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REQUESTER INFORMATION

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

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

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Lightell, Joseph, D.		1893 LA

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: 1972 LA

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

Other Identifying Information (Parent's Names, CSC Number, etc.)
Middle name is Douglas

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (TX)	From: 1919	To: 1921
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Attendant Signature:

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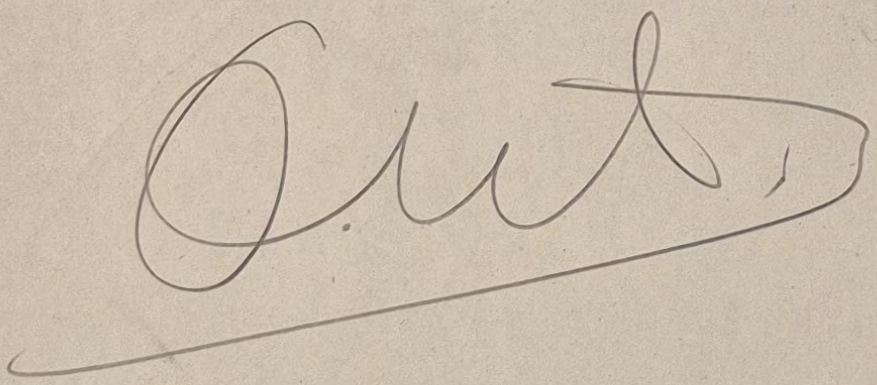
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JOSEPH D. LIGHTELL



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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
July 26, 1920.

LIGHT HOUSES AUG 3 1920

8/7/20 Wrote Dept.

Hydrog.
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Mar. Engr
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Comasr.

Rec'd Dept for approval & suspension & date will be fixed by Supt. 8-5-20

Joseph D. Lightell, Asst. Keeper,
Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas.
(Through the Keeper)

1. There are inclosed herewith copies of two letters, each dated July 23, 1920, from the Keeper of Brazos River Light Station, who called at this office today.

2. In view of the Keeper's reports, your resignation which you submitted under date of July 23, 1920, will not be accepted, but you are hereby charged with (a) neglect of duty, in violation of Article 478 of the Lighthouse Regulations and Articles 5, 6, and subparagraph 5 of Article 104 of the "Instructions to Employees," in absenting yourself from the station without leave for 9½ hours on July 21, for 1½ hours on July 22, and for 3 hours on July 23, 1920; (b) insubordination, in violation of Article 11 of the "Instructions," in the use of profane language toward the Keeper when requested for an explanation as to your reason for being absent without authority; (c) conduct unbecoming a keeper of the Lighthouse Service, in threatening the Keeper and the Keeper's wife.

3. In view of the above charges, you are hereby suspended from duty (effective at the close of the date on which you receive this letter) for a period not to exceed 90 days, pending a decision in your case. 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.

4. During the period of your suspension you will not be permitted to reside at the station. Immediately upon receipt of this letter you will, in accordance with the foregoing, proceed to remove all your personal and household effects from the Brazos River Light Station, Texas.

5. You will be given three (3) days from the date of receipt of this letter in which to make such reply to these charges as you deem appropriate, in accordance with Article 45 of "Instructions to Employees."

(Sgd.) E. S. LANPHIER,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy forwarded to Commissioner of Lighthouses Aug. 2, 1920, with the information that Jos. D. Lightell, Asst.Keeper, Brazos River L.S., Texas, was suspended effective at the close of July 28, 1920, the date on which he received above letter.

E. S. Lanphier.
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

COPY

Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas, July 23, 1920.

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HOUSES

Enclosure

Lighthouse Superintendent,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I am reporting to the recent actions of Asst. Keeper J. D. Lightell who was absent without leave from the station on the following dates: Absent on July 21st, 9½ hours, July 22nd, 1½ hours, July 23rd, 3 hours. When Assistant Lightell returned to station on July 21st I ask him why he had not ask permission from me to leave the station and he replied that he did not intend asking my permission when he wanted to leave. Also that he would return to station when he got dam good and ready. I informed Asst. Lightell that I would report his conduct to the Superintendent, whereupon he commenced cursing myself and wife for God dam curs, etc., and said he would break our dam necks. I have taken these insults from him to avoid more trouble with him but intend to take no more.

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. B. Modawell,

KEEPER.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES AUG 4 1920

Eighth District
Brazos River
July 23, 1920

Inclosure

Light House Superintendent,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I am reporting to you the recent actions of Asst. Kpr. Lightell.

Lightell has been absent without permission from the station on the following dates: Absent July 21st, 9-1/2 hours; July 22nd, 1-1/2 hours; and is also absent at this writing.

Upon asking him for an explanation of his actions the language he used was most profane and insulting and asserted that he would leave and return at his leisure. I therefore request that he be removed from this station at once.

I respectfully request, if possible, that you visit this station as there are other reports on this matter that I would like to make personally.

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. B. Modawell,

Keeper

August 7, 1920.

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Inclosures.

Subject: Copy 8th Supt's letter of charges to Asst. Keeper Joseph D. Lightell.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information, and with recommendation that the Department approve the suspension of Lightell. The Department will be further advised upon receipt of report from the Superintendent.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Comm.

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

August 5, 1920.

Joseph D. Lightell,
charges

8/17/20-Wrote Daft
Copy to 8th Supt.

Commissioner of Lighthouses;

1. Referring to letter from this office dated July 26, 1920, to Joseph D. Lightell, Assistant Keeper, Brazos River Light Station, Velasco, Texas, charging him with neglect of duty, insubordination and conduct unbecoming a keeper and suspending him from duty effective on the date of receipt of said letter, copy of which was indorsed to the Bureau under date of August 2nd, reporting the effective date of suspension at the close of July 28, 1920:

2. Telegram of July 23, 1920, from A. B. Modawell, Keeper of Brazos River Light Station, Texas, reporting the actions of J. D. Lightell, Assistant Keeper, Brazos River Light Station, letter of caution from this office to J. D. Lightell dated July 23, 1920, letter of resignation received from J. D. Lightell dated July 23, 1920, two original letters from A. B. Modawell each dated July 23, 1920, reporting the actions of Joseph D. Lightell, Assistant Keeper, copy of letter from this office to said Joseph D. Lightell, dated July 26, 1920, preferring charges of--(a) neglect of duty, (b) insubordination, (c) conduct unbecoming a keeper of the Lighthouse Service, and suspending him from duty effective at the close of the date of receipt of said letter (the close of July 28, 1920); reply to charges received from said Joseph D. Lightell, dated July 29, 1920, and copy of letter sent him by this office dated July 31, 1920, on the subject of the last paragraph of his reply to the charges, are inclosed.

3. In view of the conflicting statements of the Keeper and the Assistant Keeper, although this office places more reliance on the truthfulness of the charges preferred by the Keeper, Mr. A. B. Modawell, who has been in the Service for eleven (11) years and whose services have proven satisfactory heretofore, it is recommended that the charges be sustained and that Joseph D. Lightell, Assistant Keeper, Brazos River Light Station, Texas, be reprimanded and his resignation accepted at the close of July 28, 1920, the effective date of his suspension.

4. This employee has not been granted leave of absence in excess of the accrued rate during the present calendar year.

E. S. Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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TELEGRAM

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LIGHTHOUSE SUPT
NEW ORLEANS LA

REPORTING RECENT ACTIONS OF ASST LIGHTELL ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE PROFANE LANGUAGE ON STATION DISRESPECTFUL LANGUAGE TO OTHER PERSONS AT STATION REQUEST IF POSSIBLE YOU MAKE VISIT TO THIS STATION LETTER FOLLOWS

MODAWELL

KEEPER

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

July 23, 1920

Joseph D. Lightell, Asst. Keeper,
Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. Under date of July 23rd it has been reported to this office that you have absented yourself from the station without authority and have resorted to profane and disrespectful language to persons at the station.

2. Until such time as a more detailed report of the circumstances is received, and pending an investigation of the matter, you are hereby cautioned to maintain yourself in a subordinate manner, showing due respect and complying with the instructions of the Keeper.

3. For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) E. PROTIN,

Chief Clerk

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(LEC)

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Velasco, Texas
July 23, 1920

From: Asst. Kpr. Brazos River Lighthouses

To: Supt. of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you as I wish to say that I like to resign from the Service. As this station here I like very well also the keeper is a find man. I was sign to this station Dec. 10, 1919. Sorry to give up the service in such a short time.

Mr. A. B. Modawell is a nice man but Mrs. A. B. Modawell is sure got the say so on the place. Therefore is the reson that you are not able to keep anybody on the place. I'll stay on station untill you sent my releaf if it is satisfactory to you.

Asst. Keeper Brazos River Light Station

(Signed) Joseph D. Lightell

Velasco, Texas

COPY

LIGHT
AUG 9 1920
HOUSES

Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas, July 25, 1920.

Lighthouse Superintendent,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I am reporting to the recent actions of Asst. Keeper J. D. Lightell who was absent without leave from the station on the following dates: Absent on July 21st, 9½ hours, July 22nd, 1½ hours, July 23rd, 3 hours. When Assistant Lightell returned to station on July 21st I ask him why he had not ask permission from me to leave the station and he replied that he did not intend asking my permission when he wanted to leave. Also that he would return to station when he got dam good and ready. I informed Asst. Lightell that I would report his conduct to the Superintendent, whereupon he commenced cursing myself and wife for God dam curs, etc., and said he would break our dam necks. I have taken these insults from him to avoid more trouble with him but intend to take no more.

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. B. Modawell,

KEEPER.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
AUG 9 1920
HOUSES

Eighth District
Brazos River
July 23, 1920

Light House Superintendent,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I am reporting to you the recent actions of Asst. Kpr. Lightell.

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Upon asking him for an explanation of his actions the language he used was most profane and insulting and asserted that he would leave and return at his leisure. I therefore request that he be removed from this station at once.

I respectfully request, if possible, that you visit this station as there are other reports on this matter that I would like to make personally.

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. B. Modawell,

Keeper

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
July 26, 1920

Joseph D. Lightell, Asst. Keeper,
Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. There are inclosed herewith copies of two letters, each dated July 23, 1920, from the Keeper of Brazos River Light Station, who called at this office today.

2. In view of the Keeper's reports, your resignation which you submitted under date of July 23, 1920, will not be accepted, but you are hereby charged with (a) neglect of duty, in violation of Article 478 of the Lighthouse Regulations and Articles 5, 6, and subparagraph 5 of Article 104 of the "Instructions to Employees," in absenting yourself from the station without leave for 9½ hours on July 21, for 1½ hours on July 22, and for 3 hours on July 23, 1920; (b) insubordination, in violation of Article 11 of the "Instructions," in the use of profane language toward the Keeper when requested for an explanation as to your reason for being absent without authority; (c) conduct unbecoming a keeper of the Lighthouse Service, in threatening the Keeper and the Keeper's wife.

3. In view of the above charges, you are hereby suspended from duty (effective at the close of the date on which you receive this letter) for a period not to exceed 90 days, pending a decision in your case. 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.

4. During the period of your suspension you will not be permitted to reside at the station. Immediately upon receipt of this letter you will, in accordance with the foregoing, proceed to remove all your personal and household effects from the Brazos River Light Station, Texas.

5. You will be given three (3) days from the date of receipt of this letter in which to make such reply to these charges as you deem appropriate, in accordance with Article 45 of "Instructions to Employees."

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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(LEC)
Recd.Supt.of L.H.
July 31, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHT HOUSE SERVICE

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AUG 9 1920

Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas
July 29, 1920

Light House Superintendent,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your letter dated July 26, 1920, advising me of the charges made against me in person and by letter by the Keeper of the Brazos River Light House Station, received July 28, 1920.

I deny in whole each and all of the charges made against me by A. B. Modawell, Keeper of the Brazos River Light Station, and in response to same further state the following, viz:

My reason for submitting to you my resignation on July 23, 1920, was because of the strained personal relations existing between A. B. Modawell and myself, which made matters very disagreeable and unpleasant in my situation.

When I was sent here on December 2, 1919, I was advised in your office that A. B. Modawell was the keeper of this station. However, I was here only a short time untill I found out that Mrs. A. B. Modawell, was the principal keeper of the station and had entire control of the entire business. This fact will be verified by any number of the men that have served in this position before me.

With reference to the charge of leaving the Station without permission on the 21 day of July, 1920, and remaining away 9½ hours, I beg to state that I was not on duty on this day, and received permission from A. B. Modawell, in person to leave the Station on that day. I left the Station about 9 o'clock, A.M. and returned the same day at 12:30 P.M. I deny emphaticly that I left the Station on this day without permission and that I remained away 9½ hours. On this same day A. B. Modawell, himself left the Station at about 10:30 and returned at about 12:00 Noon.

I am charged with being away from the Station on July 22, 1910, 1½ hours. This charge is absolutely false. I emphaticly deny that I have ever at any time left the Station and remained away for this length of time without permission.

On the 23rd day of July, 1920, I am charged with leaving the Station without permission and with remaining away for three hours, This is not true. I went to A. B. Modawell, in the evening July 22, and requested permission to go to Town then next morning on the 23 day of

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HOUSTON

July, 1920. I was given permission to go, but requested to be back for duty by working hours. This is the first time that any mention was ever made to me about working hours. I was requested to be back by 9:00 O'clock A.M., and I returned a few minutes before 9:00. As soon as I returned to the Station A. B. Modawell, left himself and did not return untill about 12:00 noon.

I desire for you to know that A. B. Modawell, frequently leaves the Station himself. On the 29th day of April, 1920, he left the Station at about 9:00 O'clock A.M., for Houston, Texas, and did not return untill the following day at about 12:00 noon.

With reference to the profanity charge I have this to say. I never used any profanity of any kind whatever. Mr. B. J. Ayo, address Freeport, Texas, Care Carlton Hotel, was present and heard the conversation between A. B. Modawell, at the time I presume that I am charged with using profanity towards the keeper. Mr. B. J. Ayo, will state that I did not use any profanity of any kind on this occasion. I do not know that this is the time to which you have reference in the charge, as no date is given. However, I will state that never at any time have I use profanity of any kind towards the keeper of the Station here.

I have seen five years of service in the United States Navy, and I have an absolutely clean record. I have never been convicted of the smallest offense and I welcom any investigation that you desire to make with reference to this matter and my past record of service. If I can be of any service to you in giving names of parties or in any way assisting you in this investigation I will be glad to so. Every word that I have stated in this letter is absolutely true and can be established by living witnesses.

I am complying with your instructions in vacating the Station premises and understand that I am suspended from duty.

I do not understand by the request not to communicate with any one with reference to this matter, that I am to be deprived of my personal right and privilege of advice from an Attorney, in the event that I should see fit to employ one to represent me in this matter. I think that I have the right to represent myself in person or to be represented by another. If I am in error on this proposition let me know.

(Signed) Joseph D. Lightell
Asst. Keeper

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

July 31, 1920.

Joseph D. Lightell, Asst. Keeper,
Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 29, 1920, making reply to charges preferred against you July 26th. Your statements will have the most careful consideration.

2. With reference to the last paragraph of your letter, it was intended to convey the instructions not to have verbal controversy with the Keeper or anyone on the station, and it was not intended that you should not consult anyone you desired in regard to this matter for the purpose of securing advice, etc.

(SIGNED) LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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9 inclosures.

August 17, 1920.

Subject: 8th Supt's. letter, Aug. 5, 1920, Joseph D. Lightell, Asst. Keeper, Brazos River Light Station, charges.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information and with recommendation that, in view of the charges which it is considered have been sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the resignation of Joseph D. Lightell, Assistant Keeper of Brazos River Light Station, Tex., be accepted, but not without prejudice, at the close of July 28, 1920, the effective date of his suspension.

JGB.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
August 17, 1920.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., for his information, guidance, and files, attention being invited to his report of August 5, 1920. You will be further advised of Department action. It is noted that you recommend that Lightell be reprimanded and that his resignation be accepted; as Lightell's resignation is recommended by you to be accepted effective at the close of July 28, a letter of reprimand at this date would serve no useful purpose, and as it is considered that the charges have been sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Bureau has recommended that Lightell's resignation be accepted, but not without prejudice.

JGB.

Mr. Joseph D. Lightell.

Mr. Joseph D. Lightell

LEGAL RESIDENCE
La.

INACTIVE

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Keeper Brazos River L.D. Tex. (Suspended eff close July 28/20)	$660	L.H.	Dec 10, 1919.
RESIGNED CLOSE OF (not wop) July 28/1920			

INACTIVE

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~, 8th DISTRICT,
New Orleans, La., December 17, 1919.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Joseph D. Lightell — Legal residence, Louisiana

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Salary, $660 per annum

Location, Brazos River Light Station, Texas — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective December 10, 1919, {'the actual date of entrance on duty, or / ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~}

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

Location, -

Rank on eligible list, First Rating, Assistant Keeper, Percentage, 84.6, Other eligibles considered:

Thomas F. Brooks, C. (No other eligibles)

Previous incumbent, Charles B. Schmidt — Services terminated, November 5, 1919.

Reason, Resigned.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Due to the necessity for maintaining the full authorized complement of keepers at Brazos River Light Station, Joseph D. Lightell was assigned to duty on Dec.10,1919. He has never been employed under any branch of the Department of Commerce. Quarters are provided at above light station for the families of the keepers.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Dec. 17, 1919

* 116 papers sent

Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner.

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 26, 1919.

M r. Joseph D. Lightell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Six Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter ed upon duty in the above-mentioned position. (December 10, 1919)

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No.) issued by the Acting Secretary of the Tenth Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Charles B. Schmidt.

Legal Residence: Louisiana.
Eighth

(See reverse side.)

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 2 91919 JOURNAL DEPT. OF COMMERCE

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

APPOINTMENTS JAN 21 1920

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES JAN 14 1920 NEW ORLEANS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Joseph D. Lightell, 1920 JAN 19 AM 11 12

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.

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Joseph D. Lightell
(Appointee signs here)

CHIEF CLERK

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 12th day of January, A. D. 1920.

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(Affix official seal here)

CANCELLED

[4] (Name) W. D. Graham Notary Public

(Official title) Brazoria County Texas

My commission expires June 1st 1921

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper in the Light-house Service	$660 per annum	Brazos River Light Station, Texas.
Former [5] Probationary appointment.		

MCC

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

Office of ~~Lighthouse Inspector~~ Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District

New Orleans, La., January 15, 1920.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on December 10, 1919.
(Date)

E. S. Lanphier
(Signature followed by title)
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

[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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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

CHIEF CLERK

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APPOINTMENTS

(To be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon entrance on duty. The statement should be signed by the appointee or employee. If unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness.)

1. What is your full name? (State whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs., and spell out names in full, including middle name or names. Example: Mr. John Richard Roe. If name itself is merely a letter, it should be so stated.)

Mr. Joseph Douglas Lightell 1919 DEC 22 AM 10 20

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

Joseph Douglas Lightell

3. Bureau or Service, place, and district in which employed:

Lighthouse (Bureau or Service.) Brazos River L.S., Texas (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) 8th (District.)

4. Position to which appointed Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

5. Compensation $660 per annum.

6. Appropriation from which paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

7. In what manner did the employee enter the service? (Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination, ——, 191—;" or "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Assistant Lighthouse Keeper--September 30, 1919.

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

New Orleans (City or town.) La (State or Territory.) Orleans (County.) First (Congressional district.)

9. When the legal residence given in answer to question 8 differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

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

11. Where were you born? Grand Island, Louisiana.

12. When were you born? June (Month.) 7 (Day.) 1893 (Year.)

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

Married

14. What is your marital condition? Good

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

Mrs. M. Lightell (Name.) #1310 St. Anthony, (Number and street.)

New Orleans (City or town.) La (State or Territory.)

16. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? No

(If answer is "Yes," give in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.)

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		

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

No

18. 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.
No					

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

No

20. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
U.S.N. Supply	June 2. 1913	June 7. 1917	Honorable discharge
U.S.N. Supply	Jan. 9. 1918	June 10. 1919	Inactive duty

21. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States other than during war time, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

22. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No (If answer is "Yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan)

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

Date enlisted. Date discharged. Cause of di

22. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No (If answer is "Yes," information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan) _____

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service _____

Company and regiment, or vessel. Date enlisted.

23. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that 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 18, 19, 20, 21.)

Mariner

24. 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 7th Grade

25. 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.")

None

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

Assistant Light House Keeper

Sept 30 1919

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

Yes

Date, Dec 9, 1919

Witness (in case signature is by mark): _____

(Signature) Joseph Douglas Lightell

P. O. Address: New Orleans
City or town.

#1310 St. Anthony
Number and street.

LA
State or Territory.

(If appointee is to be employed in the field, this form should be reviewed and approved by the proper field officer and need not be signed by an official of the Bureau. If appointee is to serve in the District of Columbia, the form should be reviewed and approved by the proper Bureau officer. When forwarding this form, no letter of transmittal is required.)

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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded December 17, 1919.

(Signature) Langhier

(Official title) Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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

CHIEF CLERK

August 7, 1920.

1920 AUG 9 AM 9 50

Subject: Copy 8th Supt's letter of charges to Asst. Keeper Joseph D. Lightell.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information, and with recommendation that the Department approve the suspension of Lightell. The Department will be further advised upon receipt of report from the Superintendent.

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APPOINTMENTS

APPROVED:

Acting Secretary of Commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Brazos River
July 23, 1920

Light House Superintendent,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I am reporting to you the recent actions of Asst. Kpr. Lightell.

Lightell has been absent without permission from the station on the following dates: Absent July 21st, 9-1/2 hours; July 22nd, 1-1/2 hours; and is also absent at this writing.

Upon asking him for an explanation of his actions the language he used was most profane and insulting and asserted that he would leave and return at his leisure. I therefore request that he be removed from this station at once.

I respectfully request, if possible, that you visit this station as there are other reports on this matter that I would like to make personally.

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. B. Modawell,

Keeper

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LIGHT HOUSES AUG 1920

Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas, July 23, 1920.

Lighthouse Superintendent,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I am reporting to the recent actions of Asst. Keeper J. D. Lightell who was absent without leave from the station on the following dates: Absent on July 21st, 9½ hours, July 22nd, 1½ hours, July 23rd, 3 hours. When Assistant Lightell returned to station on July 21st I ask him why he had not ask permission from me to leave the station and he replied that he did not intend asking my permission when he wanted to leave. Also that he would return to station when he got dam good and ready. I informed Asst. Lightell that I would report his conduct to the Superintendent, whereupon he commenced cursing myself and wife for God dam curs, etc., and said he would break our dam necks. I have taken these insults from him to avoid more trouble with him but intend to take no more.

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. B. Modawell,

KEEPER.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
July 26, 1920.

LIGHT HOUSES AUG 4 1920

Joseph D. Lightell, Asst. Keeper,
Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas.
(Through the Keeper)

1. There are inclosed herewith copies of two letters, each dated July 23, 1920, from the Keeper of Brazos River Light Station, who called at this office today.

2. In view of the Keeper's reports, your resignation which you submitted under date of July 23, 1920, will not be accepted, but you are hereby charged with (a) neglect of duty, in violation of Article 478 of the Lighthouse Regulations and Articles 5, 6, and subparagraph 5 of Article 104 of the "Instructions to Employees," in absenting yourself from the station without leave for 9½ hours on July 21, for 1½ hours on July 22, and for 3 hours on July 23, 1920; (b) insubordination, in violation of Article 11 of the "Instructions," in the use of profane language toward the Keeper when requested for an explanation as to your reason for being absent without authority; (c) conduct unbecoming a keeper of the Lighthouse Service, in threatening the Keeper and the Keeper's wife.

3. In view of the above charges, you are hereby suspended from duty (effective at the close of the date on which you receive this letter) for a period not to exceed 90 days, pending a decision in your case. 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.

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4. During the period of your suspension you will not be permitted to reside at the station. Immediately upon receipt of this letter you will, in accordance with the foregoing, proceed to remove all your personal and household effects from the Brazos River Light Station, Texas.

5. You will be given three (3) days from the date of receipt of this letter in which to make such reply to these charges as you deem appropriate, in accordance with Article 45 of "Instructions to Employees."

(Sgd.) E. S. LANPHIER,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy forwarded to Commissioner of Lighthouses Aug. 2, 1920, with the information that Jos. D. Lightell, Asst. Keeper, Brazos River L.S., Texas, was suspended effective at the close of July 28, 1920, the date on which he received above letter.

E. S. Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

August 12, .

Sir:

Pending the disposition of charges that have been preferred against you, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has suspended you from duty as Keeper of Brazos River Light Station, Texas, at $660 per annum, effective at the close of July 28, 1920. This suspension will be with lawful pay if you are exonerated of the charges or if they are not found to be sufficiently substantiated to justify suspension; 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,

CARDED

REPORT DATA ENTERED

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Joseph D. Lightell,
S Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

July 23, 1920

Joseph D. Lightell, Asst. Keeper,
Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. Under date of July 23rd it has been reported to this office that you have absented yourself from the station without authority and have resorted to profane and disrespectful language to persons at the station.

2. Until such time as a more detailed report of the circumstances is received, and pending an investigation of the matter, you are hereby cautioned to maintain yourself in a subordinate manner, showing due respect and complying with the instructions of the Keeper.

3. For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) E. PROTIN,

Chief Clerk

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

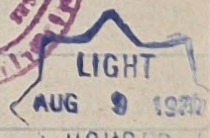
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EIGHTH DISTRICT

Brazos River
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 23 1920





Light House Superintendent
New Orleans. La.

Sir.

I am reporting to you the recent actions of Asst Kepr. Lightell. Lightell has been absent without permission from the Station on the following dates. Absent July 21st 9 1/2 hours July 22nd 1 1/2 hours and is also absent at this writing. Upon asking him for an explination of his actions the language he used was most profane and insulting and asserted that he would leave and return at his leisure I therefore request that he be removed from this Station at once. I respectfully request if possible that you visit this station, as there are other reports on this matter that I would like to make personally.

Respectfully.

A B. Modowell.

Keeper.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

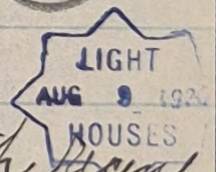


EIGHTH DISTRICT

Brazos River
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

7/23, 1920

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Light House Superintendent.
New Orleans. La.

Sir.

I am reporting to the Actions of Asst. Kpr. J.D. Lightell who was absent with out leave from the Station on the following dates. Absent on July 21st 9½ hours. July 22nd 1½ hours. July 23 - 3 hours. When Asst Lightell Returned to Station on July 21st I ask him why he had not Ask permission from me to leave the Station And he Replied That he did not intend asking my permission When he wanted to leave. Also That he would Return to Station When he got Dam good and ready. I informed asst Lightell That I would report his Conduct to the Superintendent. Whereupon he commenced Cursing my Self and wife for God Dam Curs Etc., And said he would Take our Dam Necks. I have Taken these insults from him to avoid ~~fod~~ more trouble with him but intend to take nonors. Respectfully.

A.B. Wodawell, Keeper.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
July 26, 1920

Joseph D. Lightell, Asst. Keeper,
Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. There are inclosed herewith copies of two letters, each dated July 23, 1920, from the Keeper of Brazos River Light Station, who called at this office today.

2. In view of the Keeper's reports, your resignation which you submitted under date of July 23, 1920, will not be accepted, but you are hereby charged with (a) neglect of duty, in violation of Article 478 of the Lighthouse Regulations and Articles 5, 6, and subparagraph 5 of Article 104 of the "Instructions to Employees," in absenting yourself from the station without leave for 9½ hours on July 21, for 1½ hours on July 22, and for 3 hours on July 23, 1920; (b) insubordination, in violation of Article 11 of the "Instructions," in the use of profane language toward the Keeper when requested for an explanation as to your reason for being absent without authority; (c) conduct unbecoming a keeper of the Lighthouse Service, in threatening the Keeper and the Keeper's wife.

3. In view of the above charges, you are hereby suspended from duty (effective at the close of the date on which you receive this letter) for a period not to exceed 90 days, pending a decision in your case. 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.

4. During the period of your suspension you will not be permitted to reside at the station. Immediately upon receipt of this letter you will, in accordance with the foregoing, proceed to remove all your personal and household effects from the Brazos River Light Station, Texas.

5. You will be given three (3) days from the date of receipt of this letter in which to make such reply to these charges as you deem appropriate, in accordance with Article 45 of "Instructions to Employees."

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses



Velasco Texas
July 23 1920.

From asst kpr Brazos River
Lighthouse
To.
Supt. 8th Lighthouse new orleans.
(Dear Sir)
I am writing to you as I
wish to say that I like
to Resign from the Service
as this station here I like
very well also the Papers
a kind man I was sign to
this station Dec. 10. 1919.
Sorry to give up the Service
in such a short time Mr.
A.B. Mockwell is a nice man
but Mrs A.B. Mockwell is
Hard Gat the say ooen
the Place Therefore is the

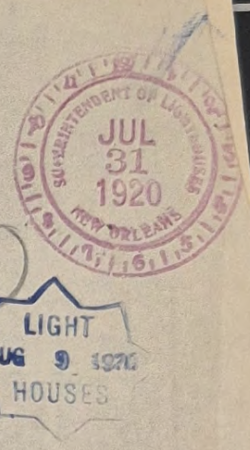
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Reason that you are not able to keep anybody on the Place I'll Stay and Station until you sent my Relief if it is Satisfactory to you.

Asst Keeper Brazos Reef Light Station
Joseph D. Tightell
Placed Letter

Forwarded.

G B. Wodawell.
Keeper.



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHT HOUSE SERVICE

Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas.
July 29, I920.

Light House Superintendent,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your letter dated July 26, I920, advising me of the charges made against me in person and by letter by the Keeper of the Brazos River Light House Station, received July 28, I920.

I deny in whole each and all of the charges made against me by A.B. Modawell, Keeper of the Brazos River Light Station, and in response to same further state the following, viz.:

My reason for submiting to you my resignation on July 23, I920, was because of the strained personal relations existing between A.B.Modawell and myself, which made matters very disagreeable and unpleasant in my situation.

When I was sent here on December 2, I9I9, I was advised in your office that A.B.Modawell, was the keeper of this station. However, I was here only a short time untill I found out that Mrs.A.B.Modawell, was the principal keeper of the station and had entire control of the entire business. This fact will be verified by any number of the men that have served in this position before me.

With reference to the charge of leaving the Station without permission on the 2I day of July, I920, and remaining away 9½ hours, I beg to state that I was not on duty on this day, and received permission from A.B.Modawell, in person to leave the Station on that day. I left the Station about 9 O'clock, A.M. and returned the same day at I2:30 P.M. I deny emphaticly that I left the Station on this day without permission and that I remained away 9½ hours. On this same day A.B.Modawell, himself left the Station at about I0:30 and returned at about I2:00 Noon.

I am charged with being away from the Station on July 22, I9I0, I½ hours. This charge is absolutely false. I emphaticly deny that I have ever at any time left the Station and remained away for this length of time without permission.

On the 23rd day of July, I920, I am chrged with leaving the Station without permission and with remaining away for three hours. This is not true. I went to A.B.Modawell, in the evening July 22, and requested permission to go to Town then next morning on the 23 day of July, I920. I was given permission to go, but requested to be back for duty by working hours. This is the first time that any mention was ever made to me about working hours. I was requested to be back by 9:00 O'clock A.M., and I returned a few minutes before 9:00. As soon as I returned to the Station A.B.Modawell, left himself and did not return untill about I2:00 noon.

I desire for you to know that A.B.Modawell, frequently leaves the Station himself. On the 29th day of April, I920, he left the Station at about 9:00 O'clock A.M., for Houston, Texas, and did not return untill the following day at about I2:00 noon.

With reference to the profanity charge I have this to say I never used any profanity of any kind whatever. Mr.B.J.Ayo, Freeport, Texas, Care Carlton Hotel, was present and heard conversation between A.B.Modawell, at the time I presume that I was charged with using profanity towards the keeper. Mr.B.J.Ayo, will state that I did not use any profanity of any kind on this occasion.

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not know that this is the time to which you have reference in the charge, as no date is given. However, I will state that never at any time have I use profanity of any kind towards the keeper of the Station here.

I have seen five years of service in the Unites States Navy, and I have an absolutely clean record. I have never been convicted of the smallest offense and I welcom any investigation that you desire to make with reference to this matter and my past record of service. If I can be of any service to you in giving names of parties or in any way assisting you in this investigation I will be glad to so. Every word that I have stated in this letter is absolutely true and can be established by living witnesses.

I am complying with your instructions in vacating the Station premises and understand that I am suspended from duty.

I do not understand by the request not to communicate with any one with reference to this matter, that I am to be deprived of my personal right and privolage of advice from an Attorney, in the event that I should see fit to employ one to represent me in this matter. I think that I have the right to represent myself in person or to be represented by another. If I am in error on this proposition let me know.

Joseph O. Lightell
asst keeper

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

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July 31, 1920.

Joseph D. Lightell, Asst. Keeper,
Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 29, 1920, making reply to charges preferred against you July 26th. Your statements will have the most careful consideration.

2. With reference to the last paragraph of your letter, it was intended to convey the instructions not to have verbal controversy with the Keeper or anyone on the station, and it was not intended that you should not consult anyone you desired in regard to this matter for the purpose of securing advice, etc.

(SIGNED) LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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

August 5, 1920.

Joseph D. Lightell,
charges

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to letter from this office dated July 26, 1920, to Joseph D. Lightell, Assistant Keeper, Brazos River Light Station, Velasco, Texas, charging him with neglect of duty, insubordination and conduct unbecoming a keeper and suspending him from duty effective on the date of receipt of said letter, copy of which was indorsed to the Bureau under date of August 2nd, reporting the effective date of suspension at the close of July 28, 1920:

2. Telegram of July 23, 1920, from A. B. Modawell, Keeper of Brazos River Light Station, Texas, reporting the actions of J. D. Lightell, Assistant Keeper, Brazos River Light Station, letter of caution from this office to J. D. Lightell dated July 23, 1920, letter of resignation received from J. D. Lightell dated July 23, 1920, two original letters from A. B. Modawell each dated July 23, 1920, reporting the actions of Joseph D. Lightell, Assistant Keeper, copy of letter from this office to said Joseph D. Lightell, dated July 26, 1920, preferring charges of--(a) neglect of duty, (b) insubordination, (c) conduct unbecoming a keeper of the Lighthouse Service, and suspending him from duty effective at the close of the date of receipt of said letter (the close of July 28, 1920); reply to charges received from said Joseph D. Lightell, dated July 29, 1920, and copy of letter sent him by this office dated July 31, 1920, on the subject of the last paragraph of his reply to the charges, are inclosed.

3. In view of the conflicting statements of the Keeper and the Assistant Keeper, although this office places more reliance on the truthfulness of the charges preferred by the Keeper, Mr. A. B. Modawell, who has been in the Service for eleven (11) years and whose services have proven satisfactory heretofore, it is recommended that the charges be sustained and that Joseph D. Lightell, Assistant Keeper, Brazos River Light Station, Texas, be reprimanded and his resignation accepted at the close of July 28, 1920, the effective date of his suspension.

4. This employee has not been granted leave of absence in excess of the accrued rate during the present calendar year.

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Form 1201

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Night Letter	N L

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REPORTING RECENT ACTIONS OF ASST LIGHTELL ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE PROFANE LANGUAGE ON STATION DISRESPECTFUL LANGUAGE TO OTHER PERSONS AT STATION REQUEST IF POSSIBLE YOU MAKE VISIT TO THIS STATION LETTER FOLLOWS

MODAWELL

KEEPER

1019AM

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

CHIEF CLERK
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August 17, 1920.

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Subject: 8th Supt's. letter, Aug. 5, 1920, Joseph D. Lightell, Asst. Keeper, Brazos River Light Station, charges.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information and with recommendation that, in view of the charges which it is considered have been sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the resignation of Joseph D. Lightell, Assistant Keeper of Brazos River Light Station, Tex., be accepted, but not without prejudice, at the close of July 28, 1920, the effective date of his suspension.

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G. T. Patterson
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APPROVED: E. F. Sweet
Acting Secretary of Commerce.

8/20/20.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
AUG 24 1920
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

August 24, 1920.

Sir:

Upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, your resignation of July 23, 1920, is hereby accepted, but not without prejudice, effective at the close of business on July 28, 1920.



By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

Mr. Joseph D. Lightell,
Through the Commissioner
of Lighthouses.

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LIGHTHOUSES

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August 24, 1920.

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Sir:

Upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, your resignation of July 23, 1920, is hereby accepted, but not without prejudice, effective at the close of business on July 28, 1920.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

DEPT OF COMMERCE SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS AUG 28 1920 NEW ORLEANS

Mr. Joseph D. Lightell,
Through the Commissioner
of Lighthouses.
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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

August 17, 1920.

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Subject: 8th Supt's. letter, Aug. 5, 1920, Joseph D. Lightell, Asst. Keeper, Brazos River Light Station, charges.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information and with recommendation that, in view of the charges which it is considered have been sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the resignation of Joseph D. Lightell, Assistant Keeper of Brazos River Light Station, Tex., be accepted, but not without prejudice, at the close of July 28, 1920, the effective date of his suspension.

(Signed) G. R. Putnam

JEH-Hol.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
August 17, 1920.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., for his information, guidance, and files, attention being invited to his report of August 5, 1920. You will be further advised of Department action. It is noted that you recommend that Lightell be reprimanded and that his resignation be accepted; as Lightell's resignation is recommended by you to be accepted effective at the close of July 28, a letter of reprimand at this date would serve no useful purpose, and as it is considered that the charges have been sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Bureau has recommended that Lightell's resignation be accepted, but not without prejudice.

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August 30, 1920.

Joseph D. Lightell, Former Keeper,
U. S. Lighthouse Service,
Freeport, Texas.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated August 24, 1920, accepting your resignation, but not without prejudice, as a keeper at Brazos River Light Station, Texas, effective at the close of July 28, 1920.

(Sgd.) E. S. LANPHIER,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy for information and files of A. B. Modawell, Keeper, Brazos River Light Station, Velasco, Texas.

E. S. L.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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September 7, 1920.

Mr. Jos. D. Lightell,
Freeport,
Texas.

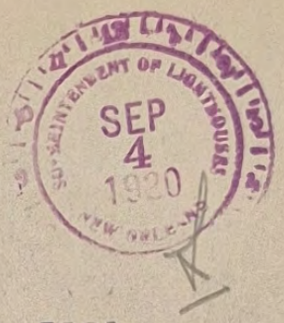
1. Referring to your letter of September 2, 1920, you are advised that the meaning of the acceptance of your resignation, "but not without prejudice", is that the charges preferred against you at the time your resignation was submitted were substantiated in a degree sufficient to warrant the acceptance of your resignation as an employee not in good standing at the time resignation was tendered.

E. S. L.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

J. H. SKINNER

FREEPORT, TEXAS



September 2, 1920.

Superintendent of Light House,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 30th Ult. advising me that my resignation as keeper of the Brazos River Light Station, has been accepted, but not without prejudice. Will you advise me as to what you mean, but not without prejudice?

Respectfully,

Joseph O. Lightell

AUG 21 1920

Freeport, Texas.

Superintendent of Light House,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:

I have not received any pay for my servacies in the month of July. I received notice that I was suspended from duty effective at the close of July, 28th, I920, and I presume that I am entitled to pay until this date. I would appreciate a check in payment of my servacies for this time.

Respectfully,

Joseph D. Lightell

Joseph D. Lightell,

Check for 79.65 mailed 8/21/20

LIGHTHOUSES

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August 12, 1920.

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Sir:

Pending the disposition of charges that have been preferred against you, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has suspended you from duty as Keeper of Brazos River Light Station, Texas, at $660 per annum, effective at the close of July 28, 1920. This suspension will be with lawful pay if you are exonerated of the charges or if they are not found to be sufficiently substantiated to justify suspension; and shall be without pay and allowances if they are sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action.

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By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Joseph D. Lightell,

S Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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August 16, 1920.

Joseph D. Lightell, Assistant Keeper,
U. S. Lighthouse Service,
Velasco, Texas.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated August 12, 1920, suspending you from duty as a Keeper of Brazos River Light Station, Texas, effective at the close of July 28, 1920, pending disposition of the charges preferred against you.

2. Advise this office promptly by letter of any change in your post-office address.

3. For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

(Signed) F. A. MUTH,

First Assistant Superintendent.

Copy for information and files of A. B. Modawell, Keeper, Brazos River Light Station, Velasco, Texas.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

First Assistant Superintendent.

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Joseph D. Lightell,
charges

August 5, 1920.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to letter from this office dated July 26, 1920, to Joseph D. Lightell, Assistant Keeper, Brazos River Light Station, Velasco, Texas, charging him with neglect of duty, insubordination and conduct unbecoming a keeper and suspending him from duty effective on the date of receipt of said letter, copy of which was indorsed to the Bureau under date of August 2nd, reporting the effective date of suspension at the close of July 28, 1920:

2. Telegram of July 23, 1920, from A. B. Modawell, Keeper of Brazos River Light Station, Texas, reporting the actions of J. D. Lightell, Assistant Keeper, Brazos River Light Station, letter of caution from this office to J. D. Lightell dated July 23, 1920, letter of resignation received from J. D. Lightell dated July 23, 1920, two original letters from A. B. Modawell each dated July 23, 1920, reporting the actions of Joseph D. Lightell, Assistant Keeper, copy of letter from this office to said Joseph D. Lightell, dated July 26, 1920, preferring charges of--(a) neglect of duty, (b) insubordination, (c) conduct unbecoming a keeper of the Lighthouse Service, and suspending him from duty effective at the close of the date of receipt of said letter (the close of July 28, 1920); reply to charges received from said Joseph D. Lightell, dated July 29, 1920, and copy of letter sent him by this office dated July 31, 1920, on the subject of the last paragraph of his reply to the charges, are inclosed.

3. In view of the conflicting statements of the Keeper and the Assistant Keeper, although this office places more reliance on the truthfulness of the charges preferred by the Keeper, Mr. A. B. Modawell, who has been in the Service for eleven (11) years and whose services have proven satisfactory heretofore, it is recommended that the charges be sustained and that Joseph D. Lightell, Assistant Keeper, Brazos River Light Station, Texas, be reprimanded and his resignation accepted at the close of July 28, 1920, the effective date of his suspension.

4. This employee has not been granted leave of absence in excess of the accrued rate during the present calendar year.

E. S. L.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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July 23, 1920.

Joseph D. Lightell, Asst. Keeper,
Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Under date of July 23rd it has been reported to this office that you have absented yourself from the station without authority and have resorted to profane and disrespectful language to persons at the station.

2. Until such time as a more detailed report of the circumstances is received, and pending an investigation of the matter, you are hereby cautioned to maintain yourself in a subordinate manner, showing due respect and complying with the instructions of the Keeper.

3. For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

(Sgd.) E. PROTIN,
Chief Clerk.

Copy for information and files of A. B. Modawell, Keeper, Brazos River Light Station, Velasco, Texas.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

Chief Clerk.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

July 23, 1920

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Chief Clerk

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

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Chief Clerk

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July 26, 1920

A B. Modawell, Keeper,
Brazos River Light Station,
c/o Lighthouse Office,
New Orleans, La.

1. The inclosed letter of resignation dated July 23, 1920, received from Joseph D. Lightell, Assistant Keeper of Brazos River Light Station, Texas, is forwarded for your information, to be returned with your forwarding indorsement.

E.S.T.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

(COPY)
(LEC)

Velasco, Texas
July 23, 1920

From: Asst. Kpr. Brazos River Lighthouses

To: Supt. of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you as I wish to say that I like to resign from the Service. As this station here I like very well also the keeper is a find man. I was sign to this station Dec. 10, 1919. Sorry to give up the service in such a short time.

Mr. A. B. Modawell is a nice man but Mrs. A. B. Modawell is sure got the say so on the place. Therefore is the reson that you are not able to keep anybody on the place. I'll stay on station untill you sent my releaf if it is satisfactory to you.

Asst. Keeper Brazos River Light Station

(Signed) Joseph D. Lightell

Velasco, Texas

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Asst. Keeper Brazos River Light Station

(Signed) Joseph D. Lightell

Velasco, Texas

COPY

Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas, July 23, 1920.

Lighthouse Superintendent,
New Orleans, La.

Sir.

I am reporting to the recent actions of Asst. Keeper J. D. Lightell who was absent without leave from the station on the following dates: Absent on July 21st, 9½ hours, July 22nd., 1½ hours, July 25rd, 5 hours. When Assistant Lightell returned to station on July 21st I ask him why he had not ask permission from me to leave the station and he replied that he did not intend asking my permission when he wanted to leave. Also that he would return to station when he got dam good and ready. I informed Asst. Lightell that I would report his conduct to the Superintenient, whereupon he commenced cursing myself and wife for God dam curs, etc., and said he would break our dam necks. I have taken these insults from him to avoid more trouble with him but intend to take no more.

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. D. McDowell,

KEEPER.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Brazos River
July 23, 1920

Light House Superintendent,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I am reporting to you the recent actions of Asst. Kpr. Lightell.

Lightell has been absent without permission from the station on the following dates: Absent July 21st, 9-1/2 hours; July 22nd, 1-1/2 hours; and is also absent at this writing.

Upon asking him for an explanation of his actions the language he used was most profane and insulting and asserted that he would leave and return at his leisure. I therefore request that he be removed from this station at once.

I respectfully request, if possible, that you visit this station as there are other reports on this matter that I would like to make personally.

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. B. Modawell,

Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RETURN AFTER FIVE DAYS



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July 26, 1920.

Joseph D. Lightell, Asst. Keeper,
Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas.
(Through the Keeper)

1. There are inclosed herewith copies of two letters, each dated July 23, 1920, from the Keeper of Brazos River Light Station, who called at this office today.

2. In view of the Keeper's reports, your resignation which you submitted under date of July 23, 1920, will not be accepted, but you are hereby charged with (a) neglect of duty, in violation of Article 478 of the Lighthouse Regulations and Articles 5, 6, and subparagraph 5 of Article 104 of the "Instructions to Employees," in absenting yourself from the station without leave for 9½ hours on July 21, for 1½ hours on July 22, and for 3 hours on July 23, 1920; (b) insubordination, in violation of Article 11 of the "Instructions," in the use of profane language toward the Keeper when requested for an explanation as to your reason for being absent without authority; (c) conduct unbecoming a keeper of the Lighthouse Service, in threatening the Keeper and the Keeper's wife.

3. In view of the above charges, you are hereby suspended from duty (effective at the close of the date on which you receive this letter) for a period not to exceed 90 days, pending a decision in your case. 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.

4. During the period of your suspension you will not be permitted to reside at the station. Immediately upon receipt of this letter you will, in accordance with the foregoing, proceed to remove all your personal and household effects from the Brazos River Light Station, Texas.

5. You will be given three (3) days from the date of receipt of this letter in which to make such reply to these charges as you deem appropriate, in accordance with Article 45 of "Instructions to Employees."

(Sgd.) E. S. LANPHIER,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy for information and files of A. B. Modawell, Keeper, Brazos River ght Station, Velasco, Texas.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

(Sgd.) E. S. LANPHIER,

Copy forwarded to Commissioner of Lighthouses Aug. 2, 1920, with the information that Jos. D. Lightell, Asst.Keeper, Brazos River L.S., Texas, was suspended effective at the close of July 28, 1920, the date on which he received above letter.

E.S.L.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
July 26, 1920

Joseph D. Lightell, Asst. Keeper,
Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
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(Signed) E. S. Lamphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Recd. Supt. of L.H.
July 31, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHT HOUSE SERVICE

Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas
July 29, 1920

Light House Superintendent,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your letter dated July 26, 1920, advising me of the charges made against me in person and by letter by the Keeper of the Brazos River Light House Station, received July 28, 1920.

I deny in whole each and all of the charges made against me by A. B. Modawell, Keeper of the Brazos River Light Station, and in response to same further state the following, viz:

My reason for submitting to you my resignation on July 23, 1920, was because of the strained personal relations existing between A. B. Modawell and myself, which made matters very disagreeable and unpleasant in my situation.

When I was sent here on December 2, 1919, I was advised in your office that A. B. Modawell was the keeper of this station. However, I was here only a short time untill I found out that Mrs. A. B. Modawell, was the principal keeper of the station and had entire control of the entire business. This fact will be verified by any number of the men that have served in this position before me.

With reference to the charge of leaving the Station without permission on the 21 day of July, 1920, and remaining away 9½ hours, I beg to state that I was not on duty on this day, and received permission from A. B. Modawell, in person to leave the Station on that day. I left the Station about 9 o'clock, A.M. and returned the same day at 12:30 P.M. I deny emphaticly that I left the Station on this day without permission and that I remained away 9½ hours. On this same day A. B. Modawell, himself left the Station at about 10:30 and returned at about 12:00 Noon.

I am charged with being away from the Station on July 22, 1910, 1½ hours. This charge is absolutely false. I emphaticly deny that I have ever at any time left the Station and remained away for this length of time without permission.

On the 23rd day of July, 1920, I am charged with leaving the Station without permission and with remaining away for three hours, This is not true. I went to A. B. Modawell, in the evening July 22, and requested permission to go to Town then next morning on the 23 day of

July, 1920. I was given permission to go, but requested to be back for duty by working hours. This is the first time that any mention was ever made to me about working hours. I was requested to be back by 9:00 O'clock A.M., and I returned a few minutes before 9:00. As soon as I returned to the Station A. B. Modawell, left himself and did not return untill about 12:00 noon.

I desire for you to know that A. B. Modawell, frequently leaves the Station himself. On the 29th day of April, 1920, he left the Station at about 9:00 O'clock A.M., for Houston, Texas, and did not return untill the following day at about 12:00 noon.

With reference to the profanity charge I have this to say. I never used any profanity of any kind whatever. Mr. B. J. Ayo, address Freeport, Texas, Care Carlton Hotel, was present and heard the conversation between A. B. Modawell, at the time I presume that I am charged with using profanity towards the keeper. Mr. B. J. Ayo, will state that I did not use any profanity of any kind on this occasion. I do not know that this is the time to which you have reference in the charge, as no date is given. However, I will state that never at any time have I use profanity of any kind towards the keeper of the Station here.

I have seen five years of service in the United States Navy, and I have an absolutely clean record. I have never been convicted of the smallest offense and I welcom any investigation that you desire to make with reference to this matter and my past record of service. If I can be of any service to you in giving names of parties or in any way assisting you in this investigation I will be glad to so. Every word that I have stated in this letter is absolutely true and can be established by living witnesses.

I am complying with your instructions in vacating the Station premises and understand that I am suspended from duty.

I do not understand by the request not to communicate with any one with reference to this matter, that I am to be deprived of my personal right and privilege of advice from an Attorney, in the event that I should see fit to employ one to represent me in this matter. I think that I have the right to represent myself in person or to be represented by another. If I am in error on this proposition let me know.

(Signed) Joseph D. Lightell
Asst. Keeper

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Recd. Supt. of L.H.
July 31, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHT HOUSE SERVICE

Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas
July 29, 1920

Light House Superintendent,
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With reference to the charge of leaving the Station without permission on the 21 day of July, 1920, and remaining away 9½ hours, I beg to state that I was not on duty on this day, and received permission from A. B. Modawell, in person to leave the Station on that day. I left the Station about 9 o'clock, A.M. and returned the same day at 12:30 P.M. I deny emphaticly that I left the Station on this day without permission and that I remained away 9½ hours. On this same day A. B. Modawell, himself left the Station at about 10:30 and returned at about 12:00 Noon.

I am charged with being away from the Station on July 22, 1910, 1½ hours. This charge is absolutely false. I emphaticly deny that I have ever at any time left the Station and remained away for this length of time without permission.

On the 23rd day of July, 1920, I am charged with leaving the Station without permission and with remaining away for three hours, This is not true. I went to A. B. Modawell, in the evening July 22, and requested permission to go to Town then next morning on the 23 day of

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I desire for you to know that A. B. Modawell, frequently leaves the Station himself. On the 29th day of April, 1920, he left the Station at about 9:00 O'clock A.M., for Houston, Texas, and did not return untill the following day at about 12:00 noon.

With reference to the profanity charge I have this to say. I never used any profanity of any kind whatever. Mr. B. J. Ayo, address Freeport, Texas, Care Carlton Hotel, was present and heard the conversation between A. B. Modawell, at the time I presume that I am charged with using profanity towards the keeper. Mr. B. J. Ayo, will state that I did not use any profanity of any kind on this occasion. I do not know that this is the time to which you have reference in the charge, as no date is given. However, I will state that never at any time have I use profanity of any kind towards the keeper of the Station here.

I have seen five years of service in the United States Navy, and I have an absolutely clean record. I have never been convicted of the smallest offense and I welcom any investigation that you desire to make with reference to this matter and my past record of service. If I can be of any service to you in giving names of parties or in any way assisting you in this investigation I will be glad to so. Every word that I have stated in this letter is absolutely true and can be established by living witnesses.

I am complying with your instructions in vacating the Station premises and understand that I am suspended from duty.

I do not understand by the request not to communicate with any one with reference to this matter, that I am to be deprived of my personal right and privilege of advice from an Attorney, in the event that I should see fit to employ one to represent me in this matter. I think that I have the right to represent myself in person or to be represented by another. If I am in error on this proposition let me know.

(Signed) Joseph D. Lightell
Asst. Keeper

(COPY)
(LEC)

Recd. Supt. of L.H.
July 31, 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHT HOUSE SERVICE

Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas
July 29, 1920

Light House Superintendent,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your letter dated July 26, 1920, advising me of the charges made against me in person and by letter by the Keeper of the Brazos River Light House Station, received July 28, 1920.

I deny in whole each and all of the charges made against me by A. B. Modawell, Keeper of the Brazos River Light Station, and in response to same further state the following, viz:

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(Signed) Joseph D. Lightell
Asst. Keeper

EP-MCC

(F)

July 31, 1920.

Joseph D. Lightell, Asst. Keeper,
Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 29, 1920, making reply to charges preferred against you July 26th. Your statements will have the most careful consideration.

2. With reference to the last paragraph of your letter, it was intended to convey the instructions not to have verbal controversy with the Keeper or anyone on the station, and it was not intended that you should not consult anyone you desired in regard to this matter for the purpose of securing advice, etc.

E.S.L.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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COPY (MCC)

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EP-MCC

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

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(SIGNED) LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Form 93

MCC

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~ Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., August 5, 1920. 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Joseph D. Lightell — Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Legal residence, Louisiana — Station, Brazos River Light Station, Texas

Salary, $660.00 per annum.

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of July 28, 1920.

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

Remarks:

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4623

Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION ~~DEATH~~

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EP-LEC

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

D R A F T

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
August 4, 1920

Joseph D. Lightell,
Charges

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to letter from this office dated July 26, 1920, to Joseph D. Lightell, Assistant Keeper, Brazos River Light Station, Velasco, Texas, charging him with neglect of duty, insubordination and conduct unbecoming a keeper and suspending him from duty effective on the date of receipt of said letter, copy of which was indorsed to the Bureau under date of August 2nd, reporting the effective date of suspension at the close of July 28, 1920.

2. Letter of resignation received from Joseph D. Lightell, Assistant Keeper, Brazos River Light Station, Texas, dated July 23, 1920, two original letters from A. B. Modawell, Keeper of Brazos River Light Station, Texas, each dated July 23, 1920, reporting the actions of Jos. D. Lightell, Assistant Keeper, ~~Brazos River Light Station, Texas~~, copy of letter from this office to Jos. D. Lightell, dated July 26, 1920, preferring charges of- (a) neglect of duty, (b) insubordination, (c) conduct unbecoming a keeper of the Lighthouse Service, and suspending him from duty effective at the close of the date of receipt of said letter (the close of July 28, 1920); reply to charges received from Joseph D. Lightell, dated July 29, 1920, and copy of letter sent him by this office dated July 31, 1920, on the subject of the last paragraph of his reply to the charges, are inclosed.

3. Although the statements of the keepers are in conflict it is believed that the charges have been sustained, and it is therefore recommended that Joseph D. Lightell, Assistant Keeper, Brazos River Light Station, Texas, be reprimanded and his resignation accepted effective at the close of July 28, 1920, the effective date of his suspension.

4. This employee has not been granted leave of absence in excess of the approved rate during the present calendar year.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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3. In view of the conflicting statements of the Keeper and the Assistant Keeper; although this office places more reliance on the truthfulness of the charges preferred by the Keeper, Mr. A. B. Modawell, who has been in the service for 11 years, and whose services have proven heretofore satisfactory, it is recommended that the charges be sustained that Joseph D. Lightell, Assistant Keeper, Brazos River Light Station, Texas, be reprimanded and his resignation accepted at the close of July 28, 1920, the effective date of his suspension.

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4. This employee has not been granted leave of absence in excess of the approved rate during the present calendar year.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Form 1204

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Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES AUG 4 1920 NEW ORLEANS

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SUPT OF LITEHOUSES 29

NEWORLEANS LA

RECD LETTER OF 30 TH ON 2 ND ANSWER SAME DATE

MODAWELL

1040AM

EP-LEC

July 26, 1920

Joseph D. Lightell, Asst. Keeper,
Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. You are directed not to have any further conversation with Mr. A. B. Modawell, the Keeper, in regard to the difficulties which have arisen; and you are further directed to carry out the instructions of letter dated July 26, 1920, from this office suspending you from duty; and to have no communication with regard to same with anyone but this office.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy forwarded A. B. Modawell, Keeper, Brazos River Light Station, Velasco, Texas, for his information and files.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

EP-LEC

July 26, 1920

Fred Wilson, County Constable,
Velasco,
Texas

Sir:

1. The bearer, A. B. Modawell, Keeper of Brazos River Light Station, Texas, has a letter suspending the Assistant Keeper, J. D. Lightell, from duty. Mr. Modawell has been cautioned not to get into any difficulty with the Assistant Keeper. He asserts that, if he is not accompanied by an officer of the law, he may be forced to resort to physical violence. You are therefore requested to accompany Mr. Modawell to the Light Station.

2. It is not desired to eject the Assistant Keeper. He should be given every opportunity to remove his personal effects even though it requires a day or so to do so. It is thought that your presence may avoid an altercation between the Keepers.

Respectfully,

E. J. K.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

ESL-LEC

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

July 24, 1920

A. B. Modawell, Keeper,
Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas

1. You are directed to submit detailed charges against Joseph D. Lightell, Assistant Keeper, giving the dates, reciting his actions as to his having been absent without leave, the dates on which he used profane language, giving the incidents in full, stating who was present and supporting your statements, if possible, by signed statements of all others who were present at the time. The same detailed statements are requested as to the use of disrespectful language to other persons on the station, giving the dates, names of the persons, and supporting your charges by the signed statements of the other persons, if you are able to do so.

2. Upon receipt of your detailed charges, the assistant keeper will be given an opportunity to submit a reply in accordance with the regulations. If it is found that Mr. Lightell has violated the Instructions to Employees, the necessary disciplinary action will be taken.

3. Your letter of July 23, 1920, has just been received and is sufficient insofar as it relates to the absence without leave, but you must put in writing the profane language used by the Asst. Keeper and whether used in the presence of anyone and full details of the circumstances in writing. Your remarks to the effect that there are other reports on this matter that you would like to make personally has been noted and it is requested that these other reports be made in writing giving full details.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.
July 24, 1920

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Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

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2. The Keeper has been directed to prefer charges in detail against you, and you will be given an opportunity to reply.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information and files of A. B. Modawell, Keeper, Brazos River Light Station, Velasco, Texas.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Superintendent of Lighthouses

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

New Orleans La July 23 1920

Albert Modawell
Keeper Brazos River Light Station
Freeport Texas

Your telegram this date relative Lightell Report all circumstances fully and in detail by letter Cautionary letter mailed Lightell

PROTIN

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

E. Protin

Chief Clerk, 8th L.H. District.

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES JUL 6 1920 NEW ORLEANS

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES JUL 23 1920 NEW ORLEANS

REQUEST

Brazos River (Station.) July 1st, 1920

Depld
LIGHTHOUSE ~~INSPECTOR~~, 8 Dist. DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 15 days of shore liberty or leave, from July 5th to 19th, inclusive, 1920. I have had none days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

Lanie Seidler (Name.), Velasco Texas (P. O. Address.)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

1310 St Anthony (Street or R. D. Route.) New Orleans (City.) La (State.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

P B Modawell
Keeper in charge.

Joseph D Lightell (Applicant's signature.)

asst kpr (Title.)

MCC

AUTHORITY

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
OFFICE OF ~~Inspector~~, 8th DISTRICT, July 6, 1920.

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for fifteen (15) days, from July 5 to July 19, inclusive, 1920.

Substitute MUST (Insert "must" or "need not.") be furnished during this absence.

All keepers or assistants away from the station on a leave of 15 days or more are subject to recall if emergency requires.

E. S. Lanphier,
Superintendent of Lighthouses,
~~Inspector~~, Eighth *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 9 A. M. July 5th, 1920. (State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 6 P. M. July 19th, 1920. (State nearest hour.)

Period of absence 14 9/24 days.

Period charged: 11 18/24 days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

P B Modawell
Keeper in charge.

Joseph D Lightell (Applicant's signature.)

asst keeper (Title.)

11—882

File

EP-MCC

June 30, 1920.

Joseph D. Lightell, Asst. Keeper,
Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring to your telegram of June 30th requesting four (4) days' leave of absence beginning July 4th:

2. You are informed that this leave is authorized, subject to the approval of the Keeper. Upon your return to duty, you are requested to forward through the Keeper formal application for the leave.

3. For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

(Sgd.) E. PROTIN,

Chief Clerk.

Copy for information and files of A.B.Modawell, Keeper, Brazos River Light Station, Velasco, Texas.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

Chief Clerk.

E.O.D. 12/10/19
Entitled to 15da. annual.
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Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

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NEWORLEANS LA

RESPECTFULLY REQUEST FOUR DAYS LEAVE ABSENCE BEGINNING JULY FOURTH

JOSEPH D LIGHTELL

BRAZOSRIVER ASST KEEPER

3P

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHT-HOUSES JUN 30 1920 NEW ORLEANS

Wire ~~keeper~~ collect:-
Leave authorized
subject to official
Show this telegram to
Keeper

Form 1201

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES JUL 26 1920 NEW ORLEANS

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NEWORLEANS LA

A B MODAWELL KOHER LEFT STATION JULY 24 HAS

NOT RETURNED ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE

J G LIGHTELL, ASST KEEPER

245PM

Telephone No. mpt 1189

Telephoned to New Iberia.

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Dly Mgr: Pls hold Underhud wd repeat,

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SUPT OF LITEHOUSES

NEWORLE ANS LA

YES C B SCHMIDT NOW ON STATION I HAVE OIL

J D LIGHTELL

ASST KEEPER BRAZOS

RIVER

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EP-LEC

New Orleans, La., July 29, 1920

Joseph D Lightell Assistant Keeper
Brazos River Light Station
Freeport Texas

This office advised C B Schmidt now at station serving as substitute for Keeper Modawell Answer collect if this information correct also state whether ycu have oil

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CONFIRMATION OF TELEGRAM

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

E. Protin

Chief Clerk

JUL 27 1920 NEW ORLEANS

Velasco Texas
July 25th 20.

Brazos River Lightstation
Supt of light house N.O. La
(Dear Sir)

A B. Modawell
Keeper.
left Station July 24th
at 7 o'clock P.M. with an
notice giving me that he
was leaving the Station
July the 25 the following
morning. The light was
put out by me at 6.05 P.M.
He left Velasco what
time with me on this date
I like to know who is
in Charge of the
Station also did lock
his house up on the

~~oil Key~~ Key to the oil House is also in his house I have Enough oil for tonight now tomorrow night if he is not here the light will not be able to Burn without oil also according to the letter from agan of which was address (through the keeper) with his Permission I have Right to open all letter address to me under his care this is why I have open said letter which was wrote to me from agan July 23/920 I wish to State here in my own hand writing that is not True of me using any Profane & disrespectful Language

JUL 27 1920

To Persons at This ~~Station~~
which This Report you
have Taken from the
Keeper is all ~~fault~~ also
Hoping Not any in my
Case but the Asst ~~Keeper~~
before me To have a
Investigation which by
This will be able to
Prove more To This
affect.
also Hoping This letter
Bring Me a Early answ
To This Matter
asst Keeper.

Bazar Reinforcement
Joseph D. Lighthall
Alaska

P.S. also which I don't understand I
all way get the Keeper Permision to Leave
Station

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT

New Orleans La July 26 1920 NEW ORLEANS.

Joseph D Lightell Assistant Keeper
Brazos River Light Station
Freeport Texas

Modawell now at this office You are directed notify George Schuster to assume duty as Modawells substitute Remain at station until Modawells return

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(SIGNED) LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Form 1204

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
Telegram	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a telegram. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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C B SCHMIDT ON DUTY AT LIGHTHOUSE SINCE DAY OF

A B MODERWELLS LEAVING VELASCO AS HE INSTRUCTED ME TO

GET HIM TO GO DOWN

GEO SCHUSTER JR

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

New Orleans La July 26 1920

George Schuster
Velasco via Freeport Texas

Proceed to Brazos River Light Station and remain on duty as Modawells subsitute until Modawells return Show this telegram to Assistant Keeper Lightell as your authority

SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES

(SIGNED) LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Modawell

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EP-MCC DRAFT July 26, 1920.

Joseph D. Lightell, Asst. Keeper,
Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring further to letter from this office dated July 23, 1920, cautioning you in regard to your conduct as a keeper in the Lighthouse Service:

2. There are inclosed herewith copies of 2 letters, dated July 23, 1920, from the Keeper of Brazos River Light Station, who called at this office today. ~~xxx~~ ~~xie~~ Your resignation which you submitted under date of July 23, 1920;

3. In view of the Keeper's reports, you are hereby charged with (a) neglect of duty, in violation of Article 478 of the Lighthouse Regulations and Articles 5, 6, and subparagraph 5 of Article 104 of the "Instructions to Employees" in absenting yourself from the station without leave; (b) insubordination, in violation of Article 11 of the Instructions, in the use of profane language toward the Keeper when requested for an explanation as to your reason for being absent without authority; (c) conduct unbecoming a keeper of the Lighthouse Service, in threatening the Keeper and the Keeper's wife with physical violence.

4. In view of the above charges, you are hereby suspended from duty (effective at the close of the date on which you receive this letter) for a period not to exceed 90 days, pending a decision in your case. 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.

6. You will be given three (3) days from the date of receipt of this letter in which to make such reply to these charges as you deem appropriate, in accordance with Article 45 of "Instructions to Employees."

Supt. of Lighthouses.

for 9½ hrs. on July 21; for 1½ hrs. on July 22; and for 3 hrs. on July 23, 1920;

5. During the period of your suspension you will not be permitted to reside at the station. You will not be allowed to ~~land your personal or household effects on the reservation~~. Immediately upon receipt of this letter you will, in accordance with the foregoing, proceed to remove all your personal effects from the Brazos River Light Station, Tex. [illegible] upon your part to comply herewith [illegible]

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT JAN 2 1920 HOUSES

December 26, 1919.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES JAN 5 1920 NEW ORLEANS

Mr. Joseph D. Lightell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Six Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above-mentioned position. (December 10, 1919)

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. ____) issued by the Acting Secretary of the Tenth Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Charles B. Schmidt.

Legal Residence: Louisiana.
Eighth

(See reverse side.)

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Brazos River
L. H. Sta.

COPY (MCC) Recd. 12 M., Jan. 14, 1920. L.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, ---------Joseph D. Lightell,----------

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.

(Sgd.) JOSEPH D. LIGHTELL
(Appointee signs here)

[2]---------Sworn to (See below)---------- and subscribed before me, this [3]---12th--- day of ---------January---------, A. D. 191 20.

(Affix official seal here)

S(Notary Public
E(County of
A(Brazoria,
L(Texas.

[4](*Name*) (Sgd.) W.D.GRAHAM, Notary Public, Brazoria Co., Texas.

(*Official title*)----------

My commission expires June 1, 1921.

OFFICIAL TITLE	RATE OF PAY	NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.
Present Keeper in the Light-house Service	$660 per annum	Brazos River Light Station, Texas.
Former [5] Probationary appointment.		

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

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OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~ Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th DISTRICT

(Address) New Orleans, La., January 15, 1920. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on ------December 10, 1919.------ (Date)

E.S.L.

(Signature, followed by title)

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

[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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-2 inclosures

January 8, 1920.

Joseph D. Lightell, Asst. Keeper,
Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Transmitted herewith is Department certificate, dated December 26, 1919, covering your probationary appointment as assistant keeper at Brazos River Light Station at a salary of $660 per annum and a daily ration allowance of 45¢, effective commencing December 10, 1919. In addition to salary, you will be given the monthly bonus of $20 upon receipt of Department approval of certificate in your case.

2. Subscribe to inclosed "Oath of Office" before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths and return same as soon as practicable. NO PAY WILL BE SENT YOU UNTIL THE OATH IS RECEIVED IN PROPER FORM.

(Sgd.) LANPHIER,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished A. B. Modawell, Keeper, Brazos River Light Station, Velasco, Texas, for his information and the station files. You are directed to see that this employee returns the oath of office, properly completed, with as little delay as possible.

E.S.L.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~ Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., December 17, 1919.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, **Joseph D. Lightell** Legal residence, **Louisiana**

Position, **Keeper in the Lighthouse Service** Salary, **$660 per annum**

Location, **Brazos River Light Station, Texas** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **December 10, 1919,** {'the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or~~ ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

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

Location, -

Rank on eligible list, First Rating, **Assistant Keeper** Percentage, **84.6** , Other eligibles considered:

Thomas F. Brooks, C. (No other eligibles)

Previous incumbent, Charles B. Schmidt Services terminated, **November 5, 1919.**

Reason, **Resigned.**

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: **Due to the necessity for maintaining the full authorized complement of keepers at Brazos River Light Station, Joseph D. Lightell was assigned to duty on Dec.10,1919. He has never been employed under any branch of the Department of Commerce. Quarters are provided at above light station for the families of the keepers.**

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

Thru C.S. Secy
12-17-19
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Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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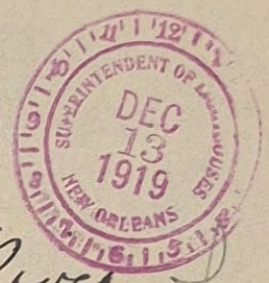
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Brazos River
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

Dec. 11, 1919

L. H. Superintendent.
New Orleans. La.

Sir.

Wm J. D. Lightell
Reported for duty at this station on Dec 10th 1 Pm

Respectfully.
Robt. Mcdowell.
Keeper

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December 9, 1919.

Albert B. Modawell, Keeper,
Brazos River Light Station,
Velasco, Texas.

1. The bearer, Mr. Joseph D. Lightell, has been employed as Assistant Keeper at Brazos River Light Station at a salary of $660 per annum, plus the temporary bonus of $20 a month, and the usual ration allowance. Upon his arrival at the station, you will place him on duty, advising this office promptly by letter of the exact date.

2. For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

M.

First Assistant Superintendent.

Copy forwarded by mail to Keeper Modawell.

Form 124.
May, 1915.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

U. S. Lighthouse Service
[Branch of service or department.]

New Orleans La
[Name of city.] [State.]

Dec. 9, 1919

DECLARATION OF APPOINTEE.

This form must be executed by the appointee before he enters on duty. If the answer to question 6 includes two or more names, and is not IDENTICAL in every respect with answer to similar question in the application, this form must be submitted by the appointing officer for approval before appointment may be authorized. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE PROVISIONS OF LAW AS QUOTED ON ATTACHED FORM. False personation in an examination is a criminal offense, and will be prosecuted accordingly.

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1. What was your age on your last birthday and what was the date of your birth?	24 years Nov. 7,
2. Where were you born?	Grand Island La
3. What were the names of the persons who signed the vouchers to your application?	Eddie Mundulle Dudly Lightell
4. In what city or town, and in what building were you examined?	Medical Building N.O. La
5. To what position have you been appointed? State the salary. If temporary, so state.	#660, Per annum Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

6. Are any members of your family in the U. S. Government Service? Answer "yes" or "no" no If so, fill in the following blanks. If additional space is necessary use back of this sheet.

Name.	Post office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position Department or office		
		Position Department or office		
		Position Department or office		

7. Have any of the above-named persons entered the Government service since the execution of your application for examination? no If so, give the name of each such person

8. Will you inform yourself of and observe the provisions of the civil service law and rules and Executive orders concerning political activity, political coercion, political assessments, use of influence to secure promotion, etc., as quoted on the attached form? yes

I hereby certify that the answers to the foregoing questions are true in every particular.

Joseph D. Lightell
[Signature.]

1310 St. Anthony St., New Orleans, La.
[Give here your present post-office address, city and state, including street and number.]

The officer before whom the above certificate is made is requested to sign the following:

The above certificate was executed before me, in his own handwriting, by the identical person who has reported for assignment to duty.

Was photograph of appointee furnished you? No If so, is it a correct likeness of the person who executed this form? - - - -

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

Signature F. A. Muth

Official title 1st Asst. Supt.

This is to be signed by an officer of the department or bureau to which the appointee belongs, not by a notary public, and does not need to be sworn to.
The paper should be returned to Chief Clerk of bureau when completed.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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will reported rec'd 9th
office Tuesday 2nd for
final papers &
instructions
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EIGHTH DISTRICT

December 3, 1919.

Mr. Joseph D. Lightell,
1510 St. Anthony Street,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

1. You are informed that you have been selected for the position of Assistant Keeper of Brazos River Light Station, Texas, at a salary of $660 per annum and a daily ration allowance of 45¢, effective commencing on the date you report at the station for duty. In addition to above salary, you will be given the bonus of $20 a month upon Department approval of certificate of qualification in your case.

2. It is desired to have you proceed to the Light Station at the earliest date practicable. You are therefore requested to call at this office upon receipt of this letter for further instructions.

Respectfully,

E.S.L.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Brazos River
(Station, Depot or Vessel.)

Nov. 30, 1919

L. H. Superintendent
New Orleans, La.

Sir.

I Notified you by Letter on the 2nd of November That the Assistant Keeper had gone, and left This Station. I Also Requested That another person be Appointed to fill this Vacancy as soon as possible I have been attending the Work of an assistant Keeper as well as my own for nearly a month and Again I request That an Assistant Keeper be Appointed immediately.

Respectfully.
R. B. Mcdowell.
Keeper.

Form 201
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LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Mr. Joseph D. Lightell,
1310 St. Anthony St.,
New Orleans, La.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~ 8th DIST.,
New Orleans, La., Nov. 12, 1919.

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)
Assistant Keeper, Brazos River Light Station, Texas, located on the North Side of Brazos River about 3 miles from Velasco, Texas. Two keepers authorized to care for this station.

Salary: $660.00 per annum, plus temporary bonus of $20 per annum a month during present fiscal year.
Quarters: are provided at this station for the families of the keepers.
(State whether or not quarters are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Traveling expenses from your home to the light station will not be paid by the Government.

Fuel: Allowed.
(State allowance of fuel for domestic purposes, if authorized.)

Rations: Forty-five cents (45¢) a day in cash.
(State facts concerning rations for this position.)

This position is also offered to other eligibles, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

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

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

Respectfully,

For and in the absence of the Superintendent
F A Mathi
FIRST ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

AN IMMEDIATE REPLY IS REQUESTED.

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

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

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

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

.....

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

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
	.....	Position ..... Department or office		
	.....	Position ..... Department or office		

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

My reasons for declining the position tendered me are as follows: .....

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(Signature) Joseph D Lightell

(Post-office address) .....

Date, ...

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Form 201

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LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Mr. Joseph D. Lightell,
1310 St.Anthony St.,
New Orleans,La.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~ 8th DIST.,

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Respectfully,

By direction of the Superintendent

F. G. M.

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Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		

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

My reasons for declining the position tendered me are as follows: .....

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(Signature) .....

(Post-office address) .....

Date, ...

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COPY (MCC)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

(To be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon entrance on duty. The statement should be signed by the appointee or employee. If unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness.)

1. What is your full name? (State whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs., and spell out names in full, including middle name or names. Example: Mr. John Richard Roe. If name itself is merely a letter, it should be so stated.)

Mr. Joseph Douglas Lightell

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

Joseph Douglas Lightell

3. Bureau or Service, place, and district in which employed:

Lighthouse (Bureau or Service.) | Brazos River L.S., Texas. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) | 8th (District.)

4. Position to which appointed Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

5. Compensation $660 per annum

6. Appropriation from which paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

7. In what manner did the employee enter the service? (Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination, ———, 191—;" or "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ———," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Assistant Lighthouse Keeper--September 30, 1919.

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

New Orleans (City or town.) | Louisiana (State or Territory.) | Orleans (County.) | First (Congressional district.)

9. When the legal residence given in answer to question 8 differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

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

11. Where were you born? Grand Island, La.

12. When were you born? November 7, 1893. (Month.) | 7 (Day.) | 1893 (Year.)

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

14. What is your marital condition? Married

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

Mrs. M. Lightell (Name.) | 1310 St. Anthony St., (Number and street.)

New Orleans (City or town.) | Louisiana (State or Territory.)

16. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? No

(If answer is "Yes," give in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.)

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		

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

No

18. 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.
	No				

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

No

20. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
U.S.S.PAUL JONES	June 2, 1913	June 7,1917	Honorable Discharge
U.S.S.SUPPLY	Jan. 9,1918	June 10,1919	Inactive duty

21. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States other than during war time, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
	- - - - - -		

22. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No (If answer is "Yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan)

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

24. 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 18, 19, 20, 21.)

Motorman

24. 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., 1902; Columbia University, LL. B., 1905.)

Public School - 7th Grade

25. 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.")

None

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

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

Yes

Date, December 9, 1919

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Joseph Douglas Lightell

P. O. Address: New Orleans
City or town.

1320 St. Anthony St.,
Number and street.

Louisiana.
State or Territory.

(If appointee is to be employed in the field, this form should be reviewed and approved by the proper field officer and need not be signed by an official of the Bureau. If appointee is to serve in the District of Columbia, the form should be reviewed and approved by the proper Bureau officer. When forwarding this form, no letter of transmittal is required.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded December 17, 1919.

(Signature)

(Official title) Superintendent of Lighthouses.