Fifth District Inspector Correspondence: Hatteras Inlet Light Station

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National Archives RG 26, Entry 3 (NC-63) "Records of the Fifth Light-House District (Baltimore), 1851 -1912"

Volume 121, No. 3356

Dec 12, 1903
United States Light-House Board (USLHB) Naval Secretary O.F. Hutchins to Inspector J.M. Hawley:
All light-keepers should permit the officers of the Coast and Geodetic Survey to conduct survey operations on light-house property as long as they do not interfere with the keepers or lights.

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Volume 475

Dec 21, 1903
Inspector John W. Hawley to Keepers of Light-Stations in the Fifth District:
The following is a copy of a letter received from the Light-House Board, relative to the use of light-stations by the Coast and Geodetic Survey, and you will please comply with the terms of this letter should any officer of that service visit your station officially. Viz:
"The board at its meeting on 7 Dec., 1903, ordered that each Light-House Inspector instruct all light-keepers under his charge to permit the officers of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, with instruments, to occupy when necessary, any light-houses in his district when it is essential to carry on the survey operations in that vicinity, it being understood that the Coast Survey officers are not to interfere in any way with the duties of the light-keepers, or the efficiency of the lights, and that the Light-House Establishment is to be put to no expense in the matter whatsoever."

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Volume 475, page 308

Dec 28, 1903
Inspector Hawley to Asst Keeper W.S. Harrison:
Your letter of Dec 24th, asking for ten days leave of absence to visit your home, has been received, and you will inform me of the date on which you wish this leave to commence; which information must always be given in asking for leave.

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Volume 121, No. 3407

Jan 6, 1904
USLHB Naval Secy to Inspector:
Inform us of quantity of provisions needed during fiscal year ending June 30, 1905, for our use in seeking bids.

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Volume 122, No. 3445

Jan 27, 1904
USLHB Naval Secy to Inspector:
In Notice to Mariners No. 10 the characteristic of the light will be changed. Confer with 5th District Engineer to make the changes.
Notice attached.

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Volume 475

Feb 1, 1904
Inspector Hawley to Keeper John. B. Jennett:
Inclosed is sent a copy of Notice to Mariners No.10 of 1904, giving notice that, on or about Feb 15, 1904, the characteristic of your light will be changed from a flashing red to a fixed red, without other change; and you are requested to carry this notice into effect on the date specified.

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Volume 175, No. 205

February 28, 1904
Keeper John B. Jennett, Hatteras Inlet, to LH Inspector, Baltimore:
Your will find enclosed a Bill from A.J. Stowe for 1 Coal Heater that was purchased for this station.

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Volume 175, No. 205

February 28, 1904
Keeper John B. Jennett, Hatteras Inlet, to LH Inspector, Baltimore:
Your will find enclosed a Bill from A.J. Stowe for 1 Coal Heater that was purchased for this station.

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Volume 122, No. 345

April 1, 1904
USLHB Naval Secy to Inspector:
Authorize you to pay expressage on package from H. Burlingame, which contains gift of reading material for keepers.

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Volume 476

April 4, 1904
Inspector Hawley to Keeper Samuel A. Staples, Portsmouth Depot:
You will please send the following stores to the stations named, by tender at the first opportunity:

. . .
. . .
HATTERAS INLET
1 pair rowlocks
4 fire buckets
. . .
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OCRACOKE
6 gall. white varnish
. . .

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Volume 179, No. 866

June 19, 1904
Keeper John B. Jennet to USLH Inspector, Baltimore
I respectfully ask to be granted 15 days Leave of Absence to take affect on or about the 5th of July.

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Volume 1180, No. 1159

August 3, 1904
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector, Baltimore:
The Small Boat at this station needs the follow repairs:
One new step. New platform. One new Ring Bolt for Hoisting Boat to Davits.

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Volume 181, No. 1181

August 7, 1904
Asst Keeper W. S. Harrison to L.H. Inspector:
I have been informed that there will be a vacancy at Wade Point L.H. station, therefore I Respectfully ask to be transfered to that Station as assistant keeper as it is near my home and greatly to my advantage.

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Volume 478, page 207

August 11, 1904
Chief Clerk to Asst Keeper W.S. Harrison:
Your letter of Aug. 7th, asking for transfer to the position of asst keeper at Wade Point light station in case of a vacancy, has been received and filed.

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Volume 181, No. 1277

August 30, 1904
Keeper John B. Jennett to L.H. Inspector, Baltimore:
You will find inclosed Bids to Repair Boat No. 30 at this station.
Bid from J.J. Barrett: I herewith agree to repair Boat No. 30 at Hatteras Inlet Light Station for the Sum of Seven Dollars $7.00.
Bid from J.B. Dailey: I will do the following work Viz. To Boat No. 30 Hatteras Inlet Light Station, NC: New Step, New Stern seat, New ring bolt in the Stern, New platform for eight (8) Dollars.

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Volume 181, No. 1306

Sept 2, 1904
Asst Keeper W.S. Harrison to L.H. Inspector:
I respectfully ask for eighteen days leave of absence to visit my home for the purpose of painting my house inside before Cold weather, leave to take place on or about the 20th of Sept. 1904.

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Volume 478, page 343

Sept 14, 1904
Inspector to Keeper Jennett:
Referring to your letter of August 30th, you are authorized to employ Mr. J.J. Barnett, of Buxton, NC, to repair boat No. 30 at a cost not to exceed $7.00, sending the approved bill, when the repairs have been made, to this office for settlement.

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Volume 478

Oct 14, 1904
Inspector to Keeper Jennett:
Referring to the bill of E.M. Meekins, for making one suit of sails for the boat at your station, you are requested to give the number of the boat to which these sails belong.

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Volume 183, No. 1592

Oct 26, 1904
Keeper John B. Jennett to L.H. Inspector, Baltimore:
Yours of the 14th inst. Received & in reply would Respectfully say the No of the Boat is 121 to which the sail belong.

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Volume 183, No. 1629

Nov. 3, 1904
Asst Keeper W.S. Harrison to L.H. Inspector:
I have been informed that the first assistant keeper at Cape Hatteras L.H. has asked to be appointed Keeper of the post lights that is to be established in the Cape Channel, and if he should be appointed to that position, I Respectfully ask to be transfered and appointed first assistant keeper of that Station.

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Volume 479, page 89

Nov 9, 1904
Inspector to Asst Keeper W.S. Harrison:
Your letter of November 3d, asking for transfer to the position of First Asst Keeper at Cape Hatteras Light-House, has been placed on file.

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Volume 184, No. 1947

January 3, 1905
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:
I respectfully ask to be granted 10 days leave of absence to take affect about the 15th of January.

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Volume 479, page 412

Jan 19, 1905
Inspector to Keepers of Lights, Fifth District:

You are requested to fill in the information called for below as to the number of children of school age now at the station, and the school facilities accessible to them, returning the paper to this office as soon as it is possible for you to do so.

Number of children of school age at the station;
Number of children at the station attending school;
Distance of nearest school from the station;
Means of reaching school from the station, such as public road, boat, cross country, etc.

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Volume 186, No. 2198

January 31, 1905
Asst Keeper W.S. Harrison to L.H. Inspector:

I respectfully ask for (12) days Leave of Absence to take Place on or about the 21st of February 1905.

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Volume 186, No. 2256

January 19, 1905
Commander Henry McCrea, Inspector, to Keepers of Lights, Fifth District

You are requested to fill in the information called for below as to the number of children of school age now at the station, and the school facilities accessible to them, returning the paper to this office as soon as it is possible for you to do so.

Number of children of school age at the station:	None
Number of children at the station attending school:	None
Distance of the nearest school to the station:	4 miles by water
Means of reaching school from station, such as public road, boat, cross country, etc.	None

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Volume 487, page 386

March 15, 1907
Inspector to Keeper Jennett:

Request for additional leave because of medical problems granted.

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Volume 188, No. 2632

April 3, 1905

Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector, Baltimore:
The following stove pipe is needed at this station:

1 collar Jt. 6-inch collar with Damper.
1 5-inch Jt.

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Volume 126, No. 1136

April 12, 1905
USLHB Naval Secy to Inspector McCrea:
Inform your keepers that they should not collect birds eggs and skins for the Audubon Society, and should treat any persons so doing on light-house property as trespassers.

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Volume 481, page 2??

June 28, 1905
Inspector to Keeper John B. Jennett:
You are requested to ascertain, and report by letter to this office, at what price you can purchase 2 cords of hard wood, delivered to your station.

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Volume 190, No. 3211

July 14, 1905
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector, Baltimore:
You will find inclosed Bid from O.C. Fulcher, who will furnish 2 cords of hard wood at $4.25 per cord.

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Volume 191, No. 3263

July 20, 1905
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:
/ I respectfully ask to be granted 10 days leave of absence to take affect on or about August 7th.

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Volume 481,

July 25, 1905
Inspector to Asst Keeper W.S. Harrison:
. . . your name has been sent to the Light-House Board for appointment as First Asst Keeper at Cape Lookout Light-Station, NC, . . . in place of Mr. Arthur Midgett, who has been nominated for the position now held by you.
Report for duty on August 1st.

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Volume 481, page 38?

July 26, 1905
Inspector to Keeper Jennett:
. . . Mr. Arthur Midgett has been directed to report to you on August 1st . . . for duty as Asst Keeper . . . in the place of Mr. William S. Harrison, who has been ordered to report at Cape Lookout . . ..

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Volume 128, No. 1373
August 3, 1905

Chief Clerk B. Johnson to Inspector:
State when Arthur Midgett reported as Asst Keeper and send in his oath of office.

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Volume 191, No. 3364

August 4, 1905
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector. Baltimore:
Arthus Midgett reported for duty as asst keep of this station at 11:30 a.m. on the 4th.

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Volume 192, No. 3365

August 5, 1905
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector, Baltimore:
Will you please change the address of this Station from Hatteras, NC, to Buxton, NC.

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Volume 481, page 446

August 7, 1905
Inspector to Asst Keeper W.S. Harrison:
In reply to your telegram of August 1, asking to have the order of transfer to Cape Lookout revoked, you are informed that this transfer was made for the best interests of the service, as the present keepers at Cape Lookout cannot seem to get along without considerable friction; and, although I regret that the transfer does not fully meet with your wishes, I must insist upon your accepting it.

As soon as a vacancy occurs in a position that will be more agreeable to you, you will be transferred thereto, if you so desire.

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Volume 481, page 451

August 10, 1905
Inspector to Asst Keeper Arthur Midgett:
Official notice of appointment; subscribe to new oath of office.

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Volume 482, page 10

August 11, 1905
Inspector to Keeper Staples, Portsmouth Depot:
You are requested to send the following stores to the stations named, by tender at the first opportunity:
HATTERAS INLET
3 gall. brown paint
1 set boat falls
1 heaving line
15 fathoms 12-thread manila
. . .

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Volume 191, No. 3326

August 18, 1905
W.S. Harrison to L.H. Inspector:

I Received a letter informing me to go to Cape Lookout as first asst. keeper and I will say that I have never asked for a transfer nor to trade with Mr. Midgett and I do not want to go there. I am settled at Hatteras and I do not want to leave here and I respectfully ask for my name to be withdrawn from the board.

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Volume 482, page 79

August 30, 1905
Inspector to Asst Keeper Arthur Midgett:

Inclosed is returned the oath of office taken by you before J.B. Dailey, justice of the peace, on Aug. 32d, and you will have Mr. Dailey impress thereon his seal, if he has one, and if not then he must furnish a certificate from the Clerk of Courts that he is impowered under the laws of North Carolina to administer oaths.

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Volume 482, page 157

Sept 12, 1905
Inspector to Asst Keeper Arthur Midgett:

Inclosed is sent a copy of a letter sent to Mr. William G. Rollinson, Second Asst Keeper at Cape Lookout Light-Station, in answer to the charges made by him against the Keeper, which charges he supported by a letter from you. It appears to me that there is collusion between you and the Second Asst Keeper to injure Mr. Hooper; and you are cautioned that any more reports of this nature emanating from you, or any trouble in which you may become involved with keepers in North Carolina, will not be allowed to pass unnoticed, hereafter; but you will have to take the consequences of your action.

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Volume 192, No. 3601

September 15, 1905
Asst Keeper Arthur Midgett to Light House Inspector, Baltimore:

In reply to your Letter Sept. 12th I will say I was at Cape Lookout on 26 and 27 and 28. Strong breeze NE as I had to stay three days. I will say I went to the Lite House and ask the Keeper could I speak to the Station House on the telephone and he said Go ahead. I was out to my house selling my property to the Second Asst Keeper and the Keeper went out and raised a row with me and the Second Asst. Captain, I respectfully say in regards to the Keeper and the Second Asst trouble I am not concerned in any Shape or form. I was requested by the Servant girl to inform you whether I knew of her causing any disturbance or not. I did not know of her causing any. I could say not say She did when She did not. Captain, I knew the Keeper son was waiting on the girl. They all know it to. The girl is a poor girl. She has not got father or mother, but if the girl had causing any disturbance, I wood had said so. All the disturbance has bin causing by the Keeper and wife and son while I was there. I respectfully say I have not got nothing against the Keeper or the Second Asst. I will say I must not tell a lie on the Keeper or the Second Asst or no other man or woman. Captain, the Second Asst did not ask me to wright him a letter. If he had I could not had done it for I know nothing. When I left there the Keeper and the Second Asst was like brothers they mark hard against me, but I have forgive them.

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Volume 482, page 181

Sept 15, 1905

Inspector to Keeper A.B. Hooper, Cape Lookout Light-Station:

You are informed that Mr. William S. Harrison, First Assistant Keeper at your station, has been nominated for transfer to Hatteras Inlet Light-Station as Asst Keeper, and you are requested to inform me, by return mail, whether the appointment of Mr. James W. Gillikin - formerly Keeper of Cape Lookout - who has applied for transfer to the position, will conduce to promote harmony amongst the keepers of the station.

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Volume 482, page 187

Sept 18, 1905
Inspector to Asst Keeper Arthur Midgett:

. . . your name has been submitted . . . for appointment as Keeper of North River Light-station, NC, to take effect Oct 1st . . ..

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Volume 482, page 189

Sept 18, 1905
Inspector to Keeper Jennett:

Asst Keeper Arthur Midgett will transfer to North River Light-Station. William S. Harrison will replace him on Oct 1st.

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Volume 482, page 206

Sept 21, 1905
Inspector to Asst Keeper Arthur Midgett:

Official notice of transfer to North River.

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Volume 128, No. 1455

Sept 21, 1905
Chief Clerk to Inspector:

William S. Harrison being transferred as Asst Keeper in place of Arthur Midgett.

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Volume 193, No. 3698

Sept 29, 1905
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector, Baltimore:

I respectfully ask to be granted Leave of Absence for the purpose of going to Baltimore for medical treatment. I do not know how long I shall be absent, but no longer then possible.

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Volume 193, No. 3719
Oct 2, 1905
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector. Baltimore:

Mr. W.S. Harrison reported for duty as Asst Keeper at this Station at 11:30 a.m. on the 2nd.

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Volume 194, No. 3965

Oct 23, 1905
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:

After receiving leave of absince to go to Baltimore for medical treatment, one of my children have been very sick. So I could not go at once, and I have improved a little in health. I shall wate a while longer to see if I continue to improve.

If I should go I will report to the Light House Office as soon as I arrive.

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Volume 194, No. 3845

Oct 25, 1905
Asst Keeper W.S. Harrison to L. H. Inspector:

Inclosed you will find a letter from the man that I had employed as Substitute. He claims that I owe him for 27 days when I don't think that I owe him for but 22. He stood the first watch of the night of the 8th of Sept to the 30 day of Sept and as I was ordered to Hatteras Inlet Station the 18th of Oct and I was at Hatteras on the 18th and reported to the Station on the morning of the 20th so I don't think I had ought to pay for time I was not there. Please let me have your advise on the matter.

Notation in reply: If you left the Station at Point Lookout without an arrangement with this man, you will have to pay him. It is your fault if any misunderstanding exists.

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Volume 482, page 405

Oct 28, 1905
Inspector to Asst Keeper W.S. Harrison:

Your October salary cannot be paid until you submit your oath of office.

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Volume 482, page 446

Nov 8, 1905
Inspector to Asst Keeper W.S. Harrison:

Referring to your letter of Oct 25th, relative to the claim made by the person employed by you as a substitute at Cape Lookout Light-Station . . . you should not pay him for any service after Sept 30. If he worked beyond that date, he should be paid by Mr. Gillikin, the new 1st Asst.

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Volume 196, No. 4288

January 1906
Asst Keeper W.S. Harrison to L.H. Inspector:

Please grant me ten days leave of absence to visit my home on business, leave to take affect on or about the 6th of February.

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Volume 483, page 233

Jan 20, 1906
Chief Clerk How to Asst Keeper W.S. Harrison:
10 days leave approved, about Feb 1.

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Volume 197, No. 4663

March 16, 1906
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:
The following extry supplys are needed at this station:
1 set of Brick & grate for Brunswick Cook Stove No. 7
10 yards No. 5 canviss
1 Jt Stove pipe 5 inches with damper
1 collar Jt. 6 inches

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Volume 198, No. 4704

March 22, 1906
Asst Keeper W.S. Harrison to L.H. Inspector:
I write to ask you if you will allow Mr. J.M. Burrus And myself to exchange places with each other. The reason we want to trade is because he will be nearer his home at Hatteras Inlet and I will be nearer my home at Croaton, and it will be to boath of our interests to make the change. So I respectfully ask to be transfered to Croatan Light Station as asst keeper, the change to be made on or about the 1st of May 1906.

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Volume 484

March 29, 1906
Inspector to Asst Keeper Joseph W. Burrus, Croatan L.S.:
. . . you are informed that your name has been submitted to the Department for appointment as asst keeper at Hatteras Inlet L.S., NC, to take effect on May 1st . . ..

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Volume 484

March 29, 1906
Inspector to Asst Keeper Harrison:
Transferred to Croatan L.S. May 1st.

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Volume 484, page 54

March 29, 1906
Inspector to Keeper Jennett:
Joseph M. Burrus will replace Asst Keeper Harrison on May 1st.

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Volume 484, page 58

March 29, 1906
Inspector to Keeper Staples, Portsmouth Deport:
. . . send the following stores to the stations named, by tender at the first opportunity:
. . .
HATTERAS INLET
10 yrds. #6 canvas
. . .

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Volume 130, No. 1732

April 2, 1906
USLHB Chief Clerk to Inspector:
Asst Keeper William S. Harrison transferred and replaced by Joseph M. Burrus on May 1 at salary of $440 a year.

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Volume 484, page 91

April 4, 1906
Inspector to Asst Keeper Burrus:
Official notice of appointment; sign new oath of office . . .

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Volume 200, No. 5199

June 25, 1906
Asst Keeper John M. Burrus to Light House Inspector:
Will you please forward my checks to Hatteras instead of Buxton as Hatteras is my home. You would oblige me very much by doing so.

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Volume 201, No. 5461

August 2, 1906
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:
The following supplies are needed at this station:
1 Stove Damper for Brunswick Cook No. 7
2 Jts stove pipe 5 inches, one Jt. To have Damper
2 Boat Painter (10 fas 2" Manila)

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Volume 202, N. 5719

Sept 18, 1906
Keeper John B. Jennett to Inspector:
In case of a vacancy on the part of the Keeper of Cape Hatteras Light Station or the Keeper of Ocracoke Light Station, I respectfully ask to be transfered to one of those places.

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Volume 485, page 397

Sept 24, 1906
Inspector to Keeper Jennett:
Request for transfer to Cape Hatteras or Ocracoke has been placed on file.

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Volume 203, No. 6071

Oct 20, 1906
Keeper John B. Jennett to Inspector:
In reply to your order of Oct 3rd regarding the Leaky Oil Cans that have been Destroyed at this Station since Nov. 7, 1898, I find that there have been 10 Leaky Cans destroyed from that date.

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Volume 204, No. 6177

Oct 31, 1906
Keeper John B. Jennett to Inspector:
The following supplies are needed at this Station:
1 Jt. Stove pipe 5 inches with Damper
1 Collar Jt., 6 inch collar
1 Coal Hod

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Volume 205, No. 6381

Nov 7, 1906
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:
In reply to your letter of Nov 7th I will say I do not know of any private aids to navigation.

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Volume 486, page 288

Dec 3, 1906
Inspector to Keeper Staples, Portsmouth Depot:
Send the following stores be tender:
. . .
HATTERAS INLET
One coal hod
. . .

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Volume 132, No. 2281

Dec 22, 1906
President, US Civil Service Commission to Secy of Commerce and Labor:
Agree with your recommendation that the maximum age limit for keepers to be appointed in the Lighthouse Service be changed from 50 to 40 years, except in cases of honorably discharged men from the Army or Navy.

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Volume 132, No. 2293

Jan 15, 1907
USLHB Naval Secy to Inspector:
On March 1 the maximum age limit for appointment in the L.H. Service will change from present 50 to 40 years, except in the case of veterans.

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Volume 207, No. 6925

Feb 4, 1907
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:
The following supplies are needed at this Station:
1 set Brick & grate for Brunswick Cook Stove No. 7
40 yds No. 7 canviss for Boat Sail for Boat No. 30.
Notation attached: No record of any sails being bought for this boat since 1903.

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Volume 207, No. 6965

Feb 8, 1907
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:
I respectfully ask to be granted 20 days leave of absence to a way for medical treatment. I have been in bad health for some time.

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Volume 487, page 211

Feb 12, 1906
Inspector to Keeper Jennett:
Leave of absence approved.

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Volume 208, No. 7175

March 10, 1907
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:
After leaving the Station on 20 days leave of absence to come here (Sarah Leigh Hospital, Norfolk) for medical treatment, I was detained in getting here on account of bad weather. I have had a operation performed & am doing very well, but the Doctor says I will not be in condition to live to get to my Station before my life expires. Will you please extend my leave of absence 10 or 15 days on untill I am able to return to the Station.

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Volume 209, No. 7336

March 26, 1907
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:
I respectfully inform you that I, the Keeper, returned to this Station at 12:30 p.m. on the 26th of March, having been absent since Feb the 21st for medical treatment.

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Volume 209, No. 7436

April 9, 1907
Asst Keeper Joseph M. Burrus to Light House Inspector:
I respectfully ask for 30 days leave of absence in May for to repair my home.

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Volume 134, No. 2508

April 9, 1907
Civil Service Commissioner to Secy of Commerce and Labor:
Does change in age limit affect keepers and asst keepers already on the register? No, they are entitled to one year's eligibility.

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Volume 488, page 115

April 19, 1907
Inspector to Asst Keeper Joseph M. Burrus:
Leave granted.

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Volume 134, No. 2524

April 24, 1907
USLHB Naval Secy to Inspector:
Provisions in coming year will be provided by Messrs Claridge & Woodall of Baltimore.
Light-vessels per man per year $81.90
Light-stations per man per year 40.88

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Volume 134, No. 2535

April 29, 1907
Inspector, 9th District, to Inspector, 5th District:
Preliminary classification of light-houses and classification of pay.

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Volume 488, page 188

April 30, 1907
Inspector to Asst Keeper Burrus:
Position at Bluff Shoal Light-Station has been filled by as asst keeper very much senior to you.

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Volume 209, No. 7510

April 22, 1907
Asst Keeper Joseph M. Burrus to Light House Inspector:
I have been informed there is a vacancy at Bluff Shoal L.H. for Keepers. Place if it is true, I respectfully ask to be considered for the position.
Paragraph attached from Keeper John B. Jennett: Mr. Burrus has given satisfaction in every respect as asst keeper of this Station & I believe he would make an excellent keeper.

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Volume 209, No. 7610

May 7, 1907
Unsigned (handwriting is Joseph M. Burrus) to Light House Inspector:
Your letter of April the 19th directing me to report the name of the substitute employed during my absence , you are informed the substitute is Mr. B.U. Williams.

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Volume 134, No. 2570

May 9, 1907:
Inspector John A. Rodgers to Light-House Board:
Uncorked empty oil can let in dirt, rain and salt. Suggest that Inspectors instruct Keepers to keep oil cans corked and clean.

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Volume 489, page 217

July 12, 1907
Inspector to Asst Keeper Burrus:
Inform this office of your full middle name to complete our records.

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Volume 213, No. 8170

July 18, 1907
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:
The following supplies that was ask for in the yearly supplies but not yet received are needed at this station:
Lowels Glass 10
Emery cloth sheets 6

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Volume 213, No. 8171

July 18, 1907
Joseph Merit Burrus to L.H. Inspector:
Your letter of July the 12th directing me to inform you my middle name, you are informed that mu middle name is Merit.

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Volume 489, page 304

July 18, 1907
Inspector to Keeper Jennett:
Do you have a boat large enough to have power machinery installed in it? If not, what size and kind of boat would you consider suitable for the conditions at your station?

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Volume 213, No. 8172

July 19, 1907
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:
I the keeper left the station on July 19th 8 a.m. on 12-day leave of absence granted by Inspector verbal.

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Volume 135, No. 2691

July 19, 1907
USLHB Naval Secy to Inspector:
Confer with your Engineer and make a joint report on the condition of the oil rooms in screw-pile structures so far as their liability to fire due to leakage of the oil and what precautions should be taken. Board suggests a tray of zinc or lead from which oil could be sponged up.

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Volume 135, No. 2694

July 20, 1907
USLHB Naval Secy to Inspector:
Essentially same letter as above.

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Volume 213, No. 8194

July 22, 1907
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:
In reply to your of July 18th, I will say I think the Boat No 121 at this Station will be large enough & strong enough for a 3 ½ or 4 Horse Power Engine after putting a few floor timbers in & some other little repairs.

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Volume 489, page 344

July 23, 1907
Inspector to Keeper Jennett:
Leave of absence granted.

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Volume 490, page 9

August 1, 1907
Inspector to Keeper Staples, Portsmouth Depot:
Send the following stores by tender at first opportunity:
HATTERAS INLET

10 glass towels
6 sheets emery cloth

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CAPE HATTERAS

2 feather dusters
2 hand dusters
1 hatchet
1 rip saw
4 gall. black paint
1 sythe handle
3 round paint brushes

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OCRACOKE

One medicine chest

CAPE HATTERAS

One medicine chest

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Volume 490

Undated "Schedule of Deliveries of Fuel from Washington Depot, NC"
Coal, hard wood, and pine wood to

Bodie Island
Cape Hatteras
Ocracoke
Hatteras Inlet
etc.

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Volume 214, No. 8405

August 12, 1907
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector, Baltimore:

You will find inclosed bill from Mr. B. Stowe of Hatteras NC for making one Suit of Sails for Boat No. 121. The old sail of Boat No. 121 was taken for Boat No. 30 & the old sail of Boat No. 30 condemned by order of Inspector.

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Volume 215, No. 8475

August 19, 1907
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:
The following supplies are needed at this Station:

1 set of Boat falls (?)
1 heaving line
1 Jet Stove Pipe with Damper 5 inches
1 Collar Jt. With 6-inch collar.

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Volume 490, page 195

August 24, 1907
Inspector to Asst Keeper Burrus:
Leave of absence granted.

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Volume 490, page 236

August 29, 1907
Inspector to Keeper Staples, Portsmouth Depot:
Send the following stores by tender.
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. . .
HATTERAS INLET
1 set boat falls
1 heaving line
. . .

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Volume 136, No 2898

Nov 5, 1907
USLHB Naval Secy to Inspector:
Importance of fire prevention. No funds at Dept for fire extinguishers. Do what you can with available funds – perhaps District Engineer has funds.

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Volume 137, No. 2994

Dec 18, 1907
USLHB Naval Secy to Inspector:
Memo discussing whether female keepers should be placed on the same register as males.

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Volume 219, No. 9387

Dec 18, 1907
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:
The following supplies are needed at this station:
1 set Boat falls
15 fath Small Live
2 gal white paint
4 gal Brown paint
25 lbs Red Lead

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Volume 491, page 453

Dec 21, 1907
Inspector to Keeper Staples, Portsmouth Depot:
Send supplies to Hatteras Inlet: 1 set boat falls; 15 fathoms small line; 2 gall white paint, 1 gall brown metallic paint; and 25 lbs red lead.

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Volume 138, No. 3205

March 4, 1908
USLHB Naval Secy to Inspector:
Report your recommendations as to the adoption of incandescent oil as an illuminant in light-houses.

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Volume 138, No. 3220

March 4, 1908
Asst Secy of Commerce to USLHB:
Age limit for keepers has been abolished by the Civil Service Commission.

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Volume 493, page 102

March 21, 1908
Inspector to Keeper Jennett:
Because the Auditor now requests written bids for large purchases, please have W.B. Stokes of Hatteras, NC, submit a written bid for the set of sails he is making for you.

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Volume 493

March 31, 1908
Inspector to Employees, Fifth Light-House District:
Hereafter all vouchers for reimbursement or other expenditures must be verified by oath before a Notary. Pay no bills in cash; send all bills to this office for settlement.

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Volume 138, No. 3320

April 16, 1908
USLHB Naval Secy to Inspector:
Provisions will be provided during the coming fiscal year by Messrs Claridge & Woodall of Baltimore.

Light-vessels per man per year	$79.7725
Light-Stations per man per year	39.73
Tenders per man per week	1.5313

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Volume 138, No. 3337

April 21, 1908
USLHB Naval Secy to Inspector:
List light stations in your district where keepers are not provided with dwelling and that are not provided with oil houses. Report as to urgency of need for same.

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Volume 138, No. 3347

April 22, 1908
USLHB Naval Secy to Inspector:
Name all isolated stations at which families of keepers are allowed to reside and whether with the permission of the Inspector or Board.

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Volume 225, No. 10531

May 14, 1908
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:
You will find inclosed Bid from Mr. J. B. Dailey for repairs to Boat No. 121.
Attached: On your Annual Inspection, and in Inspection notes; keeper was ordered to send bids for repairing boats #30 and #121.
Also attached: I will make all necessary repairs to Boat No. 121 at Hatteras Inlet Light Station NC for the sum of twenty-five dollars $25.00. *Signed,* J.B. Dailey

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Volume 225, No. 10572

May 16, 1908
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:
I have taken the measure of the Lamp Room floor & find that it will take 8 ½ yards of oil cloth 6 ft wide to cover it. If you will allow me to do so, I can order it from here.
If you allow me to order it, will you please state what price to pay per yard.

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Volume 494, page 39

May 19, 1908
Inspector to Light-Keepers:
Office supplies (paper, etc.) will be furnished hereafter from this office rather than from the General Depot with annual supplies. Ask me for a full year's supply. Specify the kind of pens you want.
Ink will be available at any time from the tenders.

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Volume 494

May 19, 1908
Inspector to Light-Keepers:
Inform us by return mail of the exact diameter of the lens of your light, taken through the center of the focal plane. Measure both inside and outside, as carefully as possible.

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Volume 226, No. 10641

May 25, 1908
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:
Will you please grant me 12 days Leave of Absence to take affect about June 1st.

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Volume 494, page 130

May 26, 1908
Inspector to Keeper Jennett:
You are authorized to purchase 8 ½ yards of linoleum for the lamp room floor. Send bill to this office.

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Volume 494, page 145

May 26, 1908
Inspector to Keeper Staples, Portsmouth Depot:
Deliver the following stores:
. . .
. . .
HATTERAS INLET
1 pair 12-foot cars
. . .

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Volume 494, page 152

May 29, 1908
Inspector to Keeper Jennett:
Leave of absence approved.

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Volume 494, page 196

June 3, 1908
Inspector to Keeper Jennett:
Bid of J.H. Dailey of Buxton accepted for repairing boat No. 121 for the sum of $25.00. When completed, send bill to this office.

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Volume 139, No. 3455

June 3, 1908
USLHB Naval Secy to Inspector:
The legislation mentioned in letter of May 20 has passed.
Each keeper in your district will receive 30 cents a day, starting May 14.
Inspector is to use his judgment in discontinuing rations.
Estimate what additional funds will be needed.

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Volume 494, page 242

June 5, 1908
Inspector to Light-Keepers:

All applications for permission to have families visit keepers during the summer months must be sent through this office for approval by the L.H. Board. State the length of visit. Asst Keeper requests must have the Keeper's approval.

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Volume 139, No. 3467

June 6, 1908
USLHB Naval Secy to Inspector:

At stations where rations cannot be obtained easily on the local market, inspectors have the authority to continue rations to prevent hardship, rather than paying the 30-cent daily allowance.

Instructions on how to report payment.

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Volume 227, No. 10845

June 8, 1908
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:

In reply to your Circular regarding the measurement of the Lens, I will say the diameter inside lens in 19 3/4 inches and side diameter 23 1/6 inches.

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Volume 139, No. 3495

June 12, 1908
USLHB Naval Secy to Inspector:

Keep a precise record of all accidents or injuries to employees resulting in death, with 3 witnesses listed if possible.

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Volume 227, No. 10966

June 23, 1908
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:

I respectfully ask for 12 days leave of absence to take effect on or about July 1st.

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Volume 227, No. 10975
June 24, 1908
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:

Replying to your letter of June the 9th regarding your letter to Mr. A.P. Oden of March 16th, 1908, I will say: you will find inclosed a letter from Mr. Oden giving you the information wanted. This answer would have been sent sooner, but Mr. Oden has been away so I could not see him.

June 23, 1908, A.P. Oden to Light House Inspector:

Replying to your letter of March 16th, 1908, relative to maintaining private lights for aid to navigation in the channel here as mentioned in your letter, I have the honor to inform you that these lights have never been established.

After looking carefully into the matter and taking in consideration the fact that we would have to maintain the lights year round, we concluded that the expense of erecting and maintaining the lights was greater than we could reasonably bear, and we, therefore, had to abandon the idea of putting in the lights ourselves.

These lights are badly needed, and it would be a great advantage to all shipping that comes into this harbor if they (the lights) could be established and maintained.

I had overlooked making a reply to your letter until my attention was called to the matter by Mr. John B. Jennett, Keeper of Hatteras Inlet Light Station.

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Volume 139, No. 3529

June 24, 1908
USLHB Naval Secy to Inspector:
Further explanation of letter of June 6 regarding rations.

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Volume 139, No. 3544

June 27, 1908
USLHB Chief Clerk to Inspector:
Copy of contract with Claridge & Woodall to supply provisions in the coming year.

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Volume 494, page 378

June 29, 1908
Inspector to Asst Keeper Burrus:
Leave of absence granted.

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Volume 140, No. 3546

June 29, 1908
Naval Secy to Commander Edw. Lloyd, Inspector, 5th District:
Relieved from duty as Inspector. Instructions for turning over duties.

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Volume 228, No. 11067

July 1, 1908
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:
The following supplys are needed at this Station:
4 Gal white Paint
2 gal Brown paint
25 lbs red Led
25 lbs white zinc
1 Jt Stove pipe with Damper 5 inches
1 Collar Jt 6 inches collar
15 yds 10 oz Duck
15 fath small Roap

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Volume 494

August 13, 1908
Inspector to Keeper Jennett:
Your fog signal report not received until the 10th. We want it by the 8th of each month.

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Volume 495, page 167

August 24, 1908
Inspector to Employees, Fifth District:
The Board has decided that two week leave of absences are the maximum that can be taken without having a substitute appointed by the Department, who will receive the keeper's pay.

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Volume 231, No. 11692

Sept 28, 1908
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:
According to your instructions I have had Boat No. 30 inspected for repars, & you will find inclosed Bids from J.B. Dailey & J.J. Barnett of Buxton, NC.
J.B. Dailey: I will do that following repair work to Light-House Boat No. 30 of Hatteras Inlet Light Station, NC, for the sum of sixty dollars $60.00:
13 floor timbers
5 side timbers
2 streaks (strakes)of plank on bottom
4 thoughts (thwarts) and new stern seats
1 pardner thought
1 center board, and cap to center board
1 piece of keel
1 ? Under wash board.
J.J. Barnett: I will do the following repairs on Light House Boat No. 30 of Hatteras Inlet Light Station, NC, for the sum of sixty-two dollars ($62.00):
13 floor timbers
5 side timbers
2 streaks of plank on bottom
4 thoughts & new stern seats
1 pardner thought
Senter board, and Cap to Senter Board Case
piece Keel
?? Under wash boards

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Volume 231. No. 11749

Oct 1, 1908
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:
The following amount of Provisions for a Four Months Ration will be needed at this Station:
100 lbs corn Beef
50 lbs Codfish
100 lbs Ham
100 lbs Flower Best grade
100 lbs Corn Meal
200 lbs Potatoes

50 lbs Onions
40 lbs Sugar granulated
16 lbs Coffee Rosted
50 lbs Lard Best Grade
50 lbs Pork
½ Bush Beans
5 lbs Rice
10 lbs Salt
2 doz cans Milk Challenge Brand
2 doz cans corn
1 doz cans Tomatoes
1 lbs Pepper
2 lbs Royal B. Powders
4 doz cans corn Beef one pound cans

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Volume 141, No. 3860

Oct 17, 1908
Dept of Commerce general appointment:
Joseph M. Burrus to be Asst Keeper effective July 1, 1908, at salary of $40 a month.

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Volume 496, page 22

Oct 19, 1908
Inspector to Keeper Jennett:
The bids to repair boat #30 are considered too high. Tender VIOLET will bring your boat to Portsmouth Depot and another boat will be furnished to you.

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Volume 496, page 81

Oct 27, 1908
Inspector to 1st Asst Keeper George A. Bliven:
Official reappointment as 1st Asst Keeper at a salary of $40 per month, effective July 1. New oath of office required.

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Volume 233, No. 12034

Oct 31, 1908
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:
The following supplies are needed at this Station:
4 Galvinise Iron Buckets
1 Gal Linseed Oil Boild
2 Joint Stove pipe 5 inches, 1 Jt to have Damper
3 Wick Holders for new 4th order Lamp

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Volume 496, page 232

Nov 9, 1908:
Inspector to Keeper Staples, Portsmouth Depot:
Send by the tender VIOLET 4 galvanized iron flat-bottom buckets and 1 gallon boiled linseed oil.

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Volume 496, page 263

Nov 12, 1908
Inspector to Keeper Jennett:
Your Asst Keeper was absent more than four days, which is the limit allowed during any one month, except in cases of emergency or where leave is granted by the Inspector. Your monthly report does not indicate whether that was the case.

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Volume 496

Nov 18, 1908
Chief Clerk How to Asst Keeper Burrus:
Complete the attached oath of office according to directions and return ASAP.

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Volume 142, No. 3982

Nov 20, 1908
USLHB Naval Secy to Inspector:
Instructions for handling reprimands to keepers who have been derelict in performing their duties.

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Volume 234, No. 12256

Nov 26, 1908
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:
In case of a vacancy on the part of Mr. Parker, the Keeper of the Post Lights at Newbern NC, I respectfully ask to be considered for that position. My health has been very bad for the past two years & I think it would improve if I could get on shore. & I am also very anxious to get where I could get my children in school. I entered the L.H. Service in March 1891. Six years of that time I was on the L.H. Tender *Violet.* Hoping you will give my application your consideration.

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Volume 235, No. 12349

Undated, received Dec 4, 1908
Keeper John B. Jennett filled out Department of Commerce form:
Name of Station: Hatteras Inlet, NC
Number of Boat: 121
Length: 18 ft
Beam: 6 ½ ft
Kind of Boat: Sail, with Gasoline Engin
Rig: Mainsail & Jib
Date when built: Don't know
Condition: Good

Repairs Needed: None

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Volume 236, No. 12629

Jan 1, 1909
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light house Inspector:
The following supplies are needed at this Station:
4 gal White paint to be in ½ gallon cans
4 gal Brown paint
1 Heaving Line

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Volume 236, No. 12817

Jan 23, 1909
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:
In reply to your communication of Jan 15th regarding the wood to be furnished this Station, I will say that I prefer oak wood.

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Vol 497, page 321

Jan 30, 1909
Inspector to Keeper Staples, Portsmouth Depot:
Send following stores by tender:
. . .
HATTERAS INLET
4 gall white paint, in ½ gall cans if on hand
4 gall brown metallic paint
1 gall linseed oil
I heaving line
20 gall red lead
. . .
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Volume 143, No. 4163

Feb 13, 1909
USLHB Naval Secy to Inspector:
Seniority is to govern promotion of keeper and assistants, so keep a list showing the seniority of keepers at stations in your district.

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Volume 239, No. 13048

Feb 19, 1909
Keeper John B. Jennett to Inspector:
The size of the spare lantern plate Glass that are needed at this Station is 36 by 28 3/4 inches.

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Volume 143, No. 4215

March 6, 1909
USLHB Naval Secy H.T. Mayo to Keeper John B. Jennett:
Commendation of excellent condition of his station.

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Volume 143, No. 4216

March 6, 1909
USLHB Naval Secy H.T. Mayo to Asst Keeper Joseph M. Burrus:
Commendation of excellent condition of his station.

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Volume 143, No. 4261

March 18, 1909
USLHB Naval Secy H.T. Mayo to Inspector:
Your recommendation in report of February 18, 1909, relative to the installation of incandescent oil vapor-system of lighting at certain light stations approved. Consult District Engineer for details of the installations.

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Vol 498, page 236

March 31, 1909
Inspector to Keeper Jennett:
When tender VIOLET delivers your supplies, she will bring a bottle of porpoise oil to try on the revolving apparatus. Report as to its value as a lubricant.
Apply where needed a few drops with a piece of wire or a darning needle.

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Volume 241, No. 13566

May 1, 1909
Keeper John B. Jennet to Inspector:
The following supplies are needed at this Station:
1 Jt Stove pipe with damper 5 inches
1 Collar Jt. 6 inch collar
2 gal White paint
3 " Brown paint

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Vol 499, pages 95 - 108

May 24, 1909
Inspector to Keeper Staples, Portsmouth Depot:
14-page list of supplies to be sent by tender to 5th District Light Stations.

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Volume 242, No. 13755

June 1, 1909
Keeper John B. Jennett to Inspector:
I respectfully ask to be granted 12 days leave of absence to take affect about June 15th.

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Vol 499, page 208

June 7, 1909
Inspector to Keeper Jennett:
Leave of absence granted.

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Volume 245, No. 14120

July 26, 1909
Keeper John B. Jennett to Inspector:
I respectfully ask for 12 days leave of to take effect on or about August the 5th.

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Vol 500, page 36

August 2, 1909
Inspector to Asst Keeper Joseph M. Burrus:
Leave of absence granted.

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Volume 246, No. 14440

Sept 1, 1909
Keeper John B. Jennett to Inspector:
In regard to the absence on the part of myself from 17th till the 28th, I respectfully say that it was caused by sickness on the part of my wife. A Doctor's Cirtificate will be furnished if Required.

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Volume 248, No. 14693

Oct 1, 1909
Keeper John B. Jennett to Inspector:
In regard to the absence on the part of myself from the 16th till the 29th, I respectfully say that it was caused by sickness on the part of my wife. She had been very low & I was advised by the Doctor not to leave her. A cirtificate from him will be furnished if required. A substitute was imployed. Hoping I will receive your approval.

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Volume 248, No. 14737

Oct 4, 1909
Keeper John B. Jennett to Inspector:

The following supplies are needed at this station:
1 set of Boat falls
1 Cook Stove the one now in use is in very bad condition
50 lbs Red Led
1 gal Copper Paint to be in qt cans.

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Volume 250, No. 15152

Nov 30, 1909
Keeper John B. Jennett to Inspector:
In regard to the absence of the Asst Keeper from 1 p.m. on the 15th till 9 a.m. on the 22nd, I respectfully say that it was caused by sickness on the part of his wife. A substitute was employed.

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Volume 501, page 274

Dec 15, 1909
Inspector to Keeper Staples, Portsmouth Depot:
Send the following stores by tender:
. . .
CAPE HATTERAS
4 gallons white paint
3 gallons black paint
2 gallons linseed oil
1 gallon turpentine
. . .
. . .
HATTERAS INLET
1 set of boat falls
50 lbs red lead
1 gall copper paint, in quart cans
. . .
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Volume 253, No. 15623

Feb 1, 1910
Keeper John B. Jennett to Inspector:
The following supplies are needed at this station:
1 set Boat falls
10 fath small line
3 gal White paint
3 gal Brown paint
1 gal Black paint
2 gal Red paint
25 lbs Red Led

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Volume 254, No. 15801

March 1, 1910
Keeper John B. Jennett to Inspector:
I respectfully ask to be granted 15 days leave of absence to take affect about the 15th of March.

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Volume 502, page 347

March 11, 1910
Inspector to Keeper Jennett:
Leave of absence granted.

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Volume 254, No. 15942

March 18, 1910
Keeper John B. Jennett to Inspector:
You will find inclosed one time marker than needs Repars.

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Volume 255, No. 16052

March 31, 1910
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:
In regard to the absence of the Keeper from 2 p.m. on the 18th till 9 a.m. on the 30th, I respectfully say that it was Leave of Absence granted by the L.H. Inspector dated March the 11th, 1910.
E.B. Burrus was employed as Substitute.

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Volume 149, No. 5290

April 29, 1910
Comptroller of Treasury to Secretary of Commerce:
Light keepers are to receive one ration per day at 30 cents per ration.
Keepers salaries are not to exceed an average of $600 per keeper.
USLHB should indicate the classes of keepers entitled to the ration. Board recommends all keepers and asst keepers, but not laborers.

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Volume 257, No. 16443

June 1, 1910
Keeper John B. Jennett to Inspector:
In regard to the absence of the asst keeper from the 1st till the 7th of May, I respectfully say that it was to attend court as juror. A.J. Quidly was employed as substitute.

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Volume 504, page 210

July 18, 1910
Inspector to Lighthouse Keepers:

The office of the Engineer of the Fifth District will be consolidated with this office on July 30, 1910. All future communications should be addressed to "Light-House Inspector."

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Volume 260, No. 16920

August 8, 1910
Keeper John B. Jennett to Inspector:
The following supplys are needed at this Station:
3 gal white paint
3 " Brown "
25 lbs white Led

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Volume 505, page 68

August 30, 1910
Inspector to Keeper Staples, Portsmouth Depot:
Send the following supplies by tender:
HATTERAS INLET
3 gallons white paint
3 gallons brown metallic paint
25 lbs white lead
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Volume 150, No. 5756

Oct 8, 1910
Commissioner Putnam to Inspector:
Circular "Warning against Activity in Politics by Federal Officers and Employees."

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Volume 506, page 105

Oct 22, 1910
Inspector to Asst Keeper Burrus:
Cannot grant your request to be transferred to Bull Shoal because others rank you.

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Volume 265, No. 17869

Nov 1, 1910
Keeper John B. Jennett to Inspector:
I respectfully ask that the following supplies be sent to this station:
one clock
2 joints stove pipe 5 inches, one jt to have damper
4 Double Blocks 10 inches for Boat purches
20 lbs Red Led
½ gal Green paint
one piece zinc to go under Cook Stove

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Volume 269, No. 18726

Jan 27, 1911
Keeper John B. Jennett to Light House Inspector:
The following supplies are needed at this Station:

1 clock
15 fath small Roup
3 gal Brown paint
3 gal white paint
½ gal Green Paint
50 lbs Red Led

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Volume 153, No. 6177

Feb 15, 1911
Commissioner Putnam to Inspector:

All Lighthouse Service employees mst strictly observe the fish and game laws. Violation will lead to dismissal.

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Volume 154, No. 6248

March 8, 1911
Inspector to Commissioner, Bureau of Light-Houses:

Recommends the transfer of John B. Jennett, Keeper, to Laborer in Charge, Newbern Harbor Lights at $600 per annum, effective March 25, 1911. At Mr. Jennett request.

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Volume 272, Unnumbered
March 14, 1911
Light-House Inspector to Keeper John B. Jennett:

Inclosed is sent Department letter of March 10, 1911, appointing you Laborer in Charge of Newbern Harbor Lights, NC, effective from March 25th, when you will relieve Mr. Amon E. Pittman, whose application expires, by limitations, on that date.

As this new appointment requires another Oath of Office, you are requested to subscribe thereto upon the inclosed copy of Form 111, mailing this paper to this office as soon as it has been properly completed.

Inclosed are also sent two copies of Form 31, on which you will prepare receipts, in duplicate, for all public property at Hatteras Inlet Light for which you are responsible. Have your successor sign these receipts, mailing one copy to this office and retaining the other for the records of the station.

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Volume 272, Unnumbered

March 14, 1911
Light-House Inspector to Mr. Amon E. Pittman:

You are informed that Mr. John B. Jennett, new Keeper of Hatteras Inlet Light-Station, has been selected to succeed you as Laborer in Charge of Newbern Harbor Lights, on March 25th, when you will take his receipt, in

duplicate, on the inclosed copies of Form 31, for all public property at the station for which you are responsible. Mail one copy of the receipt to this office and retain the other for the records of the station.

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Volume 273, No. 19407

March 20, 1911
Light-House Inspector to John B. Jennett:
You must leave at the station, in order to balance the account with Messrs Claridge & Woodall of this city, $2.40 worth of rations for your successor.

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Volume 155, No. 6384

March 25, 1911
Inspector to Commissioner:
Recommends the promotion of John B. Quidley, 1st Asst Keeper at Cape Hatteras, to be Keeper at Hatteras Inlet, at $600 per year, effective April 1, 1911. To replace John Jennett.

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Volume 155, No. 6423

March 29, 1911
Commissioner to John B. Quidley:
Official appointment as Keeper, effective April 1.

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Volume 274, No. 19687

April 3, 1911
Light-House Inspector to Keeper John B. Quidley:
Inclosed is sent Department letter of March 29th, appointing you Keeper of Hatteras Inlet Light-Station, effective from April 1st.
As this transfer requires a new Oath of Office, you are requested to subscribe thereto upon the inclosed copy of Form 111, mailing the paper to this office as soon as it has bene properly completed.

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Volume 154, No. 6287

April 5, 1911
#72 to go on temporary duty at Fenwick Island.

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Volume 275, No. 19815

April 7, 1911
Light-House Inspector to Keeper John B. Quidley:
The receipt for property transferred to you by Mr. John B. Jennett has been received and checked off, and it appears from the Annual Return of Mr. Jennett that he had on hand a boat compass, which does not appear on your receipt.

You are directed to inform me, by return mail, whether or not this boat compass is at the station.

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Volume 276, No. 20144

April 24, 1911
Light-House Inspector to Keeper John B. Quidley:
Inclosed is returned your Oath of Office, which you are required to complete by signing it and then returning the paper to this office.

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Volume 157, No. 6790

May 4, 1911
Circular from Commissioner Putnam:
Should there arise any known or suspected cases of tuberculosis among the personnel under your jurisdiction, report immediately, as well as any failure on the part of such persons to observe the rules laid down by the Committee on Prevention of Tuberculosis among government Employees, formed Dec 7, 1905.

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Volume 278, Unnumbered

May 5, 1911
Inspector to Keeper John B. Quidley:
In March 1908 application was made by A.P. Odin of Hatteras, NC, for authority to establish and maintain private lights at Barney Slue and Point of Shoal in Hatteras Inlet.
You are directed to inform, by return mail, whether or not these lights were ever established; and, if so, furnish a description of the structures from which the lights are displayed, giving their color.

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Volume 278, No. 20463

May 6, 1911
Inspector to Keeper John B. Quidley:
You are directed to inform me, by return mail, if Mr. John B. Jennett, when relieved by you, turned over $2.40 in provisions; and, if so, why you did not inform this office of the fact, so that it could have been added to the amount due from you for rations and deducted from your ration allowance for April.

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Volume 279, Unnumbered

May 16, 1911
Inspector to Keeper John B. Jennett:
Your letter of May 10th, acknowledging liability for rations turned over to you by Mr. John B. Quidley, late Keeper, has been received; and you are informed that the sum of $2.40 will be deducted from your ration allowance for the month of May.

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Volume 282, No. 21421

June 19, 1911
Keeper John B. Quidley to Inspector:
I respectfully ask for 12 days leave of absence to take effect on or about July the 5th.

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Volume 158, No. 7185

June 21, 1911
Commissioner Putnam to Senator F.H. Simmons:
Your remarks concerning the appointment of Wesley L. Gaskill as Keeper of the lights to be established in Hatteras Inlet will receive due consideration.

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Volume 283, No. 21529

June 29, 1911
Keeper John B. Quidley and Asst Keeper Joseph M. Burrus to Inspector:
I understand there is to be two Beacon Lights established in Hatteras Inlet, NC. As it is quite handy to this light and if it is not to be in the Classified Services, I wish you would have them attached to this light as it is near this Station and we can tend them alright and can see them all night.

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Volume 283, No. 21564

July 1, 1911
V.H. Vinson informs Inspector that he has repaired Trawl (?) for fog bell machine for Hatteras Inlet Light Station.

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Volume 284, No. 21897
July 15, 1911
Keeper John B. Quidley to Inspector:
I respectfully ask for 10 days leave of absence to take my wife to Hospittle in August about the 10 and 15th.

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Volume 284, No. 21898

July 17, 1911
Keeper John B. Quidley to Inspector:
I wrote some time ago to have the POffice changed for this Station from Buxton, NC, to Frisco, NC, but have been bothered very much about getting our mail. Sometimes it wold go 100 miles out of the way so it wold be the Middle of the Month before we wold get the mail that was due the 3rd or 4th of the month. So I respectfuly ask that it be forwarded to the old address at Buxton, NC, and then we can get it Earlyer.

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Volume 283, Unnumbered

July 20, 1911
Inspector to Employees, Fifth Lighthouse District:
You are directed whenever you have occasion to use the telephone for toll calls or long distance messages, to furnish a statement of each call to the financial division of this office, giving the following information:

Date
Point of call
Point called
Person or persons called
Purpose
Time consumed on message.

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Volume 284, No. 22012

July 24, 1911
Joseph M. Burrus to Inspector:
In case the light beacons that are to be built at the lower channel to Cape Hatteras are not connected with this station, I wish to be considered for the position. My home is about 2 ½ miles from the farthest one. I have boats suitable for the purpose. Allso a good house to keep the supplies and if appointed will do all in my power to give satisfaction.

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Volume 287, No. 22386

Aug 12, 1911
Keeper John B. Quidley to Inspector
In reply to your letter of inquiry concerning Fire Extinsher ther is 4 bottles of Hand Grenade Extinguishers and 1 one Hand Chemical Extinguisher to the Station.

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Volume 287, No. 22553

Aug 19, 1911
Keeper John B. Quidley to Inspector:
I left the Station on the 12 to take my leave of absence and returned today the 19th. I had Mr. M.F. Whidbee as Substitute.

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Volume 160, No. 7627

August 24, 1911
Inspector's Monthly Report of Operations:
Took down old gutter and down spout from one side of house inflow pipes, cutoffs, and elbows, and put up 33 ft. of 10" galvanized iron gutter with 3 mouth pieces, 2 end pieces, 3 ft. of 3" down spout, one 3" cutoff; capped and soldered bands; made temporary tin shield for 3" copper smokestack above the roof.

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Volume 162, No. 7971

Oct 11, 1911
Inspector to Commissioner:
Is there any objection to keepers of screw pile lights harvesting the oysters growing around them?

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Volume 162, No. 8030

Oct 16, 1911
Acting Commissioner to Inspector:
No objection to above as long as no laws are violated.

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Volume 294, No. 24188

Oct 31, 1911
Inspector to Keeper John B. Quidley:
There will soon be established in Bogue Sound, NC, near Morehead City, ten (10) beacon lights; and if you desire to be appointed Keeper of these lights, at a salary of $50 a month and furnish your own boat, inform me by return mail, is order that arrangements may be made for filling your present position.
Should you accept this position and furnish yourself with a motor boat, the Government will furnish you with gasoline, in reasonable quantities, for running it.

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Volume 295, No. 24388

Nov 7, 1911
Telegram from Poundstone to John B. Quidley:
Leave for eight granted provided your furnish substitute.

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Volume 295, No. 24432

Nov. 8, 1911
Inspector to Assistant Keeper Joseph M. Burrus:
Your telegram of November 2d, reporting that you had been ashore sick since the 27th ultimo, has been received; and you are directed to report, by letter to this office, when you return to duty.

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Volume 297, No. 24839

Nov 22, 1911
Inspector to Asst:
You will inform me by return mail if you wish to be appointed Keeper of Bluff Shoal light-station, NC, at a salary of $500 per annum.

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Volume 298, No. 25018

Dec 1, 1911
Inspector to Keeper John B. Quidley:
You are informed that your name has been submitted to the Department for appointment as laborer in charge of the ten lights to be established in Bogue Sound, NC, and you will hold yourself in readiness to proceed there when notified of your appointment.

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Volume 298, No. 5156?

Dec 4, 1911
Inspector to Asst Keeper:

There will soon be a vacancy in the position of 1st Assistant keeper at Cape Lookout light-station, NC, at a salary of $456 per annum, and you will inform me by return mail if you wish to be considered for this position.

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Volume 299, No. 25???

Dec 9, 1911
Inspector to Keeper John B. Quidley:

Enclosed is sent Department letter of November 5, 1911, appointing you Laborer-in-charge in the Lighthouse Service; and you are hereby assigned to duty as Laborer-in-charge of the 10 Lights to be established in Bogue Sound, North Carolina, on December 23, 1911. You will be relieved at your present station by William G. Rollison; and you will proceed to Bogue Sound in season to have all lanterns placed on the beacons and exhibit said lights for the first time on the night of December 23, 1911, reporting by letter to this office when you have done so.

The lanterns and supplies for these lights are stored at Fort Macon, Beaufort Harbor, North Carolina, in charge of Thomas O. Willis, Laborer at the Beaufort Harbor Lights; and you will have the use of part of the casemate of the Fort where the supplies are now stored, in common with Mr. Willis.

This appointment requires a new Oath-of-Office and you will subscribe to it on Form 111, copy enclosed, returning the paper to this office as soon as completed.

There are also enclosed 3 copies of Form 30 on which you will take receipts in triplicate from Mr. Rollinson for the property turned over to him at your present station; forwarding one copy to this office as soon as the transfer is made, retaining one copy yourself, and delivering the other to Mr. Rollinson.

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Volume 300, No. 25446
Dec 15, 1911
Inspector to Asst Keeper:

In reply to your telegram of December 12, 1911, you are informed that your name will be submitted to the Department for transfer and appointment as First Asst, Keeper at Cape Lookout Light-station, NC, to be effective on or about January 16, 1912.

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Volume 300, No. 25563

Dec 20, 1911
Inspector to Keeper:

You are informed that Mr. Barney F. Peel, now Asst Keeper at Harbor Island Bar L.S., has been directed to report to you for duty on January 16, 1912, as the successor of Mr. Joseph H. Burrus, who will be transferred to Cape Lookout Light Station on that date.

Inform this Office by letter the date Mr. Peel arrives at the Station.

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Volume 300, No. 25587

Dec 21, 1911
Inspector to Asst Keeper Joseph M. Burrus:

You are informed that your name has been submitted to the Department for appointment as First Asst. Keeper of Cape Lookout L.S., NC, and you will hold yourself in readiness to proceed to that Station on January 16, 1912.

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Volume 301, No. 25810

Dec 30, 1911
Inspector to Asst Keeper Joseph M. Burrus:

Enclosed is sent Department letter of December 27, 1911, appointing you First Assistant Keeper of Cape Lookout Light Station, North Carolina.

This appointment requires a new oath of office which you will subscribe to on Form 111, copy enclosed, returning the paper, when completed, to this Office.

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Volume 167, No. 9222

Feb 12, 1912
Inspector to Commissioner:

List of stations in the 5th District that are now supplied with medicine chests and libraries.

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Volume 308, No. 27392

Feb 27, 1912
Inspector to Keeper:

In reply to your letter of February 6th, relative to oil cloth for the floor of the office and kitchen, you are informed that it is intended to relay the floors of the three (3) rooms as soon as practicable.

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Volume 310, No. 27870

March 14, 1912
Inspector to Keeper:

As requested in your letter of March 11, you are authorized to keep at the station the power-boat owned by you and the assistant keeper.

The Master of the tender "Holly" has been directed to obtain from you the small boat which you will not need and you will, therefore, deliver it to the "Holly" when called for.

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Volume 169, No. 9707

March 22, 1912
Inspector to Commissioner:

The total number of hours of fog experienced in the fiscal year 1911 at Hatteras Inlet was 290.

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