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REFERENCE SERVICE SLIP
Archival Research Room Record Request
National Archives at St. Louis

Date: 5/16/2023

REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Anderson, Kraig, L.	23-003
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
kraiga@gmail.com	858-357-5100

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
Holmes,William, P.D.		1861(1862) WA

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: 1903 To: 1922

(Agency & Location)

From: To:

(Agency & Location)

From: To:

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

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: 2-280 72959846

CMRS Search Request Number(s):

Attendant Signature:

Remarks:

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SCREENING NOTES

☑ Reviewed and Nothing Removed

☐ Items Removed and User Informed

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items:

☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: HOLMES, WILLIAM P.D. **DOB:** 1861 (1862) POB WA
DOS: 1903-1922

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 C/O to TB2 in 2000

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

ARCIS: _____ Area: _____ positive negative

Notes: _____

RESPONSE LETTER	RE: Holmes, William P.D.	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 4-5-61

THE REPLY TO THE INQUIRY WILL BE FOUND IN THE CHECKED ITEM(S).

☒ The attached material is furnished in response to your request. (copy of personnel records)

☐ Your request did not specify a particular Standard Form 50, Notification of Personnel Action. We have attached a copy of the most recent form. If you require another SF 50, please include the date of the SF 50 and the specific action shown on the form.

☐ This transcript of employment (which has been prepared from pay records) is furnished in lieu of an official personnel folder which either was never established or cannot be located. File this transcript as a permanent record on the right side of the official personnel folder established for this employee.

☐ The records of employment with the District of Columbia Government and Defense Non-appropriated Fund activities are not combined with the records of other Federal employment. The attached transcript serves as official documentation of the employee's service in lieu of the folder.

☐ This form has not been notarized as we have no notary available. We have affixed the seal of the National Archives and Records Administration, which is generally accepted as sufficient certification.

☐ We cannot answer questions of a personal nature. Unless otherwise indicated, conduct and performance were satisfactory.

☐ The requested information or document is not in the official personnel folder.

☐ The information you requested is not releasable without either written authorization and signature from the person whose records are involved or proof of that person's death. If you resubmit your request, please return all correspondence.

☐ A search of our records did not reveal a record of the claimed Federal employment. If additional information or documentation can be submitted to verify the information shown in the request or to otherwise support the claimed employment, we will make a further search. If you resubmit your request, please return all correspondence.

☐ Requests involving retirement or insurance information or medical records should be sent to the Office of Personnel Management, Retirement Programs, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415-3000.

☐ Pay claims arising from Federal employment should be sent to the agency out of whose actions the claim arose.

☐ Requests concerning amendment or removal of information in the official personnel folder should be sent to the Assistant Director for Workforce Information, Office of Merit Systems Oversight and Effectiveness, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 7439, Washington, DC 20415-6000.

☐ We do not have the authority to determine civil service status, reinstatement eligibility, or creditability of service. Contact the personnel office with which you are currently employed or seeking employment, or the Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 6500, Washington, DC 20415-9300. The attached documents or transcript will assist in making such determinations.

☐ The records you have requested are not on file at this Center.

☐ We suggest you contact the address given below/on the attached printout.

☐ The official personnel folder is not at this Center. Please contact the last or current employing agency.

☐ The agency mentioned in your request does not retire personnel records to this Center. We suggest you write directly to that agency.

☐ Your request, along with the necessary documents, has been forwarded to the office that retains legal custody of the record for processing. Please contact that office at the address given below if you have further questions about this matter.

☐ The requested official personnel folder was sent to the address given below on _____. We suggest you contact that office.

Referral address:

Carol Maridon
5650 Keymar Dr.
San Jose, CA. 95123

Date: 10-16-00

S. Smith

For the Chief,

☐ Civilian Operations Branch
☒ Reference Service Branch

NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER
(Civilian Personnel Records)
111 Winnebago Street
St. Louis, MO 63118-4199

REPLY TO INQUIRY (NCP)

DATE: 9-26-00

SUBJECT: Holmes, William P. (suspend)

Your reference: letter

Date of inquiry: 5-15-00

The answer to your inquiry is furnished below. This abbreviated form of reply has been adopted as a means of supplying information speedily.

We need your handwritten signature before we can release the requested documents or information. Furnish Mr. Holmes date of birth and years he worked as a Light House keeper. We will hold the record we have located in our office for 30 days. Please return all correspondence to S. Smith (NRPCR-P) - "Do Not Open in mailroom)

Carol Maridon
5650 Keymar Dr.
San Jose, CA. 95123

NCPCR-PA
S. Smith
for WILLIAM D. BASSMAN
Chief, Reference Service Branch

NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER
☐ Military Personnel Records
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St. Louis, MO 63132-5100
☒ Civilian Personnel Records
111 Winnebago Street
St. Louis, MO 63118-4199

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

NA FORM 13018 (9-85)

I do not have to many dates for William P. Holmes at this time I am sending you copies of three pages that I found his name on. Your office sent me copies of his ans employment in the light house service & this is the only way I found out William P Holmes was a keeper also. On Leanders death certificate it says William was born in Washington No date listed. Thanks for your time & help with this. Carol Holmes Maridon

May 15, 2000

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to see if you have an employment file on William P. Holmes. William was also used the initials, W. P. Holmes and W. P. D. Holmes. As far as I know he was a Light House Keeper at Punta Gorda, CA. and Point Reyes, CA.

I found that William was a Light House keeper from the papers you sent me about his son Leander William Holmes. These papers have a lot of information for my family genealogy.

Thank you for your time and effort to find these records and sending them to me.

Carol Maridon
5650 Keymar Dr.
San Jose, CA 95123

Carol Holmes Maridon

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

HWR-CHT

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT.

San Francisco, Cal., June 6, 1917, 191
(City.) (Date.)

LIGHT HOUSES JUN 12 1917

CHIEF CLERK JUN 13 1917

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion of

Name, Leander W. Holmes — Legal residence, California.

Position, First Assistant Keeper — Salary, $648 per annum

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

Effective June 16, 1917 — ~~the exact date of entrance on duty, or~~ as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

APPOINTMENTS JUN 13 1917

Former position, Second Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $552 per annum

Location, Punta Gorda Lightstation, Cal.

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JUN 13 1917 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Previous incumbent, Albert N. Speelman — Services terminated, about June 15, 1917

Reason, ~~Transferred~~

Members of family in Government Service, Father, W.P.D.Holmes, 2nd Asst. Point Sur, Cal.

Remarks:

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. Bruneau
Acting Commissioner

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

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

HWR-CHT

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., June 6, 1917
(City.) (Date.)

LIGHT JUN 12 1917 HOLMES

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion of

Name, Leander W. Holmes — Legal residence, California

Position, First Assistant Keeper — Salary, $648 per annum

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

Effective June 16, 1917 { the actual date of entrance on duty or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Second Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $552 per annum

Location, Punta Gorda Lightstation, Cal.

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

Previous incumbent, Albert N. Speelman — Services terminated, about June 15, 1917

Reason, Transfer

Members of family in Government Service, Father, W.P.D.Holmes, 2nd Asst. Point Sur, Cal.

Remarks:

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H.W. Rhodes.

Secretary, Civil Service District. — Inspector

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUN 12 1917

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

HBB

Acting Commissioner

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Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

HWR-CHT

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT.

San Francisco, Cal., June 7, 1916

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on or about July 16, 1916. #552

Name, Leander W. Holmes — Position, Second Assistant Keeper

From Point Sur Lightstation, Cal. — To Punta Gorda Lightstation, Cal.

Previous incumbent, William P.D.Holmes

Services terminated, about July 14, 1916. — Reason, Transfer

This transfer to be made at the request of both keepers and at their own expense.

H.W.Rhodes.
Inspector

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The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with .....

CARDED.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUN 16 1916

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

C. Maridon
5650 Keymar Dr.
San Jose, CA 95123

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S. Smith (NRPCR-P)
Civilian Personnel Records
111 Winnebago Street
St. Louis, MO 63118-4199

63118+4193

"Do not open in mailroom"

INACTIVE

William P.D. Holmes,

LEGAL RESIDENCE
California.

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Laborer, St George Reef, Cal.	$3 75	Light House	Oct. 20, 1903.
" Absolute "	"	"	Apr. 20, 1904
TEMPORARY. Acting Asst Kpr. Farralon, Cal	5 50	"	Aug 14, 1905
" TEMPORARY. L. Station	"	"	Sept. 14, 1905
"	"	"	Oct 28, 1905
2nd A. K. Mile Rocks Cal.	600	"	Jan 19, 1906
"	"	"	Dec. 27, 1906
		Resigned	May 31, 1907
Skilled Lab. (not ex 6 mos) 2nd Ex. TEMPORARY.	wgs 3.00 p.d.	L. H.	Feb. 10, 1910
" (Ex Temp. 1 mo) "	"	"	Aug 1, 1910
Last day served Aug. 31, 1910.			
" Under Insp. 18 "Dist.	wge 3.00 p.d.	L. H.	Sept. 6, 1910.
" TEMPORARY. not ex 3 mos	"	"	Dec. 6, 1910.
" Extends "			
Last day served Feb. 21 1911			
2nd, Asst Kpr. Mile Rocks Cal	$5 52	L. H.	Mar 6, 1913.
" " " Punta Gorda "	"	"	Apr. 23, 1914
" " " Point Sur " Cal.	"	"	July 16, 1916
3rd " " Point Reyes "	516	"	March 1, 1918.
Keeper " " "	552	"	July 1, 1918.
" Increases "	570	"	Nov 1, 1918
" " " "	$900	"	July 1, 1950
~~Southampton Shoal, Cal~~	~~720~~	"	

Suspended not ex 90 days from June 25/21 at Pt Reyes. Dismissed noon June 25/21

INACTIVE

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES HWR-CHT MAR 3 - 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED MAR 3 - 1913 COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., February 25 1913 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Probationary appointment of

Name, William P.D.Holmes Legal residence, California.

Position, Second Assistant Keeper Salary, $552 per annum

Location, Mile Rocks Lightstation, California. (No quarters for family)
or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Effective March 3 1913 ~~on the actual date of entrance on duty.~~

Former position, Former salary,

Location,

Rank in list of eligibles, 2 (of those available) Rating, Asst.Keeper Percentage, 87.6 F

Other eligibles considered, James Conners (no response) and Frank H.Thompson (no response) Edward Cunningham

Letters of declination inclosed, None

Previous incumbent, August Nelson Services terminated, February 25 1913

Reason, Resignation. EXHIBIT

Remarks: To be paid from appropriation: "Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses."
Resigned as 2nd Assistant Mile Rocks Lightstation May 31, 1906 (L.H.B.File 7342)
Nominee has no relatives in any branch of the Government service.
Request notification by wire when appointment is made.

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Rhodes.
Inspector

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Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

MAR 8 1913

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION APPOINTMENT WIRED MAR 3 - 1913 Wrote Bureau DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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J S Conway
Acting Commissioner

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
MAR 18 1913
DEPT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 15, 1909.

CHIEF CLERK
RECEIVED
MAR 19 1913
DEPT OF COMMERCE

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 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.

FORWARDED TO
MAR 19 1913
APPTS.
DEPT OF COMMERCE

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
RECEIVED
MAR 19 1913
DEPT OF COMMERCE

Charles Nagel
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.)

Mr William Rene Dexter Holmes

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

W. R. D. Holmes

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

San Francisco	California	San Francisco	4th
City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

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

5. Where were you born? Vancouver Washington

6. When were you born?

April	Fifth	1861
Month.	Day.	Year.

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

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

Mrs Orilla Holmes (Name.) 85 South 1st St (Number and street.)

San Jose (City or town.) California (State or Territory.)

9. 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.) no

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

10. 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.)

Civil Service Examination Nov. 24 1912.

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

no Disabilities wore Glasses.

12. 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.
Postal		Carrier	600. 800	March 1896	Sept 1899
Lt House	Lt House	asst keeper	60	Dec. 1905	June 1906
"	"	"	Skilled Laborer $2.00 per day.	Aug 1907.	March 1913

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

no

14. 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.) no

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

15. 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. no

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

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 12, 13, 14, and 15.)

Carpenter Cement Worker, Janitor

Cooking

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

Public School.

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").

General Finisher & Carpenter

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

Postal. 1892. Lt House Service. 1903-4-8-9-10-12

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.)

by my self

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. March 4, 1913

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

(Signature) W. P. D. Holmes

P. O. Address: San Francisco
City or town.
Mile Rock Lt Station
Number and street.
C/o Lt House Inspector
State or Territory.
California

(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 March 11, 1913., 19

(Signature) H. W. Rhodes.

(Official title) Inspector 18th Lighthouse District

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PART II.

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

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

Bureau of Lighthouses, (Bureau or Service.) Mile Rocks Lightstation, Cal. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)) 18th (District.)

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

3. State the date of appointment. March 3, 1913.

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

Date of entering upon duty

5. State the date of the oath. March 4, 1913

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. March 5, 1913

7. What is his salary? $552 per annum

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

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

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

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

Selection from eligible register

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No

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

14. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) H. W. Rhodes.

(Official title) Inspector 18th Lighthouse District

Date: March 11, 1913, 19

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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

March 3, 1913.

Mr. William P. D. Holmes,

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 selection from certificate No. ....., and subject to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, to be found on the reverse hereof.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED MAR 3 - 1913 TO DISBURSING CLERK

By direction of the Secretary:

CARDED.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY.

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Chief of Appointment Division.

CHANGE REPORTED MAR 1913 O. S. COMMISSION.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: August Nelson.
Legal Residence: California.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
MAR 18 1913
DEP'T OF COMMERCE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK
RECEIVED
MAR 25 1913
DEP'T OF COMMERCE

I, William P. D. Holmes, 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.

William P. D. Holmes
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 4th day of March, A. D. 1913

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) W. P. Hamilton

(Official title) 1st Dep. Collector of Customs

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present 2nd Assistant Keeper,	$552 per an.	Mile Rocks Lightstation, Cal.
Former [5]		

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

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
RECEIVED
MAR 25 1913
DEPT OF COMMERCE

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 18th District

San Francisco, Cal., (Address), March 11, 1913. (Date)

CARDED.

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on March 5, 1913. (Date)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

HWR-CHT

SPECIAL

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT APR 27 1914 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT.

San Francisco, Cal., April 21, 1914 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and enter upon duty at his new station ~~on~~ about April 27, 1914.

Name, William P.D.Holmes Position, Second Assistant Keeper $552

From Mile Rocks Lightstation, Cal. To Punta Gorda Lightstation, Cal.

Previous incumbent, Fletcher Wills

Services terminated, April 13, 1914. Reason, Transfer. Effective e.o.d.

Rhodes.
Inspector

CARDED

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The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with .....

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED APR 29 1914 ON JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

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4/29/14 MG

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 29 1914

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

HWR-CHT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT.

LIGHT HOUSES JUN 15 1916

CHIEF CLERK JUN 16 1916 191

San Francisco, Cal., June 7, 1916

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on or about July 15, 1916

$552

Name, William P.D.Holmes — Position, Second Assistant Keeper

From Punta Gorda Lightstation, Cal. — To Point Sur Lightstation, Cal.

APPOINTMENTS JUN 16 1916 12,

Previous incumbent, Leander W. Holmes

Services terminated, about July 14, 1916 — Reason, Transfer

This transfer to be made at the request of both keepers and at their own expense.

H. W. Rhodes
Inspector

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The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with .....

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUN 16 1916 ON JOURNAL DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUN 15 1916

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

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LIGHT HOUSES JUL 22 1916

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK JUL 24 1916

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., June 7, 1916 191

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APPOINTMENTS JUL 24 1916

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Rhodes
Inspector

San Francisco, Cal., July 17, 1916 , 191

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with July 16, 1916

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector

A. C. Shumway
Superintendent

CARDED.

7-24-16

11—4598

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUL 22 1916

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner.

USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.
FORM 8.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.
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MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN

LIGHT
OCT 30 1916
HOUSES

RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

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

Holmés, William Penn Dexter

2. Department:

Commerce

3. Bureau, office, or service:

18th Lighthouse District

4. Designation of position:

Second Assistant Keeper

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

See 4.

6. Annual earnings:

$552.

7. Kind of appropriation:

LS

8. Present rate of pay:

$ AS

9. Initial rate of pay:

$ 375 PA.

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

Years: 11 Months: 7

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

Washington

12. Race:

W

13. Sex:

Male

14. Date of birth—

Month: April Year: 1861

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

E5

16. Marital condition:

M

17. War veteran?

No

18. Appointed from—

Congressional district and State: 4 California County: San Francisco

19. Civil service status:

C

20. Method by which classified status was obtained:

CE

21. Place of employment—

City: Punta Gorda Lt.Sta. (Petrolia) State: California

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

11—5869

February 16, 1918.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Eighteenth Inspector's letter of the 26th ultimo, and enclosures, forwarded by the Bureau on the 13th instant, relative to the conduct of Herbert C. Trotter and William P. D. Holmes, first assistant and second assistant keeper, respectively, of Point Sur Light Station, California.

Upon consideration of the correspondence in the case, the Department has approved the recommendation that Mr. Holmes receive a letter of reprimand and caution, and that he be demoted and transferred to the position of third assistant keeper of Point Reyes Light Station, California. The Department has also approved the recommendation that a severe letter or reprimand be addressed to Mr. Trotter, it being noted that further report and recommendation will be submitted in each case at the end of six months, and that copies of the letters of reprimand will be furnished the Department for its files.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) E. W. LIBBEY
Acting Chief Clerk.

FOR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE
LETTER DATED 7/13/18
IN FILE OF H.C. Trotter

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

February 16, 1918.

Mr. William P. D. Holmes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

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 transfer from second assistant keeper at $552 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division

CARDED

oriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Rolland C. Avery.

sidence: California.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED FEB 16 1918 11—3692 JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

Form 111 WW:AMG

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT MAR 20 1918 HOUSES

APPOINTMENTS

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I, Wm. P. D. Holmes

1918 MAR 21 PM 2 35

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.

RECEIVED 1918 MAR 21 PM 2 10

W. P. D. Holmes

(Appointee signs here)

OFFICE OF CHIEF CLERK

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

(Affix official seal here)

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

(Official title) Clerk 18th Lighthouse District

My commission expires _____

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present 3rd Asst. Keeper	$516.00 A	Pt. Reyes Light Station
Former [5] 2nd Asst. Keeper	$552.00 A	Pt. Sur Light Station

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

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT

San Francisco, California, March 14, 1918
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on March 1, 1918

IN THE ABSENCE AND BY DIRECTION OF THE INSPECTOR

CARDED

F. J. Otter.

(Signature, followed by title) SUPERINTENDENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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APPOINTMENTS

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Reprimand.

(COPY) February 28, 1918.

Mr. W. P. D.Holmes, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Point Sur Light Station, Cal.,
(Through Lighthouse Inspector, San Francisco, Cal.)

Referring to the following charges of misconduct preferred against you on January 10, 1918, by the Eighteenth Inspector:

1. Violation of Instructions to Employees, 1915, paragraph 11, which provides that all persons in the service are required to obey readily and strictly and to execute with promptitude and zeal the lawful orders of their superiors, and that they shall show to their superiors proper deference and respect, etc.
   (a) Repeatedly failing to carry out instructions of the keeper in regard to details of the work about the station.
   (b) Failing to show proper deference and respect to your superiors by replying in insolent and disrespectful language when the keeper conveyed to you the Inspector's instructions, on the occasion of the inspection of your station on December 28, 1917, that you should immediately clean up your quarters and in the future maintain them in a cleanly and satisfactory condition.
   (c) Using insolent and disrespectful language to the keeper on December 28, 1917, when he was operating the hoist for the purpose of lowering the Inspector into the surf boat then moored off the landing wharf.

2. Violation of the above Instructions, paragraph 14, making false statements reflecting on the character and conduct of a superior, and detrimental criticism of the same character, etc.
   (a) Making detrimental and untruthful criticisms of the other keepers, and conditions prevailing, at your station, and the condition of the service in general to the assistant keepers and to the newly appointed 3d assistant keeper immediately after his arrival at the station on December 27, 1917, advising him to tender his resignation from the service and on January 5, 1918, actually writing out a letter of resignation for him and advising him to forward it at once and leave the service, etc.

It has been decided, after careful consideration, that no more drastic action will be taken in your case at this time than to severely reprimand you for your violations of the instructions referred to and to inform you that you will be demoted and transferred to the position of 3d assistant keeper at another station, and to caution you that a further report and recommendation will be submitted in your case at the end of six months, at which time, if further infractions of the instructions are brought to the attention of this office, more severe disciplinary measures will be taken in your case. This reprimand will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

(Signed) G. T. Putnam
Commissioner

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th 19[illegible] DISTRICT.

San Francisco, Cal., July 1 PM 2, 1918
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion of

Name, William P. D. Holmes — Legal residence, California

Position, Keeper — Salary, $552. A. (Pay of 2d Ast.)

Location, Point Reyes Light Station, Cal. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective July 1, 1918 {'the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~.

Former position, Third Asst. Keeper — Former salary, $516. A.

Location, Point Reyes Light Station, Cal.

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

Previous incumbent, Michael Maxwell — Services terminated, June 30, 1918.

Reason, Transfer and demotion as Keeper, Bonita Point Light Station, Cal. (3d Asst.)

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks: Assigned as 2d Asst. Keeper.
Emergency case in accordance with Circular No. 313, necessitating assignment to duty before receipt of prior Department authority.

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

H. W. V. Rhodes

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JUL 12 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUL 10 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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H. B. Bowerman

Acting Commissioner

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

LIGHT JUL 8 1918 HOUSES

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 12, 1918.

Mr. William P. D. Holmes,

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 Five Hundred and Fifty-two dollars per annum,

effective July 1, 1918.

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 13 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JOURNAL

CARDED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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(SIGNED) W. S. GILCHRIST
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Michael Maxwell.

Legal Residence: California.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

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JAN 28 1919 LIGHT HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Wm. P. D. Holmes CHIEF CLERK

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.

1919 JAN 29 AM 8 55

Wm. P. D. Holmes

(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 22 day of

Dec, A. D. 1918

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) David R Muscio

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires Feb 28 1920

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$552. p. a.	Point Reyes Light Station, Cal.
Former [5] 3d Asst. Keeper	516. "	do.

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

Office of Lighthouse ~~Inspector~~ Superintendent, 18th District

CARDED

(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on July 1, 1918.

(Date)

H. W. Rhodes.

(Signature, followed by title)

Typed Date

[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

September 19, 1918.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In view of the statement made by the Superintendent of the 16th Lighthouse District under date of September 7, 1918, that the conduct of Herbert C. Trotter, keeper of Point Sur Light Station, California, and William P.D. Holmes, keeper of Point Reyes Light Station, California, during the past six months has been satisfactory, the Department approves the Bureau's recommendation that no further action be taken in these cases at the present time.

(SIGNED) E. F. SWEET

Assistant Secretary.

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OR BASIS OF THIS ACTION
LETTER DATED 9/10/18
IN FILE OF A.C. Trotter

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

November 18, 1918.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

r. William P.D. Holmes,

Sir:

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Through the Commissio552 of Lighthouses. 840
November 1, 1918. (The above rate of pay includes longevity pay of $60.)

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ per annum to $ per annum, effective

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.

OR BASIS OF THIS ACTION OF
LETTER DATED 10-30-18
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT JUL 6 1920 HOUSES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Calif., June 28, 1920
(City.) (Date.)

CHIEF CLERK

1920 JUL 8 AM 9 23

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, William P. D. Holmes — Legal residence, California

Position, Keeper (1st Asst.) — Salary, $900.00 p.a. (Includes $60.00 longevity)

Location, Point Reyes Light Station Cal — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers

Effective July 1, 1920 — {'the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

Former position, Keeper (2nd Asst.) — Former salary, $840.00 (Includes $60.00 longevity)

Location, Point Reyes Light Station Cal

APPOINTMENTS 1920 JUL 8 AM 10 44

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

Previous incumbent, Bernard H. Linne — Services ~~terminated~~, June 30, 1920

Reason, Promoted and Transferred

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JUL 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

JEH 7/8/20.

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

H. W. Rhodes

Secretary, Civil Service District. Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Inclosure

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUL 6 1920

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Inclosed is letter of June 29, 1920 from the 18th Superintendent concerning the promotion of Holmes.

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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1921 JUN 20 AM 9 LIGHTHOUSES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, (City.) California June 14 (Date.) 1921

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and demotion

Name, William P. D. Holmes — Legal residence, California

1921 JUN 21 PM 3 37

Position, Keeper (Assistant) — Salary, $720. A (includes $60.00 longevity)

Location, Southampton Shoal Light Station Cal — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers

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

Former position, Keeper (1st Asst.) — Former salary, $900. A (includds $60. longevity)

Location, Pt. Reyes Light Station Cal

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

Previous incumbent, John A. Anderson — Services terminated, June 30, 1921

Reason, Transferred

Members of family in Government Service, None

Remarks: Letter from Holmes stating he will accept the transfer even at the reduction in salary will be forwarded as soon as received.

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

JUN 22 1921 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

6/22/21

H. W. Rhodes

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON JUN 20 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

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June 22, 1921.

r. William P. D. Holmes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $900 per annum to $720 per annum, effective July 1, 1921, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty, (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 HASTING

Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUN 22 1921 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT
JUL 6 1920
HOUSES

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

June 29, 1920

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to the nomination of William P. D. Holmes for promotion to the position of 1st Assistant Keeper at Pt. Reyes Light Station.

2. The Superintendent has fully considered, in making this recommendation, the fact that Mr. Holmes had previously been demoted as a disciplinary measure.

H. W. Rhodes.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 9, 1920.

Mr. William P. D. Holmes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 840. per annum to $ 900. per annum, effective July 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,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION JUL 1 01920 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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16th district

FOR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE
LETTER DATED 6/24/21
IN FILE 2/46

June 30, 1921.

Sir:

Upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, the Department has confirmed the action of the Superintendent of the Eighteenth District in suspending you from duty at noon, June 25, 1921, as Assistant Keeper of Southampton Shoal Light Station, California, at $720 per annum, for a period not to exceed ninety days, pending the disposition of charges of absenting yourself from duty without authority.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUN 30 1921 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CARDED

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

William P. G. Holmes,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.
Chief of Appointment Division.
C-P.

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 27,1921

LIGHTHOUSES
1921 JUL 5 AM 9 11

W. P. D. Holmes, 1st Assistant Keeper,
Pt. Reyes Light Station,
Room No.13,
85 South First Street,
San Jose, California.

1. Confirming verbal statement to you at the time of your visit at this office on this date, you are suspended from duty from 12:00 o'clock noon, on Saturday, June 25th, pending an investigation of the charges filed against you on the above date by the Keeper of the Pt. Reyes Light Station, a copy of said charges being hereto appended.

1921 JUL 6 PM 1 00

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

H. W. RHODES

Copy for information of the Bureau.

See telegram of this date reporting Holmes' suspension from duty.

H.W. Rhodes.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUL 5 1921

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information. Attention is invited to Bureau indorsement of June 28, on copy of 18th Superintendent's telegram of June 27, in regard to Holmes.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner

File
Rhodes 7/7/21.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

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1921 JUL 12 PM 4 03
SUPERINTENDENT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

APPOINTMENTS

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July 7, 1921

1921 JUL 14 PM 4 41

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. There is returned herewith for correction Department letter, in duplicate, dated June 30, 1921, advising W. P. D. Holmes that he has been suspended from duty at noon June 25th as (Assistant) Keeper of Southampton Shoal Light Station, California, at $720. per annum, for a period not to exceed ninety days pending the disposition of charges of absenting himself from duty without authority.

2. The Bureau is informed that at the time of his suspension from duty Holmes was 1st Assistant Keeper at the Pt. Reyes Light Station, receiving a salary of $900. per annum, and that his transfer to the position of (Assistant) Keeper at Southampton Shoal Light Station was not to have become effective until July 1st, or as soon thereafter as he entered upon duty.

3. In this connection, attention is invited to telegram from this office dated June 27th and letter from this office of the same date in regard to the suspension from duty of W. P. D. Holmes, 1st Assistant Keeper of Pt. Reyes Light Station.

H. W. Rhodes.

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Inclosures

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUL 13 1921

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
JUL 15 1921
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

June 30, 1921.

Sir:

Upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, the Department has confirmed the action of the Superintendent of the Eighteenth District in suspending you from duty at noon, June 25, 1921, as Assistant Keeper of Southampton Shoal Light Station, California, at $720 per annum, for a period not to exceed ninety days, pending the disposition of charges of absenting yourself from duty without authority.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Clifford Hastings

Chief of Appointment Division.

William P. D. Holmes,
C-P. Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

AMENDED

Sir: June 30, 1921.

Upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, the Department has confirmed the action of the Superintendent of the Eighteenth District in suspending you from duty at noon, June 25, 1921, as Keeper (First Assistant) of Point Reyes Light Station at $900 per annum, for a period not to exceed ninety days, pending the disposition of charges of absenting yourself from duty without authority.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. William P. D. Holmes,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.
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letter dated June 27th.

2. By the Commissioner's letter of Feb. 28, 1918, Holmes was severely reprimanded for misconduct while 2nd Assistant Keeper at the Pt. Sur Light Station and was transferred to the Pt. Reyes Light Station as 3rd Assistant Keeper as an additional punishment for his misconduct. For a short period after being tansferred to Pt. Reyes, Holmes' conduct was reported as satisfactory, but shortly thereafter, it appears from recent testimony, he again became abusive and threatening in his manner toward all of the keepers at the station.

3. Holmes' conduct has been unsatisfactory for a considerable part of the time during which he has been in the Service and complaints against him by other keepers have been frequent. He was recommended for promotion to 2nd Assistant Keeper and then to 1st Assistant Keeper at the Pt. Reyes Light Station solely for the reason that no other keepers could be found to fill these positions and not because it was felt that he was deserving of promotion.

4. In view of the evidence herewith submitted, it is recommended that Holmes be dismissed from the Service effective from noon of June 25th, the date on which he was suspended from duty.

Notice of Transfer to Southampton Shoal should be cancelled.

H. W. Rhodes.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JUL 20 1921 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Inclosures.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
July 15, 1921.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval. Statement as to the amount of leave taken by Holmes, this date called for, will be submitted to the Department when received.

Commissioner

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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APPROVED:

Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

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San Jose, California
June 30, 1921

Supt. of Lighthouses
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

In response to the charges against me, will reply as follows:

FIRST - On the morning of June 25, while going to the Fog Signal, I met Keeper Hicks who without provocation addressed me in very abusive language because I had not brought a vise with me, which I did not know he wanted. I will admit that I lost my temper and forcefully replied. I had been hunting rabbitts and had a gun strapped in full view around my waist. I did not at any time remove this gun from its holster. He threatened to "knock my block off", to which I replied by ordering him to keep his hands off or I would protect myself with the gun.

SECOND - Asst. Keeper Davis informed me that all on the station were armed and looking for me. To avoid further trouble I deemed it best to leave the station at once. I endeavored to get your office at 10:30 A.M. by phone, but was instructed by Keeper Hicks to keep out of his quarters and not use the phone. I then tried through the Weather Bureau but was informed the wire was out of order. I told the Weather Bureau man to phone the office that I was on my way, which he did immediately proving the line was not out of order.

THIRD - I plead not guilty in having been overbearing toward other keepers at Point Reyes Station. My only objection to the former keeper (Nelson) was his treatment of his family. This was merely a personal feeling and I never had any trouble with him in any manner, shape or form.

In conclusion I want to state that all the trouble which has come up since March 1-1918, when I arrived on the Station, has been caused by the local operator at the Weather Bureau, J. C. Smith, with not only the late Keeper, Nelson, whom he refused to carry mail to for two years but others who were on the Station. My trouble with the Weather Bureau man began since Nelson's death.

Since March 17th last, Keeper Hicks and Mr. Smith have joined forces in order to have me transferred, reprimanded or dismissed from the Service. They also tried to induce Asst. Keeper's Davis and Fitzgibbons to sustain them which they refused to do and told me so. I overheard Keeper Hicks say that he would have me out of the Service in thirty days.

I have faithfully tried to accomplish all Station duties assigned to me since entering the Service.

Respectfully,

WPH/GM

W. P. D. HOLMES (Signed)

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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.
July 1, 1921

Keeper, Pt. Reyes Light Station:

1. There is enclosed a copy of a reply of W. P. D. Holmes, formerly 1st Assistant Keeper at your station, dated June 30th, to the charges recently filed against him.

2. It is requested that you report immediately relative to the several counter-charges preferred by Holmes.

H. W. RHODES (Signed)

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

July 1,1921

Mr. J. C. Smith,
Observer, U. S. Weather Bureau,
Pt. Reyes, California.

Dear Sir:

1. There is enclosed a copy of a letter from W. P. D. Holmes, formerly 1st Assistant Keeper at the Pt. Reyes Light Station, dated June 30th, in reply to charges recently filed against him.

2. It is requested that you submit any statements which you may desire to make relative to the counter-charges preferred by Holmes.

Respectfully,

H. W. RHODES (Signed)

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WEATHER BUREAU
San Francisco, Calif.

July 2, 1921.

Second Indorsement.

1. Respectfully forwarded to Captain H. W. Rhodes, Superintendent of Light Houses, Custom House, San Francisco, Calif.

(Signed) E. A. Beals
E. A. Beals
Meteorologist.

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Office of Superintendent,
18th District,
San Francisco, Calif.
June 27, 1921.

Mr.P.D.Holmes, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Pt. Reyes Light Station,
Room No. 13,
85 South First Street,
San Jose, California.

1. You are hereby charged with violations of the Regulations and Instructions to Employees of the United States Lighthouse Service, as follows:

First - Paragraph 11 of Instructions to Employees of the United States Lighthouse Service, 1915, in that on June 25th, you addressed the Keeper of the Pt. Reyes Light Station in profane and abusive language at the same time threatening his life and displaying a revolver in a threatening manner.

Second. - Paragraph 7 of the same Instructions in that on June 25th you left the Pt. Reyes Light Station without authority from this office and with only two keepers to care for a station where ordinarily four keepers are required, and at a time when the fog season requires a full complement for the proper operation of the station.

Third - With having been overbearing in your conduct toward other keepers at the Pt. Reyes Station and with having attempted to undermine the authority of the Keeper of the Station.

2. You are directed to submit in writing within three days such reply as you desire to make to these charges.

(Signed) H. W. Rhodes.

Copy for information of J. C. Smith, Weather Observer, Pt. Reyes Light Station.

1. It is requested that you report if to your knowledge 1st Assistant Keeper Holmes is guilty of any of the above charges, and, if so, to what extent.

(Signed) H. W. RHODES

FIRST INDORSEMENT

Point Reyes, Calif., July 1, 1921.

Respectfully returned to the Supt. of Lighthouses, through Official in Charge, Weather Bureau Office, San Francisco, Calif. All the charges are true to the beat of my knowledge and belief. I was not a witness to the revolver episode, however, from subsequent events, I am positive the facts are as charged. After the trouble, I was requested by Mr. Holmes to notify your office that "he was done, and leaving the station".

(Signed) J. C. Smith, Observer.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

July 7, 1921

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Subject: W. P. D. Holmes - Charges against

Reference: (a) Superintendent's telegram of June 27th to Commissioner announcing Holmes' suspension

(b) Superintendent's letter of June 27th to Holmes suspending him from duty from noon of June 25th

Enclosures: Duplicate copies of the following:
Charges preferred by W. H. Hicks, Keeper, Pt. Reyes Light Station against Holmes dated June 25th.
Superintendent's letter dated June 27th suspending Holmes.
Superintendent's charges against Holmes dated June 27th.
Superintendent's letter of June 27th to Gus M. Davis, 2nd Assistant Keeper, Pt. Reyes, re charges against Holmes.
Superintendent's letter of June 27th to James Fitzgibbons, 2nd Asst. Keeper, Table Bluff Light Station (formerly 3rd assistant, Pt. Reyes) re charges against Holmes.
Superintendent's letter of June 27th to B. H. Linne, Keeper, Table Bluff Light Station (formerly 1st assistant, Pt. Reyes) re charges against Holmes.
Superintendent's letter of June 27th to J. C. Smith, Weather Observer at Pt. Reyes Light Station, re charges against Holmes.
Holmes' reply dated June 30th to charges previously made against him.
Superintendent's letter July 1st to Keeper Hicks transmitting counter-charges filed by Holmes.
Superintendent's letter of July 1st to J. C. Smith, Weather Observer at Pt. Reyes, transmitting counter-charges filed by Holmes.
J. C. Smith's reply to first charges dated July 1st.
B. H. Linne's reply to first charges dated July 1st.
James Fitzgibbon's reply to charges dated July 1st.
Gus M. Davis' reply to charges dated July 1st.
Keeper Hicks reply to counter-charges dated July 2nd.
J. C. Smith's reply to counter-charges dated July 2nd.

1. The attached correspondence in this case shows clearly that Holmes is guilty of all three charges preferred against him in the Superintendent's

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Eighteenth District
Point Reyes Light Station
June 25, 1921

Supt. of Lighthouses.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

I respectfully submit report Charges of Gross Insubordination on the part of 1st Asst Holmes.

In coming to relieve me at the Fog Signal this AM he started to insult me by calling me the vilest names on the Calendar, and at the same time pulling out his Revolver and threatened my life, I was of course unarmed, and had to submit to the insult, I went to Mr. Smith and borrowed a Revolver to defend myself, but Holmes came up from the signal, and stated he was leaving the Station at Once, and have not seen him since, at this writing 11 am Holmes has been acting very strangely of late, and I do believe he is insane, never get a civil word out of him, in asking him to do anything regarding the station duties, its a growl, or an oath, and what he does do is of no account, and delights in breaking some part of the equipment, I cannot trust him with anything at all,

Respectfully,

W. H. HICKS (Signed)

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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.
June 27,1921

W. P. D. Holmes, 1st Assistant Keeper,
Pt. Reyes Light Station,
Room No.13,
85 South First Street,
San Jose, California.

1. Confirming verbal statement to you at the time of your visit at this office on this date, you are suspended from duty from 12:00 O'clock noon, on Saturday, June 25th, pending an investigation of the charges filed against you on the above date by the Keeper of the Pt. Reyes Light Station, a copy of said charges being hereto appended.

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

H. W. RHODES

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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.

June 27, 1921

W. F. D. Holmes, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Pt. Reyes Light Station,
Room No.13,
85 South First Street,
San Jose, California.

1. You are hereby charged with violations of the Regulations and Instructions to Employees of the United States Lighthouse Service, as follows:

First. - Paragraph 11 of Instructions to Employees of the United States Lighthouse Service, 1915, in that on June 25th, you addressed the Keeper of the Pt. Reyes Light Station in profane and abusive language at the same time threatening his life and displaying a revolver in a threatening manner.

Second. - Paragraph 7 of the same Instructions in that on June 25th you left the Pt. Reyes Light Station without authority from this office and with only two keepers to care for a station where ordinarily four keepers are required, and at a time when the fog season requires a full complement for the proper operation of the station.

Third. - With having been overbearing in your conduct toward other keepers at the Pt. Reyes Station and with having attempted to undermine the authority of the Keeper of the Station.

2. You are directed to submit in writing within three days such reply as you desire to make to these charges.

H. W. RHODES

Copy for Keeper, Pt. Reyes Light Station.

H. W. RHODES (Signed)

Copy to Gus M. Davis, 2nd Asst. Keeper, Pt. Reyes Light Station:

1. You are directed to report if in your opinion 1st Assistant Keeper Holmes is guilty of any of the above charges, and, if so, to what extent.

H. W. RHODES (Signed)

Copy for attention of James Fitzgibbons, 2nd Asst.Keeper, Table Bluff Light Station:

1. You are directed to report immediately in writing if to your knowledge 1st Assistant Keeper Holmes is guilty of any of the above charges, and, if so, to what extent.

H. W. RHODES (Signed)

Copy for information of J. C. Smith, Weather Observer, Pt. Reyes Light Station.

1. It is requested that you report if to your knowledge 1st Asstant Keeper Holmes is guilty of any of the above charges, and, if so, to what extent.

H. W. RHODES (Signed)

Copy for information of B. H. Linne, Keeper, Table Bluff Light Station.

1. You are directed to report by letter if to your knowledge 1st Assistant Holmes is guilty of any of the above charges, and, if so, to what extent.

H. W. RHODES (Signed)

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Table Bluff Light Station.
July 1st, 1921.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

1. Paragraph 11 of Instructions to Employees of the United States Lighthouse Service.

Mr. W.P.D.Holmes had always used profane and abusive language to Keeper Nilsson, when I was 1st asst Keeper at Point Reyes.

Mr. Holmes once said he would fill Keeper Nilsson full of lead. Keeper Nilsson was not present when Holmes said it.

2. I have seen Mr. Holmes leave the station for a couple of hours without authority from the keeper on many occasions.

3. When the Keeper would give the men work to do, and the keeper left to do some other work, Holmes would tell the men to tell the Keeper to do the work himself.

When the keeper gave Holmes any work to do, the Keeper would have to send somebody else to do the work over again.

4. Mr. Holmes always talked so dirty and used profane language in front of the quarters, that the keeper's wives of station had to stay in the quarters most of the time.

5. I told the keeper once if Holmes didn't stop cursing and swearing in front of the quarters, I would report him. Keeper said something to Holmes about it.

The next day when Holmes relieved me at the signal, Holmes brought his revolver down to the signal, and when I was about fifty steps up from the signal, Holmes fired a shot, as I had my back to the signal did not see which way he shot. I turned around on the steps and stood for about five minutes, Holmes didn't shoot any more.

He either fired the shot to scare me, or shot at some birds in the water.

Holmes had never threatened me with his revolver.

6. Keeper Nilsson told me to be careful of Holmes as he was afraid Holmes would shoot somebody on the station.

7. Keeper Nilsson was afraid of Holmes and that was why he never reported him.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) B. H. Linne,
Keeper.

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(Through the Keeper)

Table Bluff Light Station
July 1st, 1921.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

In reply to your instructions to submit a report to you on the conduct of Mr. W.P.D.Holmes, 1st keeper at Point Reyes Light Station, will state that in my opinion Mr. Holmes was very overbearing in his conduct towards Mr. Hicks, the Keeper at Point Reyes Light Station, and also towards Mr. Nilsson the late Keeper, to whom I have heard him use insulting and abusive language and that the only reason why he, Mr. Nilsson, was retained there as keeper was that the Superintendent couldn't get anyone else to take the station and that he, Mr. Holmes, was very abusive to Mr. Nilsson at the time that he was hurt and dying and that he, Mr. Holmes, tried in several ways to undermine Mr. Hicks to me while I was at the station, accusing him of different things of which I knew to be untrue at the time, and that he, Mr. Hicks, wasn't fit to be a keeper, and that he got his apointment and held it through the influence of the different lodges to which he belonged to, and he, Mr. Holmes, stated to me on one occasion that he would take a shot at Mr. Hicks if he didn't quit finding fault with his work.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) James Fitzgibbons,

2nd Asst. Keeper,
Table Bluff Light Station,
Loleta, Calif.

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Point Reyes Light Station,
July 1st, 1921.

H. W. Rhodes,
Superintendent, 18th District,
Sir:-

In your charge against W.P.D.Holmes, I do not know anything about charge first, as I was not present when it occurred. As to charge Second and Third, your charges are true, and I can vouch for same.

Respectfully,

(Signed) G. M. Davis,

1st Asst.

Forwarded July 1, 1921.

W. H. Hicks, Keeper.

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Point Reyes,
July 2, 1921.

Supt. of Lighthouses,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

I respectfully submit reply to counter-charges preferred against me by Former 1st Asst. Holmes,

FIRST.

On the morning of the 25th the day in question, he was to relieve me at the Fog Signal, at 10 A. M. fog had somewhat lifted and I started to come up to the quarters, meet Holmes on the stairs, I mentioned to him about a part of a Vise that was left at the head of the stairs to be brought down, and asked him why he did not bring it down, which has been the custom to bring things up or down when coming up or down, to avoid as many trips on the stairs as possible, he started to abuse me with the vilest of language, and responded I am no __ mind reader, and pulled out his revolver, it was not carried on his person open, it was concealed under his coat. I responded with these few words, "I will report this to the office at once", he went down to the signal, and came right up, and tried to get the office by phone but the line was down, for I had just tried to get your office, and meet him as I was coming out of my quarters, and told him the line was out of order, which can be seen by the records of the Weather Bureau. As to him out hunting rabbitts is a out and out falsehood, the season is closed, and the rabbits are not fit to eat, and to hunt them with a revolver, with a shot gun and rifle in the house, and there is no rabbits at all on the point towards the signal, and he was to go on watch, and he could not have been very long up for he had a fog watch the night before.

SECOND.

All were not armed, I myself after he pulling the gun on me, did arm myself, Mr. Smith nor Mr. Davies or Mrs. Davies were I am sure not armed. As soon as he told me he was going, Davies went on his watch and I went to bed, for the weather was threatening and looked as we would have our hands full with another man off, I stayed in bed til 2 P.M. and on getting up learned that he was gone, which all on the station were very pleased to hear.

THIRD.

Regarding to his overbearing to others on the Station, I have learned that he as been the source of trouble ever since he arrived here, Mr. Nelson was having trouble with him continualy, he is two faced, would go to one person, and tell a lot of yarns to get them to do things to create some trouble, and lay back and see the two men concerned quarrel, but was always out of it hiself, regarding the mail spoken of, he would go for the Mail, and leave Mr.

Smith's which caused some hard feelings, for some of Mr. Smith's mail was official, and would result in him having some trouble in his official duties. Mr. Smith, since I have been here, has been very considerate of me and others on the Station bringing the Mail and on several occasions supplies. In conclusion will say that Mr. Smith and myself are on friendly terms, and trust we will continue so. He has not ever mentioned a word to me regarding our joining forces against Holmes, he attends to his own duties, and I to mine, all Holmes says about such things are all false. Holmes is a man that any decent man could not take into his quarters, to mingle with his family, for his talk was always vulgar, or abusing someone, or some I.W.W. talk that does not meet with my approval, or cussing the Government, and the Lighthouse Service in general.

Regarding his duties here, his work was not at all done in the spirit that it ought to be done, he destroyed more property, than any too men could repair, in my absence to the City last month, he broke the Crosby, and laughed over it, in repairing the engine a day or so later, he broke the spark plug flange, and was dirty in all his actions, in the Tower and the Fog Signal, and his quarters were in a filthy condition, the section of the lens that was alloted to him was never cleaned, if I spoke to him about it he would give a growl, or some sarcastic reply, and tried to ruin all dicipline on the Station. I told him some ago that he would have to do better or I would have to report the matter to the Supt., he responded "What in -- do I care for the Inspector,".

Respectfully,

(Signed) W. H. Hicks,

Keeper, Pt. Reyes Light Station

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WEATHER BUREAU

Point Reyes, Calif.,
July 2, 1921.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Calif.
(Through Official in Charge, Weather Bureau Office, San Francisco Calif.)

E.A.B. 7/6/21

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the answers made by W.P.D.Holmes to your charges of June 27th, I wish to advise that his letter, with a few minor exceptions, is a mass of lies and misrepresentations so far as I am concerned.

Since my assignment to this station in December, 1915, it has always been my policy to mind my own affairs and get along harmoniously with others here, so far as it is possible to do so. I have always been ready to meet anyone halfway, and have often gone farther than that for the sake of harmony.

In regard to Holmes, I have never been able to consider him as a social equal and invite him into my home, due to his vulgar mouth and deceptiveness to everybody. This naturally caused his "sourness" toward me, and he has always endeavored to get the rest of the keepers and their families to think accordingly, and when they did not do so, he made it as unpleasant as possible for them. Keeper Hicks is one who refused to be guided by him, and this is his foundation for the remark that Keeper Hicks and I joined forces, etc. This statement is preposterous, as I have no official connection whatever with the Lighthouse Department.

Keeper Davis does not state the truth if he told Holmes that all on the station were armed and looking for him. I was not away from my house between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. and the only time I saw Davis that day was about 1:30 P.M. a half hour after Holmes was reported to have left the station. Davis inquired of me at that time if I had seen the keeper lately, to which I replied, I had not.

Keeper Hicks tried to use the Weather Bureau telephone line from his quarters about 10:25 a.m. and I informed him that the line was out of order and practically unserviceable. He came to this office to inquire as to when the line would probably be repaired as he had some urgent and important business. While he was here, 10:30 a.m., Holmes went into Keeper Hicks' quarters and endeavored to use the line. He was given the same information that I had given Keeper Hicks. About two minutes later, he again telephoned from Keeper Hicks' quarters, and requested me to notify your office that "he was done, and leaving the station". I gave this report to Mr. Hicks, as I thought he was the proper man to handle the situation. Mr. Hicks wrote a message, and asked if it could in any way possible be transmitted, to which I replied, that by grounding one side of the line, it was possible that the message might be gotten through, however, the line was so noisy that I had my doubts whether Mr. Wilson understood it, and told Mr. Wilson so at the time. Official records of this office show that the line was broken from 9:30 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. when it was repaired by the local Coast Guard -- the break being between six and seven miles from this office.

His answer to the third charge is an absolute falsehood.

In his conclusion, he mentions the fact that the late keeper and I did not carry each other's mail for two years. This state of affairs was due to a misunderstanding, and I subsequently learned that Holmes was indirectly responsible. The details of this entire matter could be given, but I do not think they are necessary as they concerned only the late keeper and myself. Mr. Nilsson and I resumed carrying each other's mail about a year before he died.

He states that his trouble with the Weather Bureau man began since Nilsson's death. I do not know what trouble he has reference to, as he has been as friendly to me since Nilsson's death as he ever was before. In fact, the only argument we ever had, was in 1919 when he contracted to erect a flagpole for the Weather Bureau. He insisted on using dynamite to blast a hole; this could not be permitted on account of a large concrete cistern nearby. The remainder of the time, he was apparently as friendly to me to my face as he was to anyone else around here, but that merely sustained his characteristic of being two-faced to everybody.

The statement that Mr. Hicks and I tried to induce Asst. Keepers Davis and Fitzgibbons to sustain us in an endeavor to have him (Holmes) transferred, etc. is another rank falsehood, so far as I am concerned. /Keepers Davis and Fitzgibbons can, and no doubt will state that I never mentioned to them any such, or similar propositions. A contrary statement would be an untruth.

I regret that my name has been brought into these petty affairs, but in justice to myself, I have felt compelled to write as I have. I feel confident that with the reputation Holmes has, no credence will be placed in any of his false statements. He had a reputation hereabouts for being a notorious liar and a continual crab. His idea in involving myself in his answers to your charges is no doubt due to the fact that he thought a better defense could be made by falsely claiming that a conspiracy existed to have him transferred, reprimanded or dismissed from the Service. I do not hesitate to say that, since his removal, life to all who live here will be more enjoyable without him to continually sow seeds of discord. I have found Mr. Hicks to be a gentleman and a man easy to get along with, and always willing to cooperate.

My policy in the past has been cooperation and harmony between the two Departments here, and I have striven in every way possible to carry out this policy, except considering Holmes as a social equal.

Respectfully,

(Signed) J. C. Smith
Observer.

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Sir: July 20, 1921.

Charges of misconduct and of leaving your station without authority having been preferred against you, and established in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of Keeper (First Assistant) of Point Reyes Light Station, at $900 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, effective from noon on June 25, 1921, the date on which you were suspended from duty.

By direction of the Secretary:

FOR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE
LETTER DATED .....
FILE .....

CARDED

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) H. M. CROSS
H. M. CROSS
Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. W. P. D. Holmes,
Through the Commissioner
of Lighthouses.
C-P.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 21 1921 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

CHIEF CLERK

In replying address Commissioner of Lighthouses

and refer to date of this letter and file No.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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July 15, 1921.

W.P.D. Holmes,

APPOINTMENTS

Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Calif.

1. Referring to your letter of July 7, 1921, [illegible] to the dismissal of W.P.D. Holmes, First Assistant Keeper, Point Reyes Light Station.

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2. Recommendation has this date been submitted to the Department that Holmes be dismissed from the Service, effective at noon June 25, 1921, the date on which he was suspended from duty. You will be later advised of Department action. Advise the Bureau, for the information of the Department, whether Holmes has taken leave in excess of the amount allowed by the Regulations (Regs. 1918, Art. 488, 2d par.). Be guided accordingly in future similar cases.

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Engr. Comm.
Mar. Engr.
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J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses
San Francisco, California
July 23,1921

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Returned.

2. The Bureau is advised that Holmes has not taken leave in excess of the amount allowed by the Regulations.

H. W. Rhodes

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUL 29 1921

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.
By direction of the Commissioner:

H. R. WASSER
Acting Chief Clerk

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

July 26, 1921

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Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter of June 22, 1921, advising William P. D. Holmes that his salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service had been changed from $900. per annum to $720. per annum, effective July 1, 1921, or as soon thereafter as he entered on duty.

2. The Bureau is advised that the above letter, in duplicate, is returned for cancellation. Holmes was dismissed from the Service at noon on June 25, 1921, and did not enter on duty in the above mentioned position.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
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Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information. Fourth recommendation for approval

E. C. GILLETTE
Acting Commissioner

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 22, 1921.

Mr. William P. D. Holmes,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 900 per annum to $ 720 per annum, effective July 1, 1921, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty, (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,

Clifford Harding

Chief of Appointment Division.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WEATHER BUREAU

Point Reyes, Calif.,
July 2, 1921.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Calif.
(Through Official in Charge, Weather Bureau Office, San Francisco Calif.)
E.A.B. 7/6/21

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the answers made by W.P.D.Holmes to your charges of June 27th, I wish to advise that his letter, with a few minor exceptions, is a mass of lies and misrepresentations so far as I am concerned.

Since my assignment to this station in December, 1915, it has always been my policy to mind my own affairs and get along harmoniously with others here, so far as it is possible to do so. I have always been ready to meet anyone halfway, and have often gone farther than that for the sake of harmony.

In regard to Holmes, I have never been able to consider him as a social equal and invite him into my home, due to his vulgar mouth and deceptiveness to everybody. This naturally caused his "sourness" toward me, and he has always endeavored to get the rest of the keepers and their families to think accordingly, and when they did not do so, he made it as unpleasant as possible for them. Keeper Hicks is one who refused to be guided by him, and this is his foundation for the remark that Keeper Hicks and I joined forces, etc. This statement is preposterous, as I have no official connection whatever with the Lighthouse Department.

Keeper Davis does not state the truth if he told Holmes that all on the station were armed and looking for him. I was not away from my house between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. and the only time I saw Davis that day was about 2:30 p.m. Davis inquired of me at that time if I had seen the keeper lately, to which I replied, I had not. a half hour after Holmes was reported to have left the station.

Keeper Hicks tried to use the Weather Bureau telephone line from his quarters about 10:25 a.m. and I informed him that the line was out of order and practically unserviceable. He came to this office to inquire as to when the line would probably be repaired as he had some urgent and important business. While he was here, 10:30 a.m., Holmes went into Keeper Hicks' quarters and endeavored to use the line. He was given the same information that I had given Keeper Hicks. About two minutes later, he again telephoned from Keeper Hicks' quarters, and requested me to notify your office that "he was done, and leaving the station". I gave this report to Mr. Hicks, as I thought he was the proper man to handle the situation. Mr. Hicks wrote a message, and asked if it could in any way possible be transmitted, to which I replied, that by grounding one side of the line, it was possible that the message might be gotten through, however, the line was so noisy that I had my doubts whether Mr. Wilson understood it, and told Mr. Wilson so at the time. Official records of this office show that the line was broken from 9:30 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. when it was repaired by the local Coast Guard -- the break being between six and seven miles from this office.

His answer to the third charge is an absolute falsehood.

In his conclusion, he mentions the fact that the late keeper and I did not carry each other's mail for two years. This state of affairs was due to a misunderstanding, and I subsequently learned that Holmes was indirectly responsible. The details of this entire matter could be given, but I do not think they are necessary as they concerned only the late keeper and myself. Mr. Nilsson and I resumed carrying each other's mail about a year before he died.

He states that his trouble with the Weather Bureau man began since Nilsson's death. I do not know what trouble he has reference to, as he has been as friendly to me since Nilsson's death as he ever was before. In fact, the only argument we ever had, was in 1919 when he contracted to erect a flagpole for the Weather Bureau. He insisted on using dynamite to blast a hole; this could not be permitted on account of a large concrete cistern nearby. The remainder of the time, he was apparently as friendly to me to my face as he was to anyone else around here, but that merely sustained his characteristic of being two-faced to everybody.

The statement that Mr. Hicks and I tried to induce Asst. Keepers Davis and Fitzgibbons to sustain us in an endeavor to have him (Holmes) transferred, etc. is another rank falsehood, so far as I am concerned. Keepers Davis and Fitzgibbons can, and no doubt will state that I never mentioned to them any such, or similar propositions. A contrary statement would be an untruth.

I regret that my name has been brought into these petty affairs, but in justice to myself, I have felt compelled to write as I have. I feel confident that with the reputation Holmes has, no credence will be placed in any of his false statements. He had a reputation hereabouts for being a notorious liar and a continual crab. His idea in involving myself in his answers to your charges is no doubt due to the fact that he thought a better defense could be made by falsely claiming that a conspiracy existed to have him transferred, reprimanded or dismissed from the Service. I do not hesitate to say that, since his removal, life to all who live here will be more enjoyable without him to continually sow seeds of discord. I have found Mr. Hicks to be a gentleman and a man easy to get along with, and always willing to cooperate.

My policy in the past has been cooperation and harmony between the two Departments here, and I have striven in every way possible to carry out this policy, except considering Holmes as a social equal.

July 15, 1921.

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W.P.D. Holmes,
Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Calif.

1. Referring to your letter of July 7, 1921, relative to the dismissal of W.P.D. Holmes, First Assistant Keeper, Point Reyes Light Station.

2. Recommendation has this date been submitted to the Department that Holmes be dismissed from the Service, effective at noon June 25, 1921, the date on which he was suspended from duty. You will be later advised of Department action. Advise the Bureau, for the information of the Department, whether Holmes has taken leave in excess of the amount allowed by the Regulations (Regs. 1918, Art. 488, 2d par.). Be guided accordingly in future similar cases.

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J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses
San Francisco, California
July 23, 1921.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

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(Signed) H. W. Rhodes

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

JUL 29 1921

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Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.
By direction of the Commissioner:

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H. R. WASSER
Acting Chief Clerk

HWR:LH

October 10, 1922.

Mrs. Gertrude Holmes Mathers,
261 Park Avenue,
San Jose, Calif.

Dear Madam:

1. I am in receipt of your letter of October 9th, relative to the re-employment of your father, Wm. P. D. Holmes, in the Lighthouse Service, and after reviewing the history of his case I find that, as he was dismissed for cause by the Secretary of the Department of Commerce, it will be impossible to re-employ him in an appointive position in the Lighthouse Service.

2. Your father's conduct while in the service was a source of great annoyance to this office from the time he was appointed an assistant keeper in 1913 until his separation from the service on June 25, 1921. You should not feel that your father was separated from the Service without being given a second trial and even a third one. His conduct while assistant keeper at the Point Sur Light Station was sufficient to justify his dismissal, but it was decided to give him another chance, and he was transferred to the Point Reyes Light Station. He had trouble at that station on frequent occasions, but his conduct was overlooked and he was maintained in his position until it appeared that serious trouble would arise there on account of his conduct unless he was separated from the Service, which was then done as a last resort.

3. The records of this office show that your father was employed in the construction parties operated by the Lighthouse Engineer for a number of years previous to his appointment as an assistant keeper, and it is presumed that his employment in such capacity was satisfactory, although no records relative to his efficiency are to be found in this office.

4. At the present time, there is no construction work in this District to which your father could be assigned, but his address as furnished by you has been noted, and in case of any work arising in the future on which he might be employed he will be communicated with.

Respectfully,

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

HWR:LH

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

OCT 10 1922

San Jose, California
October, 9-1922.

Mr. H. W. Rhodes
Light House Superintendent
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I am sending this letter on behalf of my father, William P. D. Holmes, and I earnestly entreat that you will hear me through. Every other way has been tried and so I appeal to you.

I do not seek in any way to mitigate the offense which was the immediate cause of my father leaving the lighthouse service, but I do feel that you will agree with me in that he was not entirely to blame.

Leaving all question of justice out of consideration we are faced with the condition that he has given the best years of his life to your service and now that he is old, finds it impossible to gain any sort of employment offering a living wage because of inexperience and physical inability to compete with his fellow worker.

Viewing the matter from a humane standpoint, does it not seem to you that there should be a second chance given that he may redeem himself by future good conduct?

If you are unable to help him to a place within the boundries of your service, could you not afford him sufficient assistance and recommendation as to his working ability to aid him in procuring employment elsewhere?

For months prior to leaving the lighthouse service my father suffered constantly with intense pain in the head, since then he has undergone several operations for this trouble which proved to be an abscess.

We attribute a large percent of his lack of compatibility to this physical and mental misery. The affliction is now apparently entirely corrected and he has changed in many ways for the better.

What savings had been accumulated in past years all went for doctor and hospital expenses some time ago and at this time he is absolutely without funds in reserve with which to live upon. There is only my sister and myself to assist him and we are both married to working men and have families to care for.

Mr. Holmes is stopping at the Dewey Hotel, 4th and Howard Streets, San Francisco. I trust you will see your way clear to give him a personal interview.

Thanking you in advance for your kind consideration, I am

Yours very respectfully,

Gertrude Holmes Mathers

261 Park Avenue