil Service Examination.
10. Appointed from State California. Congressional District IV. Card states Marin County, 2d Dist. County San Francisco.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified Competitive.
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service Under Light-House Engineer 1 year.
Fireman on Government Dredge Chinook, Dec.3, 1903 to Dec. 3, 1904.
Acting 3 A.K., Point Reyes L.S. May 7, 1907 until entrance on duty as above noted.
14. Duties (describe fully) Assist in care and maintenance of 1st order light and steam fog-signal. Stand watch night and daytime during fog. Assist to keep buildings and grounds in order. Assist to make minor repairs.

Cert. 17, 1909 - 3684 - Dept. amends and states no further action will be taken at this time

15. Efficiency
Quantity of work (*d*) ~~8/10~~ 9/10
Quality of work (*e*) ~~Average.~~ Good
Interest manifested in work (*f*) ~~Average.~~ Good
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (*g*) Satisfactory.

Head of Bureau or Office.
Comdr. U. S. N., Inspector 12th L. H. Dist.

JUN 7 - 1909, 19

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READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

May 10, 1911.

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

1. Name Joseph Harrington 2. Age 37 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau of Lighthouses 4. Position First Assistant Keeper

5. Compensation $50. p.m. 6. Where employed Point Reyes Light-Station, Cal.

7. When appointed (*a*) May 7,1907 8. How appointed (*b*) Through Civil Service Examination.

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

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

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

12. Other Government service None

13. Duties (describe fully) Assist in care and maintenance of 1st order light and compressed-air siren fog signal. Stand watch night and daytime during fog. Assist keep buildings and grounds in order. Assist make minor repairs.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? No If so, state them ---

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	95/100	2	190
Quality of work	Good 85	3	255
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	Good 85	3	255
Attendance	100	2	200
Total		10	900
Average percentage			90

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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.
0	0	0	7	0	0	12	0	0

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

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

W. A. Moffett

Comdr. U.S.N. Inspector 18th L.H.Dist.

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

W. A. Moffett

Comdr. U.S.N. Inspector 18th L.H.Dist.

Chief of Bureau or Office.

May 23, 1911.

Sir:

Having tendered your resignation as first assistant keeper of Point Reyes Light Station, California, with pay at the rate of $50 per month, the Department has accepted the same, upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, effective at the close of May 31, 1911.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. GORDON CUMMING
Acting Chief Clerk.

Mr. Joseph Harrington,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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RG-EK
Incls.

October 30, 1924.

Subject: 18th Supt's. leter Oct.24,1924, charges, Joseph Harrington, 1st Asst. Keeper, Punta Gorda L.S.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce. The Bureau concurs in the views of the Superintendent that the charges against Keeper Harrington are substantiated in a degree warranting disciplinary action; and it is, therefore, recommended that the Bureau be authorized to write a letter of reprimand to the keeper and upon the occurrence of a suitable opportunity to transfer him to another station with a demotion in rank and pay, if necessary, form 73 to be submitted to Department at the proper time.

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Concur with Rq.
wpk
10/29

The present charges against
10/30/29 2nd
1st Asst. Harrington appear
substantially warranted, while the
further facts that former keepers of
Punta Gorda found him inefficient
untruthful make the case against
him still stronger, in view of which
the dept's rec in ¶ 3 seems lenient.

Concur in rec in ¶ 3, except rec
reprimand by Sec (instead Dept)

In this case rec ltr to Dept
to auth Sec to discipline (reprimand
transfer), copy of reprimand
to be for dept

RT 10/29

Concur
10/30/29

RG-EK

November 11, 1924.

Joseph Harrington, First Assistant Keeper,
Punta Gorda Light Station, Calif.
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Calif.).

1. The Bureau is in receipt of a report from the Superintendent regarding charges preferred against you under date of October 3, and your replies of October 9 and 10;

2. After giving careful consideration to the matter and also to your record while serving under former keepers, the Bureau considers that the charges were fully substantiated. You are, therefore, reprimanded for violation of Paragraph 11 of the Instructions to Employees of this Service and advised that more drastic action will be taken in case of a repetition of the offense. In order that you may have an opportunity to demonstrate your fitness for continuance in this Service, your transfer to another station has been authorized with a demotion in rank and pay if necessary.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

COPY to 18th Supt. At the proper time submit nomination for Harrington's transfer.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
NOV 17 1924
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

Commissioner

(COPY)

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Incls.

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 NOV 10 AM 8 39

October 30, 1924

11/11/24 Reprimanded Harrington
copy to Dept
Copy to 7th

Subject: 18th Supt's. leter Oct.24,1924, charges, Joseph Harrington, 1st Asst. Keeper, Punta Gorda L.S.

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Radio
Engr. Secy.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Financial
Law and Prop.
Adm Asst.
Dep. Comr.
Comr.

(Signed) G. R. PUTNAM

11/3/24. Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPROVED:

/s/ J. WALTER DRAKE
ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

November 8, 1924.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Mr. Webb
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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
425 Customhouse
San Francisco, Calif.

2 January, 1943

From: District Coast Guard Officer, 12th Naval District.
To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard.

Subject: Retirement of Joseph Harrington, Keeper, Piedras Blancas Light Station, California 12-31-42.

Reference: (a) Headquarters' letter 9 December, 1942 (CG-CP-75).

1. In accordance with request in Reference (a), Joseph Harrington, Keeper (First Assistant), Piedras Blancas Light Station, was last paid on Voucher No. 4573, 1 to 31 December, 1942, in amount $130.00, W. R. Echols, Special Disbursing Agent, Symbol No. 55-158.

2. The total taxable income of Joseph Harrington as covered by District payrolls for the calendar year 1 January to 31 December, 1942, is $1800.00 per annum. This includes quarters valued at $240.00 per annum.

/s/ H. C. Perkins

H. C. PERKINS
By direction.

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
425 CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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OFFICE OF
DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER

2 January, 1943.

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H. C. PERKINS
By direction

Copy sent to Mr. Webb. 1-11-43.

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HEADQUARTERS

ESS THE COMMANDANT, U. S. COAST GUARD
ID REFER TO No. CG- CP-75

[redacted]

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

WASHINGTON

9 December, 1942.

From: Commandant.

To: District Coast Guard Officer, Twelfth Naval District, San Francisco.

Subject: Retirement of Joseph Harrington, Keeper, Piedras Blancas Light Station, California; retirement 12-31-42.

Inclosure: (A) Form 2249, Department Notice of Retirement.

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

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

3. It is also requested that Headquarters be advised as to this person's total taxable income for the current calendar year to and including the last day for which carried for active duty pay.

N. R. STILES,
By direction.

Copy to: Mr. Webb,
Room 6118.

Mailing Address: 3842 Mission Street,
San Francisco, California.

Return to REH 3-2

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CG- CP-75

9 December, 1942.

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N. R. STILES,
By direction.

Copy to: Mr. Webb, Room 6118. Sent

Mailing Address: 3842 Mission Street, San Francisco, California.

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December 5, 1942.

Mr. Joseph Harrington, Keeper,
3842 Mission Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Harrington:

My attention has been called to the fact that you are retiring from the position of Keeper in the Coast Guard at the close of December 31, 1942, after rendering more than thirty years of honorable service in the former Lighthouse Service and the Coast Guard.

I take pleasure in congratulating you upon your long and efficient service and entertain the hope that you may long enjoy the leisure afforded by relief from active duty.

Very truly yours,

R. R. WAESCHE,
Vice Admiral, U.S.Coast Guard,
Commandant.

Copy to: District Coast Guard Officer,
Twelfth Naval District,
San Francisco.

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DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
REV. 1941

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TO:

Date Prepared 5 December 1942

Name: Harrington, Joseph

From: U. S. Coast Guard

Bureau No.:

(optional)

Retirement, voluntary

Effective: Close 31 December 1942

	FROM	TO
Position	Keeper	
Grade	Field (Range $1260-1620).	
Salary	$1560 p.a. plus $240 p.a. stre.	
Bureau or Div. Organizational Subdivisions	U. S. Coast Guard	
Headquarters	San Francisco, Calif.	
Post of Duty	Piedras Blancas Lt.Sta., Calif.	
Appropriation	Civilian Employees, C. G.	
Allotment		
	FIELD X DEPRTMTL ☐	FIELD ☐ DEPRTMTL. ☐

Remarks:

The annual rate of retired pay is $1142.62.

Justification:

Total Service: 31 years, 2 months and 10 days.

Computation: ($1523.50 x years 30 ÷ 40) $1142.62.

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Regular

DATE OF BIRTH: 12-6-1874

LEGAL RESIDENCE: California

SEX: M

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW	ADDTL. IDENT.
VICE VACANCY	VICE

HAS C. S. COMM. ALLOWED VETERAN'S PREFERENCE? No

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? Lighthouse Act 6-20-1918

DATE OF OATH

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY

BUREAU OR DIVISION PERSONNEL FILES

DEC 09 1942

Name JOSEPH HARRINGTON Date of birth December 8, 1874

Designation Keeper (First Assistant), Piedras Blancas Light Station, California.

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

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

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army							
Navy							
Marine Corps							
Civilian employment. U.S. Engineers							
Dredge Chinnok	April	18	1904	April	30	1904	See attached letter
do	May	4	1904	Feb.	5	1905	verifying service.
Keeper (3rd Asst.) Point Reyes Light Station	May	7	1907	May	31	1911	
Keeper (3rd, 2nd & 1st Asst.) various sta. S.F. Dist.	Aug.	30	1916	Dec.	31	1942	
Total service	31 years, 2 months, 10 days						

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

Amended to include 9 yrs. As result Comp. Gen. Dec. B-70029 dated 10-23-47.

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

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

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Number Days in Pay Status (P. D. or P. H. personnel)	Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year			
Pay	Jan.	1	1938	Dec.	31	1942	5 yrs.	total	7617.50 ✓
Quarters	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	240.00	1200.00 ✓
									8817.50 ✓

Total compensation for last five years of active service $8817.50 ✓

Average compensation for last five years of active service $1763.50 ✓

Annual rate of retired pay ($1763.50 ✓ × years 30 ✓ ÷ 40) = $1322.62 ✓

(Not exceeding 30)

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Form 2521
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. COAST GUARD

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RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 2523)

District Coast Guard Officer
~~Commander~~, 12th Naval District,

Date October 28, 1942

San Francisco, California
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty effective at the close of December 31, 1942 on the basis of service shown hereon.

My address on retirement will be
3842 Mission Street, San Francisco, Calif.

Joseph Harrington
(Name)

Keeper (1st Asst.) Piedras Blancas Lt.Sta
(Designation)

Coast Guard Officer,
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ~~COMMANDER~~

City San Francisco, Calif. *Date* 29 October, 1942.

Submitted to the Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, recommending retirement at $ 1142.62 per annum, effective at the close of December 31,1942

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

H.C.PERKINS
By direction.

COMMANDER, USCG.
~~District Commander~~

COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS, *Washington, D. C.*,

Submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, recommending approval.

Commandant.

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

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Form No.1

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ENGINEER
PORTLAND, OREGON

Address reply to
The District Engineer
628 Pittock Block

May 4, 1939.

Mr. Joseph Harrington,
San Simeon, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 27, 1939, addressed to the U. S. Engineer Office at Fort Stevens, Oregon, regarding your employment in this department during the years 1904 and 1905.

A search of the records reveals that you were employed on the U.S. Dredge "CHINOOK" from April 18 to 30, 1904, as deckhand at $40.00 per month, and from May 4, 1904, to February 5, 1905, as Fireman at $50.00 per month. The records indicate further that you were laid off on February 5, 1905, while the dredge was in the vicinity of San Francisco, California. No reemployment subsequent to this date is shown.

For the District Engineer:

Yours very truly,

P. D. BERRIGAN,
Captain, Corps of Engineers,
Executive Assistant.

DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
REV. 6-40

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

PAGE:

TO:

Date Prepared January 10, 1941.

Name: Harrington, Joseph

From: U.S.Coast Guard

Bureau No:

Promotion

	FROM	TO
Position		Keeper
Grade	Field (Range $1260-1620)	Field (Range $1260-1620)
Salary	$1500 p.a. plus $240 p.a.Qtrs.	$1560 p.a. plus $240 p.a.Qtrs.
Bureau or Div. Organizational Subdivisions		U.S.Coast Guard
Headquarters		San Francisco, Calif.
Post of Duty		Piedras Blancas Lt.Sta.,Calif.
Appropriation		Civilian Employees, C.G.
Allotment		
Field or Deptl.		Field

EFFECTIVE
Remarks: January 16, 1941.

Justification:

No increase in pay since July 3, 1930.

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION
Reg.

DATE OF BIRTH
12-8-1874

LEGAL RESIDENCE
Calif.

SEX | RACE
M | W

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW | ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY | VICE

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT?
Lighthouse Act

DATE OF OATH

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

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

26 December, 1941.

From: Commandant.
To : Senior Coast Guard Officer, 12th Naval District.

Subject: Harrington, Joseph, Keeper, Piedras Blancas Light Station; retirement of.

Reference: (a) Form 2521 dated 3 November, 1941.
(b) Your letter 17 December, 1941 (75).
(c) Letter from subject employee dated 15 December, 1941.

1. In accordance with recommendations contained in references (b) and (c), Headquarters has cancelled reference (a), Mr. Harrington's request for retirement, and he should be returned to active duty at Piedras Blancas Light Station.

2. Headquarters appreciates the fine sense of loyalty which prompts him to defer his retirement, but wants him to feel free to request retirement before reaching the age of 70 years should he find he can no longer carry on the duties of the position.

N. R. STILES,
By direction.

R. S. PATON
By direction.

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DEC 27 1941

OFFICE OF COMMANDER
SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

U.S. COAST GUARD (19)
RECD DEC 22 1941

17 December, 1941.

From: Senior Coast Guard Officer, 12th Naval District.
To : Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard.

Subject: Harrington, Joseph - 1st Asst.Keeper, Piedras Blancas Lt. Sta.

Reference:
(a) Letter of subject employee dated December 15,1941.
(b) Request for retirement of Joseph Harrington 3 November,1941.
(c) District indorsement 4 November,1941, on reference (a) recommending voluntary retirement at the close of Jan.31,1942.

Inclosure:
(A) Reference (a).

1. The reference is incorrect in stating the date of retirement as December 31st, however he has requested annual leave due him for the period January 1 to 31,1942, which has been approved by this Office.

2. It is recommended that Reference (b) and (c) be cancelled and that Mr. Harrington's request to remain in the service be approved to the date on which retirement is compulsory, December 31st, 1944. Mr. Harrington was 67 years of age on 8 December,1941. This recommendation is made in view of the difficulty encountered in obtaining men of sufficient maturity and experience to act as Assistant Lighthouse Keepers.

R. S. PATCH
By direction.

1941
U. S. COAST GUARD

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Navy Department
United States Coast Guard.

Piedras Blancas Lt Stn San Simeon Calif
Dec 15 1941

From: Joseph Harrington 1st and Keeper
To: Senior Coast Guard officer 12th Naval District
(VIA) Keeper.

Sir

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Respectfully
Joseph Harrington
1st asst Keeper.

Note: Approved that Mr. Joseph Harrington be re-assigned to such duties that he now carries out.

M. L. Francis
B. M. 1c
Ind. Q.

NAVY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Piedras Blancas Light Station
San Simeon, California,
Dec. 15,1941.

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To : Senior Coast Guard Officer, 12th Naval District
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1st Asst. Keeper

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/s/ N.L. FRANCIS, B.M.1c
In charge

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In charge

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

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RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 2523)

Commander, San Francisco District,

San Francisco, California.
(City)

Date November 3, 1941

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty effective at the close of January 31, 1942, on the basis of service shown hereon.

My address on retirement will be
3842 Mission Street, San Francisco, Calif.

Joseph Harrington
(Name)

Keeper (1st Asst.) Piedras Blancas Lt. Sta.
(Designation)

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT COMMANDER

City San Francisco, Calif. *Date* 4 November, 1941.

Submitted to the Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, recommending retirement at $1134.375 per annum, effective at the close of January 31, 1942.

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

R. S. Patch

R. S. PATCH
District Commander.
Acting

COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS, *Washington, D. C.*,

Submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, recommending approval.

Commandant.

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

16—20161

Name JOSEPH HARRINGTON Date of birth December 8, 1874.

Designation Keeper (First Assistant), Piedras Blancas Light Station, California.

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

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

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army							
Navy							
Marine Corps							
Civilian employment U.S.Engineers,							
Dredge CHINOOK	April	18	1904	April	30	1904	See attached letter
do	May	4	1904	Feb.	5	1905	verifying service.
Keeper(3rd Asst.) Point Reyes Light Station	May	7	1907	May	31	1911	
Keeper (3rd, 2nd & 1st Asst.) various Sta. S.F. Dist.	Aug.	30	1916	Jan.	31	1942	
Total service	30 years, 3 months,			10 days			

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

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

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

If so, state the compensation received:

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

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

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Number Days in Pay Status (P. D. or P. H. personnel)	Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year			
Keeper(1st Asst.) Piedras Blancas Lt. Station	Feb.	1	1937	Jan.	15	1941		$1500.A.	$5937.50
	Jan.	16	1941	Jan.	31	1942		1560."	1625.00

Total compensation for last five years of active service $7562.50

Average compensation for last five years of active service $1512.50

Annual rate of retired pay ($1512.50 × years 30 (Not exceeding 30) ÷ 40) = $1134.375

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—20161

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

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San Francisco, California.
(City)

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(Name)

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(Designation)

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT COMMANDER

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R. S. PATCH *District Commander.*
Acting

COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS, *Washington, D. C.,* _____

Submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, recommending approval.

_____
Commandant.

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

16—20161

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Designation Keeper (First Assistant), Piedras Blancas Light Station, California.

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Total service	30 years, 3 months, 10 days						

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U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—20161

FORM No. 1

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ENGINEER

PORTLAND, OREGON

ADDRESS REPLY TO
THE DISTRICT ENGINEER
628 PITTOCK BLOCK

REFER TO FILE No. ----------

May 4, 1939

Mr. Joseph Harrington,
San Simeon, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 27, 1939, addressed to the U. S. Engineer Office at Fort Stevens, Oregon, regarding your employment in this department during the years 1904 and 1905.

A search of the records reveals that you were employed on the U. S. dredge "Chinook" from April 18 to 30, 1904 as deck-hand at $40.00 per month, and from May 4, 1904 to February 5, 1905, as fireman at $50.00 per month. The records indicate, further, that you were laid off on February 5, 1905, while the dredge was in the vicinity of San Francisco, California. No reemployment subsequent to this date is shown.

For the district engineer:

Yours very truly,

P. D. Berrigan,
Captain, Corps of Engineers,
Executive Assistant.

STANDARD FORM NO. 6
(Approved by the President 3/28/24)
Revised Dec. 5, 192

PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

(To be prepared by appointee in own handwriting)

Department or Establishment United States Coast Guard Lt house Ser **Date** October 2 1939

1. Name in full (Mr., ~~Miss, or Mrs.~~) Harrington (Surname) Joseph (Given name) None. (Middle name)
2. Present address (Number) (Street) San Simeon (City). California (State)
3. Legal (voting) residence California (State and Congressional District) San Luis Obespo (County) San Simeon (City or town)
4. Where born Ireland (State or foreign country) Durrus (City or town) When born Dec. 8. 1874 (Month Day Year)
5. If foreign-born, state whether naturalized or alien Naturalized
6. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √ If Mrs., state other names under which previously employed.

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

7. Number and ages of dependents domiciled with you None
8. A complete record of your past service for the United States Government other than military or naval:

BRANCH OF SERVICE	PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
				Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
U.S. Engineers	Ft Stevens Oreg	Fireman	$50 Pr. M.	May	14	1903	Feb	4	1904
Lt house Service	Pt Reyes Calif	3rd 2nd 1st Asst	I dont remember	May	not sure	1907	May	not sure	1911
Lt house Service	Piedras Blancas	3rd Asst	$1140	Sept	1st	1916	Cont'd in Service		
Transfered to	Punta Gorda Calif	2nd Asst	1200	June	20th	1917	"	"	"
" " "	Piedras Blancas	1st Asst	1500	Aug	1st	1925	"	"	"
Still Employed	"	"	"	"	"				

9. Are any members of your family, who are domiciled with you, in the U. S. Government service? If so, state below: No.

NAME	POSITION AND DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE IN WHICH EMPLOYED	RELATIONSHIP
	Position Department or office	
	Position Department or office	
	Position Department or office	

10. Do you now hold any State or municipal office? If so, state below: No.

(Title) (Location) (Date appointment expires)

11. Are you the wife of a disabled veteran or widow or orphan of a person who was in the military or naval service? No

(Wife, widow, or orphan) (Name of veteran) (Organization and last year of service)

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

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

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

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

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13. State any special qualifications not involved in your present position (for instance, lawyer, physician, civil engineer, knowledge of foreign languages, etc.) None

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

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	POSITION AND CHARACTER OF WORK	LENGTH OF SERVICE
After I Resigned from the Light Service in 1911	I ranched on my own in Santa Clara County Calif	up to 1915
I worked a few months till I went back in the Light house Service in	for the State Highway	1916.

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

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

16. In case of emergency, notify Frank Lamey.

Relationship Nephew. Post office address 130 College Ave. San Francisco Calif

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

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

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1930

copy of this form has not been sent to the Department.

SAN FRANCISCO
OCT 3 1939
LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT

June 19, 1939.

Mrs. Elizabeth Long,
809 Rosedale Ave.,
Bellefonte, Delaware.

Dear Madam:

In reference to your letter of May 30, you are advised that Mr. James Harrington's name with regard to his change in status to engineer of the tender NARCISSUS will appear in the June issue of the Lighthouse Bulletin.

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

June 9, 1939.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Retirement of Lighthouse Keepers.

1. There are forwarded herewith the applications for retirement on Form 9 of four Keepers of Light Stations in this District, all of whom are now more than 64 years of age.

2. These applications have been filled out to be effective at the close of June 30, 1939, primarily with a view to protecting the retirement rights of the individuals, however in view of Bureau Circular Letter of June 6th, just received, relative to retirements, it would appear that it may not now be necessary for these Keepers to retire at the present time, and the applications in question are forwarded to be held by the Bureau for action whenever considered desirable.

3. The four keepers whose applications for retirement are forwarded herewith are:

	NAME		
1	Peter Ditlevson,	Keeper, Lime Point Light Station,	12-17-1871
2	Charles W. Lindley,	Keeper, Punta Gorda Light Station,	1-12-1874
3	Bernard H. Linne,	Keeper, Table Bluff Light Station,	9-10-1874
4	Joseph Harrington,	1st Asst. Keeper, Piedras Blancas Lt.Sta.	12--8-1874

This man not only not 65 yrs old but has had only 26 yrs+ of service

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

~~Only 1+2 are eligible to retirement at~~
None of the above are eligible to retirement on or before July 1, so have no actual present rights to be protected and would depend solely on legislation in the event LHS retirement ~~not~~ need to be continued after June 30

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Form 9

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

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

Date June 5 1939

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Eighteenth District

San Francisco, Calif.
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective close June 30, 1939, on the basis of service shown hereon.

Joseph Harrington
(Name)

1st Asst. Keeper, Piedras Blancas Light Sta.
(Designation)

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

City San Francisco, Calif. *Date* June 9, 1939.

Submitted to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $1008.85 per annum, effective at the close of _____

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

H. W. Rhodes.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses.

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

11—10551

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

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

Name JOSEPH HARRINGTON Date of birth December 8, 1874.

Designation First Assistant Keeper, Piedras Blancas Light Station.

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

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

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army							
Navy							
Marine Corps							
Civilian employment. Assistant Keeper, various Stations, 18th Lighthouse District	May	7	1907	May	31	1911	
	Aug.	30	1916	June	30	1939	
Total service	26 years, 10 months, 25 days.						

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

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

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

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Designation	Beginning			Ending			Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year		
First Assistant Keeper, Piedras Blancas Lt. Station	July	1	1934	June	30	1939	$1500.A.	$7500.00

Total compensation for last five years of active service $7500.00

Average compensation for last five years of active service $1500.00

Annual rate of retired pay ($ 1500.00 × 26-325/360 years ÷ 40) = $1008.85

(Not exceeding 30)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—10551

COPY

he District Engineer
628 Pittock Block

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the District Engineer

Portland, Oregon

May 4, 1939

Mr. Joseph Harrington,
San Simeon, Calif.

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For the district engineer:

Very truly yours,

/s/ P. D. Berrigan,
Captain, Corps of Engineers,
Executive Assistant

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

October 14, 1935.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. Referring to Superintendent's letter of April 5th, copy to Bureau, reprimanding Joseph Harrington, First Assistant Keeper, Piedras Blancas Light Station, for using improper and profane language to his official superior and preferring serious charges against the keeper without sufficient evidence to support them, the Bureau is advised that the services and behaviour of this empoloyee have been satisfactory since the date of the above reprimand.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

O. L. Jenkins

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.,
October 19, 1935.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information.

For the Commissioner:

Chief, Personnel Division.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

September 16, 1938.

Joseph Harrington,
First Assistant Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station,
Eighteenth Lighthouse District.

Mr. Harrington was born in Ireland on December 8, 1874. He was issued Certificate of Naturalization by the State Court at Portland, Oregon, on May 31, 1904. Certificate not numbered.

Certified seen.

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1935 APR-10-AM 11:31

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

April 5th, 1935.

Copy to dept WPH 4/10

Mr. Joseph Harrington, First Assistant Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. The investigation of the charges preferred by you against the Keeper did not substantiate the statements made by you, and as no evidence was produced by you except your own statement, the charges made by you will be dismissed.

2. Lack of sufficient evidence corroborating the charges made against you by the Keeper will also require that these charges be dismissed. It is evident, however, that you used improper and profane language to your official superior.

3. You are reprimanded for your actions, both in the use of profane and improper language, and in preferring serious charges of intoxication and misconduct against the Keeper without sufficient evidence to support these charges. You are warned that further actions of this nature will result in disciplinary action leading to demotion or discharge. This reprimand will be made a part of your record in the Service.

4. Your action in having your charges sworn to before a Notary Public, thus tending to make public matters that lie entirely under the jurisdiction of the Superintendent, is disapproved, and a repetition of such action will lead to severe disciplinary action.

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent.

COPY for Bureau of Lighthouses.

18th this letter 4/5/35 in file of N. L. Francis

Copy sent to Dept by ltr 4/11/35 in lieu of 18th this letter 4/5 in file of N. L. Francis

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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1935 FEB 25 AM 8:53

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

Feb. 18, 1935.

Copy to Dept with ltr

Joseph Harrington, 1st Assistant Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. The ratings given you by inspecting officers visiting your station have been generally unsatisfactory for some time, and recently the Keeper has found it necessary to report your conduct as unsatisfactory for the reason that you have been reluctant to carry out the instructions given you, that your work has been generally unsatisfactory, and that your efficiency is below a desirable standard. In addition to this, the Keeper reports that you have been very abusive in your conversation with him and generally insubordinate.

2. In view of the fact that your conduct in the past at other stations has not been satisfactory and that you have previously been transferred as a matter of discipline, you are advised that misconduct and inefficiency on your part will no longer be tolerated and that if there is any further cause for complaint relative to your conduct or to a lack of zeal and efficiency in the discharge of your duties you will be recommended for demotion and possibly for dismissal from the Service.

3. You are hereby reprimanded for your conduct and directed that pending further investigation of your conduct, you obey explicitly and cheerfully and to the best of your ability all the proper instructions given you by the Keeper of your station.

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Two copies furnished for information of Bureau of Lighthouses.

Further report regarding this Keeper will be made at the expiration of six months.

H. W. Rhodes

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
March 4, 1935.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information.
For the Commissioner:

R. J. Gross
Chief, Personnel Division.

Washington D C APR 21 1926

Lighthouse Superintendent San Francisco Calif

Joseph. Johnson

Promotion Harrington and Transfer Simonson approved

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Bureau of Lighthouses

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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To Dept. Opr. ✓

3:30 pm 4/21/26

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

U. S. COAST GUARD
OFFICIAL DISPATCH

TRANSMIT

FILE IKZ 6117

DATE 23 AUGUST 1943 AIRMAIL

FROM
COMMANDANT

TO (FOR ACTION)
JOSEPH HARRINGTON, KPR., RET.
3842 MISSION ST
SAN FRANCISCO CALIF

TO (FOR INFORMATION)

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	ACKNOWLEDGE

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YOUR POSTCARD 17 AUG X JULY RETIRED PAY CHECK MAILED

10 AUG X CONTACT POSTMASTER X ADVISE

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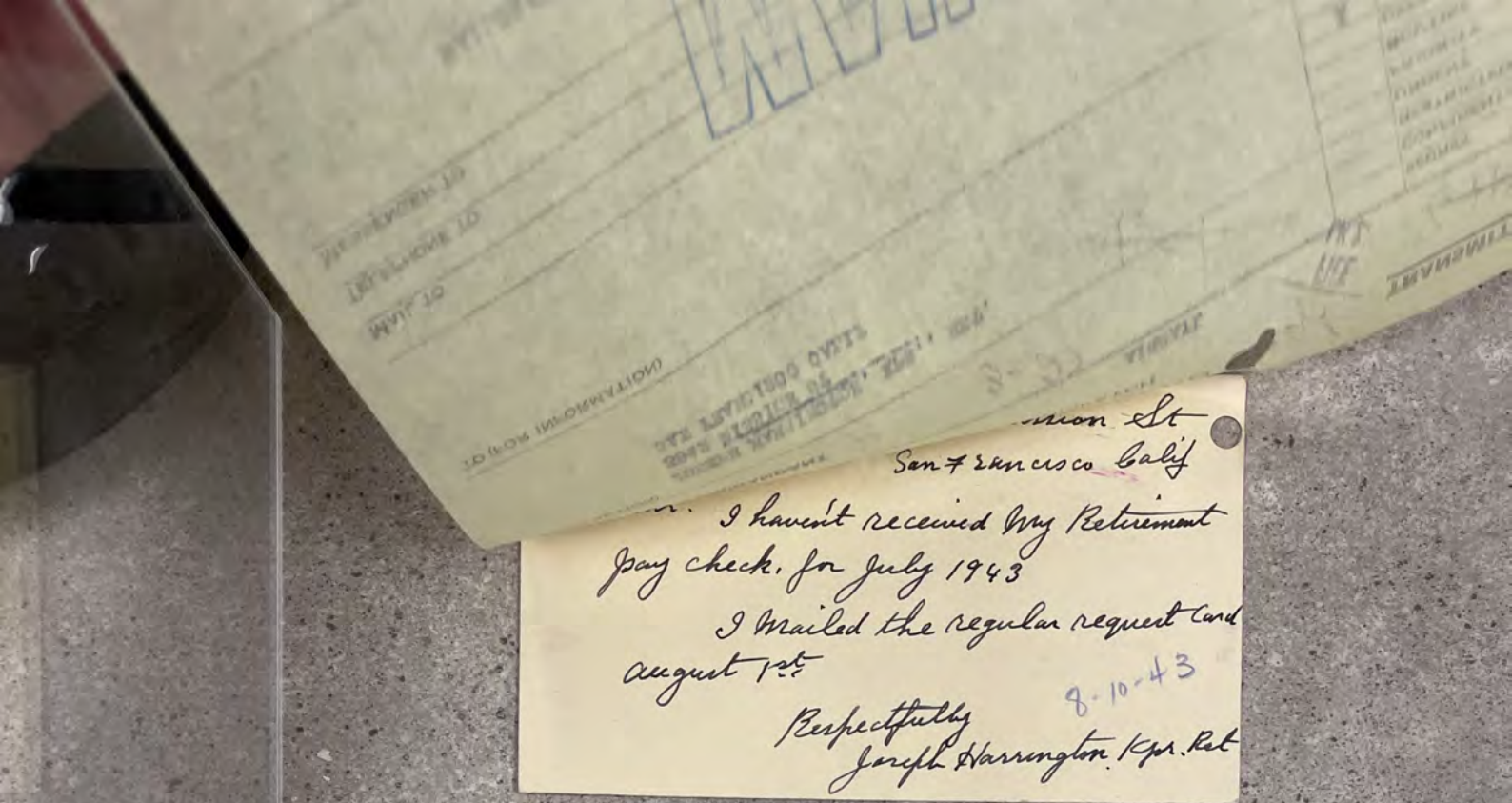
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...mon St
San Francisco Calif

... I haven't received My Retirement pay check for July 1943

I Mailed the regular request card august 1st

8-10-43

Respectfully
Joseph Harrington Kpr. Ret

3—92 File

1 March 1949
FA-PA 75

General Accounting Office
Claims Division
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Reference your file Misc-2875209.

Inclosed is a recent undated letter of Mr. Joseph Harrington, in which he makes inquiry relative to his claim, filed under the above number and transmitted to your office under date of September 9, 1948.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

1 MAR 1949

A. F. MACKAY, Lieutenant, USCG
Chief, Pay and Audit Section

Incl: Claimant's undated letter

JGant:LT
2/28/49 6-7

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25 February 1949
FA-PA 75

From: Commandant
To: Joseph Harrington, Kpr. (Retired)
20 Whitney Street
San Francisco 12, California

Subj: Retired pay

1. Reference is made to your recent undated letter inquiring about your claim for retired pay covering the period 1 January 1943 to 30 June 1947. In reply you are advised that your letter has been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for reply.

2. Any future correspondence relative thereto should be addressed to:

General Accounting Office
Claims Division
Washington 25, D. C.

referring to Claim No. Misc-2875209.

25 FEB 1949

J. F. MACKAY
By direction

JGant:LT
2/24/49 6-7

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STANDARD FORM 50 (9 PART)
UNITED STATES
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
OCTOBER 1946

FORM APPROVED.
BUDGET BUREAU NO. 50-R064.

NOTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION

1. NAME (MR.—MISS—MRS.—FIRST—MIDDLE INITIAL—LAST)	2. DATE OF BIRTH	3. JOURNAL OR ACTION NO.	4. DATE
Harrington, Joseph (Mr.)	12-8-1874	4	8-25-48

This is to notify you of the following action affecting your employment:

5. NATURE OF ACTION (USE STANDARD TERMINOLOGY)	6. EFFECTIVE DATE	7. CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY
AMENDMENT Retirement (Optional)	Close 12-31-42	

FROM		TO
Keeper	8. POSITION TITLE	
Range $1260-1620) Plus $1560 per annum) $240 pa Qtrs.	9. SERVICE, GRADE, SALARY	
U. S. Coast Guard	10. ORGANIZATIONAL DESIGNATIONS	
San Francisco, Calif. Piedras Blancas Lt. Sta., Calif.	11. HEADQUARTERS	
[X] FIELD [ ] DEPARTMENTAL	12. FIELD OR DEPT'L	[ ] FIELD [ ] DEPARTMENTAL

13. REMARKS

In accordance with the Comptroller General's Decision B-70029 dated 10-23-47, which reversed Decision A-31584 of 5-28-30, your retirement pay has been recomputed on the basis of the average gross pay (which includes the valuation of quarters for the period occupied) received during the last five years of your active duty. The computation on this basis changes the rate of your retirement pay from $1142.62 to $1322.62, and this notice is issued in order that you may have accurate information as to the rate of retirement pay which you are authorized to receive.

Total Service: 31 years, 2 months, 10 days.

Computation: ($1763.50 x 30.0000 ÷ 40) = $1322.62

H. L. Morgan

H. L. MORGAN
Chief, Civilian Personnel Division
14. SIGNATURE OR OTHER AUTHENTICATION

15. VETERAN'S PREFERENCE							16. POSITION CLASSIFICATION ACTION			
NONE	5 PT.	10 POINT			WWII	WWI	OTHER	NEW	VICE	I. A.	REAL.
		DISAB.	WIFE	WIDOW							
X											

17. SEX	18. RACE	19. APPROPRIATION	20. SUBJECT TO C.S. RETIREMENT ACT (YES—NO)	21. DATE OF OATH (ACCESSIONS ONLY)	22. LEGAL RESIDENCE
M		FROM: TO: Civilian Employees, CG	LH 6-20-18		California

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4. PERSONNEL FOLDER COPY

AUG 26 1948

15 November 1954
P6-2/L16-4

Mrs. Marcella D. Farrington
271 36th Avenue
San Mateo, California

My dear Mrs. Farrington:

Your claim for the final retired pay due the estate of your uncle, Joseph Harrington, Keeper, former Lighthouse Service, now United States Coast Guard, Retired, has been sent by this office to the General Accounting Office for settlement.

It is suggested that in the event there is undue delay in the settlement of this claim, you contact the Claims Division, General Accounting Office, Washington 25, D. C.

There is forwarded herewith the Withholding Statement for the year 1954 to aid you in the settlement of your uncle's estate.

Very truly yours,

O. R. SMEDER
Commander, USCG
Special Services Division
By direction of the Commandant

Encl:
(1) Form W-2

MJM/mp - Return to 2111 - Station 2-4

ACO

(Printing copy) ... to be used

U. S. COAST GUARD

Appropriation: 2050241, Retired Pay, Coast Guard, 1955

Unit Headquarters Retired Roll-Lighthouse

THE UNITED STATES, Dr.,

To JOSEPH HARRINGTON, KEEPER, FLHS, DECEASED Retired
(Name)

(Designation), U. S. Coast Guard

(Address)

Total years of service

Pay period, duty, or grade

Monthly rate of pay $161.24
(Base and longevity)

For pay and allowances—

From 9/1, 1954, to 9/4, 1954
(Inclusive)

CREDITS:		NOTATIONS
Subsistence allowance $		
Rental or quarters allowance		
Pay	5.90	
Balance forwarded from (Name of unit, noting month of roll or voucher)		
Sundry credits and adjustments		
TOTAL CREDITS $	5.90	

CHARGES:		
Allotment $		
Clothing		
Forfeited		
Sundry charges and adjustments		
TOTAL CHARGES $	None	

		NOTATIONS
Total Credits $	5.90	
Less—Total Charges, $		
Amt. retained		
TOTAL $		
Net amount to be paid on this voucher $	5.90	

REMARKS: Died: September 4,1954. Last paid for the period 1-31 August,1954 on D.O.Vou. No. 436-421, settled in the August,1954 accts. of J.F.CANNON,CDO SN. 346. U.S.Treas. checks Nos. 1,626,357 dated 30 September,1954 and 1,657,876, dated 6 October,1954 and 1658644, dated 31 October,1954 were returned and will be cancelled in the November,1954 accts of that officer.(Fed.Tax of $15.60 withheld and disposed of on this claim.)

(Additional statements by Department if deemed necessary)

(ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION) 99-12 999000-1234

(Payee will NOT use this space)

Differences

Account verified; correct for $ 5.90

(Signature or initials) ZEH

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

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

_____, 19____ (Date) (MEMORANDUM—DO NOT SIGN) _____ (Name), _____ (Official designation)

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

Approved for $ 5.90

Date November 10, 1954

(MEMORANDUM—DO NOT SIGN) _____

Commanding, District Commander.

C.C.GORDON
ACO

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DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
REV. 6-40

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION

PAGE: 3546

TO DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL

Date January 10, 1941.

Name: Harrington, Joseph

From: U.S.Coast Guard
(BUREAU OR DIVISION)

Bureau No:

Nature of Recommendation

Promotion

	FROM	TO
Position		Keeper
Grade	Field (Range $1260-1620)	Field (Range $1260-1620)
Salary	$1500 p.a. plus $240 p.a.Qtrs.	$1560 p.a. plus $240 p.a.Qtrs.
Bureau or Div. Organizational Subdivisions		U.S.Coast Guard
Headquarters Post of Duty		San Francisco, Calif. Piedras Blancas Lt.Sta., Calif.
Appropriation		Civilian Employees, C.G.
Allotment		
Field or Deptl.		Field

EFFECTIVE January 16, 1941.
Remarks:

Justification:

No increase in pay since July 3, 1930.

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

N. R. STILES,
Commander, U.S.Coast Guard,
Assistant Personnel Officer.
(BUREAU OR DIVISION HEAD)

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Reg.

DATE OF BIRTH: 12-8-1874

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Calif.

SEX: M | RACE: W

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW | ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY | VICE

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? Lighthouse Act 6-20-18

DATE OF OATH

(FOR USE OF DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL. TREASURY DEPARTMENT)

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY

JAN 16 1941

INTERLEAVED-PATD.

APPLICANT OR EMPLOYEE MUST FILL THE FOLLOWING

Name (in full) Joseph Harrington Sex Male

Present address San Simeon Calif Date of birth Dec 8 1874

Give below all places of residence during the past FIVE years

From-- (Month and year)	To-- Month and year)	Number and Street	City and State
Aug 1925	Aug 1939	San Simeon	California

Give, in your own handwriting, the information requested below

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

Date of Arrest	Age	Charge	Court and Location	Judge	Disposition
		No Reply Received From F. B. I. Apparently No Criminal Record.			

Have you ever been fingerprinted? No Where?

When? If for the Civil Service, what position?

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

Joseph Harrington
Customary payroll signature of employee

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of October 1939

W. M. Lyman
Notary Public

My commission expires July 11, 1940

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Joseph Harrington (Name) — Cal (Legal Residence)

STATUS

DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION
	TEMPORARY		
Actg 3a-G/K.	Apte 1 mo	500	L.H. Point Reyes Calif.
"	Extension	"	" "
3a G K.	Prob.	"	" "
2a "	Prom.	550	" "
"	Change	46 p mo	" "
1st "	Prom	50 "	" "
	CLOSED CLOSE OF May		31, 1911
3a-a K	Prob.	516	L.H. Piedras Blancas L.S Cal
2a "	Trans	552	" Punta Gorda L.S Cal
1/keeper	Incr.	720	" "
"	"	780	" "
"	"	840	" "
"	Rad of Pay	1080	" "
"	"	1320	" "
2a "	Prom	1380	" "
2a G K.	Trans	1260	" Piedras Blancas Cal L.S
1 G K	Prom	1320	" "
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	1380	" "
"	COMPENSATION Act. May 28, 1928.	1440	" "
"	COMPENSATION Act. July 3, 1930	1500	" "

DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU–SERVICE–STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
Actg 3d-C.K.	TEMPORARY Apte 1 mo	500	L.H. Point Reyes Calif	May 7, 1907
"	Extension	"	" "	June 7, 1907
3d C.K.	Prob.	"	" "	July 7, 1907
2d "	Prom.	550	" "	Nov. 1, 1907
"	Change	46 ⌀ mo	" "	July 1, 1908
1st "	Prom	50 "	" "	Mar. 16, 1909
	RETURNED CLOSE OF May	31, 1911		
3d-C.K	Prob.	516	L.H. Piedras Blancas L.S Cal	Aug 30, 1916
2d "	Trans	55-2	" Punta Gorda L.S Cal	June 16, 1917
1st keeper	Incr.	720	" "	Nov. 1, 1918
"	"	780	" "	March 1, 1920
"	"	840	" "	Aug 30, 1921
"	Read of Pay	1080	" "	July 1, 1924
"	"	1320	" "	Feb. 1, 1925-
2d "	Prom	1380	" "	July 1, 1925-
2d C.K.	Trans	1260	" Piedras Blancas Cal L.S	July 20, 1925-
1st C.K.	Prom	1320	" "	May 1, 1926
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	1380	" "	JAN 1 1927
"	COMPENSATION Act. May 28, 1928.	1440	" "	JUL 1 1928
"	COMPENSATION Act. July 3, 1930	1500	" "	JUL 3 1930

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

September 16, 1938.

Joseph Harrington,
First Assistant Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station,
Eighteenth Lighthouse District.

Mr. Harrington was born in Ireland on December 8, 1874. He was issued Certificate of Naturalization by the State Court at Portland, Oregon, on May 31, 1904. Certificate not numbered.

Certified seen.

H.W. Rhodes

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

See misc. file 1345/2

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT 21 1935
APPOINTMENT
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

CHIEF CLERK

October 14, 1935.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. Referring to Superintendent's letter of April 5th, copy to Bureau, reprimanding Joseph Harrington, First Assistant Keeper, Piedras Blancas Light Station, for using improper and profane language to his official superior and preferring serious charges against the keeper without sufficient evidence to support them, the Bureau is advised that the services and behaviour of this empoloyee have been satisfactory since the date of the above reprimand.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

O. L. Jenkins

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.,
October 19, 1935.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information.

For the Commissioner:

P. J. Gower

Chief, Personnel Division.

CARDED

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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

April 5th, 1935

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

There is forwarded herewith for the Bureau's information a letter of reprimand of this date to Joseph Harrington, First Assistant Keeper, Piedras Blancas Light Station, and also copy of a letter of caution to the Keeper of the same station.

Norman L. Francis

H. W. Rhodes -

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.
April 11, 1935.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information.
For the Commissioner:

Noted
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R. J. Groom
Chief, Personnel Division.

COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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

April 5th, 1935.

Mr. Joseph Harrington, First Assistant Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. The investigation of the charges preferred by you against the Keeper did not substantiate the statements made by you, and as no evidence was produced by you except your own statement, the charges made by you will be dismissed.

2. Lack of sufficient evidence corroborating the charges made against you by the Keeper will also require that these charges be dismissed. It is evident, however, that you used improper and profane language to your official superior.

3. You are reprimanded for your actions, both in the use of profane and improper language, and in preferring serious charges of intoxication and misconduct against the Keeper without sufficient evidence to support these charges. You are warned that further actions of this nature will result in disciplinary action leading to demotion or discharge. This reprimand will be made a part of your record in the Service.

4. Your action in having your charges sworn to before a Notary Public, thus tending to make public matters that lie entirely under the jurisdiction of the Superintendent, is disapproved, and a repetition of such action will lead to severe disciplinary action.

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent.

COPY for Bureau of Lighthouses.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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To Dept

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

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Feb. 18, 1935.

1935 MAR - 4 - PM 2:30
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
CHIEF C

Joseph Harrington, 1st Assistant Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. The ratings given you by inspecting officers visiting your station have been generally unsatisfactory for some time, and recently the Keeper has found it necessary to report your conduct as unsatisfactory for the reason that you have been reluctant to carry out the instructions given you, that your work has been generally unsatisfactory, and that your efficiency is below a desirable standard. In addition to this, the Keeper reports that you have been very abusive in your conversation with him and generally insubordinate.

2. In view of the fact that your conduct in the past at other stations has not been satisfactory and that you have previously been transferred as a matter of discipline, you are advised that misconduct and inefficiency on your part will no longer be tolerated and that if there is any further cause for complaint relative to your conduct or to a lack of zeal and efficiency in the discharge of your duties you will be recommended for demotion and possibly for dismissal from the Service.

3. You are hereby reprimanded for your conduct and directed that pending further investigation of your conduct, you obey explicitly and cheerfully and to the best of your ability all the proper instructions given you by the Keeper of your station.

CARDED

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Two copies furnished for information of Bureau of Lighthouses.

Further report regarding this Keeper will be made at the expiration of six months.

H. W. RHODES

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
March 4, 1935.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information.
For the Commissioner:

R. J. Gross
Chief, Personnel Division.

CROSS REFERENCE

SEE FILE--464/16/ 2/1

NAME Harrington, Joseph — POSITION Keeper

BUREAU LIGHTHOUSES — STATION 18th District

CIRCULAR #11----9/15/23

BASE PAY	Bonus	Total	Allowances: Items	Value	Aggregate	As Classified for estimate purposes: Service	Grade	Pay	Recommendations regarding differential from standard rates: Is differential recommended	Amt. per annum to be Added	Subtracted
840	240	1080	XCH	604.80	1484	LHS	4	1260	Yes	60-a	

CIRCULAR #13----11/13/23 Approved $1260

GRADE RECOMMENDED 5

RANGE OF COMPENSATION RECOMMENDED FROM $1200 TO $1440

16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:

Kind of equipment Uniform; annual cost, $ 5.00 per annum

17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)

(a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☒ 7 ☐ 8

(b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4

(c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3

(d) College: Name ____; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4

(e) Post graduate work: Kind ____; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3

(f) Correspondence courses: Kind ____; number of lessons ____; number completed ____

18. Description of work. (Describe the various tasks performed, making the description of each as detailed as space will permit. Use a paragraph for each task and number the paragraphs. In the column at the right state the estimated percentage of the total time—in the course of a day, month, or year—given to each task.)

	Percentage of total time given to each task
1. In charge of station in absence of principal keeper. Stands light and fog signal watches day and night, including Sundays and holidays. Starting and operating fog signal plant in foggy weather. - - - - - - - - - - - -	67%
2. Works with other keepers in general maintenance and repair of station grounds, buildings, machinery, etc. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	33%

...NEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 1
(To be filled out in accordance with detailed instruction sheet, Form No. 2)

Sheet No. 50

2—12758

1. Harrington (Surname) Joseph (Given name) -- (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouse
4. Field Service Lighthouse
5. (a) Field Station 18th Lighthouse District
   (b) Subdivision Punta Gorda Light Station
   (c) City or town Petrolia (P.O.) State Calif.
6. Pay-roll title Lighthouse Keeper
7. Customary office title First Assistant Keeper

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

	a		
	b		
	c		
	d		

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day 8 to 10; per week 56 to 70
   (b) If this is not a full-time position, state percentage of time employed per day ____ per week ____
   (c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From Average 5 hrs. m. to Time of night changes with watches. m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year ____
   During what months ____
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation None
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus $ 240.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ 240.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate None allowed
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: ☐ Quarters; ☒ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; ☒ Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; ☐ Fuel; ☐ Light; ☐ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum $1.64.25 in cash as commutation of rations
16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:
    Kind of equipment Uniform; annual cost, $ 5.00 per annum
17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
    (a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☒ 7 ☐ 8
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18. Description of work. (Describe the various tasks performed, making the description of each as detailed as space will permit. Use a paragraph for each task and number the paragraphs. In the column at the right state the estimated percentage of the total time—in the course of a day, month, or year—given to each task.)

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2. Works with other keepers in general maintenance and repair of station grounds, buildings, machinery, etc. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	33%

19. Does employee work under immediate supervision, or to a large extent upon his own responsibility? (Describe fully.)

Works under immediate supervision of keeper. In absence of principal keeper, works to a certain extent upon his own responsibility, being guided by regulations and District Office orders.

20. Do the duties involve direction or supervision of the work of other employees? Yes.
If so, describe the nature of the direction or supervision and give the number and classes of employees directed or supervised.

In absence of principal keeper, is in charge of station and supervises and directs work of one assistant keeper.

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? Since March 1, 1920.

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

June 1st (Date), 1923. H. W. RHODES (Signature of Preparing Officer) Superintendent. (Title)

23. I have read the foregoing and I agree to it except as follows:

(Signature of Employee)

THE FOLLOWING TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE HEAD OF THE FIELD OFFICE OR STATION

24. Indicate by an "X" in the proper spaces below the qualifications and personal traits considered important for the satisfactory performance of the duties of this position:

	High Degree	Average	Not Essential
Judgment	X		
Accuracy	X		
Initiative (originality and resourcefulness)	X		
Trustworthiness (dependability)	X		
Speed (quickness)	X		
Physical Qualities (strength and endurance)	X		

Educational Training	Essential	Desirable But Not Essential
College		
High School		X
Common School	X	

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent

Miscellaneous

Experience: If essential, kind and extent Mechanical and boating experience.

25. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $1000.00 to $1200.00

June 1st (Date), 1923. H. W. RHODES (Signature of head of field office or station) Superintendent. (Title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12758

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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1926 MAY 10 AM 9 15

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

May 4, 1926.

5 CHIEF CLERK
1926 MAY 10 PM 3 59

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 11 1926
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. Referring to Department letter of April 21, 1926, advising Joseph Harrington that his salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service had been changed from $1260.00 per annum to $1320.00 per annum, effective on the date that he entered on duty.

2. The Bureau is advised that Joseph Harrington entered on duty as First Assistant Keeper, Piedras Blancas Light Station, with salary at the rate of $1320.00 per annum, effective on May 1, 1926.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAY 10 1926

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 21, 1926.

Mr. Joseph Harrington,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1260 per annum to $ 1320 per annum, effective April 26, 1926, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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CARDED

APR 23 1926

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED APR 23 1926 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APR 21 1926 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT.

San Francisco, California, April 13th, 1926.
(City.) (Date.)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APR 22 1926 DIVISION

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Joseph Harrington — Legal residence, California

Position, Keeper (First Assistant) (Quarters) — Range: $1140-$1380 Salary, $1320.00 A. above min - but in corresponding step as under 2 atk.

Location, Piedras Blancas Light Station — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers

Effective April 26, 1926. — {1 ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper (2nd Assistant) — Former salary, $1260.00 A. Age 1080 - 1320

Location, Piedras Blancas Light Station

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

Previous incumbent, James E. Simonson -1320 Services terminated, April 25, 1926, or as soon thereafter

Reason, Transferred - Cape Cabrillo

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

Members of family in Government Service, None

Date of birth, Dec. 8, 1874

Remarks:

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

H. W. Rhodes
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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APR 19 1926

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPROVED:

ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AUG 28 1925
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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

August 21, 1925.

1925 AUG 27 AM 8 40

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. Referring to Department letter of July 29, 1925, notifying Joseph Harrington that his salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service had been changed from $1380.00 per annum to $1260.00 per annum, effective July 20, 1925, or as soon thereafter as he entered on duty.

2. Joseph Harrington entered on duty as Second Assistant Keeper, Piedras Blancas Light Station, with salary at the rate of $1260.00 per annum, effective July 25, 1925.

H. W. Rhodes

CARDED

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
AUG 27 1925

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Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1925 JUL 28 PM 5 CHIEF CLERK

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, California, July 18th, 1925.
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and Demotion

Name, Joseph Harrington

Position, Keeper (Second Assistant)

Legal residence, California

Range: $1080-$1320

Salary, $1260.00 A.

Location, Piedras Blancas Light Station

Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers

Effective July 20th, 1925 { [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty, or~~ as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper (First Assistant)

Former salary, $1380.00 A.

Location, Punta Gorda Light Station

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

Previous incumbent, James E. Kent

Services terminated, July 18th, 1925, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty

Reason, Transferred

Members of family in Government Service, None

Date of birth, Dec. 8, 1874

Remarks: See Bureau letter of November 11, 1924, authorizing transfer.

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

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

7-29-25

Secretary, Civil Service District.

First Assistant Superintendent.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

July 28, 1925.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Attention is invited to Department approval of Bureau recommendation of October 30, 1924, authorizing the transfer of this keeper to another station with demotion in rank and pay as a discliplinary measure.

E. C. Gimpta

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

M
r. Joseph Harrington,
Through the
Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Sir:

In connection with the readjustment of pay of positions in the Lighthouse Service the total compensation of the position occupied by you has been fixed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1925.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

Acting

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED FEB 10 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Position: Keeper

Salary: $1320

Appropriations: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
General Expenses, Lighthouse Service.

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IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

November 11, 1924.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION,

Joseph Harrington, First Assistant Keeper,
Punta Gorda Light Station, Calif.
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Calif.).

1. The Bureau is in receipt of a report from the Superintendent regarding charges preferred against you under date of October 3, and your replies of October 9 and 10;

2. After giving careful consideration to the matter and also to your record while serving under former keepers, the Bureau considers that the charges were fully substantiated. You are, therefore, reprimanded for violation of Paragraph 11 of the Instructions to Employees of this Service and advised that more drastic action will be taken in case of a repetition of the offense. In order that you may have an opportunity to demonstrate your fitness for continuance in this Service, your transfer to another station has been authorized with a demotion in rank and pay if necessary.

(Signed) G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
NOV 11 1924

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

G R Putnam

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 OCT 29 AM 8 55

Punta Gorda Light Station
October 19, 1924.

To the Lighthouse Superintendent,
San Francisco, Calif.
Sir:-

In answer to the First Assistant Joseph Harrington's report to my charges preferred against him, I swear they are false in every detail. He has repeated his own actions exactly when stating of running the water off when other people are using it, which they still are doing. The Second Assistant has nothing to do with the charges against the First Assistant, it is all their own doings, and to show how they try to tantalize or rather defy my orders, on Sept. 30th they left the horse gate open going to the beach, and Oct. 10th the gate to the pasture, allowing animals to come inside. This is a constant practice.

The only liars and slanderers on this station are Joseph Harrington and his wife. I am boarding with the Second Assistant. I pay for what I get and no concessions granted any more than what the First Assistant gets. In all the time I have been with the Second Assistant I have never heard of them passing such slanderous remarks as Joseph Harrington has done in this case. In regards to the Second Assistant's wife leaving the water running, she was washing the windows, when the phone rang, which was only for a few minutes duration and furthermore the overflow was running. I have never persecuted him in any way whatever - I have been too lenient, in fact. All mechanical work is done by the Second Assistant and myself, the First Assistant not capable to do this work, leaving him only the brass to keep clean and other minor jobs, when he works he only puts in three hours per day, having all the rest of the time to himself.

The First Assistant is lacking in zeal in his duties in every respect. All slanderous remarks in this and previous letters fit his own character and not the people he has slandered. When I took charge of this station I saw how the First Assistant had had the full run of things, so I made a system and rules which I still keep, that is why I got extra padlocks and keys, which does not suit the First Assistant. When I get supplies all the keepers are present to unpack. I issue the supplies to each keeper and give them anything when they ask for it, within reason. The First Assistant had five linen towels issued to him just before I took charge. He has not returned any and I do not issue any until the old ones are returned, as I have to account for them. The only truth Joseph Harrington mentioned in his report is about the $30.00 paid to have his cow examined and which died a few months later, the cause I do not know.

I can guard against a thief but not a liar. I am enclosing an envelope which Joseph Harrington, as he said, opened by mistake. I don't see any excuse why he should make a mistake in such decidedly different names, another cunning trick, and not the first time. I have spoken to him about getting a uniform - he has none and never had any since he came in the service. This water trouble was going on in Keeper Dunn's time. The First Assistant, Joseph Harrington, has violated Par. 55, page 16, paragraph 45, page 14, and par. 47, page 15, of Instructions to Lighthouse Keepers.

Respectfully,
(Sgd) H. Luff,
Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Punta Gorda Light Station,
Oct. 21st, 1924.

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 OCT 29 AM 8 55

To the Lighthouse Superintendent,
San Francisco, Calif.

Through the Keeper.

Sir:

On this date, Oct. 21, 1924, I came home on account ofrain and to get some tools needed on the trail. I had been home only a short time when First Assistant's wife, Mrs. Joseph Harrington, came into my house without permission, looking for the keeper. I said I did not know where he was. She said, "You are a pair of sneaking, lying devils," this to my wife and myself. I told her to go away, she would not go, so I was compelled to close the door and lock her out, but she returned and tried to force the door. She then stood on the sidewalk and turned out language unfit to put on paper.

She had no provocation for doing this, as we have not spoken to her for over three years, and want nothing to do with her. I have done my duty to the Government for over seventeen years, and this is the first place I have been threatened and abused. My wife dare not go out alone for fear this woman will do her bodily harm. If this continues I shall be compelled to ask for a transfer to some other station. I have stood nearly all I can here. Conditions are becoming serious on this station and there is no telling what will happen.

Respectfully,

(Sgd) C. W. Lindley.

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LIGHTHOUSES
1924 OCT 29 AM 8 55

Oct. 19th 1924.

Capt. H. W. Rhodes.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of October 14th as to the general character and general conduct of Mr. Joseph Harrington during the time that I was associated with him, his record for efficiency was only fair. His record for obedience to orders and zealous performance of duties was bad.

His reputation for truthfulness is bad. I would not believe him under oath. He did not work harmoniously with other keepers, and was guilty of attempts to undermine the authority of the keepers.

Respectfully,

(Signed) James Dunn.

Millbrae Park, Calif.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service.

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 OCT 29 AM 8 54

Alcatraz, October 18, 1924.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of October 14, 1924, regarding Mr. Jos. Harrington, 1st Assistant, Punta Gorda.

(a) His efficiency was poor. Previous to going to Punta Gorda he had experience with gas engines, but in the two years I was with him he had not familiarized himself with the engines and at no time could regulate the Crosby timer. At one time on an inspection of the station by Mr. Wilson he was told by Mr. Wilson to adjust the Crosby, and it took Mr. Holmes, 1st Assistant, some fifteen minutes to readjust it.

(b) I found Mr. Harrington not overzealous in his duties, and not interested in the work of the Lighthouse Service, only as far as it pertained to his pay check. I can not say that he was not obedient to orders, but was rather slow to obey at times.

(c) I can not say as to his truthfulness, though he made statements at times to which I had grave doubts.

(d) As far as Mr. Harrington and myself were concerned, we got along, and had no trouble other than was caused by his wife, who caused trouble with everyone on the station. I do not think that he tried to undermine the authority of the keeper during my keepership, for I am positive Mr. Holmes would have told me, as he, Holmes, did not approve of such.

I can only say from what I know personally of the man, I could not conscientiously recommend him.

Respectfully,

(Sgd) F. A. Harrington,

Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Punta Gorda Light Station
October 12, 1924.

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 OCT 29 AM 8 53

To Lighthouse Superintendent,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Referring to the report of the 1st assistant concerning hay and disposal thereof, I will state that his report is false in every detail. The hay delivered by Mr. Clark is here and ready for inspection at any time. I consider the hay the best in the Mattole Valley, and the price was the same the country over. The grain delivered by Mr. Clark is also here. Very little has been used and when I begin feeding the new hay less grain will be used for this hay is full of good grain. I do not know how much old hay was on hand when the new hay arrived; all I know is the old hay and grain was so poor it required a larger amount to feed the team, and before the old station mare was shot, I was compelled to feed her to keep her alive, which was only humane.

I did not call the 1st assistant when I fed the team, therefore his tally is mere supposition and false. No hay or grain belonging to the station team was fed to the 2nd assistant's or my stock. I have the keys and know what is fed the team; when not convenient in my watch I give orders for the 2nd assistant to feed the team and the team will show for itself whether they are well fed or not.

At no time was there three head of stock kept in my yard. I had two calves there and fed them milk. They were born Dec. 10th and 12th, 1923, and were turned out in the south pasture about May, 1924. This gave them about six months of milk as required for calves, and they ate nothing else but grass. The 1st assistant has a calf on the south pasture in just as good condition as mine. He purchased one ton of hay in 1922, none since. He has three head of stock reduced from five since 1922. His stock are in as good condition as any on the station. The 2nd assistant purchased two tons of hay in 1922, besides a quantity of grain and cured over a ton of grass hay. He also got one ton of hay and grain this year.

Here is a threat made to me by Joseph Harrington. He said he would get both the 2nd assistant and myself, if it cost him $10,000. Evidently he is trying it out.

Respectfully,

H. Luff,

Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service.

Punta Gorda
Oct. 10 1924.

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 OCT 29 AM 8 53

To the Superintendent.

Sir:

Aug. 10th T. K. Clarke delivered on this station 3 tons of hay. The keeper accepted and approved this hay for No. 1 grade. Two tons is very good hay of the No. 1 grade, but one ton is a very low grade, as hay is classed in the market, it would be a low grade No. 2, short and trashy. Furthermore, the keeper attempted to unload on the Government two extra tons of this low grade hay at an enormous price and knowing that the hay was of inferior quality and that there was no need whatever for the hay, so far as feeding the mules was concerned.

Aug. 10th there was on hand 400 bundles or 3200 lbs. of the hay left over from last year. The keeper and 2nd Assistant have been feeding this hay regular to their own stock until now there is less than 600 lBs. left. None of the keepers bought hay in 1923. There was close to a ton of the Government hay left over from 1922, it was very good hay. I think the best I ever handled, red oat. The keeper and 2nd Assistant fed every pound of it to their own stock. They took advantage of the day I went to Petrolia to replenish their supply by moving the hay from the mules loft over to the 2nd Assistant. The keeper and 2nd Assistant had six head of stock on the station in 1923 and 1924 - 2 cows, 1 heifer, 2 calves, and 1 horse. Those stock were partly fed at Government expense. They kept three of the animals confined in the keeper's yard and fed them both the hay and grain. The 2nd Assistant is the instigator of this dishonest practice. The keeper is but a weak tool, the instrument through which the other fellow works. They are both disloyal to the Service.

I am submitting herewith a tally. It will show you when the mules were fed and the quantity they were fed, from August 10th to October 10th. Yo u will see by this tally that the mules were fed 114 bundles or 1152 lbs. with 600 lbs, that is 1752 lbs. of the 3200 lbs. of last year's hay, accounted for, and leaves 1448 lbs. that was fed by the 2 nd Assistant and keeper to their own stock. There is no tally kept here of the grain furnished the station. I never saw a pound of the grain fed the mules, with the exception when they take local officials back and forth, might be half dozen times. I gave a copy of these charges to the keeper to be forwarded to the office.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Jos. Harrington, 1st Asst.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Eighteenth District
Punta Gorda
Oct. 9, 1924.

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 OCT 29 AM 8 53

To The Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Replying to the charges of the keeper that I have disobeyed his lawful orders in regard to the use of water on this station. These charges are absolutely false. They are made with the object in view of advancing the 2nd assistant's interest by his attempt to get me off the Station.

The keeper is in a position to make it pleasant or disagreeable as he sees fit, and he seems determined to war against me until he accomplishes his object. When he can't succeed in one thing he tries something else. First it was the cow; I paid $30.00 to prove to you he was lying in that; then it was the pasture, and the bringing of mail and packages; now it is the water, all in which the man lied for the purpose of gratifying his whim.

The keeper would make it appear that he does not irrigate, but when he is on watch he irrigates for the 2nd assistant and he has emptied the tank time and again. When I called his attention to it he always framed up some excuse. I have never emptied the tank, as the keeper would make believe; in fact, I didn't know of the tank being empty from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and I don't see how it could be without me knowing it.

There is no shortage of water on this station - never has been. The keeper gave the order for the purpose of depriving me of all the water he possibly could, and to turn it over to the 2nd assistant. It is all very well for each man to irrigate on his watch, but as soon as I turn on the water they turn it also over to the 2nd assistant, therefore cutting off the overflow, and there is where the trouble started. They are, as it were, stealing the water from me, but still the keeper comes and accuses me of running the water - that is the very thing their charges spring from. I took the keeper and showed him where the wife of the 2nd assistant was emptying the tank through the open hose, the 2nd assistant being at the time on leave of absence. He said she opened the faucet and forgot to close it, but that is a regular practice.

The keeper is right when he says he can and does watch the 2nd assistant's place all the time. He is living there - he is very much interested in that quarter, but he is not telling the truth when he says he called my attention to the water on the 18th of September. It was I that called his attention to it. I went on watch at 2 p.m., working in the yard. I was irrigating, but at 3 p.m. the water was suddenly cut off. I went to the tank to see what the trouble was. There was an inch and a quarter of water running into it, but still there was no overflow. At 5:40 p.m. before going off of watch I called the keeper's attention to it, and I told him the 2nd assistant was using the water. I told him at that very moment an inch and a quarter of water was running into the tank, but he had the front to tell me the 2nd Assistant was not using it.

During the months of May and June, the 2nd assistant every night regularly emptied the water tank to irrigate a potato patch he had on the beach and to get the grass to grow in the lane to cut for his stock, leaving us without any fire protection. I went to the keeper several times to complain, but to no avail. The practice went on until no more irrigation was needed and the potatoes dug.

The keeper says I told him to go ahead and to make his report. Yes, I told him to go ahead and report - why should I fear his lies and slander. It is the truth that hurts, but the truth prevails in the end. He would not dare say before you that I ever showed open defiance, and there is nothing in the past that won't stand the most rigid investigation. I have borne very patiently with this man. He has persecuted me in every possible way. You could not imagine that a white man could resort to such low cunning, unless you were here to see it. He is not the man the officials see when they visit the station. He changes as soon as your back is turned. He is so long in the Service that he imagines himself immune from punishment no matter what the offense. He recommended the second assistant to confirm any and all of his charges - the very one who is setting him on - to make these charges against me. The aim of these charges can be summed up in the two last lines, to get me off of the station and have the 2nd assistant promoted.

I regret the keeper in filing charges against me should implicate my wife, who he says is satanical. That is the language of the slum baiter. The keeper can't shelter his own wife, but is always ready to slander mine. Of course Mrs. Harrington uses the water a great deal. She takes great interest in the flowers and garden and such. She likes to see things looking nice. The keeper does his best to deprive her of that pleasure, if possible. I have little time to take care of the grounds, and my wife mostly does it, but as for interfering with the business of the station that is out of the question. She hasn't spoken to these people in the past two years, and furthermore the conduct of the keeper towards us compels her to be off the station a good part of the time.

The whole trouble at this station, there is too much star boarder. The keeper is so wrapped in brotherly love he has lost all sense of reason and justice. He is continually dancing to the music of the cook. They feed him and he pays for his food with concessions. As long as these things are permitted there is no justice on this station for the third party.

During the three years the keeper is on this station he hasn't given me a towel or a wiper to do my work with. I have to use an old rag to clean the lantern in the tower, and use waste to clean the brass in the signal. If I want a little paint to brighten things up round my quarters I couldn't have it, and to clean the brass in my quarters I have to buy Brilliantshine in the store, though I know the keeper has several cans of it in his storehouse. I know not what supplies come on the station, but I supposed the things to do the work with was furnished.

Respectfully,
(Sgd) Jos. Harrington, 1st Asst.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Santa Gorda Light Station.

Oct. 7, 1924.

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 OCT 29 AM 8 53

To The Lighthouse Superintendent,
San Francisco, Calif. (Through the Keeper)

Sir:-

1. In reply to your letter dated Oct. 3, 1924, I wish to state that the charges against 1st Asst. Jos. Harrington are true, as the keeper states he gave the order to use water for irrigating in May 1923, and to irrigate on our watches only. This rule was necessary for the dry seasons cut down the supply very low, and if the tank is not kept full, in case of fire we would have no protection. However, I have seen Mrs. Harrington running the water in my watch, keeping the water low in the tank so I could use none for my garden, and I have carried water to my cow and horse on numerous occasions. I have also seen the hose concealed in the vegetation running the water away, this in my watch also, and the 1st Asst. would flatly deny the fact. The above actions have forced me to irrigate on my night watch, but I can not do that all the time, for the tank is not always full even then, these actions have been going on for a long time, and conditions are not improving.

2. Referring to the trouble at the barn on the 19th inst., Mrs. Harrington abused the keeper, calling him a dirty sneaking old coyote, and other violent remarks I could not get, the meaning of, as the woman seemed to have lost all control of herself through rage. This is not the first time Mrs. Harrington has been abusive, or interfered with the duties of this station. She is always looking for a chance to cause trouble. I know no reason why she should abuse the keeper as she did; the keeper told her to go home and not interfere with the duties of the station. She would not go. The keeper told her husband he would report Mrs. Harrington, the 1st Asst. was ~~deficiourb,~~ defiant, told the keeper to go ahead and report, said he had reported enough already and it won't do you any good. This is not the first time he has shown open defiance.

Respectfully,

(Signed) C. W. Lindley

2nd Asst.

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

HWR:LH
Encl.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 OCT 29 AM 8 53

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

Oct. 3, 1924.

C. W. Lindley, Second Assistant Keeper,
Punta Gorda Light Station,
Petrolia, California.

1. There is enclosed for your information and attention a copy of a letter from the keeper of the Punta Gorda Light Station, dated September 22d, preferring charges against Joseph Harrington, First Assistant Keeper of the station.

2. You are directed to inform this office as soon as practicable if to your knowledge the charges made by the keeper are true, either in whole or in part; and if to your knowledge in part only, you are directed to state to what extent they are true.

3. The information desired in this matter is necessary for the proper operation of the Service, and it is your duty to submit a full report in the matter, irrespective of any personal disinclination which you may have to avoid testifying in the matter.

4. You are requested to submit your report as soon as practicable.

(Signed) H. W. RHODES.

COPY:LH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 OCT 29 AM 8 53

Charges against First Assistant
Keeper Jos. Harrington,
Disobedience of orders.

Punta Gorda Light Station,
September 22, 1924.

To the Lighthouse Superintendent,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

We have a 5000-gal. tank for our water supply with an overflow pipe which supplies two watering troughs for the stock on the station and also tells when the tank is full. Last season and this one being unusually dry and there being a small flow of water in the creek, I gave orders for each keeper to irrigate on his own watch, which gives them eight hours apiece, with instructions to have the overflow pipe running when they go off watch.

I gave this order in May,1923, since which time I have had to be continuously after the First Assistant about it. The trouble seems to be mostly with Mrs. Harrington, who is satanical and over whom Jos. Harrington seems to have no control. On this occasion, September 11th, there was no water overflowing or in the troughs from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., consequently not allowing a drop of water for any other person on the station for irrigation or for the stock.

Whenever I speak to him about using the water he deliberately lies in the face of it and tries to put the blame on the Second Assistant, which I know is false, as I can and do watch the Second Assistant's place at all times. On the 18th inst. I spoke to the First Assistant again about the water and told him if my orders were not obeyed I would let the office settle it. On the morning of the 19th inst., while both assistants and myself were working at the barn, Mrs. Harrington came down without any provocation and started to abuse me. I told her to go to her quarters and not interfere with the duties of the station. (This is not the first similar offense.) She called me a dirty, sneaking old coyote, and other insulting remarks.

I told her husband I would report this case. He said, "Go ahead and report. You have reported plenty already and it won't do you any good." He has escaped with so much in the past that they now show open defiance, and in defiance of all this, on the 20th inst. the water stopped at 2:30 p.m. and was not overflowing when I went on watch at 10 p.m. There had been no water used either at the keeper's or second assistant's quarters.

They are malicious prevaricators and beyond my handling. This has been going on for years and now they are so defiant about it all that if there is not something done I see nothing but serious trouble ahead. The water supply is becoming a serious question, both for the stock and fire protection, if my orders are not fully carried out. When any official is on the station they shut the water off and the overflow is running full.

The Second Assistant can confirm any or all of the above charge. I recommend and request that these people be removed from this station.

Respectfully,
(Signed) H. Luff,
Keeper.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Charges -
Joseph Harrington

Oct. 24, 1924.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. There is enclosed a copy of a letter addressed to Joseph Harrington, First Assistant Keeper, Punta Gorda Light Station, on October 3, 1924, preferring charges against him for violation of paragraph 11 of Instructions to Employees of the U. S. Lighthouse Service, 1915, in that he disobeyed a lawful order of the keeper at Punta Gorda Light Station, and has failed to treat him with proper deference and respect in the matter of using water at the station in the past year.

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

Sep.22,1924 - H. Luff, Keeper, Punta Gorda L. S., to Superintendent.
Oct. 3,1924 - Supt. to C. W. Lindley, 2d Asst. Kpr., Punta Gorda LS.
Oct. 7,1924 - C.W.Lindley, 2d Asst. Kpr., to Superintendent.
Oct. 9,1924 - 1st Asst. Kpr. Jos. Harrington, to Superintendent.
Oct.10,1924 - Jos. Harrington to Superintendent.
Oct.12,1924 - H. Luff, Keeper, to Superintendent.
Oct.18,1924 - F.A.Harrington, Kpr. Alcatraz Light Station (formerly Keeper Punta Gorda L.S.) to Superintendent.
Oct.19,1924 - J.Dunn (formerly Keeper Punta Gorda L.S.) to Supt.
Oct.19,1924 - H.Luff, Keeper, to Superintendent.
Oct.21,1924 - C.W.Lindley, 2d Asst. Kpr. to Superintendent.

3. It appears from the letters of Keeper Luff, Second Assistant Keeper Lindley, and former keepers of Punta Gorda Light Station under whom Joseph Harrington served, that the charges contained in Superintendent's letter to Joseph Harrington of October 3d are fully substantiated. It is therefore recommended that he be reprimanded by the Department for violation of par. 11 of Instructions to Employees of the U. S. Lighthouse Service, 1915, and that he be transferred to the position of First or Second Assistant Keeper at some other station in the district, involving a reduction in pay if necessary, at the first favorable opportunity; and that he be advised that more drastic action will be taken if his conduct in the future is not up to the standard required of a lighthouse keeper.

4. On account of Harrington's long service and the fact that much of his trouble at Punta Gorda Light Station is due to the actions of his wife, the Superintendent is of the opinion that Harrington should be afforded an opportunity to make good at some other station in the district, feeling that both he and his wife will fully appreciate the seriousness of his case when reprimanded by the Department and threatened with more drastic action in case of a repetition of the offense.

H.W.Rhodes

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO RG-EK
Incls.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

CHIEF CLERK
1924 NOV 1 PM 1 45

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NOV 3 1924 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NOV 13 1924 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

October 30, 1924.

Subject: 18th Supt's. leter Oct.24,1924, charges, Joseph Harrington, 1st Asst. Keeper, Punta Gorda L.S. Cal

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce. The Bureau concurs in the views of the Superintendent that the charges against Keeper Harrington are substantiated in a degree warranting disciplinary action; and it is, therefore, recommended that the Bureau be authorized to write a letter of reprimand to the keeper and upon the occurrence of a suitable opportunity to transfer him to another station with a demotion in rank and pay, if necessary, form 73 to be submitted to Department at the proper time.

L. C. Putnam

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPROVED:

ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

November 8, 1924.

11/5/24.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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July 21, 1921.

r. Joseph Harrington,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $780 per annum to $840 per annum, effective August 30, 1921, (including $60 per annum longevity pay).

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD [illegible]

Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 21 1921 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

Form 73 AMG

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, California July 12 1921
(City.) (Date.)

1921 JUL 18 AM 9 11 LIGHTHOUSES

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Increase in compensation - longevity pay

Name, Joseph Harrington — Legal residence, California

Position, Keeper (1st Asst.) — Salary, $840. (includes $60. longevity)

Location, Punta Gorda Light Station Calif. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers

Effective August 30, 1921 { the actual date of entrance on duty, or ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~.[1]

1921 JUL 20 PM 3 31

Former position, Keeper (1st Asst.) — Former salary, $780. A

Location, Punta Gorda Light Station Calif.

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

APPOINTMENTS

Previous incumbent, Self — Services terminated, Aug. 29, 1921

1921 JUL 20 PM 2 32

Reason, Increase in compensation & longevity pay

Members of family in Government Service, None

Remarks:

7/12/21.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUL 21 1921 APPOINTMENT DIVISION ACTION TAKEN NEOGRAPH

H. W. Rhodes.

Secretary, Civil Service District. **Superintendent of Lighthouses**

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON JUL 18 1921

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 9, 1920.

Mr. Joseph Harrington,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $720 per annum to $780 per annum, effective March 1, 1920.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD [illegible]

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED MAR 10 1920 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

Chief of Appointment Division.

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

Eighteenth District
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Form 73 AMG

NOMINATION

LIGHT MAR 8 1920 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., (City.) Mar. 1, (Date.) 1920

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Joseph Harrington — Legal residence, California

Position, Keeper (1st Asst.) — Salary, $780. p.a.

Location, Punta Gorda Light Station Cal — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers 95 [illegible]

1920 MAR 9 AM 9 26

Effective March 1, 1920 — [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~.

Former position, Keeper (2nd Asst.) — Former salary, $720. p.a.

Location, Punta Gorda Light Station Cal

APPOINTMENTS

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

1920 MAR 9 AM 10 38

Previous incumbent, Leander W. Holmes — Services terminated, Feb. 27, 1920

Reason, Died not reported

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN MAR 10 1920 MAR 9 1920 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Members of family in Government Service, None

Remarks: Emergency case in accordance with circular No.313, necessary for the saving of life and property.

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN MAR 10 1920 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

H. W. Rhodes.

Secretary, Civil Service District. Superintendent of Lighthouses

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. MAR 8 1920

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Acting Commissioner

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

11—2314

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

RECEIVED
DEC 14 1918
Lighthouse Inspector
SAN FRANCISCO

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Joseph Harrington

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.

LIGHT DEC 26 1918 HOUSES DEC 26 1918 10 34 AM

Joseph Harrington
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 26th day of December, A. D. 1918

CHIEF CLERK

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) James Hart

1918 DEC 27 AM 11 44

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires Nov 13 1920

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

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

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT

San Francisco, Cal., (Address) , (Date)

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

CARDED

IN THE ABSENCE AND BY DIRECTION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

G. J. Otter
(Signature of officer administering oath)

1st Asst. Superintendent 18th Lighthouse District
(Official title)

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.
[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a lighthouse inspector or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of lighthouse inspectors and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.
[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.
Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

11—944

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 18, 1918.

Mr. Joseph Harrington,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum effective November 1, 1918.

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

FOR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE LETTER DATED 11-30-18 FILE OF 1045-18 NOV 23 1918

CARDED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings

Chief of Appointment Division

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

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

Legal Residence: California.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
JUL -2 1917
SAN FRANCISCO

LIGHT
JUL 9 1917
HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK
JUL 13 1917

APPOINTMENTS
JUL 13 1917

I, Joseph Harrington

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.

☞ Joseph Harrington
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 28th day of June, A. D. 1917

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) C. F. Goff

(Official title) Notary Public

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

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 18th District

San Francisco, Cal. (Address), July 3, 1917 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on June 16, 1917 (Date)

H. W. Rhodes. Inspector
(Signature, followed by title)

CARDED.

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

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

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

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

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

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

11—944

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 13, 1917.

Mr. Joseph Harrington,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Second Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

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

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

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

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUN 13 1917 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Leander W. Holmes.

Legal Residence: California.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT JUN 12 1917 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., June 7, 1917, 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK JUN 13 1917

Action recommended, Transfer & promotion of

Name, Joseph Harrington — Legal residence, California

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

Location, Punta Gorda Lightstation, Cal. — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective June 15, 1917 — {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.[1]

APPOINTMENTS JUN 13 1917

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

Location, Piedras Blancas Lightstation, Cal.

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JUN 13 1917 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Previous incumbent, Leander W. Holmes — Services terminated, June 14, 1917

Reason, Promotion requested

Members of family in Government Service, None

Remarks: Transfer requested by nominee.

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

H. W. Rhodes.
Inspector

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUN 12 1917

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner

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

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LIGHT
SEP 12 1913
HOUSES

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

CHIEF CLERK
SEP 20 1916
APPOINTMENT
SEP 20 1916

March 5, 1913.

To the Chiefs of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce:

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

William C. Redfield
Secretary.

CARDED.

PART I.

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

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

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

3. What is your present legal (voting) residence? (Give city or town, State or Territory, county, and Congressional district.)
San Juan (City or town.) California (State or Territory.) San Benito (County.) 6th (Congressional district.)

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

5. Where were you born? Ireland

6. When were you born? 8th Dec (Month.) 8th (Day.) 1874 (Year.)

Asst Light Keeper, San Francisco, Sept 20 1915.

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

Marvin Harrington
Name. Number and street.
San Juan Bautista California
City or town. State or Territory.

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

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

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

I was in the Lighthouse service through Examination about May 1904

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

I have no physical disability
I dont ware glasses

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
Com & Labor	Light House Service	1st Asst Keeper	600 per annum	May 1904	1911

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

No

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

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No			

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

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No			

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

Name under which service was rendered

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No			

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

Farmer & Laborer

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

Grammar School education

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

Mechanical engineer

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

I passed Civil service examination for the Coustom house in March 1911 as near as I can recollect

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

answer to the foregoing questions were written by me

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. August 24, 1916

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

(Signature) Joseph Harrington

P. O. Address: San Juan Bautista
City or town.
San Benieto Co
Number and street.
California
State or Territory.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded September 7, 1916, 19

In the absence and by direction of Inspector,

(Signature) A. C. Anderson

(Official title) Superintendent 18th Lighthouse Dist

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PART II.

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

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

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

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

3. State the date of appointment. August 22, 1916

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

Entrance on duty

5. State the date of the oath. August 26, 1916

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. August 30, 1916

7. What is his salary? $516 per annum

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

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

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

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

Selected from eligible register

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No

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

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14. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out. Circuit Court of Multnomah Co, Oregon, May 31, 1904.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector,

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) A. C. Dustin

(Official title) Superintendent 18th Lighthouse Dist.

Date: September 7, 1916, 19

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT SEP 12 1916 HOUSES

APPOINTMENTS SEP 21 1916

CHIEF CLERK SEP 21 1916

I, Joseph Harrington

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.

Joseph Harrington
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 26th day of August, A. D. 1916.

(Affix official seal here)

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

(Official title) Clerk 18th Lighthouse District

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

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 18th District

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

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on August 30, 1916 (Date)

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector

A. C. Richardson
Superintendent 18th Lighthouse District (Signature followed by Title)

CARDED.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SEP 20 1916

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 22, 1916.

M. Joseph Harrington,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Peter DeBlecker.

Legal Residence: California.

(See reverse side.)

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 22 1916 ON JOURNAL DEPT. OF COMMERCE

CHANGE REPORTED SEP 1916 U. S. COMMISSION.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

HWR-CHT

LIGHT AUG 21 1916 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., August 14, 1916, 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: (Through the District Secretary)

CHIEF CLERK AUG 21 1916

Action recommended, Probationary appointment of

Name, Joseph Harrington — Legal residence, California

Position, Third Assistant Keeper — Salary, $516 per annum

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

APPOINTMENTS AUG 21 1916 3

Effective August 23, 1916 — {1 ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED AUG 22 1916 DEPT OF COMMERCE

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

Location, ----------

Rank on eligible list, 2 Rating, Asst. Keeper Percentage, 83.6, Other eligibles considered:

Rolland C. Avery (C) and Thomas W. LeBallister (C)

Previous incumbent, Peter De Bleeker Services terminated ~~,~~ about August 22, 1916.

Reason, Promotion eod

Members of family in Government Service, None

Remarks: Resigned 1st Asst. Keeper, Point Reyes Lightstation, Cal., May 31, 1911.
Request notification by wire when appointment is made.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. AUG 15 1916, ~~191~~

H. W. Rhodes.
Inspector

ACTING. *Secretary,* Twelfth *Civil Service District.*

ZDE 8/24/16

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

AUG 21 1916

Acting Commissioner

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

out

EFFICIENCY REPORT

May 10, 1911.

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

1. Name Joseph Harrington 2. Age 37 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau of Lighthouses 4. Position First Assistant Keeper

5. Compensation $50. p.m. 6. Where employed Point Reyes Light-Station, Cal.

7. When appointed (*a*) May 7, 1907 8. How appointed (*b*) Through Civil Service Examination.

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

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

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

12. Other Government service None

13. Duties (describe fully) Assist in care and maintenance of 1st order light and compressed-air siren fog signal. Stand watch night and daytime during fog. Assist keep buildings and grounds in order. Assist make minor repairs.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? No If so, state them ----

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	95/100	2	190
Quality of work	Good 85	3	255
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	Good 85	3	255
Attendance	100	2	200
Total		10	900
Average percentage			90

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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.
0	0	0	7	0	0	12	0	0

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

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)

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

W. C. Moffett

Comdr. U.S.N. Inspector 18th L.H. Dist.

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

W. C. Moffett

Comdr. U.S.N. Inspector 18th L.H. Dist.

G. L. Putnam

Chief of Bureau or Office.

11—4259

TBC

May 23, 1911.

Sir:

Having tendered your resignation as first assistant keeper of Point Reyes Light Station, California, with pay at the rate of $60 per month, the Department has accepted the same, upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, effective at the close of May 31, 1911.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED.

H Gordon Cumming
Acting Chief Clerk.

Mr. Joseph Harrington,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
MAY 20 1911
DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR
12 DIST.
MAY 15 1911
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Pt Reyes Light-House
May 15th 1911

Light-House Inspector
San Francisco Calif

Sir

I Respectfully tender my resignation as 1st Ass't Keeper of Pt Reyes Light Station.

To take effect on Wednesday May 31st, 1911. at the close of the days business.

Very Respectfully
Joseph Harrington.

Form 93

LETTER TRANSMITTING RESIGNATION

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
MAY 20 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Office of the Inspector, , 18th L. H. District,

San Francisco, Cal.,

May 15, 1911.
(Date)

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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

I have the honor to inclose herewith the resignation of

Joseph Harrington of California
(Name of appointee) (Legal residence)

as First Assistant Keeper at $50.00 per month
(State official title, as assistant keeper) (Salary)

at Point Reyes Light-Station, California.
(State official name, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)

and recommend that it be accepted, effective at the close of business on

May 31, 1911.

Respectfully,

W. A. Moffett,

Commander U.S.N., Inspector.

5/22/11 MCB

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Department of Commerce and Labor
Bureau of Light-Houses
Washington
MAY 20 1911
Respectfully submitted to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor recommended for approval.

O. Meriwether
Acting Commissioner.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 12 1909
NO.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

1. Bureau Light-House Service. 2. Where employed Point Reyes Light.
3. Name Joseph Harrington. 4. Where born Ireland.
5. Age ~~35.~~ 34 6. Position 1st Asst. Keeper, Point Reyes Light-Station, Cal.
7. Compensation $50. pm. 8. When appointed (a) ~~May~~ July 7, 1907.
9. How appointed (b) Through Civil Service Examination.
10. Appointed from State California. Congressional District IV. Card says Marin County, County San Francisco. 2nd District.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (c) Classified Competitive.
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service Under Light-House Engineer 1 year. Fireman on Govt. Dredge Chinook, Dec. 3, 1903 to Dec. 3, 1904. Acting 3 A.K. Point Reyes L.S., May 7, 1907 until entrance upon duty as above noted.
14. Duties (describe fully) Assist in care and maintenance of 1st order light and steam fog-signal. Stand watch night and daytime during fog. Assist to keep buildings and grounds in order. Assist to make minor repairs.
15. Efficiency — Quantity of work (d) ~~8/10~~ 9/0 By D.L. 10-12-09; Quality of work (e) ~~Average.~~ Good; Interest manifested in work (f) ~~Average.~~ Good
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (g) Satisfactory.

O.R.

CAPTAIN, U. S. N.
NAVAL SECRETARY
JUN 7 - 1909

W. G. Miller
Head of Bureau or Office.
Comdr. U. S. N., Inspector 12th L. H. Dist.

_____, 19____

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(CROSS REFERENCE - - E F F I C I E N C Y)

Rating amended to read 9/10, good, good. See Boards letter of October 8, 1909 and Dept. letter of October 12, 1909 in file of MISC. 271/4.

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Reprimand.

July 27, 1909.

Mr. Joseph Harrington, First Assistant Keeper,
Point Reyes Light-Station, Cal.,
Through the Inspector of
The 12th Light-House District,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

1. The Board states that your efficiency rating for 1909 is unsatisfactory. It seems that you are not giving an equivalent amount of work for the salary paid you. This condition will not be tolerated by the Board, and you are therefore given 60 days from August 1, 1909 in which to demonstrate that you are such a competent employee as to warrant your retention in the Light-House Service.

2. If in that time it is found that you are still below a fair standard of efficiency, recommendation will be made to the Department that you be dismissed from the Light-House Service.

3. This letter of reprimand is written by direction of the Department, based upon the efficiency report submitted in your case by the Light-House Inspector.

Respectfully,

Lt.Col.,Corps of Engineers,U.S.A.,

Engineer Secretary.

File

(CROSS REFERENCE - - E F F I C I E N C Y)

At a conference it was decided to take the action outlined in the following cases:

GEO. R. SMITH, File charges with a view to dismissal.
JACOB HANSEN, Same as SMITH.
ALBERT B. MODAWELL, Report efficiency at expiration of prob. period.
MARY J. SUCCOW, File charges with view to removal. Inquire why she has no required her son to qualify for appointment, in order that he might be appointed in her stead.
EDWARD D. McCREA, Give him 60 days in which to improve. If he fails to improve, file charges with view to dismissal.
ARTHUR BROWNING, No action. (Resigned since efficiency reports were turned in.)
SAMUEL D. HOUNSELL, Give him 60 days in which to improve. If he fails to improve, file charges with a view to dismissal.
PAULUS NILSSON, Same as HOUNSELL.
JOSEPH HARRINGTON, Same as HOUNSELL.

FILE WITH

SEE MEMO DATED JULY 13, 1909, IN FILE OF

MISC. 271/4.
ALSO SEE DEPT. LETTER DATED JULY 8, 1909 in same file.

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Enclosures.

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, Joseph Barrington, Pt Reyes Light House Calif

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.

Joseph Barrington

[b] Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 3rd day of April, A. D. 1909.

(Affix official seal here.)

(Name:) Jno. A. Anderson

(Official title:) Notary Public

Official Title.	Name of Station.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Asst Assistant	Point Reyes	Ireland	California

$50. per mo.

Office of the Inspector, 12th Light-House District,

San Francisco, (Address.) Cal., April 5. 1909. (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on March 16. 1909. (Date.)

CARDED.

(Signed:) N. H. Lopez, Comdr. USN, Inspector 12th Dist Light House District, Calif,

[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.

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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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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—PRIOR TO

Department of Commerce and Labor

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

March 23, 1909.

Mr. Joseph Harrington, of California, is hereby appointed First Assistant Keeper of Point Reyes Light-Station, California, in the Light-House Service, at a salary of Fifty dollars per month, this appointment to be effective beginning March 16, 1909, he having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served in the above-mentioned position. (Vice Paulus Nilsson.)

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

(By promotion from Second Assistant Keeper at $46.00 per month.)

RDED

Herbert Knox Smith
Acting Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190

The Light-House Board.

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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER EMPLOYEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED MAR 23 1909 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Office of the Inspector, 12th L. H. Dist.,

San Francisco, California,

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED MAR 23 1909 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C.

March 16, 1909.
(Date)

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) promotion
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)
of (2) Mr. Joseph Harrington
(Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board)
of (3) California
(State of legal residence)
from (4) Second Assistant Keeper
(Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (5) Point Reyes Light-Station, California,
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
at (6) $.46. p.m.
(Salary now paid)
to (7) First Assistant Keeper
(Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (8) Point Reyes Light-Station, California,
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
at (9) $.50. p.m.
(Salary recommended)
, effective beginning (10) March 16, 1909, (the date of his entrance on duty) ~~(or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty)~~
(Strike out the clause not appropriate)
in the place of (11) Paulus Nilsson
(State name of *last* person holding position)
who (12) was promoted
(Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.)
on (13) March 15, 1909.
(Last day of service)
Mr. (14) stands No. (15) in list of eligibles,
Class (16), with an average of (17) per cent, and
was considered with (18)
(19) letters of declination of herewith.

Respectfully,

R. F. Lopez

Commander, U. S. N., Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

10834

MARCH 22, 1909.

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

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS APPOINTMENT WRITTEN MAR 23 1909 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED MAR 23 1909 TO APPOINTMENTS DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

H. T. Mayo

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

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OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

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No. 108324 Enclosures.

I, ----------Joseph Harrington----------

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.

Joseph Harrington

[b] Sworn and subscribed before me, this 3rd day of November, A. D. 1908.

(Affix official seal here.)

[c](Name:) Jno. D. Anderson

(Official title:) Notary Public.

Official Title.	Name of Station.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Second Asst. Keeper	Point Reyes, Cal.	Ireland	California

$46 per month.

Office of the Inspector, 12th Light-House District,

San Francisco, California, (Address.) Nov. 4. 1908. (Date.)

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

(Signed:) R. T. Lopez Commander, U. S. N.,

Inspector, 12th 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.

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

NOTE CAREFULLY.

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

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

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

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Ent'd NOV 11 1908

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor

10834 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

October 17, 1908.

Mr. Joseph Harrington, of California, is hereby appointed Second Assistant Keeper of Point Reyes Light-Station, Cal., in the Light-House Service, at a salary of Forty-six 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. (vice himself.)

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

(By promotion from $540 per annum.)

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS REPORTED OCT 19 1908 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

CARDED

Acting Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190

The Light-House Board.

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

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Office of the Inspector, 12th L. H. Dist.,

San Francisco, California,

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The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C. October 2, 1908.
(Date)

Promotion

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) absolute appointment
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)

of (2) Mr. Joseph Harrington Ef-not reported of (3) California
(Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) (State of legal residence)

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from (4) Second Assistant Keeper
(Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)

at (5) Point Reyes Light-Station, California,
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)

at (6) $550. p.a. to (7) Second Assistant Keeper
(Salary now paid) (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)

at (8) Point Reyes Light-Station, California, at
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)

(9) $ 46. p.m., effective beginning (10) October 1, 1908, (the date
(Salary recommended)

of his entrance on duty) ~~(or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty)~~
(Strike out the clause not appropriate)

in the place of (11) himself, by increase of compensation.
(State name of *last* person holding position)

who (12) ..... on (13) .....
(Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) (Last day of service)

Mr. (14) ..... stands No. (15) ..... in list of eligibles,

Class (16) ....., with an average of (17) ..... per cent, and
This increase is recommended in accordance with report of Committee
~~was considered with (18)~~ on Equalization of Pay, approved June 25, 1908.

(19) letters of declination of ..... herewith.

Respectfully,

R. T. Ropes, Commander, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

October 13, 1908.

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

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DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
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Lt. Colonel, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.,
Engineer Secretary.

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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

February 1, 1906.

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

For the purpose of enabling the Department to maintain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are requested to have every person hereafter appointed or employed in your Bureau, immediately upon his entrance on duty, answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. The officer in immediate charge should review the information given by the appointee or employee, and if correct, should forward the form to the Chief of the Bureau without delay. The information called for by the questions in Part II should then be supplied and the form forwarded to the Department.



V. H. Metcalf

Secretary.

CARDED.

PART I.

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

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

Mr. Joseph Harrington

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

Joseph Harrington

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

Point Reyes (City or town.) California (State or Territory.) Marin (County.) 2nd (Congressional district.)

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

5. Where were you born? Ireland

6. When were you born? December (Month.) 8th (Day.) 1874 (Year.)

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

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

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
—	—	—	—	—

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

Appointed through Civil Service on or about Aug 7th 1904

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

I have no physical disabilities good eye sight

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

Fireman on Government dredge Chinook
at a salary of $600 per annum from Dec 31 1903
to Dec 31st 1904 Engineers department

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

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

Marine Fireman for 11 years before entering
United States Civil Service

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.)

Common school education

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

practical experience in Steam Engineering

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

for Marine fireman February 1903

(CHG) Local Lt-Ho. Service, San Francisco, June 5. 1907.

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.)

were written by me

19. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. Nov 21st, 1907

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

(Signature) Joseph Harrington

P. O. Address: Pt Reyes L S

City or town.

Marin Co

Number and street.

California

State or Territory.

NOV 25 1907

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded, 190

(Signature) R. T. Lopez, Comdr. USN,

(Official title) Inspector 12th L. H. Dist.

PART II.

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

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

Light-House Service (Bureau or Service.) Point Reyes, Cal. (Place (city, town, or station).) 12th (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? Second Assistant Point Reyes Lt-Station, Cal.

3. State the date of appointment. 15 October 1907.

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

1 November 1907.

5. State the date of the oath. 2 November 1907.

6. State the date the appointee or employee entered on duty. 1 November 1907.

7. What is his salary? $550, per annum.

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

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

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

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

Selection from Eligible List.

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

(Signature) R. T. Lopez, Comdr. USN,

(Official title) Inspector 12th L. H. Dist.

Date: NOV 25 1907, 190

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OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, Joseph Harrington, 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.**

Joseph Harrington

CARDED.

Light House Board.
Entered upon duty.
Date 1 Nov. '07.

Sworn[b] and subscribed before me, this second day of November, A. D. 1907.

J B Johnson
Chief Clerk.

[c]Name: Leon V. Raymond

Official title: Notary Public

{Affix official seal.}

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Second Assistant	Point Reyes	Ireland	California.

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

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

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

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—WITHOUT FIXED DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

10834

October 15, 1907.

Mr. Joseph Harrington, of California, is hereby appointed Second Assistant Keeper of Point Reyes Light-Station, California, in the Light-House Service, with compensation at the rate of Five Hundred and Fifty dollars per annum, effective beginning November 1, 1907, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. (vice John F. Parker.)

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

(By promotion from Third Assistant Keeper of Point Reyes Light-Station, California, at $500 per annum.)

Assistant Secretary.

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The Light-House Board.

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask the promotion of Mr. Joseph Harrington, of California, from the position of 3rd Assistant Keeper at Point Reyes, Cal., Light Station, with pay at the rate of $500 a year, to that of 2nd Assistant Keeper at the same light station, with pay at the rate of $550 a year, to date from 1 Nov., '07, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty, in the place of Mr. John F. Parker, resigned. Oct 31. 07

Respectfully,

10-15-07

Commander, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

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MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

(To be filled in immediately after the last day temporary employee serves, signed by the head of the bureau, and forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor.)

Name of employee Joseph Harrington of May 17,-7,'07 - 1 mo. June 17-7,'07 - 1 mo.

Designation Actg 3 A. K., Point Reyes, Cal. *Compensation* $500 yr.

Last day served 6 July, '07.

A B Johnson

Chief Clerk
(Official title.)

Light-House Board.
(Bureau or service.)

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Date 26 July, '07.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, Joseph Harrington,

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.**

Joseph Harrington

Sworn[b] and subscribed before me, this eight day of August, A. D. 1907.

[c]Name: Leon V. Raymond.

Official title: Notary Public

{Affix official seal.}

Light House Board,
Entered upon duty.
Date 7 July '07

Chief Clerk.

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NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Third Assistant	Point Reyes	Ireland	California

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

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

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

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

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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT—PRIOR D[illegible]

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

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July 22, 1907.

Mr. Joseph Harrington, of California, having qualified under the civil-service regulations, is hereby appointed Third Assistant Keeper of Point Reyes Light-Station, California, in the Light-House Service, with compensation at the rate of Five Hundred dollars per annum, for a probationary period of six months, effective beginning July 7, 1907, he having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served in the above-mentioned position. (Mr. Harrington succeeds himself)

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

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Lawrence O. Murray
Assistant Secretary.

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The Light-House Board.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

Washington

Considered with:

George W. H. Vasburgh

12th Insp.

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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

Referring to Department letter of 25 June, '07, relative to the Board's letter of 21 June, '07, asking the probationary appointment of Mr. Joseph Harrington of California to the position of Third Assistant Keeper at Point Reyes, Cal., Light-Station, in which the Department states that according to the classification of the Inspector of the 12th Light-House District, this station should be filled from the eligibles in Classes III or IV, whereas Mr. Harrington is on the eligible register in Class II only.

Last consideration from July 7. 07

In reply, the Board has the honor to state that on 5 July, '07, it forwarded to the Department a reclassification of the Light-Stations in the 12th Light-House District, in which Point Reyes, Cal., Light-Station is transferred to Class II. The Board, therefore, renews its recommendation of 21 June, '07, that Mr. Joseph Harrington be given a probationary appointment as Third Assistant Keeper at Point Reyes, Cal., Light-Station. 500 p.a. (Temp.)

Respectfully,

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Rear Admiral, U. S. N.,
Naval Secretary.

Department of Commerce and Labor

10834 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

June 25, 1907.

Gentlemen:

Referring to the Board's request of the 21st instant for the probationary appointment of Joseph Harrington to the position of third assistant keeper of Point Reyes Light-Station, California, the Department has to state that according to the classification of the Inspector of the Twelfth Light-House District, this station should be filled from the eligibles of classes III or IV, whereas Mr. Harrington is on the eligible register of class II only.

Yours very respectfully,

Lawrence O. Murray

Assistant Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

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Washington

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21 June, 1907.

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

The Board has the honor to ask the probationary appointment of Mr. Joseph Harrington of California, to the position of Third Assistant Keeper at Point Reyes, Cal., Light-Station, with pay at the rate of $500 a year, to date from 7 July, '07, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty, in the place of himself, temporary appointee.

Mr. Harrington has passed the required Civil Service examination and received a rating of 91.33 per cent, in Class II.

Respectfully,

6-24-07

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

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LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, Joseph Harrington 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.**

Joseph Harrington

Light House Board,
Entered upon duty.
Date 7 June '07
C. B. Johnson
Chief Clerk.

Sworn[b] and subscribed before me, this 16th day of July, A. D. 190

[c]Name: Leon V. Raymond

Official title: Notary Public

{Affix official seal.}

CARDED

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Acting 3d Assistant	Point Reyes Cal.	Ireland	California

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

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

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

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

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Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

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June 17, 1907.

Mr. Joseph Harrington, of ____, is hereby appointed Acting Third Assistant Keeper of Point Reyes Light-Station, California, in the Light-House Service, at a salary of Five Hundred dollars per annum, this appointment to be effective beginning June 7, 1907, he having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served in the above-mentioned position.

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

(For a period not to exceed one month.)
(Extension of temporary appointment.)

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CARDED

Assistant Secretary.

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Date of oath: ____, 190

The Light-House Board.

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14 June, '07.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

Referring to Department letter of 17 May, '07, appointing Mr. Joseph Harrington to the position of Acting Third Assistant Keeper of the Point Reyes, Cal., light station, for a period of one month from 7 May, '07, with pay at the rate of $500 a year, the Board has the honor to ask an extension of this appointment for a period of one month, from 7 June, '07, pending the entrance on duty of a regularly appointed Third Assistant Keeper.

Respectfully,

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

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LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, Joseph Harrington 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.**

Joseph Harrington

Light House Board,
Entered upon duty.
Date 7 May '07
B Johnson
Chief Clerk.

Sworn[b] and subscribed before me, this first day of June, A. D. 1907

[c]Name: Leon V. Raymond

Official title: Notary Public

{Affix official seal.}

CARDED

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Acting Third Asst.	Point Reyes	Ireland	California.

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

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

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May 17, 1907.

Mr. Joseph Harrington, of ____, is hereby appointed Acting Third Assistant Keeper of Point Reyes Light-Station, California, in the Light-House Service, at a salary of Five Hundred dollars per annum, this appointment to be effective beginning May 7, 1907, he having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served in the above-mentioned position. (Vice Arthur D. Shaw)

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

(For a period not to exceed one month.)

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CARDED

Assistant Secretary.

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The Light-House Board.

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask the appointment of Mr. Joseph Harrington as Acting Third Assistant Keeper of Point Reyes, Cal., Light-Station, with pay at the rate of $500 a year, for a period of one month to date from 7 May, '07, the date of his entrance on duty, in the place of Mr. Arthur D. Shaw, appr requested as temporary appointee, for 3 days from May 4 '07 and pending selection from an eligible list and entrance on duty of a regular third assistant keeper.

Respectfully,

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Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

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CG-CP-75

December 5, 1942.

Mr. Joseph Harrington, Keeper,
3842 Mission Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Harrington:

My attention has been called to the fact that you are retiring from the position of Keeper in the Coast Guard at the close of December 31, 1942, after rendering more than thirty years of honorable service in the former Lighthouse Service and the Coast Guard.

I take pleasure in congratulating you upon your long and efficient service and entertain the hope that you may long enjoy the leisure afforded by relief from active duty.

Very truly yours,

R. R. WAESCHE,
Vice Admiral, U.S.Coast Guard,
Commandant.

Copy to: District Coast Guard Officer,
Twelfth Naval District,
San Francisco.

N. C. G. No. 2668
Form Approved by Comptroller General, U. S.
April 13, 1934
(Revised 1937)

S. V. No. 6
Pay No. .....

REPORT OF CHANGE IN PAY STATUS

HARRINGTON (Surname) | JOSEPH (First name) | (Middle initial) | CIVILIAN (Service No.) | KEEPER (1st ASSISTANT) (Rank or rating)

PIEDRAS BLANCAS LIGHT STATION
12TH NAVAL DISTRICE, U.S.C.G. (Unit) | SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, (Place) | 15 December, 1942. (Date)

From: COMMANDING OFFICER.
To: PAY OFFICER.

You are hereby authorized to adjust the pay accounts of the above named for the following reason:

31 December, 1942 - Retirement, voluntary, close 31 December, 1942.
Annual rate of retired pay is $1142.62.

AUTHORITY: Secretary of the Navy 12-5-42.

LIEUT. COMMANDER, USCG
H. C. HOGREFE (Commanding)

DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER (Title)
By direction

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1. Receipt of this authorization is hereby acknowledged. The accounts of the above named have been adjusted.

28 December 1942 (Date)

B. E. BRUNE, Pay Clerk, U. S. C. G. (Pay Officer)
Asst.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 1942 — O-426485

15 December, 1942

From: District Coast Guard Officer, 12th Naval District.
To : Joseph Harrington, 1st Assistant Keeper, Piedras Blancas Light Station.

Subject: Voluntary retirement at close of 31 December, 1942.

Inclosure: (A) Form 2249 - District notice of your retirement.

1. In accordance with inclosure (A) retiring you at the close of 31 December, 1942, you should leave the Station effective at the close of that date. Your retired pay commences January 1, 1943, Headquarters will send you a card to 3842 Mission St., San Francisco, sometime during the month of January for you to fill out on the last day of that month and forward to Washington for the purpose of obtaining your January retired paycheck.

_____ Lieut.Commander,USCG
H.C.HOGREFE
By direction

HGHcmm

San Francisco, Californi
9 December, 1939.

From: Acting Superintendent of Lighthouses
To: Joseph Harrington, 1st Assistant Keeper, Piedras Blancas ta.

Subject: Annual Leave.

1. You are advised that at the close of December 31st, 1939, y will have earned and accrued leave to your credit of 33 days, 7 hou 30 minutes. You have taken to the close of October 31st, 34 days 16 hours, or excess leave of 1 day and 9 hours.

2. A careful checkup of your leave for the calendar year has been made and it may be that the Acting Superintendent will see fit waive a few short periods of a few hours taken. All full days le in excess of the leave of 33 days and 7 hours to your credit will be deducted from your January pay check.

O. L. JENKINS

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

PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

(To be prepared by appointee in own handwriting)

Department or Establishment U. S. Coast Guard Lt house Service **Date** Oct 2nd 1939

1. Name in full (Mr., ~~Miss, or Mrs.~~) Harrington (Surname) Joseph (Given name) None. (Middle name)
2. Present address ____ (Number) ____ (Street) San Simeon (City) California (State)
3. Legal (voting) residence ____ (State and Congressional District) San Luis Obispo (County) San Simeon Calif (City or town)
4. Where born Ireland (State or foreign country) Dunus (City or town) When born Dec 8 1874 (Month Day Year)
5. If foreign-born, state whether naturalized or alien Naturalized
6. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √ If Mrs., state other names under which previously employed.

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

7. Number and ages of dependents domiciled with you None
8. A complete record of your past service for the United States Government other than military or naval:

BRANCH OF SERVICE	PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
				Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
U.S. Engineers	Ft Stevens Oreg	Foreman	$50 P.M.	May	14	1903	Feb	4	1904
Lt house Service	Pt Reyes Calif	3rd 2nd 1st asst	I don't remember	May	not Sure	1907	May	not Sure	1911
Lt house Service	Pedros Blancos	3rd asst	$11 40	Sept	1st	1916	Cont'd in Service.		
Transfered to	Punta Gorda	2nd asst	1200	June	20th	1917	"	"	"
" " "	Pedros Blancos	1st asst	15 00	Aug	1st	1925	"	"	"
Still Employed. " "		" "	" "						

9. Are any members of your family, who are domiciled with you, in the U. S. Government service? If so, state below: None.

NAME	POSITION AND DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE IN WHICH EMPLOYED	RELATIONSHIP
	Position Department or office	
	Position Department or office	
	Position Department or office	

10. Do you now hold any State or municipal office? If so, state below: No.

(Title) (Location) (Date appointment expires)

11. Are you the wife of a disabled veteran or widow or orphan of a person who was in the military or naval service? No

(Wife, widow, or orphan) (Name of veteran) (Organization and last year of service)

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

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

Enlisted ____ Discharged ____
Rank ____ Rank ____
Organization ____ Organization ____

Enlisted ____ Discharged ____
Rank ____ Rank ____
Organization ____ Organization ____

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13. State any special qualifications not involved in your present position (for instance, lawyer, physician, civil engineer, knowledge of foreign languages, etc.) None.

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

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	POSITION AND CHARACTER OF WORK	LENGTH OF SERVICE
After I Resigned from the Light house Service in 1911	I Ranched on my own in Santa Cdura County Calif	up to 1915
I worked a few months till I went back in the Light house Service	for the State highway	in 1916.

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

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

16. In case of emergency, notify Frank Lamey

Relationship Nephew. Post office address 130 College Ave San Francisco Calif

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

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

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LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT

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June 27, 1939.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. Mr. Joseph Harrington, First Assistant Keeper, Piedras Blancas Light Station, California, has just furnished this Office with a letter from the U. S. Engineer Office, Portland, Oregon, dated May 4, 1939, and reading as follows:

"Reference is made to your letter of April 27, 1939, addressed to the U. S. Engineer Office at Fort Stevens, Oregon, regarding your employment in this department during the years 1904 and 1905.

"A search of the records reveals that you were employed on the U. S. Dredge "Chinook" from April 16 to 30, 1904, as deckhand at $40.00 per month, and from May 4, 1904, to February 5, 1905, as fireman at $50.00 per month. The records indicate, further, that you were laid off on February 5, 1905, while the dredge was in the vicinity of San Francisco, California. No reemployment subsequent to this date is shown."

2. It was not until recently that it was learned that Mr. Harrington had had U.S.Engineer service and this service was not included in recent reports mailed to the Bureau.

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
JUN 27 1939
SAN FRANCISCO

Piedras Blancas Lt. Stn
June 26. 1939

Mrs Ella M. Allen
Office of Superintendent
Light house Service

Dear Mrs Allen

The letter Enclosed herein is the proof that I worked with the Engineers before going in the Lighthouse Service

I would like to get Credit for that time on my Retirement

very Respectfully
Joseph Harrington
1st Asst.

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Piedras Blancas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 28., 1939

To The Superintendent
Through the Keeper.

Sir

I am furnishing my quarters at this Station I will be married April 5th My wife will reside on the Station

Respectfully
Joseph Harrington
1st Asst.

Signed
M. L. Francis
(Keeper)

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EMA

January 6, 1938.

Keeper, Piedras Blancas Light Station.

1. You are advised that the Superintendent has granted Mr. Joseph Harrington, First Assistant Keeper of your Station, an extension of ten days leave from this date. He should arrive at the Station for duty on January 17th.

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent.

EMA

June 25, 1936.

Mr. Joseph Harrington,
First Assistant Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

1. Referring to your letter of June 20th you are advised that since the position of Assistant Keeper at Carquinez Strait Light Station is being filled by another Assistant Keeper, it is not known when a vacancy will occur again at that Station. It may be several years.

2. Under no circumstances should you have packed your household goods for shipment until you were first advised by this Office that you were being recommended for transfer. Letters from this Office to you were merely letters of inquiry and since you did not state in your letter of June 15th that you would accept transfer at the salary of $1440.00 per annum, which you were requested to do, a second letter was addressed to you.

3. Since Department authority must first be obtained for transfers involving change in compensation and since it was necessary to fill the position with as little delay as possible, recommendation for the transfer of another Keeper willing to transfer to Carquinez Strait Light Station was mailed before receipt of your second letter signifying your willingness to transfer at $1440.00 per annum.

H. W. RHODES

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Piedras Blancs
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 20, 1936

Through The Keeper.

Superintendent of Light houses.
San Francisco California

Subject transfer Refer. Office Letter June 18. 1936

Sir

In accepting transfer to Carquinez Straits Light Station. I took it for granted the transfer would be made. that it was urgent and promptness desired, I packed my household accessaries and put it in the warehouse. to go on the tender when it is due at this Station. It will not do to leave the stuff in the warehouse too long the mice will destroy it. but if there is a probability that I will be transferred to Carquinez Straits Light Station No within a reasonable time I will leave it there it is preferrable to unpacking and moving it back to the quarters.

Respectfully Joseph Harrington
1st Asst.

Signed:
M. L. Francis
— Keeper —

EMA

October 14, 1935.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. Referring to Superintendent's letter of April 5th, copy to Bureau, reprimanding Joseph Harrington, First Assistant Keeper, Piedras Blancas Light Station, for using improper and profane language to his official superior and preferring serious charges against the keeper without sufficient evidence to support them, the Bureau is advised that the services and behaviour of this empoloyee have been satisfactory since the date of the above reprimand.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

O. L. J.

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Encls.

April 5th, 1935

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

There is forwarded herewith for the Bureau's information a letter of reprimand of this date to Joseph Harrington, First Assistant Keeper, Piedras Blancas Light Station, and also copy of a letter of caution to the Keeper of the same station.

H. W. RHODES

OLJ:BA
Encls.

April 4th, 1935

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Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco,
California.

Subject: Investigation of charges, Piedras Blancas Light Station.
References:
(a) Keeper's letter, January 31st, 1935.
(b) First Assistant Keeper's letter, February 22, 1935.

1. Charges made by both parties were investigated on visit to the station on March 2nd, 1935. Statements were obtained from both, and also from the Second and Third Assistant Keepers.

2. The Keeper's charges are true in part, magnified by personal ill feeling, and the importance of the offences exaggerated by reason of the Keeper's idea that Assistant Keeper Harrington has been deliberately trying to make the work at the station hard to handle, and to interfere with the way the Keeper desires the work done. It appears from the statements made by all the Assistant Keepers, as well as the attitude the Keeper himself took when questioned, that most of the trouble originated because the Keeper assumed a domineering, violent and "hard-boiled" attitude toward his assistants, and has generally given his instructions in a tone, language and manner that caused resentment among the assistants. This resentment caused Harrington to object strongly to being reprimanded for something which he claims he did not do, and as both men lost their tempers, Harrington used improper language to the Keeper. He admitted he used several profane expressions, but claimed he did not remember using the particular one to which the Keeper objected in his letter. Whatever the expression used may have been, he is guilty of using improper language to his official superior. The Keeper also used language more potent than polite, referring to Harrington as an "incompetent old jackass" who would be "kicked off the station" if he made further trouble for the Keeper or didn't do as he was told.

3. The Keeper's charges that (a) Harrington "turned toward the wall" the instructions regarding changing fog signal charts, (b) obeys orders in a "contemptuous manner", and (c) being argumentative in talking over the way work is to be done, are quite probably true, although Harrington claims (a) he picked the sign off the floor when cleaning up and stood it on the table, (b) tried not to show the Keeper that he was making a fool of himself, and (c) tried to tell the Keeper the right way to do the work, just as suggestions to make the work easier.

Copy in Francis Personnel File

4. The First Assistant Keeper refused to apologize for using the opprobrious epithet the Keeper charges him with using, because he states he does not remember using it, and says he is not in the habit of using that particular term. There were no witnesses present, and the charges simmer down to one man's word against the other's.

5. The charges against the Keeper are (a) that the Keeper has "imbibed too freely in strong drink", (b) that he is lacking in mechanical skill, making him "the most destructive man" the First Assistant Keeper "had ever worked with"; (c) leaving the station on Saturday night and leaving the two children at home alone in quarters lighted by kerosene lamps. The drinking "too freely" charge is overdrawn; the Keeper admits having had several glasses of wine at a party and dance, but not enough to intoxicate him, as he drove his car to the station and over the trestle across the sand flats. It is apparent the degree of intoxication must have been very slight. The second item (b), is true in part, as it was due to the Keeper's inexperience and lack of mechanical adeptness that made it necessary to replace the scored cylinder on the Doak engine only a few months after the engine was installed. His attempts to overhaul and repair Crosby clockworks have not been successful, and he has been instructed to discontinue these repairs. The Keeper's idea of his mechanical skill is not well founded, on the results produced by his efforts. The charge (c) of leaving the two children at home alone is true. These children are 10½ and 12 years old; they are in bed before their parents leave, and the only lamp lit is a small hand lamp. The danger from a possible fire is remote, as the children are both well raised and intelligent. The Keeper's record of absences showed that he had left the station only when not on watch, and had entered the absence on the record. These absences occurred once every four weeks, and are not in violation of the regulations.

6. Statements obtained from the Second and Third Assistant Keepers were to the effect that they had not heard Harrington call the Keeper a vile name, but had heard the Keeper use rough language to Harrington; that Harrington never refuses to obey orders and to work willingly at whatever he is told to do; that Harrington has often tried to help the Keeper with sensible suggestions, resulting generally in being told to "mind his own damn business"; that Harrington's manner toward the Keeper has not been contemptuous and that Harrington has tried to follow the Keeper's numerous directions; that they had never seen the Keeper intoxicated; that the Keeper never neglected his duty to be absent from the station, and that there was no evidence that the Francis children were in any danger being left at home. They both charge the Keeper with being dictatorial, rude and domineering in his manner, and speech, and altogether too wrapped up in his own importance to get along well or handle the work properly. They both praise his attention to duty and his willingness to do what he can to keep the station up and make conditions better at the station.

7. It is recommended that consideration be given to transferring Mr. Harrington to a smaller station as soon as possible, as the work at Piedras

Blancas, especially around the high tower, requires a younger man, to be handled properly, and will affect Harrington's health. For the good of the Service, the two men should be separated, and as the Keeper has improved the looks and upkeep of the station, it is considered desirable to have him kept there. It is believed that the Keeper's bumptious egoism can be reduced, and that he will, in time, prove satisfactory in handling light station work.

8. Enclosed are drafts of a letter of caution to the Keeper, and a letter of reprimand to the First Assistant Keeper, for your consideration.

O. L. Jenkins

OLJ:BA

April 5th, 1935.

Mr. Joseph Harrington, First Assistant Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. The investigation of the charges preferred by you against the Keeper did not substantiate the statements made by you, and as no evidence was produced by you except your own statement, the charges made by you will be dismissed.

2. Lack of sufficient evidence corroborating the charges made against you by the Keeper will also require that these charges be dismissed. It is evident, however, that you used improper and profane language to your official superior.

3. You are reprimanded for your actions, both in the use of profane and improper language, and in preferring serious charges of intoxication and misconduct against the Keeper without sufficient evidence to support these charges. You are warned that further actions of this nature will result in disciplinary action leading to demotion or discharge. This reprimand will be made a part of your record in the Service.

4. Your action in having your charges sworn to before a Notary Public, thus tending to make public matters that lie entirely under the jurisdiction of the Superintendent, is disapproved, and a repetition of such action will lead to severe disciplimary action.

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent.

COPY for Bureau of Lighthouses.

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FEB 23 1935
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Piedras Blancas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb 22, 1935

Supt. of Light-Houses 18th District
San. Francisco California

Subject: J. Harringtons 1st asst, report answering
Reference: Keepers charges of Jan. 31st 1935.

Sir:

Refering, to Mr. J. Harrington 1st asst Keepers, report answering charges made Jan 31st the 1st asst's report, carries statements, (which, if he has sworn to, before a "Notary Public", as he stated would be done), they will be a perjury.

I can understand Mr Harrington protecting himself, against charges, such as I prefued, but hardly expected him, to perjure himself, to gain his ends.

However, I will, at Offices request, answer to any or all statements in the report, but I respectfully request the Office

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to send a representitive, to carry out further investigations.

I expect to, if Mr Harrington carries out his plan, to legally charge him with;

1. Deliberate criminal intent by perjury.
2. Defamation of character
3. False accusation in regards to destruction of "Government Property".

Respectfully

Norman L. Francis
(Keeper)

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To The Superintendent
Through The Keeper.

Sir

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT
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February 22., 1935

With regard to the charges prefered against me. They were written when Mr Francis was under a very nervious strain the result of been out all night and had inbibed too freely on strong drink

On that particular day I was working on the Garage when Mr Francis came over with a recording chart, he asked me why I didnt pump up the air at 12 Midnight. I told him I did and pointed it marked on the chart, but he could'nt see it, so I took him to the Signal and after a while he got to see, or thought he did, However he admitted the chart was alright. But he told me that I would have to get off of this station, and that if I did'nt he would write to the Office and ask to have me transfered, when I asked him his reason he said I was too old a man that he wanted young men and that he would pick and train his own men. Now Physically I am as fit as Mr Francis but of Course it is natural to grow old. I do not argue with Mr Francis and I do not oppose his authority but when I see him trying to do a job and I know he is about to make a mess of it I do suggest that he do the work different. He has no mechanical skill, and no reasoning, that make him the most distinctive man I ever worked with in the few months here he have destroyed hundreds of dollars in valuable propert. there is'nt a single moving unit that have escaped.

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Mr Francis would prate, about the diciplene he maintain on this station, but the fact remain that he dont decipline himself, and his abuse of the rules of the Service is a very serious matter, for Mr Francis make a practice of leaving the station at night usually Saturdays leaving his two children alone in the house to take care of themselves the quarters are lighted with Kerosene lamps, if one of those lamps tiped over or exploded it would mean a serious loss of property and perhaps life, I dont know in what condition he get back to the station in the small hours of the morning and it being Sunday I see very little of him, but the following morning when he get around he is not a very agreeable person, it is then he tell us our faults, not to me alone, the others have experienced his displeasure just as much. He go out of his way to make it appear that I am contemptible and prejudiced towards him, well now my actions towards him do not merit that, when in fact this very good friend, in-so-far that I financed him to bring his family and furniture from San Pedro to the station, when he could'nt have got them otherwise later on when his children had to go to school but had no meanes of transportation, I financed him to a first payment on a Car - a man is not apt to lift the other fellow to his feet if he hold him in contempt. I am disappointed tho to learn that my confidence and my Sympathy are misplaced

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There is no inharmony on this station only as the Keeper choose to make it he is quarelous and abusive and always in surly mood, he has trumpted up a lot of false complaints with the sole intention of injuring one to get me out of the Job - and he frankly admit it is on account of my age. Jealousy have a big part in this man's make up. and I am sure it has prompted his action's in this case. There is no misconduct or inefficiency on my part. I do my work well and carry out orders willingly. and I am not abusive in my conversation nor insubordinate,

With Regard to my transfer from another station the Keeper on that station and at that time had an axe to grind he is a man that it is just as well to let him lie. I knew all his good and bad qualities

I have attested and sworn to the truth of this whole statment. and I respectfully request. a full and impartial investigation

Respectfully. Joseph Harrington
1st Asst.

Signed.

Howard L. Francis

Signed & Acknowledged before me this 22nd day of February, 1935.

W. M. Lyons
Notary Public

(Keyser) Witness A.S. Gay Justice Peace

HWR:AME

Feb. 18, 1935.

Joseph Harrington, 1st Assistant Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. The ratings given you by inspecting officers visiting your station have been generally unsatisfactory for some time, and recently the Keeper has found it necessary to report your conduct as unsatisfactory for the reason that you have been reluctant to carry out the instructions given you, that your work has been generally unsatisfactory, and that your efficiency is below a desirable standard. In addition to this, the Keeper reports that you have been very abusive in your conversation with him and generally insubordinate.

2. In view of the fact that your conduct in the past at other stations has not been satisfactory and that you have previously been transferred as a matter of discipline, you are advised that misconduct and inefficiency on your part will no longer be tolerated and that if there is any further cause for complaint relative to your conduct or to a lack of zeal and efficiency in the discharge of your duties you will be recommended for demotion and possibly for dismissal from the Service.

3. You are hereby reprimanded for your conduct and directed that pending further investigation of your conduct, you obey explicitly and cheerfully and to the best of your ability all the proper instructions given you by the Keeper of your station.

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Two copies furnished for information of Bureau of Lighthouses.

Further report regarding this Keeper will be made at the expiration of six months.

H. W. RHODES

OLJ:BA

February 14th, 1935

Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

Subject: Keeper's report on First Assistant Keeper Harrington
Reference: Keeper's letter of February 12, 1935

You are advised that the Superintendent has not yet returned to the office, but is expected to be here on or about Monday, February 18th. Your report regarding the conduct of First Assistant Keeper Harrington will be brought to his attention on his return to the office.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

O. L. JENKINS

O L. JENKINS,
Assistant Superintendent.

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT
Piedras Blancas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb 12., 1935

Supt of Light-Houses 18th District.
San. Francisco Calif.

Reference Keepers letter Jan 31st
Subject: Keepers report on Mr Harrington
1st asst Keeper

Sir:

I respectfully request the Office, to advise me, what steps are being taken, regarding my report, on Mr. J. Harrington.

Mr Harrington is aware, that such report has been made, having permitted him to read it; including the 2nd & 3d asst Keepers, before forwarding the Office.

Up to date, Mr Harrington has made no attempt to retract, the name he applied to me, while in course of my duties, instructing him, in the course of his own.

respectfully

2-14-35
Referred to Superintendent. Norman L. Francis
Keeper to be advised by ltr (Keeper)

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See reprimand to H- of 2-18-35

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT
Piedras Blancas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan. 31, 1935

Supt. of Light-Houses
San. Francisco

18th District
California

Sir:

I regret to request, that the 1st asst. Keper Mr Joseph Harrington, be transfued to a station more suitable to him.

Mr Harington has chosen to act contemptous + in different, in varius lines of duty + in a very apparent manner.

Quite prone to argument, when I have the occasion to request that he does certain things, the way I desire, arguing the point, as to be exasperating, then finally stating, that the work shall be done, in manner requested, but saying so, in a way suggesting contemptous resignation

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Mr Harrington has had consid-
-erable service, so I understand,
but I cannot credit him for
having that particular knowledge
that should come, as to machinery
+ maintainence, or general
mechanical operation. I have
been led to beleive this in his
actions + general arguments.

Whether is atitude is one of
studied contempt, indifference
+ etc, due to a man considerably
younger + having less service
then himself. being in authority,
I can not say, but it points
that way.

This station has apparently in
part, been lacking in regulation,
+ it is my endeavor to bring
regulation back in more proper
form. One item I have reference

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to, is changing fog. charts & pumping pressure for emergency; doing so in a manner, as to be uniform, so that the Office can distinguish each chart individually for the month.

I put written orders by chart gauge to this effect, & have found these orders turned face to wall on more than one occasion & by Mr Harrington's admission. A suggestion of contempt.

On Jan 31, a.m. seeing another irregularity in change of charts. I drew Mr Harrington's attention to it & during his course of explanation & my requesting that he follow orders to chart-changing, he became quite angry & referred me as "a son of a bitch".

I asked Mr Harrington to

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retract his statement several times, but he refused.

This incident & those I past make it necessary for this report, adding that finding Mr Harrington lies about certain things, have brought about lack of trust, in anything I put him to.

respectfully
Norman L. Francis.

OLJ:BA

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
San Francisco, California

October 24, 1933.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
18th District.

Subject: Investigation of Personnel, Piedras Blancas Light Station.

Reference: Superintendent's instructions dated October 9th, and verbal instructions of October 10th.

1. The Keeper and the Second and Third Assistant Keepers were questioned concerning the conduct of the Keeper and of Assistant Keeper Pfleghaar at the inspection of the station October 18th, 1933.

2. Conditions at the station are unsatisfactory, both as regards general upkeep and operation, and as to the conditions under which the work is conducted. As noted on the Inspection Report, the fog signal building interior is not properly cleaned, it is almost impossible to see through the windows which are covered with whitewash and dirt outside and dirt and cobwebs inside. The Fog signal toilet is in improper condition; floor is dirty, toilet bowl not cleaned, seat dirty and gummy. There is excess oil on and around fog signal engines and compressors. The carpenter shop is also in a dirty and untidy condition, windows dirty and covered with cobwebs, and greasy waste was stored in a wooden rack along the end wall of the building. Transfer pump house not cleaned; oil on engine, pump, floor, and wall.

3. The lens operated properly and the tower is clean inside and out. Metal stairway and landing floors not painted regulation color. This noted by the Superintendent at the last inspection. Two dead birds were found at the front of the tower near the walk. The remains of other birds that had fallen and had been let remain were noted. The quarters are all in a clean and satisfactory condition.

4. The water condition was found unsatisfactory at the time of inspection. There were 6-1/2 feet of water in the large tank nearest the wharf. The other large tank was empty. There was slightly over two feet of water in the high tank on the tower. The water tanks back of the quarters were empty. The Second Assistant Keeper was questioned regarding his report concerning the water in the high water tank and said that the high tank was practically empty on Sunday afternoon and that he pumped into it 3-1/2 feet of water from the large tank without orders from the Keeper. Questioned regarding permitting the water in the high tank to get so low, thus exposing the station to fire danger, the Keeper said it was the Second Assistant's time to pump, and that he should have looked after it. Regard-

ing the small quantity in the large tank, he said he had pumped it half full but as he had been painting the new pump house floor and it had gotten wet and spoiled the paint, it was necessary to repaint the floor, and that he did not intend to pump any more until the floor was dried. The 5,000-gallon tank near the spring was full. Instructions were given the Keeper to see that the high tank was kept full at all times and that a sufficient quantity of water be kept on hand in the large tanks.

5. Regarding the dirty condition of the fog signal, the Keeper said that Saturday morning had been clean-up day and that the Second and Third Assistants had the clean-up of the signal, and that was the way they left it. The Third Assistant said that he was cleaning the toilet, but that the Keeper had stopped him as it was good enough, and there was other work to do. The Second Assistant also claimed that the Keeper had stopped him before he had finished cleaning up the fog signal engines and windows. Asked why they had not finished the work later, both the Assistants said that the Keeper had repeatedly told them not to do any kind of work unless so ordered by him. This was also given by the Second Assistant as the excuse for not cleaning up the transfer pump, engine, and house, after pumping Sunday evening.

6. The Keeper denied the use of profane or abusive language to the Assistants; he also denied that he ever used profane language in front of the women on the Reservation. The Second and Third Assistants and their wives all stated that it was common practice for the Keeper to use profane and unbecoming language in front of women and children, and that he was frequently abusive in his way of giving orders and his language when directing the Assistants in their work.

7. The charges regarding neglect of duty on the part of the Keeper in failing to report the condition of the Hornsby-Akroyd engine for some time after it had been found that the engines could not be operated so as to hold up the pressure and maintain the proper characteristic were also investigated. The statements made by the Keeper and by the two Assistants were so much at variance that it is impossible to decide as to which side is telling the truth. The Keeper claims that the engine could be operated at all times, and was operated with 12-hour runs as shown on the fog signal recording gauge charts, but that owing to lack of care, improper lubrication, and general carelessness on the part of the Assistants, in particular the Second Assistant, the engine was allowed to overheat several times, and that it was necessary to overhaul the engine in order to keep it operating. The Second Assistant says that the Keeper had several times tightened the crankshaft bearings and the piston pin bearing excessively, which was the cause of the bearings being overheated and burning out, and that one time the Keeper set down on the crank shaft bearings with a wrench and hammer and said to "Let the damn thing burn out and then we'll get a new one!" The Second Assistant also says that the notations on the back of the fog signal charts as to which engine was operated at different times is inaccurate and untruthful, and that the Hornsby-Akroyd engine did not operate more than 1/4th of the time shown on the charts, and that for over a month be-

fore it was reported to this office, the Hornsby-Akroyd engine was practically out of commission. The Keeper denies these statements in toto, and says that the engine was in condition to have been operated at all times as noted on the charts.

8. From the diversity of the statements made by the Keeper and the Assistants, and from the condition in which the station was found, it is evident that there is no possibility of harmony at this station, and that the work is being done by each of the men concerned in such a way as to make all possible trouble for the others. As the Keeper and the Assistants knew that I was aboard the tender and that inspection of the station would be made in the near future, it is apparent that the station was left in the condition it was in the hope or expectation on the part of the Assistants that the Keeper would get in trouble, and with the intention on the part of the Keeper to blame the condition on the Assistants and their unwillingness to do their share of the work. For the good of the Service and in order to restore this station to a fit and proper operating condition and appearance, it is recommended that the Keeper and the Second Assistant be transferred to other stations, and that such other disciplinary action as the Superintendent may deem advisable be taken. The First Assistant was absent from the station and could not be interviewed in this matter. The Third Assistant confirmed the Second Assistant's charges and statements in all respects, although they were questioned separately. It is believed that with a Keeper on this station able to handle the work and the men properly, the Third Assistant will give satisfactory service.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JUL 14 1933

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Supt.
Asst. Supt.
Assoc. Eng. 1
Assoc. Eng. 2
Chf. Clk.
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Hydrog.
Airways
Messenger

To The Superintendent of Lighthouses Piedras Blancas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
Through the Keeper.

July 13, 1933

Sir

In answering Charges that I violated the regulation of the service in that I had arranged to obtain personal board from the Radio Operator from the Coast Survey Steamer Pioneer in exchange for the use of Coal, Stove and quarters, all the property of the Government. It further appear that those boarders were admitted to your quarters without authority of the district Office or without Consulting the Keeper.

There is no arraingment whereby I get personal board from the Radio operator, Mr Mety in exchange for Stove Coal and quarters. I buy my own provisions and for Convenience Mrs Mety Cook my meals at the sametime as that of her husband those people were sent here by the Chief of their Bureaw, and I had no choice but to accept them as they stated on Coming on the Station that the Captain of the Pioneer had wired to the Superintendent of Lighthouses to explain their Coming. Furthermore the Keeper of this station brought them to me and asked me to accommodate them until such time as he could get word from the Office

Respectfully. Joseph Harrington
1st Asst.

The forgoing statement is true - W. A. Mety - W. Op. 1st C. U.S. C. & G Survey

HWR:BA

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
San Francisco, California

July 10, 1933.

Mr. Joseph Harrington,
First Assistant Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. You are hereby charged with the violation of the Regulations of the Service in that you have arranged to obtain personal board from the radio operator from the Coast Survey Steamer PIONEER in exchange for the use of coal, stove and quarters, all the property of the Government. It further appears that these boarders were admitted to your quarters without authority of this office or without consulting the Keeper of the station.

2. You are directed to submit immediately in writing such explanations as you have to offer in regard to these charges.

H. W. RHODES

EMA

August 12,1932.

Mr. Joseph Harrington,
First Assistant Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring to your letter of July 26th regarding excess leave taken by you during the period January 1 to June 30th.

2. A portion of one of the Comptroller's decisions of July 16th, 1932, re leave taken in excess of 2-1/2 days a month up to the close of June 30th,1932, is quoted below:

"I am constrained to hold, therefore, that the fact that an employee prior to July 1,1932, had taken annual leave with pay in excess of the amount that had accrued at the rate of 2-1/2 days per month but not in excess of the amount to which he would have been entitled during the calendar year ending December 31,1932, but for the passage of the act of June 30,1932, does not require that the amount of such excess be regarded as leave without pay or be charged against the furlough time to which the employee is entitled as a result of the operation of the provisions of section 101 of the said act.

"It is recognized that the operation of some of the provisions of the said act of June 30,1932, as applied under this and other decisions of this office will result in some inequalities but this cannot be avoided without doing violence to established rules for the construction of statutes and to canons of interpretation.******"

3. Since you did not exceed the annual leave allowance for your station during the period January 1,1932, to June 30,1932, no deduction will be made from your salary check for the month of July for such leave.

H. W. RHODES

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LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
JUL 28 1932
SAN FRANCISCO

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Piedras Blancas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 26, 1932

To The Superintendent
Through The Keeper.

Sir

In view of the fact, that I have had an excess of leave for this year. would it be acceptable to charge the two days per Month tax levy, from July 1st. to December 30 against that leave. and to pay the tax at once from my July check.

Respectfully. Joseph Harrington
1st Asst.

Forwarded

G.W. L'Hommedieu

June 1,1932.

Mr. Joseph Harrington,
First Assistant Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. The records of this office show that you have had more than 28 days of annual leave. Your paycheck will be withheld each month until you have earned this leave.

H. W. RHODES

Harrington J.

HWR:SM

August 12th, 1930.

Mrs. Joseph Harrington,
413 South 10th Street,
San Jose, Calif.

Dear Madam:

1. In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of August 12th regarding your removal from the Piedras Blancas Light Station, and also regarding conditions now existing at that station, you are advised that the Superintendent is well aware that conditions at the station in the past have not been satisfactory. It is proposed, however, to correct these conditions, insofar as practicable, at once and to remove from the station any keepers who do not give one hundred per cent cooperation in the maintenance of the station.

2. Irrespective of the faults and shortcomings of the keepers at the station and the members of their families, you are advised that in your own case the evidence appears clear that you have added to the general confusion and unrest by unsatisfactory conduct. This is also borne out by your conduct and actions while at the Punta Gorda Light Station, and the Superintendent is convinced that a large part of the trouble which your husband has experienced with other keepers in the Service has been due to your influence and your advice to him.

3. The Superintendent regretted the necessity for requesting you to leave the station, but, in view of the unanimous reports received regarding your conduct, it was the only procedure which might result in establishing harmony at the station. Furthermore, it was not desired to deprive your husband of employment and of his standing in the Service, and since it appeared that you had a home which you could occupy it did not appear that any great injustice was being done.

4. Regarding your report of the ulterior motives influencing the Second and Third Assistant Keepers in making charges against you, you are advised that those motives were not apparent from their reports; that they both spoke very highly of your husband and gave no indication of a desire to have him removed from the station, or to require him to exchange quarters with them.

5. You are advised that the conduct of all keepers at the Piedras Blancas Light Station will be closely observed with a view to requiring zealous and efficient service of all of them, and of punishing any attempts to make false reports or accusations against any other keeper.

Very truly yours,
H. W. RHODES

H. W. RHODES,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

AUG 12 1930

413 S. 10th Street
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Aug 12, 1930

Captain H. W. Rhodes
Custom House
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Pardon me for taking the liberty of writing to you but I wish to inform you that I have left the Station as directed, and that I still feel the humiliation and the injustice of such an act. You said to me that to keep peace on the Station you had taken that way out, to break up my home and separate me from my husband; but this will not satisfy those who have placed me in this uncomfortable position. That is not what they wanted, for they were very much wrought up over the way the things came out after you left. What they thought, Captain Rhodes, was that you would remove

Mr. Harrington from the Station and that Mr. Plegaan and Mr. Sauer would get their promotions without moving from the Station. Mrs. Sauer and Mrs. Plegaan have never been satisfied with the quarters they are in and have been continually making trouble over it and Mr. Plegaan has an idea that if he was first assistant it would place him in a better position with the keeper and that he could use his influence with the keeper so that he could be away more and not do any of the work on the Station, excepting to keep his watch, unless he felt like it. Mr. Baasacke was worn out completely with Mr. Plegaan fighting and making trouble continually to be off the Station. As a rule he was gone from eight o'clock in the morning until three the next morning unless he had watch

and if he had no watch he would stay in bed the next day and rest, and then get up when he felt like it and go again.

Whenever the engines broke down he was never there to be on duty in case of emergency, and it was always Mr. Harrington that Mr. Zarnecke had to call to fill in whenever he was away. Of course, Captain Rhodes, you can see for yourself from this what caused all the trouble. This state of affairs continued as long as Mr. Zarnecke was there. Of course Mr. Pluegaar's people had interceded with Mr. Zarnecke to be very considerate of Mr. Pluegaar as he had never kept a position in his life. Mr. Harrington did all this extra work without complaining, because he wished to keep his position. But finally, of course, it came to a show down, and I could not stand by idly and see my husband imposed upon any longer. Mr. Pluegaar not being satisfied, wanted to go more, and even paid

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Mr. Sauer for keeping his watch. This continued until after the new keeper came on the Station, and my husband tried to convince him that this state of affairs could not continue, and tried to straighten things out so that the Station was run in a more methodical manner. Mr. Pellegoar was not satisfied when Mr. Harrington tried to stop his going off the Station and the keeper immediately turned against Mr. Harrington and took sides with Mr. Pellegoar saying that he did not want a prison made of the Station and he changed all the rules around so as to give Mr. Pellegoar all the time he wanted and yet this did not end the trouble.

The keeper was never stuck about the rules of the Station and did not make the men work as they should. He was very lax with discipline, and as a result Mr. Harrington received the blame for the condition the Station was in. I am not saying this, Captain Rhodes, because I have any feeling against the keeper whatever, but I do wish to show you what is back of all the trouble. He

even acknowledged that he was very sorry he had signed the report sent in by Mrs. Sauer and Mrs. Shlegaar about me.

I am writing to you not with the idea of justifying myself or with malice toward others, but that it may clear up a problem connected with those Civilian Lighthouse Reservations. I have full confidence in your sense of justice and spirit of fair play and all due respect for the important position you hold with the Government. But here is the point you said, "there are five of them against you, Mrs. Harrington, and that is conclusive evidence in any court of law. You made it conclusive with a question of the motives or a prejudice or a provocation and even now you don't know whether that evidence is true or false. There are five of them against you, Mrs. Harrington, and that is conclusive." Now, Captain Rhodes, permit me to tell you there

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is more deceit and jealousy and conspiracy going on in Lighthouses than you can ever know and I am sure if you did know you would not permit it for a minute. No matter how worthy the person is, two or three can get together and so long as there is the majority the evidence is conclusive.

We were informed by the keeper that you asked for a statement from Mr. and Mrs. Sauer as to my conduct on the Station. I beg to inform you, Captain Rhodes, that neither Mr. Sauer nor Mrs. Sauer is in a position to question my conduct, as they are not responsible for their own at times.

I am sure that in the cause of justice, if for no other reason, you will give this letter your earnest attention in an effort to straighten the matter out to the best of your ability.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Joseph Harrington

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
AUG -4 1930
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Piedras Blancas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

August 1st, 1930

Through The Keeper
To The Superintendant
Sir

Mrs Harrington left this Station permanently July 24. or before the period of grace granted her to pack her personal property expired

Respectfully. Joseph Harrington - Personnel
1st asst

Forwarded G. W. L. Hammedeu
Keeper

Harrington Personnel

HWR:SM

July 29th, 1930.

Mr. Joseph Harrington,
First Assistant Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

Through the Keeper.

1. On July 11th, following an investigation of charges to the effect that your wife had assaulted the wife of another keeper on the station, and that her conduct generally was disturbing the peace of the station to an extent which made her further residence at the station undesirable, you were directed to see that she left the station permanently within two weeks from that date, the period of two weeks having been granted for the purpose of permitting her to pack up her household effects and other personal possessions.

2. The two weeks extension of residence on the station granted Mrs. Harrington expired on July 25th on which date she should have left the station.

3. You are directed to report immediately the date on which Mrs. Harrington permanently left the station.

H. W. RHODES

Harrington - Personnel

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JUL -7 1930
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Piedras Blancas Lighthouse
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 5, 1930, 19

Superintendent of Lighthouses

San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir: Complying to your instructions over the telephone this morning, I am submitting a written report against Mrs. Jos. Harrington, wife of the First Assistant Keeper of this station.

This morning without any cause or reason, Mrs Harrington attacked and struck my wife a heavy blow on her side with a carpet beater, causing her considerable pain and discomfort. This act of violence was perpretrated by her in our own back yard.

Mrs. Harrington keeps the station in a constant turmoil causing untold trouble and discomfo t to my wife and myself, and to the other keepers and their families on this station. Besides being a notorious trouble-maker, I consider her to be absolutely dangerous at times, and I ask that an investigation be made of this matter, as I believe that outside of all the trouble she causes, it is unsafe to keep her on the station.

Yours Respectfully,

H. J. Pflegharr
2nd Asst.

Through the Keeper

G. W. L'Hommedieu

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Harrington Personnel

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Through The Keepr.
To The Superintendant
Sir.

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

July 11, 1930

I am informed Mr. Herman Phleghaar 2nd Asst. made a Complaint to your Office that My wife struck Mrs Phleghaar with a Carpet beater. I knew nothing whatever of the occurance till I was told of it sometime later. The act is very regretable. My wife is sick and nervous and feel the humiliation very Keenly.

When I asked My wife about it she told me. she threw a handful of gravel at Mrs Phleghaar dog. that was making a racket in the back yard. that Mrs Phleghaar came rushing out and said you dirty Nasty old thing. dont you dare touch that dog. I Request that action on the Complaint be deferred. My wife is leaving the station for all time. her home is under lease to Sept 1st I ask that permition be granted her to return and pack her personal property in time to move off when the house become vacant Sept 1st.

Approved
G. W. L. Hammedie
Keeper

Respectfully
Joseph Harrington
1st Asst.

Copy of Letter
mailed to Mr. Harrington

Upper Mattole, Calif.
July 30, 1925

LIGHTHOUSE
SUPERINTENDENT
JUL 31 1925
SAN FRANCISCO

Mr. Joseph Harrington,
Pedro Blancos Light Station,
San Luis Obispo Co.,

File

Dear Mr. Harrington:

We have located the rug which was missing in your shipment of furniture last week. It was still in the warehouse at Mr. O'Leary's in Petrolia where our driver, Fred Hall, found it yesterday.

We will endeavor to get it on the tender with the balance of your furniture, but if this is impossible, we will forward to you by express.

We have also located the other bundle containing window rods and will send it at the same time.

Trusting that this will be satisfactory to you and regretting the trouble which has been caused, I am

Respectfully,
Martha Lee Roscoe
Bookkeeper for
Petrolia Stage Company

7-22-25

Capt. Warren:

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
AUG -3 1925
SAN FRANCISCO

Please return these papers to office after pasting up the furniture

Otter

Rec. 59 pcs. July 30th 25.

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
AUG -3 1925
SAN FRANCISCO

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
JUL 23 1925
SAN FRANCISCO

To The Superendendant
Of Light houses.

Ferndale Calif
July 21 1925

Sir

I left Punta Gorda light Station Monday July 20th for Pedras Blancas Light Station, owing to high water in the lagoon, I could'nt leave Sunday as I had planned. My furneture will be put on the Nelson Steam Ship Co docks where it can be picked up by the light house tender and taken to San Francisco to be transferred to Pedras Blancas light Station, there is 59 packages, I am enclosing herewith a list of article to give the master of the tender

The Petrolia Stage Co handled the furneture from Petrolia, there trucks were not large enough to take it out in on load that cause me a delay of two or three days before starting my trip South, they lost a rug, in the moving valued at $25.00 so far we cannot trace it, I may have a delay of a day or two in the City to purchase Supplies

Mrs Nelson found letter all packed up by Weekend

Respectfully
Jos Harrington

LIGHTHOUSE
SUPERINTENDENT
JUL 23 1925
SAN FRANCISCO

Ferndale. Calif

July. 21. 1925.

To The Superintendant

List of articles to furniture to be transferred to Pedras Blancas.

18 Boxes of household goods.
1 tool Chest
1 trunk. Crated
1 Creat of glass ware.
1 Phonograph.
1 Large barrel household goods.
2 Small " " "
1 Clothes press Crated
1 Lamp Stand
1 Creat table leaves.
1 liberary table
2 Couches.
1 Crated dresser.
1 Crate kitchen utensils
1 Sewing Machine
1 Package of tables (put together 2 and covered with burlap)
1 dining room table Stand
1 writing desk.
1 rocker Crated
1 bundle of bedding
1 Clore basket.

1 Iron bed Spring
1 Crated bed Spring
2 ends Conolan bed.
1 Kitchen table
1 Iron bed.
4 rockers.
1 3 Corner table
6 bundles of Chairs 2 in Each
1 table top
1 dressing table Mirror Crated

59 pcs

J. H.

W W.

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
AUG 15 1924
SAN FRANCISCO

MERCANTILE TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

SAVINGS - COMMERCIAL - TRUST

FIRST BERKELEY BRANCH
SUCCESSOR TO
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BERKELEY
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

August 14, 1924

Superintendent of Light Houses,
18th District,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Under our letter of June 26th, 1924 from the chief accounting division of Washington we were advised that certain information would be furnished us through your office. The information desired is regarding the endorser of a certain draft drawn in favor of Joseph Harrington and cashed on or about March 22nd, 1924.

We would appreciate an early reply as we are very anxious to close our transaction.

Yours very truly,

L. S. WILLIAMS
Assistant Cashier

LSW:HS



CAMPANILE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

AUG -6 1924

Copy for H. W. Rhodes

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
AUG -6 1924
SAN FRANCISCO

August 2, 1924.

AWS-C

Comptroller General
of the United States

Sir:

Reference is made to the following check in favor of Joseph Harrington.

Number	Date	Amount	Drawer	Symbol	Date Paid
56,716	Mar. 4/24	$ 103.05	Wm. Wilson	81017	Mar / 24
57,167	Apr. 3/24	103.95	"	81017	Apr / 24

Attached is communication from H. W. Rhodes, Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, California, dated July 16, 1924, together with communication signed by L. S. Williams, Mercantile Trust Company of California, dated June 18, 1924.

HMC

Respectfully,

Frank White

Treasurer.

WW:EMA
Encls.

July 16, 1924.

Treasurer of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

1. Referring to your letter of July 10, 1924, (AWS-C-5957) the letter of the First Berkeley Branch, Mercantile Trust Company of California, dated June 18, 1924, relative to checks drawn in favor of Joseph Harrington, First Assistant Keeper, Punta Gorda Light Station, for salary covering February and March, 1924, is forwarded herewith.

Respectfully,

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

WW:EMA

June 30, 1924.

Treasurer of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

1. Referring to your letter of June 26th, the following descriptions of checks drawn in favor of Joseph Harrington covering his salary as Assistant Keeper, Punta Gorda Light Station for the months of February and March, 1924, are furnished:

CHECK NO.	DATE	AMOUNT	
56716	March 4,1924	$103.05	- February Salary
57167	April 3,1924	$103.95	- March Salary

Very respectfully,

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

COPY:LH

MERCANTILE TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA.

First Berkeley Branch
Successor to
First National Bank of Berkeley
Berkeley, California
June 18th 1924

Treasurer of the United States,
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

We have been referred to your office by H. W. Rhodes, Superintendent of Lighthouses, 18th District, San Francisco, and we would like to have information regarding checks drawn in favor of Joseph Harrington for salary for the months of February and March 1924. These checks are supposed to have gone thru this bank and we are trying to trace the items.

It will be necessary for us to have the names of the endorsers. The San Francisco office advise us that the drafts were drawn by the special disbursing agent of the San Francisco district on the Treasurer of the United States. The draft that we are more particularly interested in is the one cashed on or about March 21st, 1924.

We would appreciate an early reply to this letter as the completion of a certain transaction is pending the receipt of this information.

Yours truly,

(Sgd) L. S. Williams

Assistant Cashier.

LSW/M

WW:EMA

June 16,1924.

Mercantile Trust Company of California,
Berkeley, Calif.

Gentlemen:

1. Referring to your letter of June 10th relative to salary checks of Joseph Harrington, you are advised that all checks are drawn on the Treasurer of the United States and after they have been paid by the Treasurer they are filed by him and not returned to the drawers.

2. Any information that you desire regarding checks drawn in favor of Joseph Harrington should, therefore, be obtained from the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

W. W.
Advise them
re filing of checks
with them.

JUN 16 1924

MERCANTILE TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

SAVINGS - COMMERCIAL - TRUST

FIRST BERKELEY BRANCH
SUCCESSOR TO
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BERKELEY
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

June 10th 1924

Mr. H. W. Rhodes,
Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Custom House,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 9th relative to the salary checks of Joseph Harrington.

We do not like to bother you further in this matter, but in order that we can check the transaction and find out just thru what channels the check went, will you be kind enough to furnish us with the names of the endorsers upon the check cashed on or about March 22nd 1924.

Your early attention would be greatly appreciated as this deal can not be closed until we get some trace as to who received the money from this bank.

Yours truly,

L. S. Williams
Assistant Cashier

LSW/M.



CAMPANILE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

WW:EMA

June 9, 1924.

Mercantile Trust Company of California,
Berkeley, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of June 3rd relative to salary checks of Joseph Harrington, you are advised that the monthly salary checks of Joseph Harrington are drawn by the Special Disbursing Agent of this District on the Treasurer of the United States and according to the last check statement received from that Official, the monthly pay checks of Joseph Harrington for March and February, 1924, and for all previous months have been paid.

Respectfully,

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

MERCANTILE TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

SAVINGS - COMMERCIAL - TRUST

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
JUN -4 1924
SAN FRANCISCO

W. W.
any knowledge of
this? - no.
Advise writer.

FIRST BERKELEY BRANCH
SUCCESSOR TO
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BERKELEY
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

June 3rd 1924

Attention: Mr. Wilson, Chief Clerk

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Custom House,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

We have an escrow in which Joseph Harrington was to deposit with a check for $100. and we have been holding this deal pending this deposit. We have a letter from him dated May 28th 1924 in which he advises that he delivered to his attorney his government salary check drawn on the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Lighthouses and requests us to get in touch with you regarding the same.

Would you be kind enough to check up this item and advise us if the same has been paid and if so the names of the endorsers. This will enable us to trace the item. The check was supposedly left with the attorney on March 22nd 1924 and the check was for $100.

Tele.

We would appreciate an early reply as we are anxious to close this matter. If the check has not been paid, will you please forward us the necessary form for stop payment and we will have Mr. Harrington fill out the same and we will forward it to you so that a duplicate check can be issued.

Yours truly,

L. S. Williams
Assistant Cashier

LSW/M.



CAMPANILE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

WW:LH

August 16, 1924.

Mercantile Trust Co. of California,
First Berkeley Branch,
Berkeley, Calif.

Gentlemen:-

1. Referring to your letter of August 14, 1924, relative to checks drawn by this office in favor of Joseph Harrington, you are advised that all information regarding the endorsements on these checks must be obtained by you from the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C. This office has received no letter from the Treasurer containing information regarding the endorsements.

Respectfully,

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS AWS-C-5957

July 10, 1924.

H. W. Rhodes,
Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In connection with your letter of June 30, 1924, it is requested that you return to this office the letter from the First Berkeley Branch, Mercantile Trust Company of California, Berkeley, California, with reference to the two checks in favor of Joseph Harrington, which was forwarded you with office communication of June 26, 1924.

Respectfully,

Countersigned: Frank White

Treasurer.

Chief, Accounting Division.
BK:ME

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
JUN 30 1924
SAN FRANCISCO

OFFICE OF
TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS AWS:C

June 26, 1924.

H. W. Rhodes,
Supt. of Lighthouses;
18th District,
San Francisco, Calif.

S I R :

Herewith is letter from the First Berkeley Branch, Mercantile Trust Company of California, Berkeley, California, which refers to two checks issued by you in favor of Joseph Harrington for salary for the months of February and March 1924. In order to comply with the request of the bank it will be necessary to have a more complete description of the checks issued in favor of the above named payee, and it is therefore requested that you furnish this information as soon as practicable, returning the inclosed letter with your communication.

Respectfully,

Frank White

Treasurer.

Countersigned:

Chief, Accounting Division.
BFK:MEB
INCL.

Feby Salary
Check No 56716
Date Mar. 4-1924
Payee J Harrington
Voucher Amount 5500 / 10305

Feby Pay
March Pay
57167
April 3-1924
J Harrington
Vo. 5651
10395

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LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
APR 1 1924
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Punta Gorda Lt Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

March 31st, 1924

To the Light-House Superintendent.
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

1 In answer to the inclosed letter of 1st Asst Jos Harrington I wish to make the following statements. At no time has the 1st asst been denied going to Petrolia when he requested as the following will show. From Oct 1923 to March 30th 1924 he went to Petrolia twenty (20) times, out of this he requested to go in ten (10) times— He has been using the Sta team since they arrived, his own animal being crippled since you made Inspection in 1922, it is still on the pasture and seemingly will never be used again— As regards to his remarks to having to bring his own privisions, I let each keeper go in once a week "having done so since I have been here" which enables them to bring their own supplies, mail always included— The 2nd Asst uses the Sta team when ever necessary, otherwise he uses his own horse & always brings the 1st Asst papers— On his last request for the team causing the writing of this letter was, he came to me & said he wanted to go on important business which I found to be a false-hood like all his other statements, being Sunday I wanted to know what business he could do, he had to acknowledge he wanted to fetch the Neales who where coming from Cape Mendocino, their

boy being already here, which I think was a wrong thing as their school which he attends was closed on account of measles.

2 Since I arrived on this Sta Oct 21st 1923, the 1st Asst Jos Harrington has been trying to run things to his own dictation & because I will not allow it he takes all kinds of deceptive methods to gain his end: Here is one example, on his return from leave of absence he was one day & eleven hours overdue, he called me up from Ferndale on the morning of the 24th & asked me to go in for him, I informed him the Lagoon had been high Sunday night & told him he had better arrang to get back & he could go for his wife when the Lagoon was favorable, that was the last I heard from him untill he arrived on the 25th at 5.45 Pm, there was no excuse as the stage arrives at Petrolia around 4 Pm & the Telephones were all in good working order— I called up Petrolia on the morning of the 25th & was informed he had stayed over night at Cape Mendocino Lt Sta, I called thinking some thing may have happened.

3 On another occasion Oct 10th 1923, he left the Sta at 9 am with the surrey, while I was lighting up between 5 & 6 Pm I saw him returning with the mules only, before I had finished lighting up I again saw him leaving with the spring wagon, I asked the 2nd asst if the 1st Asst had made any report to him, he said he had not, only in a casual way, saying the Lagoon was high, he returned again at 8.40 Pm making no report, I ask him when he releaved me on watch why he had not reported to me, he said he did not think it necessary, I asked where the mail was, he said he had left it in the surrey on the river bar, this mail could have been brought on

one of the mules, I sent him for the mail & surrey on the morning of the 18th, I told him I would make no charge at this time if he did better "which he has not done" but would hold it against him.

In my 33 years service, I find Jos Harrington the most inefficient man I have been with, he takes no interest in his duties or the service & is a trouble maker, therefore I request his removal from this station

I am writing these charges with no malicious feeling whatever, they are plain facts.

Respectfully.
Herbert Luff.
Keeper.

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SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Punta Gorda
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

March 29, 1924

To The Superintendent
Through the Keeper.

Sir

Official letter of May 1st Relative to the use of team on this Station

Paragraph (5) The team is to be used officially between Petrolia and the Station

Does that mean that under no circumstances is the team to be used only when the Keeper have an official letter to be mailed. I have no desire to abuse the privilage of using the team, once a week, is all I want to go to town but there are times when I get important mail that must be attended to, and times I get perishable food stuffs that cannot be left to lay over, and I may have friends or relatives that want to visit the Station. I cannot regulate the day or time when such things happen. it is very important that I be permitted to take the team and attend to such business when necessary. The Keeper dont make the trip to Petrolia and the 2nd Asst. dont drive the mules, but ride his own horse and of course he is very careful not to overload him, so it will be seen that I dont get anything brought to the Station only when I go and get it my-Self.

I Respectfully Request for the benefit of the Station, define for the Keeper what is ment by the team will be used officially between the Station and Petrolia, the mules is not over worked. I rode one to town once in two weeks the other mule was not worked

Very Respectfully
Jos Harrington
1st Asst

Forwarded.
H. Duff
Keeper.

H:WR:AME

Jan. 12, 1923.

Joseph Harrington, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Keeper, Punta Gorda Light Station:

1. Referring to the enclosed letter to the 1st Assistant Keeper at your station, you are directed, in the event of his still refusing to carry a reasonable amount of mail and small parcels for you from Petrolia, to report the matter to this Office after obtaining a written statement from the postmaster or other person in Petrolia, tending to prove his refusal to perform such work.

2. It is noted that the station horse is again able to perform duty, and it is believed that in this manner you will be able to care for the station in the way of transportation of mail and small supplies until such time as better transportation facilities can be furnished you.

3. In view of Harrington's reluctance to carry the mail, you are authorized to send the 2nd Assistant Keeper, insofar as practicable, on official trips for mail and supplies, and to assign Harrington to work at the station instead. In carrying out such an order of things, however, you will not unduly restrict Harrington's leave for the purpose of procuring necessary supplies which cannot be delivered to him by official trips by the 2nd Assistant Keeper.

H.W.RHODE

HWR:AME

Jan. 12, 1923.

Joseph Harrington, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Punta Gorda Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring to your letter of January 7th, relative to carrying mail and small parcels for the Keeper at your station, you are advised that there appears to be a difference of opinion between yourself and the Keeper relative to your willingness to carry his mail and small parcels, and it also appears from the evidence offered that on a number of occasions you have not carried newspapers and small packages, when they might have been delivered without any serious inconvenience or hardship on your part.

2. As the 2nd Assistant Keeper at your station has always carried mail and supplies for the Keeper in excess of the amount carried by you, and as he has always performed this work cheerfully, it would appear that you have not been inclined to be entirely accommodating in this matter and to strive for peace and harmony at your station.

3. Your statement that you are always willing to carry mail and small parcels for any one at the station to the extent of your ability is entirely satisfactory to this Office, and as you are detailed to perform this work on Government time in an official capacity, it is right and proper that you should make every possible effort to deliver both newspapers and an occasional small parcel to any one on the station. The matter of carrying a small amount of necessary personal supplies for any of the keepers at your station when you are officially assigned to duty to bring the mail is a part of such duty, and you are hereby directed to hereafter meet all reasonable and possible requirements of your station when making official visits to town.

H. W. RHODES

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JAN 11 1923
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Punta Gorda Lt Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

January 8th, 1923.

To the Light House Superintendent.
San Francisco. Calif.

Sir:

The inclosed reply of the 1st Asst Jos Harrington is all prevarications, & I would like to make the following statement.

1' I never give an official order with out having both Asst keepers together, not giving them the opportunity to say I give each a different order.

2' The 1st Asst says he has always brought packages, with one exception, which is an untruth, I have called up the Post office on several occasions to ask what mail there was, being informed there were small packages which could have been carried in a coat pocket, the 1st Asst left them, he has been doing this ever since I came here — I have tolerated this untill he wants to dictate when & what he should do, he has left official mail as I stated in my report of Dec 16th 1922. He brings his neighbors papers but leaves the stations — I have weighed one weeks mail & the ~~the~~ amount is less than 6 lbs, including papers.

3' The phonograph records he was not asked or expected to handle, being holiday time, I had several packages & had them brought out on a pack horse.

4' I fail to see where his groceries are needed, his wife is living in Petrolia & he is packing stuff into town instead of out, when he goes in with mail he has droped it, as on one occasion, an Indian took it to the Post office.

5' I gave an order in June 1922 that, each keeper could use the station outfit once a week, which would be all a horse could stand, every other day. I gave this new order purposely to make it easy on all hands, this order does not & never did deny them to go to town when ever they desired, using there own conveyance.

6' The 2nd Asst C.W. Lindley has never complained altho the bulk of every thing has fallen on him through the inefficiency of the 1st asst.

7' The 1st Asst does not refuse an order outright, thus avoiding a charge, but he does not comply, he takes no interest what ever in the station.

8' I asked him over a month ago about the horse he has & he gave me to understand it was his own.

9' The last time he brought any thing from town for the station was on Nov 10th 1922 as the reports will show, which was sent to the office.

10' I have always tryed to make the dutys of this station as easy & harmoneously as possible, but with such an antagonistic & insidious man as Jos Harrington it is impossible to have harmony on the station.

11' The station horse was put in commission today, 8th inst

Respectfully.

Herbert Luff.

Keeper.

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Through the Keeper. Punta Gorda.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

To The Superintendant Jan 7th, 1923

Sir

Replying to the report submitted to the office by the Keeper of this Station that I have declined to accept the arraungment, whereby the trip to town every other week would be official. I did not decline the arraungment, but the Keeper wanted one to promise, that I would bring his mail and parcels up to 10 pound. regardless of whether I wanted anything for myself. he wanted it made plain that it would be an official day. his day he called it. I told the Keeper that I would continue to bring his mail and parcels as I have always done, but decline to make any promises. Only once to any knowledge have I left any parcels at the post office that belonged to the Keeper that was early in December. a package of phonograph records was in the post office. it was raining very hard. and I thought it advisable to leave them. they may get damaged. but but the Keeper got greeved. Sunday news papers I do not consider of very great importance and I leave them. I subscribe to the San Francisco examiner. but I stop the paper during the winter months for the reason that I could not get it in here. for the Same reason I must. decline

to bring the Keepers Sunday news papers. My horse is crippled and turned out on pasture at Petrolia the horse I have for use on the Station now is borrowed of course I am responsible to the owner for it, I cannot be expected to furnish a horse to the Keeper at my own expense every other week, for that is exactly what his official day mean. The assistants at this station should be allowed to go to town more regular: at least once a week during the winter, weather permitting, in that way stuff would'nt pile up in the post office, a man always have groceries or other necessaries that he must have and when there is large amount of mail he cant bring everything

The meager pasturage and shelter afforded the horses at this Station should not be reffered to, those horses are not an expense to the Government, they do the same work for the Station, as horses that would be assigned by the Government to Station use, it cost a man fifty dollars a year to feed shoe and equip his horse.

Very Respectfully

Jos Harrington 1st Asst

Forwarded.
H. Luff.
Keeper.

HWR:AME

Dec. 22, 1922.

Joseph Harrington, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Punta Gorda Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. The Keeper at your station has reported that you have declined to accept his arrangement, whereby the trip to town every other week would be official, with the requirement that the assistant keeper making it bring the mail and small necessary parcels, which would average about six pounds and never exceed ten pounds in weight. It is understood that in making these trips the assistant keepers would use horses which are their personal property, but which are afforded pasturage and shelter at Government expense, and you are directed to report in full your reasons for declining to comply with the arrangements made by the Keeper, who is at present physically incapacitated for making the trip himself.

H. W. RHODES

HWR:AMM

Dec. 22, 1922.

Keeper, Punta Gorda Light Station:

1. Referring to your letter of December 16th, preferring charges of insolence against Joseph Harrington, 1st Assistant Keeper at your station.

2. You are advised that his language as reported by you could hardly be substantiated in a degree to warrant any action beyond a reprimand, and this particularly in view of the fact that your instructions to him involved the use of his horse, which is personal property, and in a way not subject to official orders.

3. A letter in regard to this matter has this day been addressed to 1st Assistant Keeper Harrington, and it is not deemed advisable to undertake any further investigation of the charges preferred by you until his reply has been received.

4. The situation at your station relative to transportation is a very unsatisfactory one, and until a suitable Government team can be furnished, it is desired that you make every effort to operate the station harmoniously in regard to transportation of mail and supplies between the station and Petrolia.

H. W. RHODES

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Charges prefered.
Insolance.

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Punta Gorda
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

December 16th, 1922

To Light House Superintendent.
San Francisco Calif.

Sir:

1. Since mailing the answer to your letter of Dec 7th, I had both asst Keepers togeither & told them that the trip to town every other week would be official & asked them to bring my mail & any small parcels, which would average 6 lbs & never exceed 10 lbs.

2. The 1st asst said he would not promise what he would bring as he might have things of his own to pack, I told him he had 13 days to bring what ever he would have, he then said in an impudent manner, "using his own words", why the devil dont you go in, you are payed the same as us, I tryed to reason with him, but there was no reasoning with him.

3. I heard indirectly that he remarked that, he was not carrying any bundles & by the following it seems to corroborate it.

4. On October 31st he left the horse medicine in town which was needed badly at the time, bringing only his own, this has occured on several occasions.

5. I sent the 2nd Asst in for the medicine on November 2nd.

6. In a indirect way the 1st Asst has defied all rules & orders & now he deliberately defies this order.

7. I asked the 2nd Asst if he thought there was any thing unjust or unreasonable about the order, he was perfectly satisfied to abide by them.

8. I cant use a saddl as it cripples my right leg, I am not over the effects of last trip I made which was in july.

Respectfully Herbert Luff. Keeper.

Harrington's Personnel File

HWR:LD

January 22nd, 1921.

Joseph Harrington, 1st Assistant Keeper,
Punta Gorda Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring to your letters of October 1st, 10th and 13th last, relative to watches and other conditions at your station.

2. You are informed that hereafter, four hour watches will be maintained at your station. These are the usual and uniform watches for three-man stations in this District, and no authority was ever granted for establishing six hour watches at the Punta Gorda station.

3. Your complaints relative to long watches following immediately upon your return from a hard trip to Petrolia, are not corroborated by the records of the station. There is no reason why a four hour watch should interfere in any manner with a trip to town for mail and supplies. In fact, it will be much easier on the man making the trip, as he will then never be called upon to start out after having stood a six hour watch at the station. In any case, the watches of a keeper making the trip to town will be taken by the remaining keepers and also his watch following his return, in case he has had an unusually hard and long trip.

4. Your attention is invited to a letter of this date to the keeper, giving certain instructions relative to the watches at your station, and you are directed to comply strictly with these instructions.

5. It appears that you have gone out of your way in making a poor defense for a man who has so made a very poor and unsatisfactory record for himself in this Service, not only at the Punta Gorda Light Station, but at his present station, and you are advised that your own record in the Service will be best conserved by a strict obedience at all times, to the orders given you under proper authority.

H. W. Rhodes

Copy for information and files of Keeper.

Hugh Tighe

For letter to
Keeper, Punta Gorda L.S.
H. W. Rhodes
see Punta Gorda Station File

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SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Ano Nuevo Island Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

November 26, 1920.

Superintendent Lighthouses
San Francisco. Calif.

Sir:

In regard to standing watches at this Station. We stand four hour watches during the night that is, from six to ten, ten to two, two to six, and six hour watches during the day. There have been no 24 hour leaves taken at this station for several yrs. When we go over after the mail the man on watch at that time remains at the Station. My opinion is the shorter night hours makes it more efficient for work.

Very Respectfully.
J. C. Becker
Keeper.

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Fort Point Light Station.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

November 24, 1920

Superintendent of Light Houses
18th L. H. District
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir -

Yours dated November 17th 1920, received last evening. -

1. I wish to state that four hour watches are kept at this station, and have been since it was made a three man station. Regarding Keepers being away on official business, unless imperative, he arranges hours of absence so as not to conflict with his watch.

On Sundays the Keepers alternate in taking the day off, thus, the Keeper having the four to eight a.m. watch gets the day off, that being the day of week on which watches are changed, the Keeper who re- -lieves him is on watch from 8 am to 12 noon. Then a dog watch is kept from 12 noon to 2 pm, and 2 pm to 4 pm, which makes

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the change of watches for the coming week.

2. From hours watches I consider the best for the interest of the station, as then it enables all three Keepers to perform station work in the forenoon.

Very Respectfully

G. L. Cobb

Keeper.

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Supt

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT
Table Bluff Light Station.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
Nov 24th, 1920.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco Cal.

Sir:-

1. Four hours on watch and eight hours off watch are being kept at this Station.
2. No watches of unusual length have been stood at this Station so far.
3. When one man leaves the Station, we divide the watches into six hour watches for that day.
4. I think a four hour watch is more suitable at this Station with three men.

Very Respectfully.
B. H. Linne.
Keeper.

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT
POINT CABRILLO
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

Nov. 23rd, 1920.

On account of washouts on Port Bragg to Willits R.R. our mail was not received until the 23rd.

Supt. of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of Nov. 17th, regarding watches stood at this station, I respectfully report as following:

A four hour watch was always maintained at this station, excepting during the winter months, when the Keeper on watch from 6 to 10 P.M., goes on watch at 8 P.M. to 10 P.M., and the Keeper on watch from 2 A.M. to 6 A.M. remains on watch to Sunrise. The middle watch is from 10 P.M. to 2 A.M. Every Saturday, the Keeper having light out watch, remains on watch from 2 A.M. to 10 A.M. In this way, the watches are shifted every week. The light out watch becomes the "light up" watch. If a Keeper goes on O.L., the other Keeper divides his watch, hours are generally taken about 4 hour watches I think, a four hour watch most suitable.

Respectfully
[illegible]
Keeper

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Point Loma Light Station Calif.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov. 22, 1920.

Superintendent of Lighthouses
San Francisco Calif.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of Nov. 17. referring in what manner Watches are kept at this station, I respectfully report that, the Light and Fog watches are stood in the following manner. From sunset to 10-P.m. from 10-Pm. to 2-a.m. and from 2-a.m. to sunrise. Fog watches in daylight from 6-a.m. to 10-a.m. from 10-a.m. to 2-P.m. and from 2-P.m. to 6-P.m. When a Keeper is absent from the station watches are stood in the following manner from 6-P.m. to 12 Mid. from 12 mid. to 6-a.m. from 6-a.m. to 12-m. and from 12-m. to 6-P.m. Watches with 3 Keepers are generally stood on a 4 hour bases, or as close to it as possible. In my opinion a 4 hour watch is more suitable for this station, as from 3 to 4 hours of duties have to be performed in daytime for cleaning and general work for upkeep of this station. Keepers stand 6 hour watches at night, are as a rule, not very capable of performing duties in daytime. That is, they go about their duties in a listless manner and lacking interest in their various duties.

Very Respectfully,

John Kunder Keeper.

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SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

San Luis Obispo
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

Nov. 22, 1920

Light-House Supt.

Sir.

Reffering to your letter of Nov. 17th, relative to the system of keeping watches on this Station.

Will state, that we are keeping four hour watches.

If one of us, should be away, for a day or more, the remaining two stand six hour watches, or if one is gone for a few hours during his watch, the remaining two divide the hours of absentee watch between them.

It is my opinion, that the maintainence of a four hour watch is preferable, for the proper upkeep of this Station

Resp.
G. F. Walters
Keeper.

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Superintendent of Lighthouses
San Francisco

Point Arguello Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
November 22nd, 1920

Sir:

I reply to your direction regarding lenght of watches kept at this station I respectfully report.

A four hour watch is kept with the full crew (3 men) at the station, namely Sundown or 6. P.m. to 10 P.m. 10. P.m. 2. a.m. 2. a.m Sunrise or 6. a.m. a.S.T.

Each Monday Man on watch from 2. a.m takes a double watch, to 10. a.m. thereby switching the watches for the week.

With two men at station the six hour arangement are kept, namely from 6. a.m. 12 noon and S.T. Switching the watches weekly by doubling one watch, making two watches of fours each. Namely 6. a.m. 3. P.m. 3. P.M. Midnight.

No 2 This arangement in my opinion is suitable for use at this station and appears satisfactory to assistant keepers.

Respectfully
G. T Olsen
Keeper.

HWR:AMG

Nov.17,1920

1. You are directed to report at once by letter the manner in which watches are being kept at your station; that is, state explicitly whether four hour watches or six hour watches are being stood and whether any watches of different lengths are stood under unusual conditions, such as, one keeper being absent on official business during the time of his watch.

2. You are further directed to give any reason why, in your opinion, a four hour watch or a six hour watch is the more suitable for use at your station.

H. W. Rhodes.

Above letter to Keepers of the following stations:

Pt. Loma ✓
Pt. Arguello ✓
San Luis Obispo ✓
Ano Nuevo ✓
Fort Point ✓
Alcatraz — no report
Cabrillo ✓
Table Bluff ✓

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Punta Gorda Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

October 14th, 1920

To the Superintendent

Sir

Please allow me a few words in answer to Mr Harrington latest letter of Oct 13th 1920.
if all these thing happened at this Station it was before my time. for in the Record of absence at this Station, excepting leave of absence was Sept the 8th 1919. from 6 a m to 6 P m and on July 15th 1920. he and his wife left the Station with the double Team at 11 a m. he had a Smashup in Petrolia and Telephoned to me that he would not be home untile the next day. he Came home July 16 at 2 P m.
as for the deaths on the Trails and Rivers i have not heard of any Since i have been here and i dont Think he ever had to take the trail. at least not the long Trail Since i have been at the Station
he Says i would not allow his wife to Telephone to him when he went to Petrolia

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There are two telephones on the Station Keepers and 2nd asst Quarters I have Good reason for not wanting her to come in my Quarters and told her to use the other Phone or for him Standing 24 hour watches
The watch Book will show it is false
I cannot understand his actions since the trouble with the 2nd asst. before that he always said This is the first time there as been Peace at this Station since I have been here.
My reason for wanting to change the watches from 6 hours to 4 hour watches, is I think 6 hours is to long, and dont see any Reason why we should Stand more than 4 Hours. and I think in fact I know it will be for the Good of the Service
all the other Silly Truck he writes is false and he knows it.

Respectfully

J Dunn

Keeper

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Punta Gorda
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

Oct 13th, 1920

Through the Keeper.

Superintendent of Lighthouses
San Francisco Calif

Sir

The letter I sent to you dated Oct 1st was sent through the Keeper, but I failed to mark the fact on the top of the letter

I am charged to comply with the orders of the Keeper in regard to the change of watches, to comply with such an order would mean starvation or death at this station, the winter has set in and the fords in the river are in flood. it will take from 8 to 10 hours to make a trip to town over long and dangerous trails and there is not a year pass but this river and these trails take its toll in life. I am the one that has to risk these dangers I have stood my watch from 12 Mid to 6 a.m. and then went to town in the Storms over these trails and stood my watch till Mid night when I got back. 24 hours without sleep or rest. and not once but often I have done that, and if the Keeper ever offered to take any of those watches to relieve me it is not on record, he wont do it

I fully recognise the fact that the Keeper is in direct charge of the station, but when the Keeper create inharmony. then there is no effeciency. they both dont work together. Mr Dunn is making trouble since he came to Punta Gorda. and the same stuff he is now pulling off on the 2nd. ant he tried to pull on me. he even went so far as to forbid us the use of the telephone, and when I went to town in winter my wife did'nt have the privelege of Calling up petrolea to find out if I was on my way home. and she could'nt know whether I had fell over a bluff or floated down the river. and she often had to wait late at night in suspense before I got back. that was all immaterial to Mr Dunn I brought his mail and packages just the same. and why should he worry. but when death came to this Station and the phone was put out of Commission with the Storm, did the Keeper risk anything. no Sir, the man was useless I was the phone and I refused no one. I went into

the trails and stood my 24 hours and the Keeper never stood a watch to relieve me.

I am charged with encouraging 2nd asst Tighe to disobey the Keepers orders, the charge is false. they are Malicious Creations of the Keeper prompted by prejudice Mr Dunn is here for a selfish motif for a year or two, and his idea is to make things as agreeable for himself as possible and as disagreeable for everyone else, and regardless of the rights of others or of the harmony or effeceency of punta gorda. The Keeper charge me with encouraging the 2nd to disobey orders, I am not encouraging him but in the interest of the service I could not stand by, and see an injustice done to its personal, this man Hugh Tighe has being slandered and debased for months, it has being circulated in the neighbourhood that the Keeper was going to discharge him, not for the good of the Service, but that he did nt meet the approval of members of the Keepers family when they came on the station

and the day the 2nd asst submited his reply to the charges preferred against him, I heard the following remark past (you dirty little dog, we have fired you any way, and the other fellow will be next meaning me) do you think, Sir, that is the way to create hormony and effeciency,

It is stated that the records of the office show, that all absence over 6 hours is charged to offecial business and not to annual leave, that is not the issue, I dont take annual leave anyhow, what I want is the old watch to be Continued, it will give us a chance to go to town for mail and Supplies with out riskeng our lives, we are reminded there is no Compensation, the Keeper will risk nothing and to stand any body watch he wont do it, and he has given no reason why the watch should be chan it is not for the best interest of the Service and punta gorda, I am nine years in the Service and and this is the first time I had occasion to Report

Respectfully, Jos Harrington
1st asst

WW:AMG

Oct. 8, 1920

Mr. Hugh Tighe, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Punta Gorda Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. In addition to recent charges against you for being asleep on duty, it appears that you have disobeyed the orders of the Keeper of the station in not calling him for his watch as directed. This act of disobedience, together with the apparent unsatisfactory record which you are making at Punta Gorda Light Station, will probably result in a recommendation for your discharge from the Service by the Superintendent upon his return from the East.

2. Pending the return of the Superintendent of Lighthouses from Washington, you are hereby directed to comply promptly and willingly with all orders of the Keeper of the station and strictly comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Lighthouse Service in every respect. Forward all communications to this office, if any, through the Keeper.

3. Your failure to appreciate the necessity of obeying your superior officer at the station, in order to insure proper discipline and maintenance of the Service, indicates, in itself, a lack of proper qualifications for the position of assistant lighthouse keeper. If further trouble is experienced at the station before the return of the Superintendent of Lighthouses you will be immediately suspended without pay.

4. You are particularly directed to comply with the instructions of the Keeper as to the watches. This matter will be considered by the Superintendent upon his return from Washington.

In the absence and by direction of the Superintendent

Otter.

WW:AMG

Oct. 8, 1920

Joseph Harrington, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Punta Gorda Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. Your letter of October 1st, relative to the change in watches by the Keeper from six to four hours is received.

2. It is noted that you have not complied with the Regulations by sending your communication through the Keeper, and you are hereby directed to forward all communications to this office through the keeper.

3. It appears that you have refused to comply with the order of the Keeper regarding the change in watches and have also encouraged the 2nd Assistant to disobey the Keeper's orders. It is regretted that a 1st Assistant Keeper with your good record in the Service has failed to appreciate the vital necessity of obedience of orders, which is the only way in which discipline and the proper operation of the Lighthouse Service can be maintained. The Keeper is in direct charge of the station, and is responsible for its proper maintenance and operation, and if his orders regarding official business do not meet with your approval, they should be complied with and the matter then reported by letter to this office through the Keeper.

4. Pending the return of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, you are directed to comply strictly with the orders of the Keeper and to encourage the 2nd Assistant Keeper to do the same. It is expected that as one of the oldest 1st Assistant Keepers you will make every effort to create a condition of harmony at the Punta Gorda Light Station and sustain your record of general efficiency.

5. Regarding your statement as to the shortening of the watches from six to hour hours as interfering with trips for mail and supplies, the records of the office show that all such absences up to six hours have been charged to official business and not to annual leave. It further appears that the Keeper remains on duty during the absence of either the 1st or 2nd Assistant.

6. The matter of watches at the station will be considered and acted upon by the Superintendent upon his return from Washington.

In the absence and by direction of the Superintendent

Otter.

WW:AMG

Oct. 8, 1920

Keeper, Punta Gorda Light Station:

1. Referring to your letter of October 1st, relative to changing watches from six to four hours, you are informed that the Superintendent of Lighthouses will consider and act upon this matter upon his return from Washington, in three or four weeks.

2. You are advised that in the case of any established rules of this kind it is advisable and would result in a more harmonious situation if such matters were referred to the office for approval.

3. There are enclosed letters of this date addressed to the 1st and 2nd Assistants calling upon them to obey promptly all orders issued by you.

4. You are directed to make every effort to create a condition of harmony at the station pending the return and action of the Superintendent of Lighthouses.

In the absence and by direction of the Superintendent

Otter.

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Punta Gorda Light
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

October 1st, 1920

To the Superintendent

Sir

This morning at 9 am. I told the 1st and 2nd asst that I was going to change the watches from six hour watches to four. The 1st asst. said no you wont do anything of the kind, and I refuse to do it I told the 2nd asst to call me at 10 PM, instead of 12 mid, the 1st asst told him not to do anything of the kind. and he did not call me untill 12 mid, if I tell the 2nd asst to do anything he goes to the 1st asst to see if he should do it. from the first month Mr Tighe came to this Station Mr Harrington as said that fellows no good and there will be trouble some day on account of him not running the Signal when the Fog is in, for I have had to tell him so many times to start the Signal. on the morning of Sept 1st when I found the 2nd asst asleep the 1st asst passed the Signal while I was on watch

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I told him about finding him asleep all cuddled up on the Bench, he said that Son of a—B is no good, but when he found I reported him he turned around and is acting as his lawyer This morning the 1st asst came to my house and in a boisterous manner demanded writing Paper and said he wanted it quick for He also told me I did not get my full ammount of Hay & Grain last July from Mr Hunter I told him if he knew of anything Wrong for him to write to the office about it he demanded More writing Papers and said he would attend to that Each Day Reason for Changing the watches is for the Good of the Service there is No Reason why they Cannot go To town Just the Same on the four hour watches as the six hour watch. for when either of them goes to town I Stand their watch. I Cannot Ride horseback or I would take my turn last winter Mr. Albonico brought Most of

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our Mail from The Post office to his Place
then one would go To his Place and get it,
but Mrs albonica has bought a Ranch near
Eureka, and is going to leave here. I believe
Next Month. what I am going to do This
Winter about The Mail I dont Know.
but I am in hopes the Capt. Can see this
way Clear to Straighten things out at This
Station as Soon as Possible

Respectfully
C J Dunn
Keeper

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Punta Gorda
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Oct 1st., 1919

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Superentendent Light Houses.
San Francisco. Cal.

Sir I Respectfully submit the followin report

This morning Mr. James Dunn accused one of encouraging our Lighe in their trouble in regard to the watch where Mr Dunn accuses Mr Lighe of being asleep. Nothing Sir could induce me to take part with any man if I thought he neglected his duty in any way much more to be asleep on watch, which I doubt, I always found Mr Light attentive to duty, and he have an awful lot to put up with since he came here.

In repesal for me doing what I think is right, Mr Dunn want to change the watches from Six hours, to four hours. I would have no objection to that watch but you know the difficulty in getting to town from this station, and it cannot be accomplished between the watches Mr Dunn never go to town himself, but depend on us men to do his errands. I therefore request that you order Mr Dunn to runn the watches as they were of six hours to have them changed is not in the interest if the Station and will work a great hardship on us people.

I have refused to comply with the order to change matches matches and will do so until I have your decision.

I will further state that I have grave Doubts of Mr Dunns charges of Light the man has been persecuted since he come to Punta Gorda.

very Respectfully
Jos Harrington

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

East Brother Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

Sept 11th, 1922

To The Superintendent

Sir

In Reply To

Your letter of Sept 8th

Mr. Harrington did leave the Station in defiance of my order not to go. My recollection is that it was on Christmas day 1919

Mr. Holmes 1st asst asked me early in the morning if he could go to town I told him he could

I was at the Signal about 9 am on my watch. Mr. Harrington came there Horseback and told me he was going to town. I told him he could not go, because Mr. Holmes was going to town. He said I am going to town and I would like to see you stop me. and you can report me to the office if you want to

and kept the Station

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He Returned early in the afternoon
of the same day
Mr Holmes did not go to Town
he told me he would go in Some
other day
Now My Reason for not Reporting
him at the time. it was Christmas
Day, and I wanted to Keep Peace
at the Station

Respectfully
J Lunn
Keeper

HWR:EMA

September 8, 1922.

Mr. James Dunn,
Keeper, East Brother Light Station.

1. Advise the office by letter regarding the following matter.

2. During your time as Keeper at the Punta Gorda Light Station, did First Assistant Keeper Harrington at any time saddle up his horse and leave the station in defiance of your orders for him to remain there, and did he notify you at that time, or at any other time, that you could not keep him on the station?

H. W. RHODES

Joseph Harrington

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HWR:AME

Aug. 9, 1922.

Russ-Williams Banking Co.,
Ferndale,
California.

-Attention Mr. R. S. Feenaty, Secretary-

Gentlemen:

1. Referring to your letter of August 3rd, guaranteeing a bill from this Service in the amount of $50.00 against the account of Mr. Joseph Harrington, you are advised that Mr. Harrington has requested this guarantee from you under a misapprehension.

2. This Service requires no guarantee from its employees against charges which may be incurred by it on their behalf, except such guarantees as are handled directly through District headquarters, and, it is, therefore, requested that you release any funds which you may be holding in this matter.

Respectfully,

H WINDROES

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of Mr. Harringtoh - Through the Keeper, Punta Gorda Light Station.

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HWR:AME

Aug. 4, 1922.

Joseph Harrington, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Punta Gorda Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. In reply to your letter of July 30th, relative to an assignment of pasture land on the reservation at your station, you are advised that a report has this day been received from Dr. Frank A. Kelley, a veterinary surgeon, to the effect that your cow is now free from disease and effects, and that in view of this report the Keeper has this day been directed to remove the ban against your cow being permitted to graze with the stock on the northerly portion of the reservation, and he has been further directed to avoid all discrimination in making any restrictions relative to the pasturing of any of the stock on the reservation.

2. Your offer to pay the costs of investigating all charges filed against you is entirely unnecessary, as any charges that may be filed against you will be investigated by this Office at the earliest possible opportunity.

3. Your request to be furnished a copy of all reports and complaints made against you from the files of this Office cannot be complied with. These "reports" and "complaints" are not charges. When charges are filed against you, you will be furnished with a copy of them.

4. Your conduct and your relationship with the other keepers at your station will be investigated at the next inspection of the station.

H. W. RHODES

HWR:AME

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Aug. 4, 1922.

Keeper, Punta Gorda Light Station:

1. Referring to a letter of this date addressed to 1st Assistant Keeper Joseph Harrington at your station, copy of which is furnished herewith for your files, you are directed, in view of the Veterinary Surgeon's report, to the effect that Mr. Harrington's cow is not diseased, to permit him to pasture the cow equally with any other stock on the reservation and without discrimination of any kind.

H. W. RHODES

HWR:AME

July 21, 1922

Joseph Harrington, 1st Assistant Keeper,
Punta Gorda Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. It appears from reports submitted to this Office that there are at present eight head of stock on the Punta Gorda Lighthouse Reservation, one horse, three cows, and one calf belonging to you, one horse and one cow belonging to the 2nd Assistant Keeper, and the Government horse assigned to station use. It further appears that you have the exclusive use of the pasture on the south side of the creek, which comprises more than one third of the pasture area of the reservation, that you have four head of stock on this pasture, and that you also have one cow running with the 1st Assistant's stock and the station horse on the remaining portion of the reservation. It is further reported that the cow which you have on the north side of the creek has a diseased eye, and that there is danger of its infecting the other stock with which it is running.

See Punta Gorda Station File

2. Under date of July 6th, the Keeper of the station reported that he had directed you to remove this diseased cow to the south side of the creek with your other stock, but that you had flatly refused to do so.

3. You are hereby directed to immediately move the cow in question to the pasture assigned to you on the south side of the creek and to transfer one of your remaining cows or the calf to the pasture on the north side of the creek in order that the pasture area of the reservation may be more evenly divided for the stock at present on hand.

4. You have been instructed previously that the Keeper has authority in all matters of this kind pertaining to the reservation, and that you should carry out all reasonable instructions given you by him and that if you have any complaints to make they should be filed later for the consideration of this Office. You are reminded at this time that your conduct during the past year has been such as to call for complaints from two Keepers at your station, as well as the Assistant Keeper, and several residents in the neighborhood, and you are warned at this time that any further failure on your part to comply with the Regulations of this Service, relative to proper and becoming conduct will result in a recommendation to the Commissioner of Lighthouses for such action as it appears most appropriate to take.

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent.

Copy for Keeper's files.

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State of California)
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County of Humboldt)

Dr. Frank Rolley, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is a veterenary surgeon, practicing under the laws of the State of California at Fortuna, County of Humboldt and said state; that on the 2nd day of August, 1922, at Punta Gorda Light Station he made a thorough examination of a certain brindle cow, the property of Jos. Harrington; and that he found the said cow to be free from disease and defects and in good health and condition.

Dr Frank Rolley

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 3rd day of August, 1922.

G.R. Lane

Notary Public in and for the county of
Humboldt, State of California/

OFFICERS

FRANK G. WILLIAM[illegible] NT.
WM N. RUSS, Vice
GEO. M. BRICE, Vice P[illegible] NT.
R. S. FEENATY, SECY. & CASH.

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Ferndale, Cal, Aug. 3, 1923.

Superintendent of Light Houses,

San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Jos. Harrington, one of our clients, has requested us to guarantee a bill from your Department in the amount of $50.oo.

We hereby guarantee same and the funds are available at any time.

Very truly yours,

[signature]

Cashier.

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Punta Gorda Lt Stn
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 30th, 1922.

Through the Keeper.
To The Superintendant

Sir

The report submitted to the district office dated July 21st and stating that I have the exclusive use of the pasture at the South Side of the creek, on the reservation at this Station, is not Correct, there is nothing to prevent the 2nd Asst or the Keeper from using the pasture if they so desire, to Say that I have a Cow with an infected eye running on the North Side of the reservation is also in error

The Cow in question is my Milch Cow, early in the summer the Cow got a swelling in one of her eyes, no doubt the result of a thistle thorn, or else of getting it hurt on a stump, but for weeks before the report was Submited to the Office the swelling had entirely disappeared, and before starting to write this, I took the Keeper to See the Cow, I told him to examine the eye and see if it was infected: he said no the Cows eye is not infected the eye is alright

June 7th the Keeper told me to put the Cow at the South Side of the Creek and to keep the gate on the bridge closed and to use the South Side of the Creek entirely, and that the 2nd Asst would use the North Side

I told the Keeper at the time that I Couldn't do that I did not think the gate on the bredge Could be Closed it was always used by the public. That the Situation in regard to pastures here will be understood it is necessary to submit the following fact.

The men that were at this Station before me. Mr Speelman and Holmes, fenced off a part of the North side of the reservation, to Keep there Cows from straying into the hills, after I came to the Station I Completed the fence, that made a very Convenient pasture for our Mitch Cows, on the North Side of the Creek, I only Kept My Milch Cow in that pasture, while the 2nd Asst Kept his Cow and horse but he is not Satisfied with that, Now he Covet the whole of the north to himself, and in that scheme he is aided by the Keeper.

On July 6th the Keeper again asked me if I had Considered Moving the Cow to the South Side of the creek I told him No, well he Said your Cow have a swelling in the eye, and the 2nd Asst Say it is Contageious and he dont want his Cow to get infected, and that if I did not remove the Cow he would take the Matter up with the Office. I reminded the Keeper at the time that the Cows eye I was not infected

in any way and therefore there was no grounds for a report

I have moved the Cow to the South Side of the creek as directed, but it is a great injustice to me to be compelled to do so, on a protext of the Keeper and 2nd asst that the Cow was diseased, she will be of little use to me in that pasture; for while the place would keep a couple head of dry stock there is no feed there for a milch Cow and the ridge is so long and high it will be very difficult to get her to milk twice a day.

I am instructed that the Keeper has authority in all matters of this kind partaining to the Observation and that I should Carry out all reasonable instructions given me by him, as I understood it a Cow is the private property of the owner, the pasture to be used equally by the Keepers and without favour, but as the Keeper has the authority in the matter of the Cow he must also have authority in all other private property I may possess, For instance, The horse saddle set of harness and buggy pole, Can he take and do with them as he will, simply because they are housed in the Lighthouse barn, if he direct me to move them where they would be destroyed by sun and weather, am I in violation of Lighthouse Service regulations if I refuse.

I am further reminded that my conduct during the past year has been such as to call for the Complaints of two Keepers at the Station and an assistant Keeper, and several residents in the neighbourhood, I request a copy of all reports and complaints that was made against me by the Keepers and asst Keeper, and also a copy of Complaints, made by the several residents in my neighbourhood,

We must not lose sight of the fact, that on October 11th 1921, I had an argument with several residents in my neighbourhood over the disappearance of some Government hay, it resulted at the time in one of the party attacking me with a butcher knife, and for which I could have him severly punished, I made a report of the affair to the office, but there was no investigation, the case was droped as far as I know that was the last I heard of it, while it appear, the Complaints submitted by the party though a whole Compound of lies was placed against my record for future reference,

It would be well if the Office was made acquainted with the true character of some of the residents in my Neighbourhood, the party was again given the privilage of Camping on this Station, and while here one of the party done his utmost to Stir up trouble with me, on June 13th, after

I got back from petrolia and while putting my horse in the pasture he tried to make trouble by using foul language and ordering me out of the Correll, and shouting we will get a report in against you yet, I reported his Conduct to the Keeper promptly but I doubt if any report was made of it

They were allowed to keep their horses in the South end of the lane, on July the 3rd I put my horse in the North end and closed the gate on the bridge at 8 P.M. on the morning of the fourth I found the gate open and my horse at the other side, she had a cut on her hip five inches long where she was kicked by their horses with Corked shoes the cut is not yet healed. I showed the wound to the Keeper, shortly after it happened,

In going to work in the Morning those men went up through the reservation, and they made a practice of leaving the bars down, going out of the light house reservation it Caused me a great deal of trouble as my two head of Stock Kept running out; they were out four weeks at one time, that was done maliciously by this party to put me to trouble as mine was the only Stock in there, I reported the Matter to the Keeper.

This same member of this residental Neighborhood have the reputation of been a bad actor and a dangerous character he is a bully and a Coward. and

should not be allowed to camp on this reservation in any circumstance

I Respectfully request a prompt and rigid investigation of all charges filed against me I defy any man whether in the Lighthouse Service or out of it to reflect on my Conduct or my Character, and to sustain it, I want a Clear and Clean record in this Service and to that end I am prepared to pay the Cost. If the Bureau will not use funds for special investigations such as this Care Command. I will pay the bill. I am notifying the Puss-Williams Bank of Ferndale to guarantee to the Government the expense of the investigation. The Bank in turn will notify the district Office that the funds are available

I will have my Cow's eyes tested by a Competent Veterinary as soon as it is Convenient for me to do So; and will prove to the Office that the whole busines is a frame up

Very Respectfully
Joseph Harrington 1st. Asst

Forwarded.
H. Luff.
Keeper.

HWR:AME

July 21, 1922

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Punta Gorda Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

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2. Under date of July 6th, the Keeper of the station reported that he had directed you to remove this diseased cow to the south side of the creek with your other stock, but that you had flatly refused to do so.

3. You are hereby directed to immediately move the cow in question to the pasture assigned to you on the south side of the creek and to transfer one of your remaining cows or the calf to the pasture on the north side of the creek in order that the pasture area of the reservation may be more evenly divided for the stock at present on hand.

4. You have been instructed previously that the Keeper has authority in all matters of this kind pertaining to the reservation, and that you should carry out all reasonable instructions given you by him and that if you have any complaints to make they should be filed later for the consideration of this Office. You are reminded at this time that your conduct during the past year has been such as to call for complaints from two Keepers at your station, as well as the Assistant Keeper, and several residents in the neighborhood, and you are warned at this time that any further failure on your part to comply with the Regulations of this Service, relative to proper and becoming conduct will result in a recommendation to the Commissioner of Lighthouses for such action as it appears most appropriate to take.

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent.

Copy for Keeper's files.

ADDRESS COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
JUL 20 1922
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Punta Gorda
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 17th, 1922.

To Light House Inperintendent.
San Francisco Calif.

Sir:

In answer to you letter of July 10th relative to the 1st Assts cow. I have asked two stockmen who some time ago had the same complaint with some of there cattle as the 1st Asst cow has now, the informed me they got rid of them right away as they did not know weather it was infectious. There is a State Veterinary expected in Petrolia in August & I have left word requesting him to come out to the station & examin the cattle. The trouble with the cow is, a growth comes out of her right eye, stays for a few days & then disappears, during which time the animal appears sick.

There are five head of stock & three horses on this reservation, the 1st asst owns three cows, calf & one horse. The 2nd Asst owns one cow & one horse, the 1st Asst occupys the pasture on the south side of the creek, which is a big third of the reservation, the 2nd Asst & keeper has the other pasture, with one of the 1st Asst cows, the one with the bad eye. We can not put all the horses together on account of the 1st Asst horse kicking the others, other wise we could arrange things differant. further more the 1st asst can watch his stock from his quarters, which the rest can not from theirs if located on the south.

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I have made no other decisions from my former report, waiting results.

Respectfully.
H. Luff.
Keeper.

HWR:AME

July 10, 1922.

Keeper, Punta Gorda Light Station:

1. In reply to your letter of July 6th, relative to moving certain of the stock on the reservation on account of the diseased condition of a cow belonging to 1st Assistant Keeper Harrington, you are advised that it is impossible for the Superintendent to make a ruling in this matter without knowing more fully all conditions at the station, and you are, therefore, directed to consider the matter very carefully and to direct such disposition of the stock on the reservation as in your judgment seems best to prevent possible infection of the stock.

2. In making your decision, you are to be strictly fair to both of the Assistant Keepers and not direct any action which is not warranted by the circumstances and which would show favoritism or work undue or unnecessary hardship on either Keeper.

3. In making your decision, you will advise the Assistant Keepers that you are acting under authority of this Office, and you should report by letter the action taken by you. Report also the total number of head of stock on the reservation and state how the ownership of it is divided among the various Keepers.

H. W. RHODES

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
JUL [illegible] 1922
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Punta Gorda
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

July 6th, 1922

To Light House Superintendent.
San Francisco Calif.

Sir:

I respectfully make the following report.

On the 5th inst Mr C.W. Lindley called my attention to the cow, which belongs to Mr Jos Harrington 1st asst, which has a sore eye & not knowing weather it was contagious, requested it to be moved as his cow might become infected. I informed Mr Harrington & requested him to move his cow over to the pasture on the south side of the creek where he has his other cattle, but he refused to do so, saying, it was not contagious, but we are not sure of this, he also said if any cows were to be moved, Mr Lindley would have to move his.

Respectfully.
H. Luff.
Keeper.

HWR:LH

December 5, 1921.

Mr. Otto Wright,
Petrolia,
California.

Sir:

1. In reply to your letter of October 11th in behalf of yourself, Dayton Wright and C. F. Clark, requesting that your characters be cleared of a charge made by Joseph Harrington, First Assistant Keeper of the Punta Gorda Light Station, this charge has been investigated so far as possible by correspondence and in view of the reports received it appears that there has been some misunderstanding in the matter.

2. Mr. Harrington claims that he did not intend to charge any of you with improper use of Government supplies but that he merely requested that you keep account of any feed which you might find it necessary or desirable to use during your stay in the vicinity of the station.

3. The other keepers at the station have no information relative to the matter and in view of Mr. Harrington's denial that he intended to charge you with unauthorized use of Government supplies it does not appear that any further action can be taken in the matter.

Very respectfully,

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
OCT 26 1921
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Punta Gorda
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct. 24th, 1921.

Lighthouse Superintendent.
San Francisco, Calif.
(Through the Keeper.)

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of Oct. 17th, I wish to state that I was operating the Fog Signal and did not witness the altercation over Government hay, when I was relieved at the Signal the 1st Asst. face showed evidence of having been in a fight.

A few days before this trouble arose Asst Knight borrowed a few bundles of my hay to tide him over as the wood cutting was nearly finished. I loaned him this hay and he returned grain in payment.

respectfully,
C W Lindley.
2nd asst Keeper.

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OCT 28 1921
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Punta Gorda
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 24th, 1921

To Superintendent of Light Houses:
San Francisco Calif.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 13th inst refering to the report against Jos Harrington 1st asst Keeper – He has shown me a copy of his report he sent into the office and he dont deviate from that, I also find he has hay of his own.

The 2nd asst could not give me any information as he was running the fog signal at the time.

Mr. O. Wright. Daylon Wright and C. F. Clark still claim there report to be true.

I have not communicated with Mr J. Dunn.

Respectfully.
Herbert Luff.
Keeper.

WW:EMA

October 17, 1921.

Second Assistant Keeper Punta Gorda Light Station:

(Through the Keeper)

1. Report fully what you know regarding the controversy over Government hay between the First Assistant Keeper, Otto Wright and Fred Clark.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

W Wilson

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LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
OCT 17 1921
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

East Brother Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct-15-th, 1921

To The Superintendent

Sir

I received with my annual Supplies 1. ½ Tons of Hay in bundles they would average 9 lbs. Per bundle and I Received 276 Bundles Soon after I noticed that the hay was going pretty fast, and I Suspected the 1st asst was taking it. but I had no Proof, while he was on leave of absence we had some rough weather and in the afternoon I Put the Government horse and the 1st asst horse in the Stable and I went up in the 1st asst hay loft to get Some hay for his horse. and found Some hay Buried under alfalfa that looked very much like the Government hay, it is Cut very short and there as never been, any Hay like it on the Station during my time there. last year he accused me of not Getting my full amount of hay 1 ½ Tons and I am sure I did, and that Someone

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

East Brother Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 15th, 1921

was taking it. Just the same as this year I dont believe Mr Otto. or Dayton Wright or L. F. Clark ever took any of the Government hay. for they always had plenty of hay of there own during my time at the Station

and I have allways found them Honest and fine Young Men

Respectfully
J Dunn
Keeper

P.S.

The Mare Refered to in there letter is Mr Harrington Mare

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
OCT 15 1924
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Punta Gorda
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 13, 1924

Superintendant of Lighthouses
San Francisco Cal.

Sir

For a couple of days. I had reason to believe that the Government hay was being used up, and I was using none. as our horses are up in the hills night and day and fed only on the days I go to town. On the 11th I was in Petrolia and when I got back about noon the men that is cutting the wood were having dinner on the beach. I went down to where they were. an asked Otto Wright if he was using any of the hay, and if so to keep count of it, so it could be replaced, Charlie Clark was sitting on a box near by and he grabbed a large butcher knife and rushed at me; swearing you black son of a so & so I will run you through. I stepped aside and said, Charlie do you know what you are liable too for attacking me with a butcher knife, he threw the knife away and made a pass at me with his fist and landed on my ear and I walloped him on the nose.

Now I did'nt accuse those men with

taking the hay, but they have three horses here since the 20th of Sept. and while they had some hay of their own. I did not consider it sufficient and they used scarcely any of what they had for a few days before I spoke to them about it they keep their horses in the barn every night and a good part of the day time when they are not working

It is raining here now and we will want the barn for our own horses,

Very Respectfully.
Jas Harrington 1st Asst

WW:EMA

October 13, 1921.

Keeper, Punta Gorda Light Station:

1. There is enclosed a copy of a letter dated Punta Gorda, October 11, 1921, and signed by Otto Wright, Dayton Wright and C.F. Clark, relative to the delivery and improper use of hay at Punta Gorda Light Station.

2. You are directed to investigate this matter and submit a full report.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

J M Wilson

Punta Gorda
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LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
OCT 13 1921
SAN FRANCISCO

Light house Supt

Sir

Jos Harrington, 1st asst who was left in charge has accused us of stealing Govt hay also by threats and foul language forced a fight Harrington striking the first blow this fight occured on the station. We hauled our own hay & grain. and the 2nd asst told us to use his hay if we ran short and pay him back later. Now Harrington has no hay of his own but his margin

fed regular, and Mr Drum saw a pile of hay in Harrington's loft that came from the Gout pile Evidently Harrington has taken so much hay he is becoming alarmed and is trying to accuse We would like Steps taken to clear our Characters of this charge

Respectfully

Otto Wright.

Dayton Wright

C. F. Clark

FMA

July 5, 1939.

Mr. Joseph Harrington,
First Assistant Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. You were recently directed to file your request for retirement in order that you might be protected in case it became necessary to retire you.

2. The Bureau of Lighthouses has just returned your application because you were not eligible for retirement at the close of June 30th. Your application has therefore been cancelled. You are protected under the Lighthouse Retirement Law according to advice received from Washington, even though transferred to the Coast Guard on July 1st. When you have earned 30 years of Government service you will be directed to again submit your request for retirement.

O. B. JENKINS

Acting Superintendent.

Form 9

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

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

LIGHTHOUSES JUN 4 11 35 AM '39

Date June 5 1939

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Eighteenth District

San Francisco, Calif.
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective close June 30, 1939, on the basis of service shown hereon.

Joseph Harrington
(Name)

1st Asst. Keeper, Piedras Blancas Light Sta.
(Designation)

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

City San Francisco, Calif. *Date* June 9, 1939.

Submitted to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $1008.85 per annum, effective at the close of .....

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

H. W. Rhodes.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses.

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Name JOSEPH HARRINGTON Date of birth December 8, 1874.

Designation First Assistant Keeper, Piedras Blancas Light Station.

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

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

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army							
Navy							
Marine Corps							
Civilian employment. Assistant Keeper, various Stations, 18th Lighthouse District	May	7	1907	May	31	1911	
	Aug.	30	1916	June	30	1939	
Total service	26 years, 10 months, 25 days.						

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

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

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

If so, state the compensation received: 27-10-25
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STATEMENT BY FISCAL YEARS OF BASIC PAY RECEIVED DURING LAST FIVE YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREMENT

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

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year		
First Assistant Keeper, Piedras Blancas Lt. Station	July	1	1934	June	30	1939	$1500.A.	$7500.00

Total compensation for last five years of active service $7500.00

Average compensation for last five years of active service $1500.00

Annual rate of retired pay ($ 1500.00 × 26-325/360 years (Not exceeding 30) ÷ 40) = $1008.85

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

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

Name JOSEPH HAMILTON Date of birth December 5, 1874.

Designation First Assistant Keeper, Piedras Blancas Light Station.

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	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army							
Navy							
Marine Corps							
Civilian employment. Assistant Keeper, various Stations, 26th Lighthouse District	May	7	1907	May	31	1923	
	Aug.	30	1926	June	30	1939	
Total service	26 years, 10 months, 25 days.						

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

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

Date June

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Eighteenth District

San Francisco, Calif.
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective close June 30, 1939, on the basis of service shown hereon.

JOSEPH HARRINGTON
(Name)

1st Asst. Keeper, Piedras Blancas Light Sta.
(Designation)

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

City San Francisco, Calif. *Date* June 9, 1939.

Submitted to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $1008.67 per annum, effective at the close of _____

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

H. W. Rhodes
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

11—10551

HWR:EMA

June 2, 1939.

Mr. Joseph Harrington,
First Assistant Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring to the proposed transfer of the Lighthouse Service to the Coast Guard to be effective on July 1, 1939, you are advised that compulsory retirement for all personnel in the Coast Guard Service is at 64 years of age and in view of the fact that you are now more than 64 years of age it will, no doubt, be necessary to effect your retirement at the time of the transfer or shortly thereafter, and it is assumed that your retirement will be made under the Lighthouse Retirement Act.

2. There are enclosed three copies of Form 9, application for retirement, which have been filled out to indicate your retirement at the close of June 30, 1939, and it is requested that you sign these three forms and return them all to this Office in order that they may be available for use as deemed desirable for the best protection of your retirement.

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

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Name JOSEPH HARRINGTON Date of birth December 8, 1874

Designation First Assistant Keeper, Piedras Blancas Light Station

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Annual rate of retired pay ($ 1500.00 26-325/360 × years ____ ÷ 40) = $1008.85

(Not exceeding 30)

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HWR:LH
Encl.

November 17, 1924.

Keeper, Punta Gorda Light Station.

1. There is enclosed for your information and files a copy of a letter of reprimand addressed by the Commissioner of Joseph Harrington, first assistant at your station, under date of November 11th.

2. You are advised that arrangements will be made to transfer Assistant Keeper Harrington as soon as practicable, but that on account of the lateness of the season it may be found impracticable to transfer him before spring when the roads are again passable for moving furniture and other supplies.

H. W. RHODES

HWR:LH

Nov. 17, 1924.

Joseph Harrington, First Assistant Keeper,
Punta Gorda Light Station. -Through the Keeper-

1. Referring to the letter of reprimand from the Commissioner forwarded to you on this date, you are informed that your transfer from the Punta Gorda Light Station will be arranged as soon as practicable. In the meantime you are directed to carry out explicitly all proper orders and instructions given you by the keeper of your station. You are further particularly directed to see that your wife does not interfere in any manner with the other keepers or their families or with the work of the station.

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent.

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

(COPY)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

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November 11, 1924.

Joseph Harrington, First Assistant Keeper,
Punta Gorda Light Station, Calif.
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Calif.).

1. The Bureau is in receipt of a report from the Superintendent regarding charges preferred against you under date of October 3, and your replies of October 9 and 10:

2. After giving careful consideration to the matter and also to your record while serving under former keepers, the Bureau considers that the charges were fully substantiated. You are, therefore, reprimanded for violation of Paragraph 11 of the Instructions to Employees of this Service and advised that more drastic action will be taken in case of a repetition of the offense. In order that you may have an opportunity to demonstrate your fitness for continuance in this Service, your transfer to another station has been authorized with a demotion in rank and pay if necessary.

(Signed) G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

COPY to 18th Supt. At the proper time submit nomination for Harrington's transfer.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
OCT 29 1924
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

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

October 25th, 1924.

To Superintendent of Lighthouses 18th District
San Francisco Calif.

Sir:-

1. In reply to Your letter of October 14th 1924. Referring to the Conduct and efficiency of Joseph Harrington Asst. Keeper.
I must state as follows.

2. (a) Joseph Harrington's record for efficiency during the Service as 3rd Asst. Keeper at Piedras Blancas Light Station from Sept. 1st 1916 to June 14th 1917. was Good

(B) his record for obedience to orders and Zealous performance of his Duties was Good.

(C) his reputation for truthfulness during the period at Piedras Blancas Light Station was Good.

(D) He always worked harmoniously with other Keepers, and I never heard of a attempt by him to undermine the authority of the Keeper.

3) I always found Joseph Harrington a obedient worker

Respectfully
Andrew Garnecke
Keeper.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

HWR:LH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

October 14, 1924.

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
OCT 20 1924
SAN FRANCISCO

Andrew Czarnecke, Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

1. Charges of insolence and of disobedience of orders having been filed by the present keeper of the Punta Gorda Light Station against Joseph Harrington, first assistant keeper of the station, it is desired, in considering these charges and Harrington's reply thereto, to obtain additional testimony relative to Harrington's character and general conduct in the Service during the time that you were associated with him.

2. It is requested that you furnish this office such information as you may have concerning Harrington, as follows:

(a) What was his record for efficiency in the Lighthouse Service during the time you were associated with him?

(b) What is his record for obedience to orders and zealous performance of his duties?

(c) What is his reputation for truthfulness?

(d) During the time you knew him, did he work harmoniously with other keepers, or was he guilty of attempts to undermine the authority of the keeper?

3. It is requested that you submit a reply to the above questions as soon as practicable, and that you also furnish any additional information which may have a bearing in establishing the general reputation of Joseph Harrington as a keeper in the Service.

H. W. RHODES

WW:SA

October 24, 1924.

Joseph Harrington, First Assistant Keeper,
Punta Gorda Light Station,
Through the Keeper.

1. Pending action by the Bureau of Lighthouses in the case of charges preferred against you, you are directed to make every effort to work harmoniously with the Keeper and Second Assistant Keeper at the Station and to obey promptly, willingly and without argument, orders of the Keeper.

2. It appears that much of the trouble in your case, according to the present Keeper and Assistant Keeper and former Keepers of Punta Gorda Light Station, is due to the actions of your wife. You are directed to see that Mrs. Harrington does not, in any way, interfere with the Keeper or Second Assistant Keeper and does not enter on their premises for any purpose whatsoever. The wives of Keepers cannot be recognized officially and this fact must be impressed by you on Mrs. Harrington.

H. W. RHODES

Copy furnished for information and guidance of the Keeper who is directed to make every effort to maintain harmony at the Station pending the settlement of charges against the First Assistant Keeper Joseph Harrington, a recommendation in which case has been made to the Bureau of Lighthouses.

H. W. RHODES

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Charges -
Joseph Harrington

Oct. 24, 1924.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. There is enclosed a copy of a letter addressed to Joseph Harrington, First Assistant Keeper, Punta Gorda Light Station, on October 3, 1924, preferring charges against him for violation of paragraph 11 of Instructions to Employees of the U. S. Lighthouse Service, 1915, in that he disobeyed a lawful order of the keeper at Punta Gorda Light Station, and has failed to treat him with proper deference and respect in the matter of using water at the station in the past year.

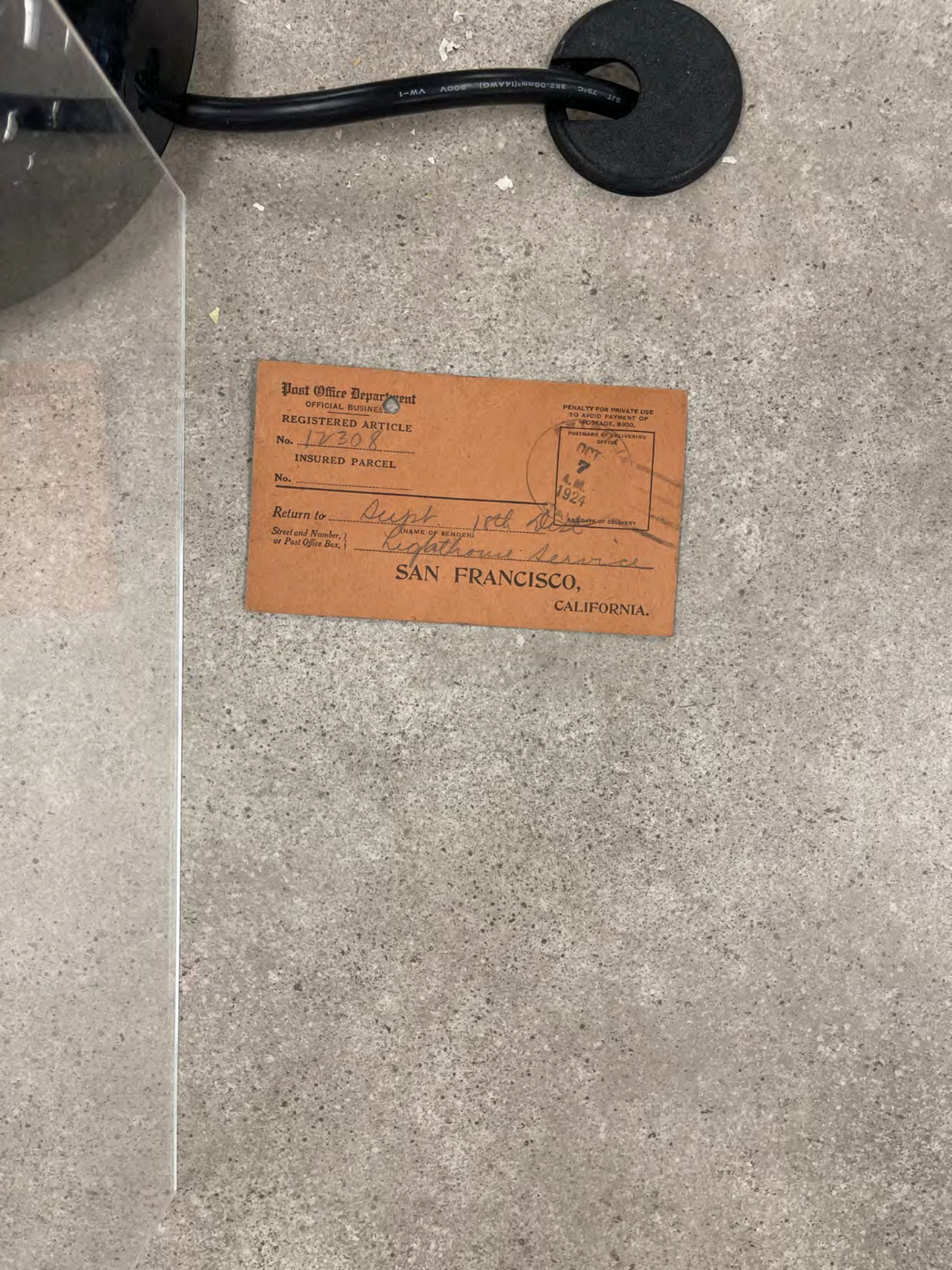
2. There are also enclosed copies of the following letters bearing on the case:

Sep.22,1924 - H. Luff, Keeper, Punta Gorda L. S., to Superintendent.
Oct. 3,1924 - Supt. to C. W. Lindley, 2d Asst. Kpr., Punta Gorda LS.
Oct. 7,1924 - C.W.Lindley, 2d Asst. Kpr., to Superintendent.
Oct. 9,1924 - 1st Asst. Kpr. Jos. Harrington, to Superintendent.
Oct.10,1924 - Jos. Harrington to Superintendent.
Oct.12,1924 - H. Luff, Keeper, to Superintendent.
Oct.18,1924 - F.A.Harrington, Kpr. Alcatraz Light Station (formerly Keeper Punta Gorda L.S.) to Superintendent.
Oct.19,1924 - J.Dunn (formerly Keeper Punta Gorda L.S.) to Supt.
Oct.19,1924 - H.Luff, Keeper, to Superintendent.
Oct.21,1924 - C.W.Lindley, 2d Asst. Kpr. to Superintendent.

3. It appears from the letters of Keeper Luff, Second Assistant Keeper Lindley, and former keepers of Punta Gorda Light Station under whom Joseph Harrington served, that the charges contained in Superintendent's letter to Joseph Harrington of October 3d are fully substantiated. It is therefore recommended that he be reprimanded by the Department for violation of par. 11 of Instructions to Employees of the U. S. Lighthouse Service, 1915, and that he be transferred to the position of First or Second Assistant Keeper at some other station in the district, involving a reduction in pay if necessary, at the first favorable opportunity; and that he be advised that more drastic action will be taken if his conduct in the future is not up to the standard required of a lighthouse keeper.

4. On account of Harrington's long service and the fact that much of his trouble at Punta Gorda Light Station is due to the actions of his wife, the Superintendent is of the opinion that Harrington should be afforded an opportunity to make good at some other station in the district, feeling that both he and his wife will fully appreciate the seriousness of his case when reprimanded by the Department and threatened with more drastic action in case of a repetition of the offense.

H. W. RHODES


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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Punta Gorda Light Station,
Oct. 21st, 1924.

To the Lighthouse Superintendent,
San Francisco, Calif.

Through the Keeper.

Sir:

On this date, Oct. 21, 1924, I came home on account ofrain and to get some tools needed on the trail. I had been home only a short time when First Assistant's wife, Mrs. Joseph Harrington, came into my house without permission, looking for the keeper. I said I did not know where he was. She said, "You are a pair of sneaking, lying devils," this to my wife and myself. I told her to go away, she would not go, so I was compelled to close the door and lock her out, but she returned and tried to force the door. She then stood on the sidewalk and turned out language unfit to put on paper.

She had no provocation for doing this, as we have not spoken to her for over three years, and want nothing to do with her. I have done my duty to the Government for over seventeen years, and this is the first place I have been threatened and abused. My wife dare not go out alone for fear this woman will do her bodily harm. If this continues I shall be compelled to ask for a transfer to some other station. I have stood nearly all I can here. Conditions are becoming serious on this station and there is no telling what will happen.

Respectfully,

(Sgd) C. W. Lindley.

Forwarded
H. Luff.
Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Punta Gorda Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

Oct 21st, 1924.

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
OCT 23 1924
SAN FRANCISCO

To the
Lighthouse Superintendent
San Francisco, Calif.
Through the Keeper.
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respectfully,
C W Lindley 2nd asst.

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Oct. 19th, 1924.

Capt. H. W. Rhodes.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of October 14th as to the general character and general conduct of Mr. Joseph Harrington during the time that I was associated with him, his record for efficiency was only fair. His record for obedience to orders and zealous performance of duties was bad.

His reputation for truthfulness is bad. I would not believe him under oath. He did not work harmoniously with other keepers, and was guilty of attempts to undermine the authority of the keepers.

Respectfully,

(Signed) James Dunn.

Millbrae Park, Calif.

Oct 19th 1924



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Respectfully
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Wildbrae Park Calif

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Punta Gorda Light Station
October 19, 1924.

To the Lighthouse Superintendent,
San Francisco, Calif.
Sir:-

In answer to the First Assistant Joseph Harrington's report to my charges preferred against him, I swear they are false in every detail. He has repeated his own actions exactly when stating of running the water off when other people are using it, which they still are doing. The Second Assistant has nothing to do with the charges against the First Assistant, it is all their own doings, and to show how they try to tantalize or rather defy my orders, on Sept. 30th they left the horse gate open going to the beach, and Oct. 10th the gate to the pasture, allowing animals to come inside. This is a constant practice.

The only liars and slanderers on this station are Joseph Harrington and his wife. I am boarding with the Second Assistant. I pay for what I get and no concessions granted any more than what the First Assistant gets. In all the time I have been with the Second Assistant I have never heard of them passing such slanderous remarks as Joseph Harrington has done in this case. In regards to the Second Assistant's wife leaving the water running, she was washing the windows, when the phone rang, which was only for a few minutes duration and furthermore the overflow was running. I have never persecuted him in any way whatever - I have been too lenient, in fact. All mechanical work is done by the Second Assistant and myself, the First Assistant not capable to do this work, leaving him only the brass to keep clean and other minor jobs, when he works he only puts in three hours per day, having all the rest of the time to himself.

The First Assistant is lacking in zeal in his duties in every respect. All slanderous remarks in this and previous letters fit his own character and not the people he has slandered. When I took charge of this station I saw how the First Assistant had had the full run of things, so I made a system and rules which I still keep, that is why I got extra padlocks and keys, which does not suit the First Assistant. When I get supplies all the keepers are present to unpack. I issue the supplies to each keeper and give them anything when they ask for it, within reason. The First Assistant had five linen towels issued to him just before I took charge. He has not returned any and I do not issue any until the old ones are returned, as I have to account for them. The only truth Joseph Harrington mentioned in his report is about the $30.00 paid to have his cow examined and which died a few months later, the cause I do not know.

I can guard against a thief but not a liar. I am enclosing an envelope which Joseph Harrington, as he said, opened by mistake. I don't see any excuse why he should make a mistake in such decidedly different names, another cunning trick, and not the first time. I have spoken to him about getting a uniform - he has none and never had any since he came in the service. This water trouble was going on in Keeper Dunn's time. The First Assistant, Joseph Harrington, has violated Par. 55, page 16, paragraph 45, page 14, and par. 47, page 15, of Instructions to Lighthouse Keepers.

Respectfully,
(Sgd) H. Luff,
Keeper.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
OCT 22 1924
SAN FRANCISCO

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Punta Gorda Lt Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

Oct 19th, 1924

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Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service.

Alcatraz,
October 18, 1924.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of October 14, 1924, regarding Mr. Jos. Harrington, 1st Assistant, Punta Gorda.

(a) His efficiency was poor. Previous to going to Punta Gorda he had experience with gas engines, but in the two years I was with him he had not familiarized himself with the engines and at no time could regulate the Crosby timer. At one time on an inspection of the station by Mr. Wilson he was told by Mr. Wilson to adjust the Crosby, and it took Mr. Holmes, 1st Assistant, some fifteen minutes to readjust it.

(b) I found Mr. Harrington not overzealous in his duties, and not interested in the work of the Lighthouse Service, only as far as it pertained to his pay check. I can not say that he was not obedient to orders, but was rather slow to obey at times.

(c) I can not say as to his truthfulness, though he made statements at times to which I had grave doubts.

(d) As far as Mr. Harrington and myself were concerned, we got along, and had no trouble other than was caused by his wife, who caused trouble with everyone on the station. I do not think that he tried to undermine the authority of the keeper during my keepership, for I am positive Mr. Holmes would have told me, as he, Holmes, did not approve of such.

I can only say from what I know personally of the man, I could not conscientiously recommend him.

Respectfully,

(Sgd) F. A. Harrington,

Keeper.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Alcatraz
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

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F. A. Starrington

Keeper.

HWR:LH
Encl.

October 14, 1924.

Keeper, Punta Gorda Light Station.

1. There is enclosed for your information a copy of a letter from Joseph Harrington, first assistant keeper at your station, dated October 9th, replying to the charges you recently filed against him, and making certain counter-charges against you.

2. You are directed to submit such reply as you may desire to make to the counter-charges filed by the first assistant keeper as soon as practicable.

H.W. RHODES

HWR:LM

October 14, 1924.

Andrew Czarnecke, Keeper,
Piedras Blancas Light Station.

1. Charges of insolence and of disobedience of orders having been filed by the present keeper of the Punta Gorda Light Station against Joseph Harrington, first assistant keeper of the station, it is desired, in considering these charges and Harrington's reply thereto, to obtain additional testimony relative to Harrington's character and general conduct in the Service during the time that you were associated with him.

2. It is requested that you furnish this office such information as you may have concerning Harrington, as follows:

(a) What was his record for efficiency in the Lighthouse Service during the time you were associated with him?

(b) What is his record for obedience to orders and zealous performance of his duties?

(c) What is his reputation for truthfulness?

(d) During the time you knew him, did he work harmoniously with other keepers, or was he guilty of attempts to undermine the authority of the keeper?

3. It is requested that you submit a reply to the above questions as soon as practicable, and that you also furnish any additional information which may have a bearing in establishing the general reputation of Joseph Harrington as a keeper in the Service.

H. W. RHODES

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October 14, 1924.

Keeper, Punta Gorda Light Station.

1. Referring to your letter of October 12th, you are advised that there are no rules in the Service which forbid one employe to bring civil suit against another employe for defamation of character.

H. W. RHODES

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Punta Gorda Light Station
October 12, 1924.

To Lighthouse Superintendent,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Referring to the report of the 1st assistant concerning hay and disposal thereof, I will state that his report is false in every detail. The hay delivered by Mr. Clark is here and ready for inspection at any time. I consider the hay the best in the Mattole Valley, and the price was the same the country over. The grain delivered by Mr. Clark is also here. Very little has been used and when I begin feeding the new hay less grain will be used for this hay is full of good grain. I do not know how much old hay was on hand when the new hay arrived; all I know is the old hay and grain was so poor it required a larger amount to feed the team, and before the old station mare was shot, I was compelled to feed her to keep her alive, which was only humane.

I did not call the 1st assistant when I fed the team, therefore his tally is mere supposition and false. No hay or grain belonging to the station team was fed to the 2nd assistant's or my stock. I have the keys and know what is fed the team; when not convenient in my watch I give orders for the 2nd assistant to feed the team and the team will show for itself whether they are well fed or not.

At no time was there three head of stock kept in my yard. I had two calves there and fed them milk. They were born Dec. 10th and 12th, 1923, and were turned out in the south pasture about May, 1924. This gave them about six months of milk as required for calves, and they ate nothing else but grass. The 1st assistant has a calf on the south pasture in just as good condition as mine. He purchased one ton of hay in 1922, none since. He has three head of stock reduced from five since 1922. His stock are in as good condition as any on the station. The 2nd assistant purchased two tons of hay in 1922, besides a quantity of grain and cured over a ton of grass hay. He also got one ton of hay and grain this year.

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Punta Gorda Lt Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

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SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Punta Gorda Fla
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

Oct 12th, 1924.

To Light House Superintendent.
San Francises. Calif.
Sir:

Will you kindly inform me if there are any rules in this service forbidding one employe bringing suit against another employe for defamation of character.

Respectfully.
H. Luff.
Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service.

Punta Gorda
Oct. 10, 1924.

To the Superintendent.

Sir:

Aug. 10th T. K. Clarke delivered on this station 3 tons of hay. The keeper accepted and approved this hay for No. 1 grade. Two tons is very good hay of the No. 1 grade, but one ton is a very low grade, as hay is classed in the market, it would be a low grade No. 2, short and trashy. Furthermore, the keeper attempted to unload on the Government two extra tons of this low grade hay at an enormous price and knowing that the hay was of inferior quality and that there was no need whatever for the hay, so far as feeding the mules was concerned.

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(Signed) Jos. Harrington, 1st Asst.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
OCT 1[illegible] 1924
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Punta Gorda
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

Oct 10th, 1924

To the Superintendant

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Jose Harrington 1st Asst.

Punta Gorda Lt Station Aug. 1924

Aug 10. J. K. Clearke, delivered hay on Station 3 ton
Quality of hay. 2 ton No 1 grade. 1 ton poor grade
Old hay on hand. 3200 lbs or 400 bundles.
total on hand. 7200 lbs. or. 1160 bundles.

Aug 10 Mules not fed

11 — — —

12 — — — —

13 Mules in Petrolia. Fed 4 bundles

14 " fed over the fence 2 "

15 " " in barn 4 "

16 " in Petrolia 6 "

17 " " " 8 "

18 Raining Mules not fed.

19. Mules in all night 4

20 " " " day 12

21 " " " night 4

22 Saddle mule Petrolia 3

23 — — not fed.

24 — — —

25 Mules in hills —

26 " " " —

27 " fed 4 "

28 " not fed —

bundles

29 Mules fed 4 "

30 " not fed —

31 " in the hills —

The mules were fed in August
53 bundles of hay or 4246 lbs.
(September 1924)

Saddle mule in Petrolia to get
Mr Otton. 1st Asst Superintendent

1) Mules in barn fed 8 bundles

2 " " " " 8 "

3 " " " " 4 "

4 1st Asst in Petrolia 4 "

5 Mules not fed —

6 — — —

7 Mules put in barn fed 2

8 — — not fed —

9 Mules in barn fed 2

10 not fed — —

11 Mules in barn fed 4

Tally Continued.

		bundles
12	1st Asst in Petrolia Fed	4
13	—— —— not fed ——	
14	Mules in the hills —— ——	
15	" in the barn fed	6
16	2nd Asst in Town with Mules	4
17	Mules in barn Fed	4
18	Mules used tel Rep Man	6
19	" " "	8
20	—— —— —— not fed.	
21	—— —— ——	
22	Mules in hills ——	
23	" " " ——	
24	—— —— ——	
25	—— —— ——	
26	Mules in at night	6
27	1st Asst in Petrolia	4
28	Mules in hills not fed	
29	—— —— ——	
30	—— ——	

Mules fed in September
74 bundles or, 1152 lbs.

October 1924

		bundles
1	Mules in barn fed	4
2	" " night	2
3	1st " in Petrolia "	6
4	—— —— —— not fed.	
5	running mules in hills ——	
6	" in at night	2
7	saddle mule in Petrolia	3
8	—— ——	
9	—— ——	

to 10th of October fed 17 bundles
or 136 lbs
fed in 47 days. 1152 lbs
J H.

Forwarded
H. Luff.
Keeper

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
OCT 14 1924
SAN FRANCISCO
EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

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Jos Harrington 1st Asst

Punta Gorda Aug 10. 1924

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
OCT 14 1924
SAN FRANCISCO

Aug 10 J K. Clearke delivered hay on station 3 ton
Quality of hay 2 ton No 1 grade 1 ton low grade No 2
old hay on hand. 3200 lbs or. 400 bundles.
total on hand. 7200 lbs or 1160 bundles.

Aug	10	Mules not fed.	
	11	— — —	
	12	— — —	
	13	Mules in Petrolia fed	4 bundles
	14	" fed over fence.	2
	15	" in barn	4
	16	" in Petrolia	6
	17	" " "	8
	18	Raining not fed —	
	19	Mules in all night.	4
	20	" " day	12
	21	" " night	4
	22	Saddle Mule in town	3.
	23	— — not fed	
	24	— — —	
	25	in the hills —	
	26	— —	
	27	fed	4
	28	not fed. —	
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Mules were fed in august
53 bundles of hay, or. 424 lbs.

September 1924

Saddle Mule in Petrolia to get
Mr Otter 1st Asst Superintendent

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2	" " "	8
3	" " "	4
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6	— —	—
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H.L.K.

tally Continued

September.

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24	—— ——	
25	" " ——	
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Mules fed in September 74 bundles
or 1152 lbs

October 1924

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7	saddler Mule in town	3.
8	—— ——	
9	—— —— ——	

to 10th of October fed 17
or 136 lbs
fed in 44 days 1152 lbs

J.H.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Eighteenth District
Punta Gorda
Oct.9,1924.

To The Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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The keeper would make it appear that he does not irrigate, but when he is on watch he irrigates for the 2nd assistant and he has emptied the tank time and again. When I called his attention to it he always framed up some excuse. I have never emptied the tank, as the keeper would make believe;in fact, I didn't know of the tank being empty from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and I don't see how it could be without me knowing it.

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Oct. 7, 1924.

To The Lighthouse Superintendent,
San Francisco, Calif. (Through the Keeper)

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2. Referring to the trouble at the barn on the 19th inst., Mrs. Harrington abused the keeper, calling him a dirty sneaking old coyote, and other violent remarks I could not get, the meaning of, as the woman seemed to have lost all control of herself through rage. This is not the first time Mrs. Harrington has been abusive, or interfered with the duties of this station. She is always looking for a chance to cause trouble. I know no reason why she should abuse the keeper as she did; the keeper told her to go home and not interfere with the duties of the station. She would not go. The keeper told her husband he would report Mrs. Harrington, the 1st Asst. was ~~defiant~~ defiant, told the keeper to go ahead and report, said he had reported enough already and it won't do you any good. This is not the first time he has shown open defiance.

Respectfully,

(Signed) C. W. Lindley

2nd Asst.

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Punta Gorda Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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respectfully
C W Lindley
2nd asst.

Forwarded
H. Ruff
Keeper.

HWR:LH
Encl.

Oct. 3, 1924.

C. W. Lindley, Second Assistant Keeper,
Punta Gorda Light Station,
Petrolia, California.

1. There is enclosed for your information and attention a copy of a letter from the keeper of the Punta Gorda Light Station, dated September 22d, preferring charges against Joseph Harrington, First Assistant Keeper of the station.

2. You are directed to inform this office as soon as practicable if to your knowledge the charges made by the keeper are true, either in whole or in part; and if to your knowledge in part only, you are directed to state to what extent they are true.

3. The information desired in this matter is necessary for the proper operation of the Service, and it is your duty to submit a full report in the matter, irrespective of any personal disinclination which you may have to avoid testifying in the matter.

4. You are requested to submit your report as soon as practicable.

H. W. RHODES

Copy furnished for information of Keeper, Punta Gorda Light Station.

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Oct. 3, 1924.

Joseph Harrington, First Assistant Keeper,
Punta Gorda Light Station.

1. There is enclosed for your information and attention a copy of a letter from the keeper of your station, dated September 22d, reporting your disobedience of orders relative to the use of water at your station.

2. You are hereby charged with violation of paragraph 11 of Instructions to Employees of the U. S. Lighthouse Service, 1915, in that you have disobeyed the lawful order of the keeper at your station and that you have failed to treat him with proper deference and respect in the matter of using water at your station during the past year.

3. You are directed to submit in writing to this office within ten days such reply as you desire to make to these charges.

4. Pending action on these charges, you are directed to comply explicitly with the instructions given you by the keeper in regard to the use of water at your station.

H. W. RHODES

Copy furnished for information of Keeper, Punta Gorda Light Station.

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COPY:LH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Charges against First Assistant
Keeper Jos. Harrington,
Disobedience of orders.

Punta Gorda Light Station,
September 22, 1924.

To the Lighthouse Superintendent,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

We have a 5000-gal. tank for our water supply with an overflow pipe which supplies two watering troughs for the stock on the station and also tells when the tank is full. Last season and this one being unusually dry and there being a small flow of water in the creek, I gave orders for each keeper to irrigate on his own watch, which gives them eight hours apiece, with instructions to have the overflow pipe running when they go off watch.

I gave this order in May,1923, since which time I have had to be continuously after the First Assistant about it. The trouble seems to be mostly with Mrs. Harrington, who is satanical and over whom Jos. Harrington seems to have no control. On this occasion, September 11th, there was no water overflowing or in the troughs from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., consequently not allowing a drop of water for any other person on the station for irrigation or for the stock.

Whenever I speak to him about using the water he deliberately lies in the face of it and tries to put the blame on the Second Assistant, which I know is false, as I can and do watch the Second Assistant's place at all times. On the 18th inst. I spoke to the First Assistant again about the water and told him if my orders were not obeyed I would let the office settle it. On the morning of the 19th inst., while both assistants and myself were working at the barn, Mrs. Harrington came down without any provocation and started to abuse me. I told her to go to her quarters and not interfere with the duties of the station. (This is not the first similar offense.) She called me a dirty, sneaking old coyote, and other insulting remarks.

I told her husband I would report this case. He said, "Go ahead and report. You have reported plenty already and it won't do you any good." He has escaped with so much in the past that they now show open defiance, and in defiance of all this, on the 20th inst. the water stopped at 2:30 p.m. and was not overflowing when I went on watch at 10 p.m. There had been no water used either at the keeper's or second assistant's quarters.

They are malicious prevaricators and beyond my handling. This has been going on for years and now they are so defiant about it all that if there is not something done I see nothing but serious trouble ahead. The water supply is becoming a serious question, both for the stock and fire protection, if my orders are not fully carried out. When any official is on the station they shut the water off and the overflow is running full.

The Second Assistant can confirm any or all of the above charge. I recommend and request that these people be removed from this station.

Respectfully,
(Signed) H. Luff,
Keeper.

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Charge against 1st Asst Keeper Jos Harrington.
Disobedience of orders.

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