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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
Loftin, Frank		1898 TN

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: 1974

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (CT/NJ/NY) 3rd District	From: 1929	To: 1934
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

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

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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FRANK LOFTIN

FRANK LOFTIN

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES.

Washington DC APR 18 1904

Lighthouse Superintendent
Saint George New York

Appointment loftin approved

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(CONFIRMATION)

To Dept. 4/14
Frank Loftin
1st Asst. Kpr. Robbins Reef

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PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 14—FIELD QUESTIONNAIRE
(To be filled out in accordance with the instructions given in P. C. B. Forms Nos. 15 and 16)

Bureau No. 1643 Sheet No. 5(b)117

Space reserved for the use of the Board

1. Loftin (Surname) Frank (Given name) (Initial)

2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouse
4. Field service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field station Robbins Reef Light Station
(b) Subdivision Third District
(c) City or town Staten Island State N.Y.

6. Pay roll title Light Keeper
7. Customary office title Assistant Keeper
8. Present administrative allocation $1320-1800
9. Present gross rate of pay $ 1500.00
10. Deduction for allowances $ None
11. Net rate paid in cash $ 1620.00

12. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box or boxes the kind of allowances, if any, received by the employee:
☐ House ☐ Room { ☐ Furnished ☐ Unfurnished } ☐ Heat ☐ Light ☐ Fuel ☐ Laundry ☐ Uniform ☐ Subsistence or rations in kind Meals per day: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3

13. Describe any other allowance, privilege, or perquisite of value

14. If any special equipment or a bond is required by law or regulation to be furnished at the employee's expense, state kind and annual cost

15. (a) Regular hours of work: From 7:00 a.m. to m. (b) How many hours per week excluding unusual or irregular overtime work?
Summer Winter (c) If not a full time and all-the-year-round position, state number of hours per day;
number of days per { week / month / year } (d) If certain hours of availability for duty, outside of regular working hours, are required, state hours and type of such duty

16. (a) Rate of pay for overtime None (b) Amount of overtime pay in last 12 months None

17. (a) Does the employee in any way direct or supervise other employees? No. (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering)
(c) How many?

18. If the employee supervises other persons through immediate contact, give the name and the sheet numbers of such persons. (For such of these as may not be covered by questionnaires, give number and kinds by occupations.) If the employee exercises supervision through section or division heads, give the title of such sections or divisions and the names and sheet numbers of their heads.

18a. Not specified; average eight or less hours per day; Sundays operation of light and fog signal engines only.

Stands watches; work equally divided.

19. (a) Is the employee in any way directed, supervised, or instructed, or his work reviewed? Yes. (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering.)
His work is supervised by the Keeper. As Assistant Keeper he is in charge of and responsible for the station in the absence of the Keeper.

20. What is the name, official position, and sheet number of the employee's immediate superior? Adolph Nasslere, Keeper, 5(b)116.

21. Employee's education: Strike an "X" over the number representing the highest grade or year completed in each type of school:

Elementary							High				Normal				College				Postgraduate or professional				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	X	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	(Kind)

Other education (describe): Frank Loftin. Asst. Keeper.

22. What length and kind of experience or other training did the employee possess upon original entrance into this position which was most qualifying or pertinent?

Frank Loftin Asst. Keeper.

Composed and certified by

10—1856

23. TO THE EMPLOYEE: Describe in detail the work you do. Put each distinct duty, task, or process in a separate paragraph. Explain first those that require most of your time. Explain occasional duties last. In the column at the left opposite each paragraph enter the approximate percentage of your time devoted to the work described in that paragraph. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO COMPOSE THIS STATEMENT WITHOUT FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS OF P. C. B. FORM NO. 15.

Percentage of working time	
8 hrs working days from Monday to Saturday, making 48 hrs. (About 33 5/7 of time) If necessary more hrs. are put in.	"Robbins Reef Light Sta" is a two mans station having a vapor-light and fog signal engine. On this station the Keeper and I stand 12 hour watches, going on duty at 1 00 P.M. and comming off duty at 1 00 a.m. The light must be lighted up at sundown and put out at sunrise. The man on duty is responsible for lighting up or putting out and running the fog signal engine in case fog sets in when he is on duty. The engine and light has to have the best of care, well oiled, polished and ready to operate at all times. We also have the tower and living quarters to keep in good condition. To keep our station in good shape we have a daily rotine of work we follow and other odd jobs that needs to be done which takes up the hours of an ordinary working day.

24. I hereby certify that the foregoing was composed by me after reading P. C. B. Form No. 15, and that it is a true statement of my duties.

Frank Loftin.
(Signature of Employee)

25. TO THE PREPARING OFFICER: Write your own description of the employee's work. If in describing the work of the position you would cover the same subject matter and use the same language and expressions, indicate your concurrence in the employee's statement and utilize the rest of the space below by giving further and broader information regarding the position, such as the kind and degree of responsibility involved, the ultimate purpose of the work, its place in your organization, its working conditions, etc. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet. See instructions in Form No. 16.

Assisting in operating illuminating apparatus and fog signal engine; keep apparatus in clean and efficient working order; care for buildings, keep them clean and in order, including painting and minor repairs.

26. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? since April 1928.

27. I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made by me on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete.

OCT 12 1928 (Date), 1928 — F. W. OCKENFELS (Signature of Preparing Officer) — Asst. Superintendent. (Title)

28. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ---------- In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $1500.00 to $1800.00

OCT 12 1928 (Date), 1928 — J. T. YATES (Signature of head of field office or station) — Superintendent. (Title)

29. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ---------- In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 1500 to $ 1800

OCT 22 1928 (Date), 1928 — H. B. BOWERMAN (Signature of head of bureau or his representative) — Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses. (Title)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1928

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSES

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

1928 DEC 31 AM 9 17

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N. Y., Dec. 29, 1928, 19
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended Transfer

Name Frank Loftin

Position Keeper

Location Fire Island Lt Sta., N.Y.

Effective Jan. 7, 1929

Legal residence Massachusetts

Proposed salary $1260 p.a.

Proposed range $1260-$1560 p.a.

Appropriation Salaries, Light-house Keepers

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

Former position, Keeper

Location Robbins Reef Lt Sta., N.J.

Former salary $1500 p.a.

Former range $1500-$1800 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent Isaac Karlin

Services terminated Dec. 31, 1928

Reason Resigned (Salary $1320 per annum)

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: Letter from Mr. Loftin requesting this transfer attached hereto.

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

J. T. YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 31 1928

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Washington, D. C., JAN 7 1928

Lighthouse Superintendent, Saint George, New York.

transfer keeper loftin approved

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CONFIRMATION:

Frank Loftin,
Keeper Fire Island Light Station, N.Y.,
Third District.

To Dept. 12-31-28

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES FWO-JHG 1930 MAR 24 AM 10 45 TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. (City) March 22, 1930 (Date) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Frank Loftin

Position, Keeper

Location, Fire Island Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Effective, March 26, 1930 [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Legal residence, Massachusetts

Proposed salary, $1440 p.a.

Proposed range, $1440-$1740 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Former position, Keeper

Location, Fire Island Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Former salary, $1260 p.a.

Former range, $1260-$1560 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, James G. Spencer (Lt #1566) Services terminated, March 17, 1930

Reason, Died (Salary $1440 p.a.)

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks:

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

J. T. YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Supt., 3rd Lighthouse Dist.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON March 25, 1930.

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Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Copy

Commissioner of Lighthouses

RLC:EMF

Washington DC March 1930

Lighthouse Superintendent Saint George New York

promotions arthur h miller and frank loftin approved

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CONFIRMATION:

Sent to Dept. Mar. 25/30

Keepers, Fire Island Lt.Sta.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y. (City) Aug.16,1930 (Date) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and demotion. Legal residence, Mass.

Name, Frank Loftin Proposed salary, $1200 p.a.

Position, Keeper (Asst.) Proposed range, $1200-$1500 p.a.

Location, Watch Hill Lt.Sta.,R.I. Appropriation, Salaries,Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective, Sept.1,1930 [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper Former salary, $1440 p.a.

Location, Fire Island Lt.Sta.,N.Y. Former range, $1440-~~$1740~~ 1800 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, Carl F.W.Anderson (Lt #1682) Services terminated, Aug.31,1930

Reason, Transferred (Salary $1380 p.a.)

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: Letter from Mr.Loftin requesting this transfer attached hereto.

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

J. T. YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District. Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

AUG 19 1930

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

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RLC:LRF

Lighthouse Commissioner

AUG 25 1930

Washington DC

Lighthouse Superintendent Staten Island New York

Transfer of keepers Anderson Bliven Burke Gilman Loftin ~~[illegible]~~ and Tooker and probationary appointment Rondeau approved

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Anderson, Carl F. W.

Bliven, Raymond F.

Burke, Gilbert

Gilman, Henry C.

Loftin, Frank

Sowle, Martin L.

Tooker, George H.

Rondeau, Peter

Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y., Sept. 1, 1933, 19...
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, * Reduction in pay.

Name, Frank Loftin

Position, Keeper (Asst.)

Location, Watch Hill Lt.Sta., R.I.

Effective, September 11, 1933

[1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Legal residence, Mass.

Proposed salary, $1080 p.a. below min.

Proposed range, $1200-1560

Appropriation,

Former position, Keeper (Asst.)

Location, Watch Hill Lt.Sta.

Former salary, $1200 p.a.

Former range, $1200-1560

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

Cancelled per conversation with Bur.

Previous incumbent and his pay, Services terminated,

Reason, * 1080 will be below min. of range - but Bureau states as he is now at min. they found no other means of disciplining the man unless this is done. See Dept. Letter 8/31/32 in file re Thurman M. Hathrop - a similar case - which was not approved by Dept. - but was returned to Bureau without action

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: See separate letter of this date to the Bureau re Mr.Loftin.

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

SEP - 8 - AM 10:55
CHIEF CLERK
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

J. T. Yates

Secretary, Civil Service District.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 6, 1933.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, attention being invited to the Superintendent's letter of September 1 hereto attached, in paragraph 6 of which the Bureau concurs. A copy of the proposed letter of reprimand will be duly submitted for the Department's records.

Action O.K.

Chief Clerk

Recd 10/26

W P Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

11/1/33 wrote Loftin
copy to 3d Dist

Commissioner of Lighthouses: September 1,1933

SUBJECT: Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper, Charges .

1. The following correspondence is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

a - Letter dated Aug.10,1933 from Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper, Watch Hill Lt.Sta.
b - Letter dated Aug.10 from L.H.Congdon,Keeper, Watch Hill Lt.Sta.
c - Copy of letter dated Aug.12th to Mr.Loftin.
d - Copy of letter dated Aug.12th to Mr.Congdon.
e - Letter of Aug.15th from Mr.Loftin.
f - Letter of Aug.15th from Mr.Congdon.
g - Letter of Aug.16th from Mr.Congdon.
h - Copy of letter of Aug.18th to Mr.Loftin.
i - Copy of letter of charges dated Aug.18th to Mr.Loftin.
j - Letter dated Aug.22nd from Mr.Congdon.
k - Letter dated Aug.21st from Mr.Loftin.
l - Copy of letter dated Aug.23rd to Mr.Congdon.
m - Letter dated Aug.25th from Mr.Congdon.

2. Charge "a" concerning overstaying leave allowance stands proven, Mr.Loftin stating that he has no excuse to offer except that he claims such action was permitted by the Keeper, which is denied by the latter.

3. Charge "b" concerning falsification of station records is admitted by Mr.Loftin, who infers that falsification of leave records was regular practice.

4. Charge "c" in regard to leaving the station while temporarily in charge during the absence of the Keeper is admitted by Mr.Loftin with some qualifications, which are not material.

5. Charge "d" is proven by the fact that Mr.Loftin has repeatedly failed or refused to forward correspondence through the keeper. Even after the proper procedure was plainly stated and reference made to the requirements of Instructions to Employees in letter of Aug.18th, under charge "d", Mr. Loftin saw fit to disregard the instructions furnished him

and forwarded his reply to charges direct to this office. His general attitude as shown by his correspondence appears to be inclined toward insubordination.

6. It is considered that the charges are sufficiently proven to justify drastic disciplinary action, but in view of the fact that he has not heretofore been the subject of disciplinary measures, it is recommended that his rate of pay be reduced Ten Dollars per month, effective beginning September 11,1938, and that he be cautioned that further evidence of disregard of service regulations or instructions, or conduct on his part indicating an insubordinate attitude or tending to create an inharmonious condition at the station, which necessarily would affect its efficient maintenance and operation, will result in more drastic disciplinary measures being taken.

7. Form 73 re reduction in pay as recommended, is attached hereto.

8. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

Form S. S.-93

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
WASHINGTON

Bureau of Lighthouses Date OCT 26 1933

The Secretary of Commerce:

The following personnel change is respectfully recommended:

Nature of recommendation [1] Reduction in Pay

Civil service authority

Name Frank Loftin

Legal residence Massachusetts

	FROM—	TO—
Position	Keeper (assistant)	Keeper (temporary assistant)
Classification	Field (Range $1200-1560)	Field ($1080-1440)
Salary	$1200 per annum	$1080 per annum
Station	3d Lighthouse District, Watch Hill Lightstation,	same
Appropriation [2]	Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses	same

Vice New position -- Lt.#3629

Effective date to be reported

Remarks:

It is recommended that a temporary additional position as indicated be authorized for six months from date of entrance on duty, field classification sheet being inclosed. Attention is invited to the Superintendent's letter of September 1 hereto attached, in paragraph 6 of which the Bureau concurs. A copy of the proposed letter of reprimand will be duly submitted for the Department's records.

W. P. HARMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

(For use of Department)

Copy to 3d Supt.

A decision by the Comptroller to the effect that the salary of an employee could not be below the minimum of the range was construed by the Department to apply in the present case, in view of which a temporary additional position is recommended in a lower range, as indicated, to accomplish the disciplinary measures proposed.

W. P. HARMAN

For the Commissioner:

Administrative Assistant.

[1] Recommendations for reinstatement must be accompanied by Form S. S.-93A

[2] To be used only by bureaus operating under more than one appropriation unit.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929 11—8713

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Description of duties of field position

Name: **Frank Loftin** Bureau Lt.# **3629**

Bureau: Lighthouse

Salary: **$1080 per annum** Salary Range: **$1080-1440**

Position: **Keeper (asst.,temp.)**

Station: **Watch Hill Lightstation, R. I.**
3d Lighthouse District.

Description of duties:

Same as those of regular position of assistant keeper.at this station.

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

October 28, 1933.

M. Frank Loftin,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty and to continue for a period not to exceed six months.

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

J. J. GARDNER.

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1200 per annum.

To: $1080 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

November 1, 1933.

Frank Loftin, Assistant Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station, Rhode Island,
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N.Y.)

1. The Bureau has given careful consideration to the matter of charges preferred against you in connection with your absenting yourself from your station without due authority, improperly recording your absences, and failing to forward communications to the Superintendent's office through the keeper in charge of your station. Your action in these matters is a serious violation of the regulations of the Service and you are hereby severely reprimanded and advised of a reduction of $10 a month in your compensation for a period of six months, at the termination of which period consideration will be given to the question of whether or not your record warrants the restoration of your pay.

2. The fact that you have been reprimanded in this instance will be made a part of your official record.

G.R.Putnam
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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COPY to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y. Further report should be submitted at the proper time with a recommendation as to the restoration of Mr. Loftin's pay. Attention is invited to Bureau nomination dated October 26, a copy of which was sent your office, that nomination having been submitted to the Department in lieu of your original nomination of September 1, for the reason stated on the copy sent you. The limitation is placed upon the period of demotion in view of the fact that the present pay of this keeper is below the minimum of the authorized range of this position, which circumstance does not permit an indefinite demotion.

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files

W. P. HARMAN

Exact copy as signed by ..... Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

Mailed ..... by .....

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

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1933 NOV - 11 - AM 9:02

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

Nov.10,1933

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: Effective date of changes in personnel in 3rd District.
REFERENCE: Department letter of May 19, 1918.

1. The Bureau is advised that the effective dates of recent changes in the personnel of the Third Lighthouse District, are as follows:-

Name	Position	Salary	Nature of Change	Letter Date	Effective Date
Frank Loftin	A.K.	$1080	Reduction in pay.	10-28-33	11-6-33

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

NOV 11 1933

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

For the Commissioner,

Chief, Personnel Division

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEC 26 AM 9:25

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12/29/33 2nd note

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Commissioner of Lighthouses; Dec. 20,1933

SUBJECT: Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper, Watch Hill Lt.Sta.,R.I.
REFERENCE: Bureau letter of reprimand dated Nov.1,1933.

1. The following correspondence is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

a - Letter dated Nov.21,1933 from L. H. Congdon, Keeper, Watch Hill Lt·Sta.
b - Copy of letter dated Nov.29 to Keeper Congdon.
c - Letter dated Dec.1st from Keeper Congdon.
d - Copy of letter of charges dated Dec.5th to Asst.Keeper Loftin.
e - Letter dated Dec.7th from Asst.Kpr.Loftin.
f - Letter dated Dec.8th from Keeper Congdon.
g - Copy of letter dated Dec.11th to Keeper Congdon.
h - Letter dated Dec.13th from Keeper Congdon.

2. Mr.Loftin's reply to charges contains much that is aside from the subject, and while his statements are general in character, they are undoubtedly intended to cast reflections on the keeper. His reply to charge 1(a) is evasive in that in answering the charge of leaving the station without permission, he contends that he always "reported" to the keeper before leaving the station. The apparent answer to charge 1(b) is simply a repetition of the charge without comment or explanation. His reply to charges 2(a), (b), (c) and (d) is a general denial, with some comment but without explanation or direct reply to the various charges of which items (a) and (c) are the most serious, since they involve sleeping while on watch after sunset, and failure to light the station light until after sunset on Nov. 21,1933.

3. This office considers that Mr.Loftin's reply to charges is not satisfactory, and that it serves to show that he is unsuitable for continuance in the service. By Bureau letter of November 1,1933 Mr.Loftin was reprimanded

and his compensation reduced $10.00 per month as the result of various charges, including the forwarding of correspondence direct to this office instead of through the Keeper. Notwithstanding previous charges and disciplinary action referred to, it will be noted that his reply to charges dated December 7th, was forwarded direct to this office and not through the keeper.

4. As soon as Mr.Loftin found that charges had been made against him by the keeper, he (Loftin) proceeded to file a series of charges against the keeper in various letters all of which were forwarded direct to this office, the charges being trivial in general and in part involving alleged occurrences of many months ago. It is obvious that these charges were not made for the good of the service, but either in retaliation or to cloud the issue of charges against himself. A separate file of this correspondence is enclosed for the Bureau's information.

5. It is considered that the charges against Mr.Loftin have been proven to a sufficient degree to warrant severe action; that Mr.Loftin has demonstrated that he is disinclined to subordinate himself to orders, regulations, or special instructions; and that he is the cause of an inharmonious condition at this station, which necessarily affects the efficient maintenance of the station and causes inconvenience and expense to the service by reason of voluminous correspondence as evidenced by enclosures.

6. It is therefore recommended that Frank Loftin be dismissed from the position of Assistant Keeper of Watch Hill Light Station, R.I., with pay at the rate of $1080 per annum, effective on a date later to be determined and reported to the Bureau.

7. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations. Mr. Loftin has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

Frank Loftin - Keeper - 2d - 12/20/33

12/29/33 Draft 831

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service requires that these (2) two men be separated, as there is evidently bad blood between them. D/ Kpr. charges are not supported. Asst. Kpr. will prob. be out of control entirely. Rec. Transfer Asst Kpr. to another station (less desirable) if practicable. If this cannot be arranged, rec. dismiss for good service, though whole case largely made up of trivialities.

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Charge 2 c (asleep on watch after sunset) which was reported to Supt. promptly seems to be the most serious of the specific charges, and the asst Kpr's reply to this charge is not specific and would indicate that he does not realize its seriousness. Think this charge is substantiated sufficiently to warrant dismissal in view of previous disciplinary action, and Instr. to Emple. 1927, arts 5 & 7.

If not dismissed think asst Kpr should be transfered; also think Keeper should be cautioned to promptly report violations of the Instructions by subordinates. See art. 124.

JJ 12/27

concur, but if not approved, then in next par. Keeper to be cautioned

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None of the matters brought up seem to me to be of a nature which should not be properly handled by Kpr. But whatever the sham fault, I think proper the

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Frank Loftin - Keeper - 2d - 12/20/33

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Keeper Loftin was reprimanded by the Bureau on Nov.1st for "absenting yourself from your station without due authority, improperly recording your absences, and failing to forward communications to the Supt's.office through the keeper." In addition to being reprimanded in this connection on Nov.1st, his pay was reduced $10. a month.

He has been in the Service since Apr.1928, serving at two other stations beside his present one, apparently with a satisfactory record for his record was clear until Nov.1933. Apparently that disciplinary action has had some good effect, although the present difficulties between the two keepers appear to be largely a result of previous differences. Apparently the keeper has been observing the assistant closely recently and in his report he cites the dates and the hours of the various occurrences he complains of. As to the neglect of duty charges, which seem the most serious, the keeper reports that the assistant was asleep in his quarters at 8 P.M. on Oct. 13; at 2:55 P.M. on Nov. 21; at 4:35 P.M. on Nov.21. At these times the keeper reports the assistant was sleeping ~~his~~ his room. He did not observe him asleep however, the evidence having been inferential. Asst Kpr. states stands watch in the kitchen.

These items are noted particularly in connection with the underlined text of the Supt's. present letter. This seems an incorrect comment on Keeper Loftin's reply to the charges, attention being invited to keeper Loftin's reply dated Dec. 7, page 3, the item marked "Ans.(1)". Apparently the Supt. did not read that statement completely, as Loftin states ~~xxx~~ not only that he reported to the keeper before leaving, but that he never left without permission, and that on the date in question (Oct. 12) he was on authorized leave as shown by the watchbook.

The rest of the charges appears to be the work of one man against the other. ~~xxxxxxxx~~ Jalone referred to. It have its full effect

In view of the fact that Loftin's record has been apparently good until recently and that scarcely sufficient time has passed since the reprimand of Nov.1st and the demotion in pay accompanying it, and of the defects in the present case as [redacted], it appears doubtful dismissal is warranted. In lieu of that therefore it is suggested that Loftin again be reprimanded by the Bureau and told that all his communications must be forwarded through the keeper in accordance with the Regs. and that he must cooperate with the keeper in the performance of the station duties, and that if he fails further to observe the Regs. in all respects his dismissal from the Service will be effected, ~~xxxxxxx

Mr Todd

I should appreciate yr views of [illegible] opinion on this case. In some respects I agree with Mr Gross, but if the man was actually asleep on watch, the three occasions mentioned which does not seem entirely clear, I shd think dismissal necy

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WPK

12/27

Comment by Com'r Todd reserved

Mr Starman

It seems to me that the asst kpr is persistently insubordinate. However, the kpr in reporting charges 2a & 2d waited more than a month before advising Supt of these matters. apparent

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December 29, 1933.

3d Supt's. letter Dec.20,1933, re Frank Loftin, asst.kpr. Watch Hill Light Station, charges.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y., together with the inclosures and inviting attention to the statement in the first part of paragraph two of your letter making interpretative comments on Keeper Loftin's reply to charges referred to as 1(a) and 1 (b). Your comment in this respect does not appear correct in accordance with the facts, it being noted from Mr. Loftin's reply to the charges dated December 7, page 3, he not only states that he "reported" but that he never left the station without permission. As stated, this appears to invalidate the comments of paragraph two of your letter. It is therefore requested that reconsideration be given the matter and that Keeper Loftin be considered for transfer to another station with demotion if necessary, it appearing that the reprimand of Keeper Loftin on November 1 has perhaps not been in effect sufficiently long to properly influence his view of his status at the station. It appears also that the present charges deal largely with matters occurring prior to the reprimand of November 1st.

In the event, however, your office does not consider that the transfer of Keeper Loftin to another station is practicable, your office may resubmit the case properly revising the matter in paragraph two along the line above explained. If the matter is thus resubmitted the inclosures should of course again accompany the case.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman

Administrative Assistant.

RG-EK

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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1934 JAN - 11 - AM 9:18
GENERAL DEPOT

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

FWO-JHG

1/13 Bureau

Commissioner of Lighthouses: Jan. 8,1934

SUBJECT: Frank H.Loftin,A.K., Watch Hill Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE:Bureau letter Dec.29,1933.

1. Paragraph 2 of letter of Dec.20th,1933 has been amended to clear up the objection noted by the Bureau.

2. In view of the general attitude of Assistant Keeper Loftin as evidenced by his correspondence which continues to accumulate, since he was reprimanded by Bureau letter of November 1,1933, and his evident refusal to forward correspondence through official channels notwithstanding regulations, special instructions and reprimand, his transfer to another station, as suggested, is not believed to be warranted or desirable.

3. In this connection it may be stated that the keeper of this station has been in the service nearly 18 years , has always had a good record, and from the standpoint of efficiency is rated as one of the best keepers in the district, and there is no reason to believe that the charges made by the Keeper are false or due to personal animosity as indicated by Assistant Keeper Loftin.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

I took a par on Keepers leave in this case this a.m. (attached hereto)

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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1/13/34 Dupl. to Dept.

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Commissioner of Lighthouses; Dec.20,1933

SUBJECT: Frank Loftin,A.K.,Watch Hill Lt.Sta.,R.I.
REFERENCE: Bureau letter of reprimand dated Nov.1,1933.

1. The following correspondence is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

a - Letter dated Nov.21,1933 from L.H.Congdon,K.,Watch Hill L.S.
b - Copy of letter dated Nov.29 to Keeper Congdon.
c - Letter dated Dec.1 from Keeper Congdon.
d - Copy of letter of charges of Dec.5 to A.K.Loftin.
e - Letter dated Dec.7th from Asst.Keeper Loftin.
f - Letter dated Dec.8th from Keeper Congdon.
g - Copy of letter dated Dec.11th to Keeper Congdon.
h - Letter dated Dec.13 from Keeper Congdon.

2. Mr.Loftin's reply to charges contains much that is aside from the subject, and while his statements are general in character, they are undoubtedly intended to cast reflections on the keeper. His reply to charges 1(a) states that he always "reported" to the keeper before leaving the station, and also states "never leaving until permission was granted". The former statement if taken literally may be construed either as evasion or admission of the charge, while the latter statement is a denial of the charge. However, the former statement coincides with the claim of the keeper in his letter of Nov.21st, and while not proven, it is likely that it has been the practice to report to or advise the keeper that he proposed to leave the station rather than to definitely request permission or leave for a given period. The apparent answer to charge 1(b) is a repetition of the charge without comment or explanation other than indicating that leave was granted. His reply to charges 2(a),(b),(c) and (d) is a general denial, with some comment but without explanation or direct reply to the various charges of which items (a) and (c) are the most serious, since they involve sleeping while on watch after sunset, and failure to light the station light until after sunset on Nov.21,1933.

3. This office considers that Mr.Loftin's reply to charges is not satisfactory, and that it serves to show that he is unsuitable for continuance in the service. By Bureau letter of November 1st,1933, Mr.Loftin was reprimanded

Correct with Light
Keeper to Dept #6
for reasons shown

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and his compensation reduced $10.00 per month as the result of various charges, including the forwarding of correspondence direct to this office instead of through the Keeper. Notwithstanding previous charges and disciplinary action referred to, it will be noted that his reply to charges dated December 7th, was forwarded direct to this office and not through the keeper.

4. As soon as Mr. Loftin found that charges had been made against him by the keeper, he (Loftin) proceeded to file a series of charges against the keeper in various letters all of which were forwarded direct to this office, the charges being trivial in general and in part involving alleged occurrences of many months ago. It is obvious that these charges were not made for the good of the service, but either in retaliation or to cloud the issue of charges against himself. A separate file of this correspondence is inclosed for the Bureau's information.

5. It is considered that the charges against Mr. Loftin have been proven to a sufficient degree to warrant severe action; that Mr. Loftin has demonstrated that he is disinclined to subordinate himself to orders, regulations, or special instructions; and that he is the cause of an inharmonious condition at this station, which necessarily affects the efficient maintenance of the station and causes inconvenience and expense to the service by reason of voluminous correspondence as evidenced by inclosures.

6. It is therefore recommended that Frank Loftin be dismissed from the position of Assistant Keeper of Watch Hill Light Station, R. I., with pay at the rate of $1080 per annum, effective on a date later to be determined and reported to the Bureau.

7. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations. Mr. Loftin has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate.

(Signed) J. T. Yates
Superintendent

January 13, 1934.

SUBJECT: 3d Superintendent's letter December 20,1933, recommending dismissal Frank Loftin, assistant keeper Watch Hill Light Station.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce. After careful consideration the Bureau concurs with the views of the Superintendent in this matter and recommends that Keeper Loftin be dismissed from the Service effective on a date to be reported on the grounds of absenting himself from the station without due permission and neglect of duty. In connection with the matter attention is invited to the fact that Mr. Loftin was severely reprimanded and demoted under date of November 1, 1933, for violation of the regulations of the Service. Under the circumstances he is not considered suitable for retention in the Service.

For the Commiss

W. P. Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES
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January 30, 1934.

Mr. Frank Loftin,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Charges of absenting yourself from duty without permission, and neglect of duty having been preferred against you and substantiated in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of Keeper at $1080 per annum in the Lighthouse Service, effective at the close of business on a date later to be determined and reported to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington

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March 22, 1934

Superintendent of Lighthouses: Staten Island, N.Y.

It is requested that the information indicated in the item checked below be furnished the Bureau promptly, with the return of the attached papers, if any.

NAME AND DESIGNATION Frank Loftin -- Kpr.

(1) Give date of entrance on duty, of transfer, or of resignation.
(2) Furnish personal history sheet.
(3) Furnish oath of office.
(4) Furnish civil service form 375 in triplicate.
(5) Submit form SS-66, showing last day served by temporary appointee.
(6) Furnish standard form 13 in quadruplicate (abstract of official record).
(7) Furnish documentary evidence of date of birth as prescribed in civil service form 2473, attached.
(8) Submit inclosed nominations through the District Civil Service Secretary.
(9) Furnish one copy certified form 2806.
(10) Miscellaneous.

Report effective date of discontinuance by indorsement hereon in duplicate.

For the Commissioner:

H-M

R. J. GROSS
Chief of Personnel Division.

FWO-JHG

District 3rd Date March 23,1934

Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses:

It is proposed to discontinue the services of Mr.Loftin at the close of March 31,1934. The actual date of discontinuance will be reported to the Bureau as soon as known.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

F. T. YATES
Superintendent

Frank Loftin – Keyser WV

pps herewith. Card letter
in file shows he is ~~in~~
being dismissed on
result charges in-
volving neglect of duty
etc, covered in 3rd
letter of Dec 9
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COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES, PERSONAL=
DEPT OF COMMERCE WASHDC=

THE WATCHHILL LT STA KEEPER HAS CROOKED BOOKS WHICH IS ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO CONDEMN HIM AND SAME HAS BEEN REPORTED TO SUPERINTENDENT 3RD DISTRICT THE CHARGES AGAINST FRANK LOFTIN ASST KEEPER ARE FALSE AND WITHOUT FOUNDATION HAVE REQUESTED INVESTIGATION SAME WAS NOT GRANTED WILL YOU PLEASE LOOK INTO MATTER WIRE ANSWER WESTERNUNION=

FRANK LOFTIN ASST KEEPER WATCHHILL.

MAR 24 AM 10:02

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

March 26, 1934.

Mr. Frank Loftin,
Westerly, Rhode Island.

Dear Sir:

This office has to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of March 23, regarding conditions at Watch Hill Light Station, and to advise you that the matter is being given careful consideration by this office.

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

RG-EK

Frank Loftin, Keeper, 3d district

4/16/34 wrote Loftin copy to 3d

These two keepers it appears did not regard each other as brother keepers, but instead carried on a war for prestige. As Loftin began to realize that he was being beaten, he appears to have gone over more and more to useless things, and at the investigation of the two assistant supts. (evidently Loftin felt at great disadvantage then, for he made his longest step from common sense) he stated that a "German spy had been watching him." (Apparently he belongs to that class of visualists who are capable of seeing dreams walking).

The Supt.'s report states that the principal keeper is a "quiet genteel type of man inclined to tolerate much to avoid trouble." Nevertheless, if he had understood Loftin better, he would perhaps have been able to keep him on good terms with him, altho, without knowing Loftin, this is perhaps too much to expect of the keeper.

The Supt's report also states that repeated attempts to Loftin "explain why he indicated them (certain entries) as crooked, were futile." It appears probable that he will continue to regard them so till he regains his courage, but that for the present his damaged self-esteem, needs all the solace it can get to prevent its complete dilapidation, ~~what~~ this is the function of "crooked books". Suggest write Loftin explaining this charges ~~are~~ were not corroborated this dismissed warranted, etc copy to 3d P/4/34

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TELEGRAM

1934 MAR 31 AM 9:04

Westerly, R. I.
March 23, 1934.

4/6/34 write Loftin copy 63d.

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SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Personal,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

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FRANK LOFTIN ASST KEEPER WATCHHILL

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
March 26, 1934.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y., for report with request that your report not omit to deal specially with what Mr. Loftin has characterized as the "crooked books" at the station.

comment in attached memo 4/6/34

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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FWO:HR

Office, Superintendent of Lighthouses,
3rd District, Staten Island, N. Y.
March 30, 1934.

Returned to Commissioner. Enclosed is copy of report of Assistant Superintendent Ockenfels and Associate Engineer Litchfield concerning the subject matter of attached telegram which appears to supply full information in the matter.

J. T. Yates

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

March 30th, 1934

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
3rd Lighthouse District.

SUBJECT: Watch Hill Light Station.

REFERENCE: Orders March 27th.

1. On March 28th we proceeded to Watch Hill Light Station for the purpose of ascertaining facts concerning statements contained in Assistant Keeper Loftin's telegram of March 23rd addressed to the Commissioner. Mr. Loftin's attention was invited to his claim that the keeper has crooked books, and all station books were placed before him and he was requested to point out the items that were false or erroneous. He at once proceeded with an extended statement that all of the books were crooked and always had been; that they were full of false statements, times recorded, watches, etc.; that up to the time he and the keeper had differences many of the absence records made by himself (Loftin) as well as by the Keeper, were not correct; that the books were rotten, etc. Repeated attempts were made to have him point out the irregularities he claimed, and in each case he would again repeat the same general statements as referred to above. Endeavor was made to explain to him that his general statements were of little value without information or evidence to corroborate them, this with repeated interruptions and erratic repetitions of the same general remarks. The Record of Absences was opened before him, and after repeated requests that he point out any crooked entries therein, he pointed out the following items pertaining to the absence of the keeper:-

February 4, 1934	- 9 am to 10:05 pm.	Leave.
" 8, "	- 5 pm to 11:00 "	Calling at Westerly.
" 18, "	- 9 am to 9:40 "	Leave.

2. After he stated he could find no more so-called crooked entries, he was asked to state wherein the three entries were crooked or false. He replied that these items involved absence after sunset, and that the keeper had not sent form 76 to the Superintendent with a letter of explanation; also that the total of various items of the keeper's absence for February was over 48 hours contrary to regulations, and for those reasons the Record of Absences was crooked. Incidentally, he conceded that information as

written in the Record of Absences was correct. After much difficulty it was explained to him that while instructions require that all absence be recorded in Record of Absences there was no requirement that form 76 and letter of explanation be submitted for short periods of absence after sunset, provided the period of absence does not exceed the monthly allowance for the station; also that a letter of explanation was not required in the case of various items of leave during any one month exceeding a total of 48 hours, provided the leave allowance was not exceeded, and provided no one period of absence exceeded 48 continuous hours. His comment was that he never understood it that way. He was advised that the subject was fully and plainly covered by Instructions to Employees and circular letters heretofore issued. He was asked to point out any further entries in the Record of Absences that he claimed were false or incorrect; after much talk he was unable to point out any more items to bear out his statement of crookedness.

3. The Watch Book was then placed before him with the request that he point out all irregular items. After much talk aside from the subject, he pointed out an item for January 5, 1934, covering the period midnight to 1:15 am, also an item of February 13, 1934, covering the period midnight to 12:50 am. Neither item had been signed for. When asked what was wrong with those two items, Loftin stated that he did not know, but that they were not his watches and that he would not sign for them. Repeated attempts to have him state his understanding of the items, and to have him explain why he indicated them as crooked were futile. In each instance the preceding 24 hour watch was stood by Loftin. The keeper, when called upon for explanation, stated that in each case Loftin had failed to call him at midnight as has been customary, and that Loftin having been late in calling him he was late in going on watch, and that he recorded his watch as starting at the actual time he relieved the Assistant Keeper, which was at 1:15 am on January 5th and at 12:50 am February 13, also that Loftin refused to sign as being on watch up to the time he was actually relieved by the Keeper.

4. Mr. Loftin was then pressed to point out any other items in the station books that were crooked or irregular in any way; while he admitted that he could find no other items, he continued to repeat his assertion that all of the books were crooked.

5. Mr. Loftin was then asked if he had any comments or statements that he would like to make in reference to charges preferred against him and his reply thereto. He

proceeded to condemn the keeper as being responsible for all of his troubles; that the keeper wanted to get rid of him so it would be a one man station, etc. When questioned in reference to the charges, he made a blanket denial of all, taking the stand that the Keeper was the cause of the trouble, and that he had not been treated fairly, stating among many other things that a German spy had been watching him, and that maybe he had a lot to do with it, as he had probably sent in statements about him (Loftin). Loftin was advised that no such statements had been received. He was reminded of the charges of August 1933, which were either admitted or proven and justified dismissal but that leniency was extended with the result that he was reprimanded and his pay reduced, and also advised that his present case had been carefully considered. For the purpose of illustrating one simple point, reference was made to the fact that last August he was charged with forwarding correspondence other than through the Keeper, and later reprimanded by the Commissioner of Lighthouses, and that notwithstanding that fact, and regardless of Instructions to Employees, and special instructions sent to him, all of the many letters subsequently written by him were in every instance forwarded direct to the Superintendent. He promptly conceded it all, with the statement that he would do it again regardless of instructions, stating that he would not forward mail through a keeper he was having trouble with.

6. In the course of his rambling conversation he mentioned, as a complaint, that on several occasions the keeper had called to him and told him to look after things while he (Keeper) went to the post office, and that he told the keeper that he would not do so, but that in those cases he (Loftin) did not leave the station. When asked why he refused to obey the keeper's instructions, he stated that it was not his watch and that he was not responsible. Attempt was made to explain the error of his attitude and refusal of orders, but apparently with little effect.

7. When the interview was practically completed, he remarked that he had requested an investigation by a board so that he could call witnesses. He was advised that we were there to investigate the case and had given him full opportunity to state his case, and to furnish any information or statements that he wished, but that the results had been comparatively small. He was advised in connection with his reference to witnesses that if he had any further statements to make in reference to any irregularities at the station, he was privileged to submit them, together with written statements by the witnesses he referred to.

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8. It was impossible to have Mr. Loftin concentrate on any particular phase of his case for more than a moment. His talk in general was voluminous, erratic, and disconnected, it having been found to be impossible to carry on more than a few words of conversation on any one subject, he almost instantly branching off into something entirely foreign to the subject, which leads to the belief that he is suffering from some nervous or possibly mental disorder.

9. The keeper, when questioned, stated that he had no statements or information to furnish other than as previously reported by letter. It may be stated that the keeper is a quiet, genteel type of man inclined to tolerate much to avoid trouble, and it is probable that there was much provocation before he made charges against the Assistant Keeper.

CONCLUSION

10. Assistant Keeper Loftin could show no basis of fact for his charge that the "keeper has crooked books" and if not already dismissed from the Service would be subject to action as per paragraph 111 of Instructions to Employees.

11. He supplied no information concerning the charges against himself other than a general denial, and general condemnation of the keeper, without furnishing definite information or reason to bear out his statements.

12. His statements and general attitude show a disposition of insubordination when things are not to his liking.

13. Information and observation do not indicate that the charges against Loftin are false as he claims, but on the contrary reflect on his own truthfulness.

F. W. OCKENFELS,
Asst. Superintendent.

H. E. LITCHFIELD,
Associate Engineer.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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1934 APR - 3 - AM 9:03

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses; April 2,1934

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REFERENCE: Department letter Jan.30,1934 addressed to Mr.Loftin.

1. Referring to Department letter dated January 30,1934, addressed to Frank Loftin, dismissing him from the position of Assistant Keeper of Watch Hill Light Station, Rhode Island; the Bureau is advised that this dismissal was effective at the close of March 31,1934, which was Mr.Loftin's last day of service.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

Noted - Loftin to be advised per letter
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Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

For the Commissioner,

Chief, Personnel Division

April 6, 1934.

Mr. Frank Loftin,
Westerly, Rhode Island.

Dear Sir:

1. In further reference to your telegram of March 23 regarding conditions at Watch Hill Light Station, Rhode Island:

2. As you are aware an investigation of this matter was held at the station and the nature of your evidence and other matters examined and discussed with you. A careful consideration by this office of the report of the investigation shows that the records at the station are maintained in accordance with the regulations of the Service and that your charges are without concrete basis. It appears that your charges were from personal motives and not consistent with the good of the Service. While this office regrets the necessity of drastic action in separating you from the Service, there was felt to be no other course practicable, in view of your lack of cooperation and your attitude toward your superior at the station. It is noted that you had been previously disciplined and cautioned in regard to your attitude, and, therefore, when you failed to heed the caution, your separation from the Service naturally resulted.

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3d Supt.

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Frank Loftus
(Name)

Mass.
(Legal Residence)

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DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION 38. L. H. Dist.	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper	Prob.	1380	L. H. - Robbins Reef L.S.	Apr. 22-1928
"	COMPENSATION Act May 28, 1928.	1500	" - " "	JUL 1 1928
"	Trans.	1260	" - Fire 2d L.S.	Jan 21, 1929.
Keeper	Prom.	1440	" - " "	4-1-30
"	Trans.	1200	L.H. - Watch Hill L.S.	Sept. 1, 1930
"	Demotion (RTEG mo)	1080	" " " "	Nov. 6, 1933
			Dismissed close of Mar. 31, 1934	

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January 30, 1934.

Mr. Frank Loftin,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Charges of absenting yourself from duty without permission, and neglect of duty having been preferred against you and substantiated in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of Keeper at $1080 per annum in the Lighthouse Service, effective at the close of business on a date later to be determined and reported to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

W. J. GARDNER.

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Chief of Appointment Division.

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January 13, 1934.

SUBJECT: 3d Superintendent's letter December 20,1933, recommending dismissal Frank Loftin, assistant keeper Watch Hill Light Station.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce. After careful consideration the Bureau concurs with the views of the Superintendent in this matter and recommends that Keeper Loftin be dismissed from the Service effective on a date to be reported on the grounds of absenting himself from the station without due permission and neglect of duty. In connection with the matter attention is invited to the fact that Mr. Loftin was severely reprimanded and demoted under date of November 1, 1933, for violation of the regulations of the Service. Under the circumstances he is not considered suitable for retention in the Service.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman

W. P. Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Mr Loftin has Mil. Pref.
Appn. 6 years Service

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Jan. 6, 1934

Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, R. I.

SUBJECT: Letter of Aug. 12, 1933.

REFERENCE: Your letter Dec. 26, 1933.

1. In accordance with your request there is enclosed copy of letter addressed to you under date of Aug. 12, 1933.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. LAWTON,
Chief Clerk.

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Superintendent

I am writing this
letter because I cant
stand the way things
are going on and I
am not happy in the
light house and Wish
I was out of it the
Keeper and my hursband
as always slup on watch
and do know it they
wont say so because
if they did they know
what they would
git to tell the
truth I Wish you
would fire my hursband
out because I would not
go any other place beause

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Subject: Complaint and Facts.
Reference: For your information.

Superintendent Sir:-

Again the Keeper leave's his watch with Station light in opperation of which I charged him previous those official letters that he says he going to mail always falls on his watch and at night after station light has been put into operation on his watch

The Keeper has imposed so much on me in takeing his watch to run to parties, lodges and etc that I think you should know just what is going on down here at Watch Hill Light Sta.

He come's to the lower hall and says he going out regardless of who's time it should be off. When there is no work and it is my time off watch I exped to have those few hours that belongs to me. The Keeper knows that he

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is imposeing on me but this habit of going out has happened to often and is out of order in compliance with our watches. There are time's that the Keeper has to be off station regardless and I know it is his duty to tend to such maters.

Realy I don't believe no one could ever get along with the Keepers wife she looks for trouble all the time. I have come in contact with all kinds of people in my travels around this globe but she tops the list. I stoped my wife from having any thing to do or say several months ago but she still comes out in the lower hall and looks for a fight and nag's when no one says any thing or not, the Keeper has no authority what so ever over his wife in fact I have seen him stay out in

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the yard instead of going in the house when she was on the war path then half the time she wanted him to take her out on my time off or some little foolish thing that no one would notice but her. They have pulled all kinds of tricks to get me disgusted so I would quit. She called me down one day to see what a terrible fix she had her husband in for no wonder she had been on the war path for the last week because they never got this station for them selves, and she had the money taken out off his pay that month for the electricity ~~that~~ that they had over-used. She was crying in fact the two of them was and she was shaking that put on shake that she has & told them that they should be out spending their pay and she said she

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never had as much to spend as I had. She told me the Doctor was comming & knew all this was baby-stuff and darn meaness after the Doctor left about 4 pm. the two of those sick babies went out and never returned to station until midnight. I know this doctor and I called on him the next day and we had a good laugh over said happning. You see they thought they would get my sympathy. The Doctor charged them five and they never pulled that trick again.

There is lots of inside stuff that is going on that I know but I don't like to tell but if I have too several person's are going to be brought in with a suprise.

There is one fellow that resigned

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from here Leo Rude and he later had Bristol Light he would have been here as Assistant yet but he was drove out by the same people that are trying to put me ~~ioo the~~ out.

The Keepers Sister and the Keepers wife brother was assistant here before I come here from Fire Is Light. You can't imagine just what I have had to go through with to stick here as long as I have with them.

An angle from heaven couldn't get along with Mrs Congdon that is true so help me God.

She has come out before me and stoped mr Congdon from painting in the afternoon when we were very busy to take her out even on my time off and I would keep on painting to five or six oclock. My wife wouldn't dare ask me to take her out when the

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Keeper had any work for me to do. The work always come first with me.

I offered the Keeper my time off if he would only take my wife and children for a ride once and a while. I blame his wife for that. She wanted all the outing and me to stay on the Sta and stand his watches and if she did'nt get that she said we could'nt stay here. You have to live with people to find them out.

The Keepers family are slaming their doors its a wonder if the hinges don't get broke off.

I report for work every morning at 8 O'clock and face him like a man on the other hand he calls me from the lower hall when he wants me.

I never put in for watch Hill as Keeper for if did I know these kind of people would be bad minded and think I was after his job.

Captain Larkins and his wife heard

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from people in Westerly what the Keepers wife said about them and that is why the Larkins don't have any thing to do with the Keeper and his wife.

My wife seems to get along with them they take her out and in return I take his wife and Children out.

I go over to Captain Larkins quite often when I am off watch and play cards and they come over here in return. The Keeper give me permission to go over there when I was on watch but I thought it best to go over when it was my night off watch.

The Keeper couldn't find the time to go over when he was off watch he go over when on watch whether I was on Light House Sta or not and leaves station light while in opperation and stay over until midnight.

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The Keeper made his own regulation's and ~~[illegible]~~ has no one to blame but his wife. The way I feel about the whole mater I have been to soft and when it come time to draw the line for my 50-50 break then they didn't want me at all.
They ~~[illegible]~~ have told me how easy they can give me the air but I don't quite understand for what as I do my bit and intend to do so as long as I am in the Light House Service.

Respectfully Frank Loftin Asst Keeper.

The Keeper previous remark that he would mail if he seen fit.
For his remark, his siginture is pending. Respectfully Frank Loftin Assistant Keeper

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Watch Hill Lt Sta. 3
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec. 28, 1933

Supt:

I respectfully wish to state that I delivered the letter dated Aug. 12, 1933 to Mr Loftin immediatley after I had read it and he answered it Aug. 15 1933. right

I hereby Certify that the above statements are true and correct.

Laurence Longdon
-Keeper

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December 27, 1933

Lawrence H. Congdon, Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, Rhode Island.

Under date of August 12, 1933, this office forwarded through you to Assistant Keeper Loftin a letter concerning the matter of absence, and in reply to his letter dated August 10, 1933. Advise this office, by return mail, whether or not the letter of August 12th, addressed to Assistant Keeper Loftin, was delivered to him.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. LAWTON,
Chief Clerk.

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Watch Hill Light Sta.
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Dec 26, 1933.

Subject: Request.
Reference: Your letter date August 18, 1933.

Superintendent Sir:-

In your letter dated aug. 18, 1933 which refers that my attention be invited to paragraph 2 of letter from your office of August 12th, which supplied full instructions as to the proper procedure to be followed in just cause for complaint.

I have waited more than a reasonable length of time for this letter, evidently, the Keeper never wanted that investigating that I ask for aug. 15, 1933.

I ask the Keeper for this letter this morning and he could not find same on file.

I respectfully request that a copy of your letter date August 12th be forwarded to me personaly in order that I may comply with the proper instructions

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and procedure to follow in future controversials that the Keeper has forced on hisself and now he trying to pin on his Assistant.

Respectfully Frank Loftin. Asst. Kpr.

Owing to Keeper's remarks and his past action his signature is pending.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses; Dec.20,1933

SUBJECT: Frank Loftin,A.K.,Watch Hill Lt.Sta.,R.I.
REFERENCE: Bureau letter of reprimand dated Nov.1,1933.

1. The following correspondence is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

a - Letter dated Nov.21,1933 from L.H.Congdon,K.,Watch Hill L.S.
b - Copy of letter dated Nov.29 to Keeper Congdon.
c - Letter dated Dec.1 from Keeper Congdon.
d - Copy of letter of charges of Dec.5 to A.K.Loftin.
e - Letter dated Dec.7th from Asst.Keeper Loftin.
f - Letter dated Dec.8th from Keeper Congdon.
g - Copy of letter dated Dec.11th to Keeper Congdon.
h - Letter dated Dec.13 from Keeper Congdon.

2. Mr.Loftin's reply to charges contains much that is aside from the subject, and while his statements are general in character, they are undoubtedly intended to cast reflections on the keeper. His reply to charges 1(a) states that he always "reported" to the keeper before leaving the station, and also states "never leaving until permission was granted". The former statement if taken literally may be construed either as evasion or admission of the charge, while the latter statement is a denial of the charge. However, the former statement coincides with the claim of the keeper in his letter of Nov.21st, and while not proven, it is likely that it has been the practice to report to or advise the keeper that he proposed to leave the station rather than to definitely request permission or leave for a given period. The apparent answer to charge 1(b) is a repetition of the charge without comment or explanation other than indicating that leave was granted. His reply to charges 2(a),(b),(c) and (d) is a general denial, with some comment but without explanation or direct reply to the various charges of which items (a) and (c) are the most serious, since they involve sleeping while on watch after sunset, and failure to light the station light until after sunset on Nov.21,1933.

3. This office considers that Mr.Loftin's reply to charges is not satisfactory, and that it serves to show that he is unsuitable for continuance in the service. By Bureau letter of November 1st,1933, Mr.Loftin was reprimanded

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and his compensation reduced $10.00 per month as the result of various charges, including the forwarding of correspondence direct to this office instead of through the Keeper. Notwithstanding previous charges and disciplinary action referred to, it will be noted that his reply to charges dated December 7th, was forwarded direct to this office and not through the keeper.

4. As soon as Mr.Loftin found that charges had been made against him by the keeper, he (Loftin) proceeded to file a series of charges against the keeper in various letters all of which were forwarded direct to this office, the charges being trivial in general and in part involving alleged occurrences of many months ago. It is obvious that these charges were not made for the good of the service, but either in retaliation or to cloud the issue of charges against himself. A separate file of this correspondence is enclosed for the Bureau's information.

5. It is considered that the charges against Mr.Loftin have been proven to a sufficient degree to warrant severe action; that Mr.Loftin has demonstrated that he is disinclined to subordinate himself to orders, regulations, or special instructions; and that he is the cause of an inharmonious condition at this station, which necessarily affects the efficient maintenance of the station and causes inconvenience and expense to the service by reason of voluminous correspondence as evidenced by enclosures.

6. It is therefore recommended that Frank Loftin be dismissed from the position of Assistant Keeper of Watch Hill Light Station, R.I., with pay at the rate of $1080 per annum, effective on a date later to be determined and reported to the Bureau.

7. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations. Mr. Loftin has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate.

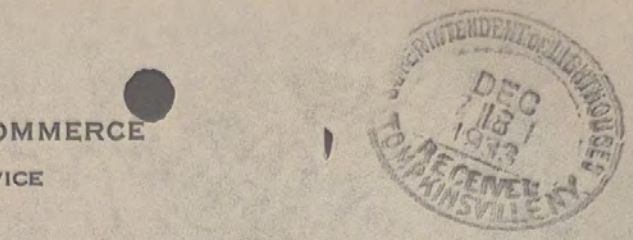
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THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill Lt Sta.
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Dec. 16, 1933

Supt.

I respectfully wish to state that I commented on Mr Softins. letter dated Dec. 11, 1933 after it had been returned to him, when he sent it back to the office through me.

Laurence Congdon
Keeper.

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Dec. 16, 1933

Supt;

In refrence to Mr Loftins letter dated Dec. 13, 1933, charging me with leaving the Station without having him in charge I wish to state that I have never left the Station with out leaving the Asst. Keeper in Charge.

This Charge was also mailed with out my knowledge.

I hereby Certify that the above statments are true and Correct.

Sammie Congdon
Keeper

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Supt:

In reference to mr Loftin letter dated Dec. 13, 33. in which he makes charges against me I respectfully wish to make the following comments.

No 1: It is true that the cook stove mentioned left the Station but not to do any one any good as it was to be taken to a dump as junk. and there was nothing secret about it leaving the Station as it was in broad day light in an open Ford truck with no cover over it to hide it. and mr Loftin helped us put the broken Stove in the truck.

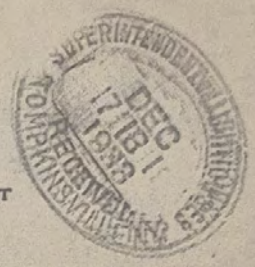
The plumber offered to take it to the dump when he heard me say the stove that I had thrown overboard before kept washing back on the beach after each hard storm. If mr Loftin thought I was doing wrong why did he wait 17 months before reporting it.

no. 2. Carl Johnson who is my wifes nephew did substitute at this Station last spring for which I sent in a service card giving his correct age

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Dec. 13, was mailed.

I hereby Certify that the above statments are true and Correct.

Lawrence Longdon
Keeper.

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Lawrence H. Congdon, Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, Rhode Island.

Dec. 14,1933

SUBJECT: Letter of Charges from Asst.Keeper Frank Loftin, dated Dec.13,1933.

1. Enclosed for such comment, reply, and explanation as you may wish to make, is copy of letter of December 13,1933 from Assistant Keeper Frank Loftin, which apparently was not forwarded through the Keeper, and in which he makes certain charges against you.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

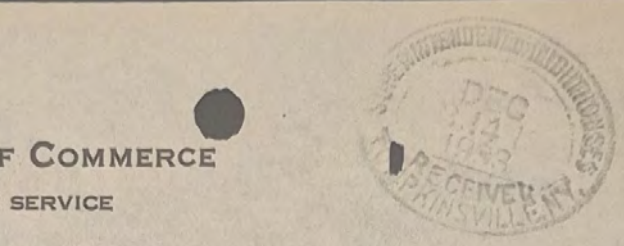
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Watch Hill Light Sta
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Dec. 13, 1933.

Subject: Charge against Keeper Congdon

Superintendent Sir:-

I hereby Charge Laurence H. Congdon Keeper Of Watch Hill Light Station Of said Violation Contained herein:

Leaving his watch with Station light in opperation while I was off station. The Keeper told me another night when he was going over but remarked he would look out for his light and watch while he was over at the Coast Guard station Calling on Captain Larkin I was on Light Sta but off duty that night.

For full information call or write to Captain Larkin Coast Guard Station Watch Hill R.I.

Respectfully Frank Loftin Asst Keeper

No doubt the Keeper would see fit to mail this Charge against himself.

"Resp" Frank Loftin Asst. Keeper.

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Supt:

I respectfully wish to make the following comments in reference to the various statments contained in Mr Softin letter dated Dec. 7, 1933 of which a copy was sent to me.

In reference to the first paragraph I have told the truth and have abided by the rules and regulations to the best of my ability

The second paragraph I do not understand his meaning, and can only say that the lamp record is being correctly kept now as it has been ever since I took charge of this station and it will prove that he has had his equal share

The third paragraph the workman which Mr Softin refers to is Mr Edward Gunnell who was on the Station while Mr Softin was on

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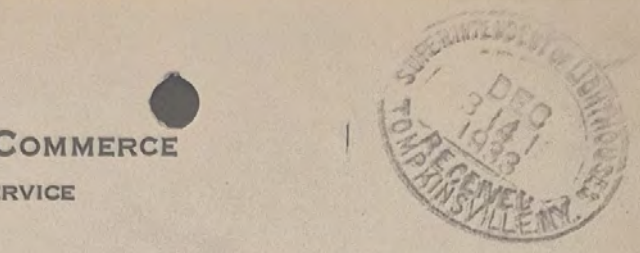
leave from 10.30 a.m. on Aug 7, to Aug. 9
6.30 P.m. 1933, I have always found Mr
Gunnell to be a Conscientious
workman and he arrived on the Sta
after Mr. Loftin had gone on leave and
had left before Mr Loftin returned
to the Station, therefore Mr Loftin does
not know what work Mr. Gunnell
done while on the Station and I do
not know where Mr. Loftin got his
information to make such a statment
The forth, fifth, sixth and seventh
paragraph; I'm referring to these
paragraph, I wish to State that
Charges are true and correct as ~~preffered~~ Preferred

I hereby Certify that the above
statment are true and Correct.

Lawrence Gongden
Keeper

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THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill Light Sta.
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Dec. 13, 1933.

Subject: Charges against Keeper Congdon.

Reference: Your letter Dec 11 1933 requesting a more complete statement.

Superintendent Sir:

I hereby charge Laurence H. Congdon Keeper of Watch Hill Light Station of the following Violation's contained herein:

(1.) Giving away his Cook stove that was to be broken up by order of Mr. Luther. This being the last stove condemned on Sta. and given to Alfred Berry 42 Pratt, Street. Norwich Conn. the plumber that did the plumbing here at watch Hill Light sta. And same happened while the work was being done.

(2.) Having a member of his family to substitute being under age 16 years old at the time. I find in our watch-book that Carl Johnson stood watch the 18th day of February 1933 and the following watches in order 20th 22nd 24th 26th And 28 of February 1933 for Frank Lofton Assistant Keeper

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The principal of Westerly High School where Carl Johnson goes to school at present give me his age from the school record as 17 yrs 9 months old yesterday on calling on him for said information. Address of Principal Mr. Mason. Westerly High school R.I.

(3.) Taking electricity from his Assistant Keeper meter Of which Louis J. Grohs seen with his own eyes. at this time the Keepers meter was not registering but his hall-light would register on my meter when on. The meters was in this condition about two weeks. Mr Litchfield called at this station to cut down on the electricity when this was happening but never went in the cellar to my knowledge. I told the Keeper the day after Mr. Litchfield left to take his hall light off my meter. which he did promptly.

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(4) Lobstering this summer up until last month with no entries of leaving station for said purpose recorded in leave book. His Lobster pots are here on Station. Seen time after time by Captain Larkin of Watch Hill ~~Sta~~ Coast Guard Sta. And other fishermen that have see him.

(3) Extravagant use of Goverment kerosene consumed in Keepers private kerosene stove at the rate of about one gallon per. day as I see some one of his family making their daily trip to the engine room for kerosene. No kerosene has been consumed officially except for a short run on old kerosene engine for mr Dillion and Mr Lamb to my knowledge. Tank was filled I understand. Tank will show hard usage for a station that is electrified.

(6) Instead of putting leave in the Book of Absence the Keeper writes Ride to Mystic

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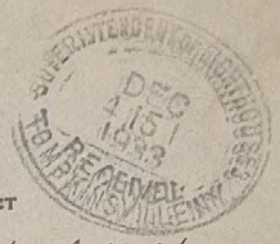
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and left Station oct. 15th at 1:40 Pm. returned to to station Oct. 15 at 9:30 Pm. He was over 6 hours and should have ~~been~~ recorded in Book Of Leave Of Absence as leave. (b.) Keeper tell me he was taking 24 hours leave instedd he stay 30 hours He should have booked in 24 as I would have done after stating he was only taking 24 and being back on 24 hour that is what he would expected of me. Date of leaving Sta Dec 2nd at 3:20 Pm. returning to Sta Dec. 3rd 9:20 Pm 1933.
His hours are correct as to time and same remain in Book Of Leave Of absence.
Respectfully Frank Loftin Assistant Keeper

No doubt the Keeper would see fit to mail this letter of Charges against him. Respectfully Frank Loftin Asst Keeper.

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Supt:

I respectfully wish to make the following comments on the letter dated Dec. 11, 1933 written by Mr Loftin Asst Keeper at this Station.

No. 1 On Dec. 10 I did order Mr Loftin to take Charge of Station while I went to Westerly to mail an official letter. he at first refused but I gave him order to stay on Station, as the letter I mailed contained reasons why the official letter he had mailed in the afternoon was not signed by me, I could not go before the light was lit as he did not return to Station till 4 30 P.m.

The records on Sta can prove how often and for what reason I have left the Sta. in his Charge when I was on watch

No 2. Yes I am filling the old well with dirt and stones which was started when I took Charge of Sta. The well was then unfit for use and as there is city water

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in the house it will never be needed for emergency. How Mr Loftin know whether it is being done by proper authority or not I do not know.

no. 3 The grindstone at this Sta. is not broken or has not been broken The shaft that your thought the center is broken. How it become broken I do not know. It became broken in the spring of 1933 the exact date I cannot say. I have been looking for a shaft to fit it and as soon as I can locate one I am going to fix it.

How Mr Loftin knows whether or not this has been reported I do not know.

no 4. The contract for Plumbing and heating and bathrooms at this Station were done according to specifications and orders and I inspected several times while being done by a representative from the office.

no 6. I have never told Mr Loftin that I would mail if I saw fit any of his official

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letter and I did not refuse him an envelope, when I gave him the paper I told him I would give him the envelope when he had the letter written. Therefore I did not know his letter had been mailed.

I hereby certify that the above statements are true and correct.

Laurence H Congdon.
Keeper.

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Superintendent Sir:

I hereby acknowledge reciept Of your letter, date Dec. 12, 1933. and I am forwarding my letter through the Keeper.

Respectfully Frank Softin Asst Keeper.
Samuel H Longdon
Keeper.

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OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Dec.12,1933

Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, R. I.

SUBJECT: Charges against Keeper Congdon.
REFERENCE: Your letter Dec.11,1933.

1. Your letter of December 11,1933 is herewith returned, your attention being again invited to Section (f) Paragraph 69 of Instructions to Employees, which plainly and specifically requires that correspondence addressed to this office be forwarded through the keeper of the station.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Dec.11,1933

Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper,
Thru. the Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, Rhode Island.

SUBJECT: Charges against Keeper Congdon.
REFERENCE: Your letter Dec.9th,1933.

1. A copy of your letter of Dec.9th is enclosed.

2. You are requested to furnish more complete information in reference to the various charges contained in your letter, giving dates and hours of specific occurrences, names and addresses of persons referred to, and any evidence or information that will corroborate your statements. Charge 6 should be definitely and plainly stated in order that it may be clearly understood.

3. You are directed to forward your reply through the Keeper as specifically required by Section (f), Paragraph 69 of Instructions to Employees.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
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Subject: Charges

Superintendent Sir:-

(1.) I here by Charge Lawrence H. Condyon Keeper of watch Hill Light House Sta. Of leaving his watch with Station light in operation at 5 10/pm. Dec. 10 until 6 00/pm. Dec. 10, 1933 When it was my time off duty: Which left the watch in my Charge against myewill of which he was told. These occurances of which are happening to often are unfair and out of order in compliance with our watches. I told the Keeper that I did not consider his business of leaving the Station light while in opperation essential enough, to have me take his watch, Which I was forced to take under such conditions.

(2.) With partly filling well with dirt and stone here on Sta. that was the only means of fresh-water in case of an emergency, without orders from proper authority.

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(3.) Failure to report Goverment grind-stone that has been broken for well over one year of which remains in the same condition up to present date.

(4.) Failure in making Contractor that did the plumbing live up to Goverment specifications such as ~~the~~ useing the wrong kind of nails in building of bathrooms contrary to specifications. And daing the varnishing that was supposed to be done by Contractor in bathrooms. My order from Keeper was to varnish your own bathroom of which I did.

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Owing to the Keepers previous statement that he would mail if he seen fit, render such conditions. I trust exceptions can be made without the Keepers signature And the official letter he refused.

"Resp" Frank Softie Asst Keeper.

Samuel H Longdon
Keeper

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3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Lawrence H. Congdon, Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, R. I.

Dec. 11,1933

SUBJECT: Asst.Keeper Loftin.

1. Enclosed is copy of letter dated Dec.7,1933 from Assistant Keeper Loftin, in reply to Charges dated December 5,1933, with the request that you submit appropriate comment in reference to the various statements contained in Mr.Loftin's letter.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Dec. 9, 1933

Supt.

I respectfully wish to report that Mr Loftin the Asst. Keeper at this Station was in my Kitchen today with a letter to the office which I did not refuse to read, sign and forward to the office.

He told me I could have the letter to read if I would give it back to him immediately so he could mail it himself as there was somethings in it which he would not trust me with.

I asked him if he understood his instructions and realized what he was doing and he said he understood them fully.

I hereby Certify that the above statments are true and correct.

Lawrence Congdon
Keeper.

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Dec 9, 1933.

Subject: Charges.

Superintendent Sir:

I hereby Charge the Keeper, Laurence H. Congdon of the following said violation's contained herein.

(1.) Giveing away his cook stove that was to be broken up to the workman that done the plumbing here at watch Hill.

(2.) Haveing a member of his family to substitute being under age 18yrs old. You can find the following on record, that Carl Johnson substituted for Frank Loftin Watch Hill Light Station.

(3.) Taking electricity from his Assistant Keeper Frank Loftin who later told Keeper to take his hall light off Assistant Keepers meter. Of which he did promptly.

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(4.) Laboreting this summer up until last month with no entries in book of record of absences from station thereof.

(5.) Extravagant use of Government kerosene consumed in Keepers private kerosene stove. Burning at times when coal stove and hot-water-furnace was in operation.

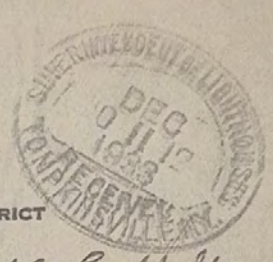
(6.) Failure to record leave in book of Absences instead of ride and mystic. Date on leaving Station Oct. 15th at 1 40/pm. to Oct 15th at 9 30/p.m.

(b.) Failure in taking 24 hours leave to the hour stated above as he said he was taking instead he takes 30 hour. Date Dec 2nd 3 20/pm returned 3rd 9 20/pm.

"Keep" Frank Loftin Asst. Keeper.

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The Keeper had the privaledge of reading and signing providing he would mail this letter today His remarks was, he would mail if he seen fit. I. told the Keeper I could'nt trust him under such Conditions.

Respectfully Frank Loftin Asst. Keeper.

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Dec. 8, 1933

Supt:

I respectfully wish to report that I did not refuse to read, sign and forward to-day, the letter which Mr. Hoftin the Asst. Keeper mailed this morning in answer to the Charges preferred against him.

As a letter mailed in westerly before 9 P.m. reaches the office the following morning.

I hereby Certify that the above statements are true and correct.

Lawrence Congdon
Keeper.

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Superintendent Sir:

The Keepers intentions is to get me at all cost just as he previous remarked regardless of truth and regulations.

Previous to unfair leave and regulations that he made up to suit himself naturally I did the same thing but on the other hand things are run different today in regards to leave and regulations on my part. Judgeing from the Keeper's attitude realy I don't think he likes service regulations. I have been deciplined in army and navy and also in our own department before comming in contact with my present Keeper. I wish to state that said regulations gives me a break in regards to leave and other things that an assistant is intitled to. I

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only want what is justly due me no more.

Wish to state that since I recieved my reduction in pay from over leave that the Keeper had always approved of and taken himself then turning a conspirator with the Workman from the Depot that stayed over 48 hours that realy only had 2 or 3 hours work on motor but at station would cause any one to be on guard. He refused me leave the day before which was satisfactory to me and I went the day the workman arrived with his permission. The Keeper admitted that he talked to much and I told him I was going to tell the truth you see I turned the table through & was fined & realize I violated service regulations which I am paying for.

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3.

& like the Lighthouse Service especially Watch Hill as it affords a good opportunity for my children to get their education but if such false charges are going in against me as arrived today & trust you can read between the lines.

Should obtain perm.

Ans (1.) & have always reported to Keeper before leaving station and never leaving until permission was granted. It is true according to our of leave of absence, that on the morning of Oct. 12, 1933 to be exact as this book means something now. It was 11 45 a.m. and & returned at 10 45 p.m. Fall River was the place leave was granted and officially entered at time taken and time leave ended.

Ans (2) The Keeper is trying to say & was sleeping on watch. It looks to me like he might say

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any thing. At night I stand my watch in my pitchen and all breaks in power is intered in watch Book. I wish to state the Keeper does not come into my quarters in fact he has not been up in over a year at least when I am in of which he has the privaledge. It may be possible that all calls including phone calls are not answered promptly as they all come fromme the lower hall. As to being prompt I have my clock to go by and I feel the responsibility and duty that I am to perform which I do and intend to do nobbely.

The Charges prefered against me by the Keeper are absolutely fake, as well a ridiculous, and I deny all of the Charges contained

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in your letter as reported by the Keeper, which are without foundation.

"Resp" Frank Saftin. Asst. Keeper.

Keeper had the opertunity to read and Sign this letter prording he sent it in this morning but he refused to do so. I am mailing this as you want reply by the 9th of Dec. 1933.

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REGISTERED MAIL
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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Dec. 5,1933

Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, R. I.

SUBJECT: Charges.

You are hereby charged with:-

1 - Disregard of service regulations, in that; (a) It is not your practice to obtain permission before leaving the station as required by Paragraphs 2 and 135 of Instructions to Employees; (b) At about 11:45 A.M. on the morning of Oct.12,1933 you advised the Keeper that you intended to go to Fall River, and, notwithstanding the fact that leave was neither applied for or granted as required by regulations, you did not return to the station until 10:45 P.M. on Oct. 12,1933.

2.- Neglect of duty and disregard of service regulations, in that; (a) On Oct.13,1933, at 8 P.M. while on watch, you were asleep in your quarters, it having been necessary to call you several times before you answered; (b) On Nov.21, 1933, at 2.55 P.M., while on watch, you were asleep in your quarters, it having been necessary to call you several times before you answered; (c) On Nov.21,1933 at 4:35 P.M.,ten minutes after sunset, while on watch, you were asleep in your quarters, with the result that the station light was not placed in operation until after sunset; (d) On Oct.15,1933, at 1.00 P.M., while on watch, you could not be found at the station, and about a half hour later you returned to the light station from the Coast Guard Station. In connection with charge 2 attention is invited to Paragraph 7 of Instructions to Employees which provides:- "No officer, keeper, or other employee shall sleep during his watch, or at his post, or leave his station or post before being regularly relieved. Violation of this instruction may be considered cause for dismissal.", also to Paragraph 142 of Instructions to Employees which provides:- "Watches shall be stood in such place and manner as to give continuous and the best possible attention to the light and the fog signal when in operation.".

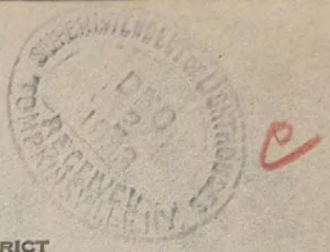
3. You are directed to submit any statement you may desire to make, through official channels, within three days from the receipt of this letter. Any statement made must be free from

countercharges, couched in temperate language, and confined to the point at issue. If you desire to make no statement, you will so state in writing.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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Dec. 1st, 1933

Supt:

I respectfully wish to state that the following is the information requested in letter dated Nov. 29, 1933.

a. I requested the Asst. Keeper on his arrival at this Station to obtain permission before leaving the Station also on Aug. 10, 1933, I told him never to leave the Station without permission and when I received the letter from the office dated Oct. 9, 33 I gave him that to read.

b. The Asst. Keeper did not ask for leave merely stated he was taking a ride to Fall River which indicated to me he would return within 6 hrs. therefore no leave was granted.

c. I was over half way up the stairs and saw his Children go from the kitchen to the bedroom to call him, and became from the bedroom after being called several times.

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D- I had to go over half way up the stairs before I could make him hear me, and I heard him get out of bed and come to the hall after I had called several times.

E. The Asst. Keeper was in his bedroom at 10 min. after sunset on Nov. 21, 1933 I did not personally observe him sleeping, but after I had called him several times I heard him get out of bed and saw him come from the bedroom bearing indications of having been asleep.

I hereby Certify that the above statements are true and correct.

Laurence Longston
Keeper

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OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Nov.29,1933

Lawrence H. Congdon, Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, Rhode Is.

SUBJECT: Charges against Asst.Keeper Loftin.
REFERENCE: Your letter Nov.21,1933.

1. It is requested that you furnish the following information in reference to your letter of November 21st, a copy of which is enclosed:-

(a) Re paragraph 2 - Have you directed the Assistant Keeper to obtain permission before leaving the station, as required by Paragraph 135 of Instructions to Employees? If so, when did you give him such instructions? If not, submit explanation, as Paragraph 135 of Instructions to Employees states - "Keepers will require assistants to obtain permission before leaving the station".

(b) Re paragraph 3 - What period of leave was asked for by the Assistant Keeper? And, what period of leave did you grant to the Assistant Keeper?

(c) Re paragraph 4 - You state "he was sound asleep". State whether you personally observed him asleep, or, if not, submit evidence or proof on which your statement is based, and state where the Assistant Kee per was at the time.

(d) Re paragraph 6 - Furnish same information as called for under paragraph 4.

(e) Re paragraph 7 - State where the Assistant Keeper was at the time, and whether you personally observed him sleeping.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 1933
THIRD DISTRICT

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THIRD DISTRICT
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Watch Hill Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov. 21, 1933

Supt;

Respectfully wish to report that I cannot depend on Frank Loftin as Asst. Keeper at this Station so I hereby make the following Charges

He no longer asks permission to leave the Station. He just tells me he is going and does not tell me where so I can reach him in case of emergency

On Oct. 12, 1933 at 11 45 a.m he came and told me he was going to take a ride to Fall River and when he did not return within six hours I went and looked in the Leave record and saw that he had recorded himself on Leave

On Oct. 13, 1933 at 2 P.m. when I was going out and went to tell him I was going, he was sound asleep for I heard his Children call him several times before he would answer me, and it was then his watch.

On Oct. 15, at 1 P.m while he was on watch

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when I was going to go to mystic I could not find him on the Station, a half hour later he came from the Coast Guard Sta.

On Nov. 21, 1933 at 2.55 P.m. when I was going to westerly for supplies I went to tell him I was going and no one was at home upstairs but him, he was sound asleep I had to call him several times before I could waken him,

I return to station at 4.20 P.m. At 4.35 P.m. the tilphone rang and when answered they asked if we had no lights down here so I went and investigated and found him still sleping and no one home but him, and the light in the tower was not lit and it was 10 min after sunset and his watch, also very cloudy so it was real noticable that the light was not burning

I hereby certify that that above statements are true and correct.

Lawrence Longdon
Keeper.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

CHIEF CLERK

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Nov.10,1933

Commissioner of Lighthousss.

SUBJECT: Effective date of changes in personnel in 3rd District.
REFERENCE: Department letter of May 19, 1918.

1. The Bureau is advised that the effective dates of recent changes in the personnel of the Third Lighthouse District, are as follows:-

Name	Position	Salary	Natura of Change	Letter Date	Effective Date
Frank Loftin	A.K.	$1080	Reduction in pay.	10-28-33	11-6-33

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

For the Commissioner,

Chief, Personnel Division

ENTERED ON COMPLETION OF PERSONNEL JOURNAL
Date 11/15/33

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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APPOINTMENT DIVISION

November 1, 1933.

Frank Loftin, Assistant Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station, Rhode Island,
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N.Y.)

1. The Bureau has given careful consideration to the matter of charges preferred against you in connection with your absenting yourself from your station without due authority, improperly recording your absences, and failing to forward communications to the Superintendent's office through the keeper in charge of your station. Your action in these matters is a serious violation of the regulations of the Service and you are hereby severely reprimanded and advised of a reduction of $10 a month in your compensation for a period of six months, at the termination of which period consideration will be given to the question of whether or not your record warrants the restoration of your pay.

2. The fact that you have been reprimanded in this instance will be made a part of your official record.

RG-EK

G.R.Putnam
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

CARDED

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Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

October 28, 1933.

Mr. Frank Loftin,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty and to continue for a period not to exceed six months.

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

OCT 31 1933

WM. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1200 per annum.

To: $1080 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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Form S. S.-93

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
WASHINGTON

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT 28 1933
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Bureau of Lighthouses Date

The Secretary of Commerce:

The following personnel change is respectfully recommended:

Nature of recommendation [1] Reduction in Pay

Civil service authority

Name Frank Loftin Mil.Prof.
Eod 1928

Legal residence Massachusetts

	FROM—	TO—
Position	Keeper (assistant)	Keeper (temporary assistant)
Classification	Field (Range $1200-1560)	Field ($1080-1440)
Salary	$1200 per annum	$1080 per annum
Station	3d Lighthouse District, Watch Hill Lightstation,	same
Appropriation [2]	Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses	same

Vice New position -- Lt.#3629

Effective date to be reported

Remarks:

It is recommended that a temporary additional position as indicated be authorized for six months from date of entrance on duty, field classification sheet being inclosed. Attention is invited to the Superintendent's letter of September 1 hereto attached, in paragraph 6 of which the Bureau concurs. A copy of the proposed letter of reprimand will be duly submitted for the Department's records.

W P Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

(For use of Department)

Action O. K.
Chief Clerk

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
OCT 30 1933
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[1] Recommendations for reinstatement must be accompanied by Form S. S.-93A
[2] To be used only by bureaus operating under more than one appropriation unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Description of duties of field position

Name: Frank Loftin

Bureau Lt.# 3629

Bureau: Lighthouse

Salary: $1080 per annum

Salary Range: $1080-1440

Position: Keeper (asst.,temp.)

Station: Watch Hill Lightstation, R. I.
3d Lighthouse District.

Description of duties: Same as those of regular position of assistant keeper.at this station.

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Commissioner of Lighthouses: September 1,1933

SUBJECT: Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper, Charges .

1. The following correspondence is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

a - Letter dated Aug.10,1933 from Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper, Watch Hill Lt.Sta.
b - Letter dated Aug.10 from L.H.Congdon,Keeper, Watch Hill Lt.Sta.
c - Copy of letter dated Aug.12th to Mr.Loftin.
d - Copy of letter dated Aug.12th to Mr.Congdon.
e - Letter of Aug.15th from Mr.Loftin.
f - Letter of Aug.15th from Mr.Congdon.
g - Letter of Aug.16th from Mr.Congdon.
h - Copy of letter of Aug.18th to Mr.Loftin.
i - Copy of letter of charges dated Aug.18th to Mr.Loftin.
j - Letter dated Aug.22nd from Mr.Congdon.
k - Letter dated Aug.21st from Mr.Loftin.
l - Copy of letter dated Aug.23rd to Mr.Congdon.
m - Letter dated Aug.25th from Mr.Congdon.

2. Charge "a" concerning overstaying leave allowance stands proven, Mr.Loftin stating that he has no excuse to offer except that he claims such action was permitted by the Keeper, which is denied by the latter.

3. Charge "b" concerning falsification of station records is admitted by Mr.Loftin, who infers that falsification of leave records was regular practice.

4. Charge "c" in regard to leaving the station while temporarily in charge during the absence of the Keeper is admitted by Mr.Loftin with some qualifications, which are not material.

5. Charge "d" is proven by the fact that Mr.Loftin has repeatedly failed or refused to forward correspondence through the keeper. Even after the proper procedure was plainly stated and reference made to the requirements of Instructions to Employees in letter of Aug.18th, under charge "d", Mr. Loftin saw fit to disregard the instructions furnished him

and forwarded his reply to charges direct to this office. His general attitude as shown by his correspondence appears to be inclined toward insubordination.

6. It is considered that the charges are sufficiently proven to justify drastic disciplinary action, but in view of the fact that he has not heretofore been the subject of disciplinary measures, it is recommended that his rate of pay be reduced Ten Dollars per month, effective beginning September 11,1933, and that he be cautioned that further evidence of disregard of service regulations or instructions, or conduct on his part indicating an insubordinate attitude or tending to create an inharmonious condition at the station, which necessarily would affect its efficient maintenance and operation, will result in more drastic disciplinary measures being taken.

7. Form 73 re reduction in pay as recommended, is attached hereto.

8. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations.

J. T. Yates

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Aug.12,1933

Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, R. I.

SUBJECT: Absence.
REFERENCE: Your letter Aug.10,1933.

1. Form 76 - Application for Shore Leave or liberty - to cover the period of 58 hours from 10 A.M. Aug.7th to 8:30 P.M. Aug.9th,1933, is herewith returned with the request that it be resubmitted and accompanied by full and complete explanation of your action in exceeding the authorized period of absence, contrary to instructions heretofore furnished you and in violation of service regulations. In this connection attention is invited to Paragraph 1 of Instructions to Employees and District Circular Letter of June 10,1933.

2. Your letter of August 10th offers no explanation whatever of your disregard of instructions and regulations, but does contain various general statements and inferences intended to reflect on the keeper, all of which are indefinite and can only be construed as an attempt to discredit the keeper. If any complaint is actually justified definite information should be submitted citing specific instances and occurrences, and giving dates, time etc.,and accompanied by such evidence and information as will corroborate your statements; upon receipt of such information and evidence this office will take action in reference to one or both keepers as may be found warranted. It should be borne in mind that you will be held personally responsible in the case of false, malicious, or trivial accusations or reports.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Aug. 12,1933

Lawrence H. Congdon, Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, R. I.

SUBJECT: Asst.Keeper Loftin.
REFERENCE: Your letter Aug.10,1933.

1. Your letter of August 10th states that you refused to sign the assistant keepers letter for the reason that there were false statements in it, but supplies no information whatever as to what statements, if any, in the Assistant Keeper's letter, were not based on fact. In this connection your attention is invited to Section 69, paragrapg (g) Page 29 of Instructions to Employees. Furthermore your letter contains various general statements and inferences concerning and in criticism of the assistant keeper, but supplies no definite information that might form the basis of official action, if found warranted. Your letter would indicate a desire to retaliate on account of the Assistant Keeper's letter of criticism. However, if charges against the assistant keeper are actually justified, full and complete information should be submitted in definite form citing specific instances and occurrences, and giving dates, time, etc.,and accompanied by such evidence and information as will corroborate your statements, which will enable this office to take such action as may be warranted.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES AUG 12 1933 RECEIVED COMPTROLLER
SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES AUG 17 1933 RECEIVED COMPTROLLER

REQUEST

Watch Hill Light Sta., Aug. 10, 1933.
(Station.)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 58 hours already taken ~~days~~ of shore liberty or leave from Aug 7, 1933 to Aug 9 1933, inclusive, 19 . I have had 4 days & 10 hours. ~~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:

_____, _____
(Name.) (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:

16 Cook Street, Fall River, Mass.
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

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

Lawrence Langdon
Keeper.

Frank Loftin
(Applicant's signature.)

Asst Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, _____ DISTRICT, _____, 19

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for _____ days, from _____ to _____, inclusive, 19 .

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

_____
Superintendent, _____ *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 10 32 A. M. Aug 7, 1933.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 8 30 P. M. Aug 9, 1933.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 58 hours ~~days.~~

Period charged: 58 hours ~~days.~~

Certified correct and forwarded.

Lawrence Langdon.
Keeper.

Frank Loftin
(Applicant's signature.)

Asst. Keeper.
(Title.)

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AUG 12 1933 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Ans

THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill L.H. Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 10, 1933.

Dear Superintendent Sir:-

In regards to our leave here at watch Hill my Keeper said if either one of us goes away on a 48-hour leave that it was all right as long as each of us came back for our midnight watch. He has run the watches this way ever since I have been here at this Station The Keeper has always taken the day off and he isn't satisfied with his own day off he expects mine.

I taken a 48 hour leave the 7th of this month returning on the 9th a few hours late but back in time for my midnight watch

The trouble here Sir, is that my Keeper wants this sta-

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Aug. 10, 1933.

all for his self. You see the Keeper is very unfair and selfish to me where on the other hand I am satisfied to be his assistant with no motive for any wrong doing in other words satisfied to be assistant Keeper here.

I find the Keeper fair-minded and willing to use justice toward me, but however his wife has the influence here at this Sta in other words she is boss.

I wish to state Sir: I have told you the truth. I could have lied to shield my-self and Keeper but I feel as by the truth will give me justice.

I am respectfully yours Frank Loftin Asst Kpr.

Keeper read letter and refused to sign same because he says this is the truth.

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THIRD DISTRICT

watch Hill Lt Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 10, 1933

Supt.

I respectfully wish to state that I refused to sign the Asst. Keepers letter which he sent with his leave as there was false statement in it.

He went on 48 hr. leave and return 10 hr over due and signed himself back on time in the leave book.

I told him he had to report himself overdue, he got angry As I can not tolerate him any longer so I hereby make this report

I can not depend on him when I leave the station in his charge. The last two time I have been to Westerly when I return he was out fishing in a boat and there was no one on the station, when I return last Sunday night about sun down he was down on the

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beach in his bathing suit dressing fish. he sent a boy to light the light for him.

The profane language that has been used on this station has grown unbearable. I have spoken to him about it on numerous occasions but he has paid no attention to me

Laurence Longdon
Keeper.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill L. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 15, 1933.

Superintendent Sir:-

I cannot give no excuse for over-staying my leave except that my Keeper said that it was all right as long as each man on leave returned for his watch. The Keeper has arranged the watch here and also has taken 75 per cent of the leave and I can truthly say of witch 25 per cent never belonged to him. I can not give the time, but I do know of place's where he went that was impossible to go and come with in 6 hours the places were not only distant places such as Boston, Hartford Providence and place's here at home as well.

I have proof of certain things that have been done and said that I can prove by witness

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Aug 15, 1933

The Keeper and his wife seemed terrible disappointed because they never got this Sta as a one man sta all for them selves so they could do as they please and go out when they felt like it and lock the door's at the Light House and have the Coast Guard boy's to watch the Sta while they were away as they were compelled to do so as the Coast Guard was on government property I have a witness for said statement

The Keeper has left sta when I was off the Sta. Have witness for same. It was remarked today that the Assistant has the best of us but has no record of same.

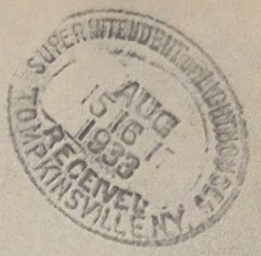
I respectfully request that a investigating board be sent to Watch Hill.

"Resp" Your Frank Loftin Asst Kpr.

Keeper read letter in Engine room and I give him five minutes after to sign

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Watch Hill Lt Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 13, 1933

Supt:

I respectfully wish to state that the false statements which were in the Asst. Keeper Mr Loftins letter which I reffered to were. No 1, He said that when he arrived at this station I told him as long as he returned to duty in time to take his watch at Midnight it was alright, which is absolutely false. No 2 He uffered to me having my time + his also off, The leave book will prove that he has had his equal share of that.

No 3, He also refered to my wife as influencing me and being boss, which is absolutely false. I haven't a copy of the letter Mr Loftin wrote, so there are the three thing which I remember.

I hereby respectfully wish to make the following Charges against Mr Loftin Asst. Keeper

On Aug. 7, 1933 at 10.30 a.m. he left the Station for 48 hrs. leave on Aug. 9, 33 he returned at 8.30 P.M.

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which was 10 hr. overdue, and signed the leave book 10.30 a.m, when I told him he had to report himself over due he got angry.

I cannot depent on him when I leave the station in his charge, on July 27, 1933 when I returned to the station with my family from Bluepoint at 2 P.m. he was out in a row boat fishing and there was no one at home in the Station, this was during visiting hrs. and besides I always leave all doors to my quarters unlocked when I leave the Station.

On Sunday Aug. 6, 1933, he was out fishing also and when I returned to the Sta., at Sunset. he was on the beach in his bathing suit dressing fish, & there was no one at the Station and he sent a boy to light the light for him.

The profane language that has been used on this station ~~has~~ grown unbearable has been almost a daily occurance since he. Arrived.

I hereby Certify that the above Statements are Correct

Samuel Longden
Keeper

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Watch Hill Lt Sta.,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 16, 1923

Supt:

I respectfully wish to report that Mr Loftin the Asst. Keeper at this Station mailed a letter this morning to the office with his leave blanks which I did not refuse to sign. He called me out to the Engine house to read it & when I had read it I said I will sign it. and started to the house to my desk to sign it and write a letter, He then grabbed it from me. and hollered at me that he would give me five min to come to the Engine room and sign it, I then took my Instruction book out to him and had him read section 69. Paragraph (g) Page 29 and still he refused to give me the letter to sign and forward.

I cannot make a comment on his letter as I cannot remember just what was in it.

I cannot say what reason he gave for it not being signed by me.

But I hereby certify that the above

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THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill Lt Sta.,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 16, 1923

Supt:

I respectfully wish to report that Mr Loftin the Asst. Keeper at this Station mailed a letter this morning to the office with his leave blanks which I did not refuse to sign. He called me out to the Engine house to read it & when I had read it I said I will sign it. and started to the house to my desk to sign it and write a letter, He then grabbed it from me. and hollered at me that he would give me five min to come to the Engine room and sign it, I then took my Instruction book out to him and had him read section 69. Paragraph 'g' Page 29 and still he refused to give me the letter to sign and forward.

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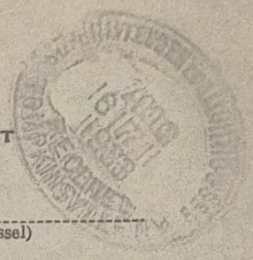
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Laurence Longdon
Keeper.

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, R. I.

Aug.18,1933

SUBJECT: Complaint.
REFERENCE: Your letter Aug.15,1933.

1. In reference to the last paragraph of your letter which reads:- "I respectfully request that a investigating board be sent to Watch Hill"; your attention is invited to Paragraph 2 of letter from this office of August 12th which supplies full instructions as to the proper procedure to be followed if you have just cause for complaint. It is suggested that you read carefully the entire Paragraph 2 referred to.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, R. I.

Aug. 18,1933

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with:-

a - Absence from duty without leave or authority and disregard of instructions, in that after having been granted two days leave by the keeper you remained absent from the station from 10:30 A.M. August 7th to 8:30 P.M. August 9th, or for ten hours in excess of the time granted, without evidence of emergency or other explanation to satisfactorily justify your action, this notwithstanding the fact that by letter of June 19,1933 and by previous letters, you received specific instructions that absence at any one time without the employment of a substitute is limited to not to exceed 48 hours.

b - Falsification of station records, in that after returning to the station at 8:30 P.M. on August 9th, you recorded the time of your return to the station in The Record of Absences, as 10:30 A.M. Aug.9,1933, this in direct violation of Instructions printed on inside of front cover of "Record of Absences", and Paragraph 2, page 5 of Instructions to Employees.

c - Inattention to duty and unreliability, in that about 2:00 P.M. on July 27,1933, while temporarily in charge of the station during the absence of the keeper, and during station visiting hours, you left the station unattended, you having been out in a row boat fishing. Also on August 6,1933 while temporarily in charge of the station during the absence of the keeper, you were observed at sunset on the beach clothed in a bathing suit and dressing fish, it appearing that you sent a boy to the tower to light the light, this in violation of Paragraph 2 and 131 of Instructions to Employees.

d - Violation of Service Regulations, in that your letter of August 15,1933, addressed to the Superintendent, was forwarded direct to this office, instead of forwarding it through the keeper, you having presented the letter to the keeper in the engine house and when he started to leave for his quarters with the intention of endorsing the letter, you took the letter from him, you by your own admission in writing having given the keeper five minutes to sign the letter, presumably with the idea that the letter was to be signed by the keeper and returned to you, whereas the letter should have been delivered to the keeper for forwarding to this office together with appropriate comment, as specifically required by Instructions to Employees, this in direct and apparently deliberate violation of Section (f) Paragraph 69 of Instructions to Employees.

2. You are directed to submit any statement you may desire to make, through official channels, within three days from the receipt of this letter. Any statement made must be couched in temperate language, free from countercharges, and confined to the point at issue. If you desire to make no statement you will so state in writing.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill Lt Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 22, 1933

Supt:

I respectfully wish to report that Mr Loftin Asst. Keeper at this Station mailed a letter to the office this morning which I did not refuse to read and sign.

I was in my kitchen this morning when he came in and asked me if I wanted to read his letter and I said yes and he said if I would come to the Engine room I could read it, and I replyed that I would read it at my desk. Then he said so you refuse to read it and I said no. I will read and sign it at my desk and he said no you wont I will mail it, so he went and mailed it.

I hereby certify that the above statement is correct.

Laurence Longdon
Keeper.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 26 27 1933
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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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OWENSBORO KENTUCKY

THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill Lt. Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Subject: Leave and Charges. Aug. 21, 1933.

Reference: Your letter Aug. 21.

Superintendent Sir:-

I have no excuse to give for over staying my leave except that my Keeper said that it was all right as long as each man on leave returned for his mid night watch.

(b.) The Record of Absence shows that I left Sta. Aug. 7, at 10 30 a.m. And returned to Sta. Aug. 9, 10 30 a.m. 1933. Just the way the Keeper and I have done before when late a few hours.

(c.) The Keeper charges that I have left the Sta. unattended when he was off the Sta. July 27 about 2 00 p.m. His time is incorrect, It was after visiting hours which is 3 00 p.m. And my Wife was in attendence to call me if needed. I was in a stone's throw of Light House point.

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RECEIVED HOPKINSVILLE, KY. AUG 26 1933
RECEIVED HOPKINSVILLE, KY. AUG 27 1933

THIRD DISTRICT

(2.)

Waterhill Ft Ala
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 21, 1933.

I do remember of dressing fish in my bathing suit here at the Light House And sending my Brother in-law up to light up for me just as the Keeper's Children have done for him.

(d) The Keeper I doubt if streight facts have gone through in regards to those letters Sir. Each letter my Keeper read carefully first one he read in the yard and refused to sign. His Wife sent him after the letter after he had give it back to me un-signed with instructions to destroy to never let that letter reach the Office.

The second letter he went to the engine room to read after sturdying letter carefully, he had no comment to make only that he refused to sign letter and started to gtrs. with letter after refuseing to sign

RECEIVED AUG 26 1933 PRINCETON, KY.
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THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill Lt Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 21, 1933.

then I politely taken it from him and give him five minutes to sign out where he read letter. He returned in a few minutes stateing he wanted letter to put his in with. I called and offered to let him put his letter in with mine and I would mail but to my reply he said, he would send his letter in a seperate in-velope. The Keeper has read all the mail & have wrote You Sirs and refused to sign same.

In refering back to Sta being unattended by the ~~Keeper~~ Assistant I remember the Keeper taken me claming and we were caught no record was intered in leave book of same but have proof of same or witness.

The Keeper has also taken me out to take up the fish nets with private fishermen. Have proof of same

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

(4.)

Watch Hill Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 21, 1933.

In my last letter I stated the Keeper went to Boston and back and booked in from 9am until 3pm just six hours but it comes back to me that he left at 9am March 19, 1933 and returned about 11am March 19 1933. The entry still remains from 9am until 3pm.

Still refering to being absent a few hours from Sta & felt I had the same privaledge and protection as my Keeper had if fact the Keepers wife remarked that a certain active Inspector would never look in the book to catch the Keeper when he was off the Sta. However I [illegible] to think nor [illegible] not apply to [illegible] have st[illegible]

Keeper refused to sign or read letter out-sid[e] his quarters

"Beep" Frank Loftin Co[x]

Regret gonern

STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

AUG 23 1933 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.
AUG 26 27 1933 SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES RECEIVED N.Y.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill Lt Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 21, 1933.

In my last letter I stated the Keeper went to Boston and back and booked in from 9am until 3pm just six hours but it comes back to me that he left at 9am March 19, 1933 and returned about 11am March 19 1933. The entry still remains from 9am until 3pm.

Still refering to being absent a few hours from Sta & felt I had the same privaledge and protection as my Keeper had if fact the Keepers wife remarked that a certain active Inspector would never look in the book to catch the Keeper when he was off the Sta. However I am inclined to think now that same would not apply to his assistant.

Regret gonern

I have stated the truth Sir.

Respectfully Frank Loftin

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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C O P Y

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

August 23, 1933

Lawrence H. Congdon, Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, R. I.

SUBJECT: Assistant Keeper Loftin.

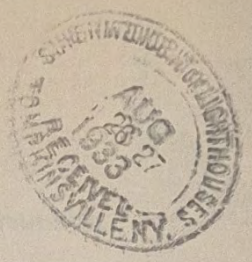
Enclosed herewith for your information is letter dated August 21st received direct from Mr. Loftin, with the request that you return the enclosed letter to this office, together with such comment as you may wish to make in reference to the various matters referred to in Mr. Loftin's letter.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. LAWTON,
Chief Clerk.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill Lt. Sta.,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 25, 1933

Supt:

I respectfully wish to make the following statements in reference to Mr Loftins letter of Aug. 21. 1933

a. I have never told him it was alright to return to station overdue;

B. Mr Loftin refers to my having been over due on a 48 hr. leave. I have been one on Sept. 8, 1931 I left the Sta. 9.30 a.m. and returned Sept. 10. at 10 P.m. for which I forwarded form 76 with a letter of explanation.

C. On July 27th when I returned at 2 P.m. the station was unattended. For I saw Mr Loftin's wife come from the Coast Guard sta. sometime latter.

Mr Loftin says my Children have lit the light for me. Yes. My 17 yr old nephew whom has lived with me for most 9 yrs. did assist me last winter when Mr Loftin was sick and taken to the Hospital for I also had a

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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terrible cold at that time.

D. Inreference to reading and signing the letter written by Mr Loftin. I have made true statements concerning them in my previous letter.

In regards to taking Asst. Keeper Claming and out to take up fishnets it is absolutley false. I myself have been out to help take up fish nets as we get all the fish we want to eat from the man who owns the nets. but at no time have I taken the Asst. Keeper with me and left the Sta., unattended

Mr Loftin refers to my trip to Boston on March 19, 1933, I left the Sta. at 9 a.m. and returned at 3 P.m: I went to the Chelsea Maine Hospital to see Carl Anderson Keeper of S. E. Light Sta. Block Island whom was there at that time, we arrived at the Hospital between 11 and 11.30 a.m. and they called Mr Anderson out to the main hall to visit with us as it

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was to early for visiting hrs. and I had to get back to my Sta. with me on this trip was John G Anderson retired lighthouse Keeper. who is Carl Anderson father.

In regards to mr Joftins last paragraph. I do not understand what he means. It seems to me as if he was slandering the Inspectors and office as well as my wife and I.

I hereby Certify that the above statements are Correct.

Laurence Longdon
Keeper.

CROSS REFERENCE

FRANK LOFTIN SEPT. 18, 1930

SEE FILE OF JAMES GALLEN FOR EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGE

(9/1/30) 1500

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

August 21, 1930.

Mr. Frank Loftin,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective September 1, 1930, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty. (Change of station and duties.)

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

AUG 28 1930

J.E.Davidson

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1440 per annum

To: $1200 per annum

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

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TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS REQ

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CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AUG 21 1930 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AUG 25 1930 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Staten Island, N. Y. (City) Aug.16,1930 (Date) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and demotion.

Name, Frank Loftin (Request)

Position, Keeper (Asst.)

Location, Watch Hill Lt.Sta.,R.I.

Effective, Sept.1,1930

Legal residence, Mass.

Proposed salary, $1200 p.a.

Proposed range, $1200-$1500 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries,Keepers of Lighthouses

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

Former position, Keeper

Location, Fire Island Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Former salary, $1440 p.a.

Former range, $1440-~~$1740~~ 1800 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, Carl F.W.Anderson (Lt. #1682) Services terminated, Aug.31,1930

Reason, Transferred (Salary $1380 p.a.) Pending.

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: Letter from Mr.Loftin requesting this transfer attached hereto.

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

J. T. Myers
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

AUG 19 1930

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Fire Island Light Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 13, 1920

Superintendent Sir:-

Will gladly except transfere as 1st Assistant Keeper to Watch Hill as I have two Children of school age.

"Resp" Frank Laffin.
Keeper.

CROSS REFERENCE

Frank Loftin

4/3/30

Keeper - Promotion - effective 4-1-30

see file Arthur N. Miller

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

March 26, 1930.

Mr. Frank Loftin,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective March 26, 1930, or entrance on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

MAR 31 1930

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1260 per annum.

To: $1440 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N.Y. (City) March 22, 1930 (Date) 19

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAR 25 1930 APPOINTMENT DIVISION 1930 MAR 25 AM

CHIEF CLERK DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAR 28 1930 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion To fill Proposed Vacancy

Name, Frank Loftin

Position, Keeper

Location, Fire Island Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Effective, March 26,1930

Legal residence, Massachusetts

Proposed salary, $1440 p.a.

Proposed range, $1440-$1740 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper

Location, Fire Island Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Former salary, $1260 p.a.

Former range, $1260-$1560 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, James G. Spencer (Lt. 1586) Bureau

Reason, Died (Salary $1440 p.a.)

Services terminated, March 17,1930

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks:

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

J Yates
Supt., 3rd Lighthouse Dist.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON March 25, 1930.

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Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

O. K.
Chief Clerk

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECORD ONLY ACTION TAKEN MAR 31 1930 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

W P Harman
W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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CROSS REFERENCE

Frank Loftin

Keeper - $1260 - Transfer eff 1/21/29.

see file of Adelard Bussiere

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

January 3, 1929.

Mr. Frank Loftin,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 7, 1929, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty (by change of station).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

JAN 11 1929

Respectfully,

W. J. CARLSEN

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1500 per annum.

To: $1260 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y., Dec. 29, 1928, 19
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer (To fill Vac (Request)

Name, Frank Loftin

Position, Keeper (2nd C)

Location, Fire Island Lt. Sta., N.Y.

Effective, Jan. 7, 1929 the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Legal residence, Massachusetts

Proposed salary, $1260 p.a.

Proposed range, $1260-$1560 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Light-house Keepers

Former position, Keeper

Location, Robbins Reef Lt. Sta., N.J.

Former salary, $1500 p.a.

Former range, $1500-$1800 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, Isaac Karlin

Services terminated, Dec. 31, 1928

Reason, Resigned (Salary $1320 per annum)

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: Letter from Mr. Loftin requesting this transfer attached hereto.

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

J. A. Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 31 1928

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Action O. K.

Chief Clerk

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JAN 10 1929 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Robbins Reef Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec. 6, 1928

Superintendant Sir:-

I respectfully request to be transfered as first-Asst-Keeper to any of the following stations in case a vacancy should occur.

Absecon N.J.
Barnegat N.J.
Beavertail R.I.
Block Is. S.E. R.I.
Eaton Neck N.Y.
Falkners Is. Conn.
Fire Island N.Y.
Fort Wadsworth N.Y.
Governors Is. N.Y.
Great Capt Is N.Y.
Latimer Reef N.Y.
Little Gull Is N.Y.
Montauk point N.Y.
Navisink N.J.
No Hook Beacon N.J.
Plum Beach R.I.
Point Judith R.I.
Rose Island R.I.
Shinnecock bay N.Y.
Stratford point Conn.
Warwick R.I.
Watch Hill R.I.

Frank Loftin.
Adelard Bussiere, Kpr.

Standard Form No. 17
Approved by the President, March 26, 1926

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REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE

CHIEF CLERK
SEP 26 AM 10 27

This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service. In cases where the probationary period comprises one year, this report is to be made at the expiration of the tenth month of service.

If service has been unsatisfactory, recommendation for discontinuance under the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 1 of Civil Service Rule VII should be forwarded immediately to the Department. A full statement of reasons should be set forth under "Remarks."

SEP 26 1928
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
(Department)

Third Lighthouse District (Bureau or office)

Staten Island, N. Y., Sept. 24, 1928 (Place and date)

To Commissioner of Lighthouses.
(Head of department or establishment)

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on Oct. 21, 1928, 192 .

The conduct and capacity of this employee have been satisfactory during the probationary period, and (he) ~~(she)~~ is considered qualified for absolute appointment.

Name Frank Loftin

Position Keeper

Salary $1500 per annum

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Station Robbins Reef Lt.Sta.,N.J.

Date of entrance on duty April 22, 1928

Remarks:

J. F. Wales
(Signature of immediate superior)
Supt. 3rd Lighthouse District

Submitted:
W P Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses
(Head of bureau or office)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

Mr. Frank Loftin,

Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that under the Welch Act your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective July 1, 1928.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

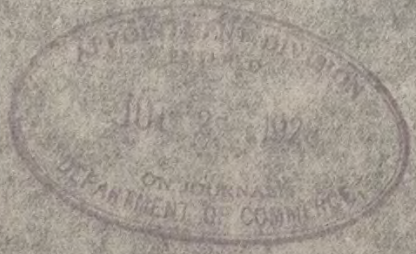
From: $1380

To: $1500

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAY 7 1928 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

I, Frank Loftin

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.

Frank Loftin
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 2nd day of May, A. D. 1928

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) William J. Irwin

(Official title) A Notary Public

My commission expires March. 30, 1929

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present	Keeper	$1380 p.a.	Robbins Reef Lt.Sta.,N.J.
Former [5]			

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

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3RD District

CARDED

Staten Island, N. Y., May-4-1928
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on April 22nd 1928.
(Date)

J. F. Yates
(Signature, followed by title)
Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.

[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 on or after the effective 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 superintendent of lighthouses 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 superintendent of lighthouses 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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U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

STANDARD FORM No. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

LIGHTHOUSES
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PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

Bureau, division, or office Staten Island 3rd Light House District N.Y.

1. Name in full Frank Loftin.

2. Legal (voting) residence Mass 13 Dist. Ward One Fall River. (State and Congressional District) Bristol. (County) Fall River. (City or town)

3. Where born? Columbia, Tenn. (State or foreign country) Columbia. (City or town) When born? Dec. 10, 1898. (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien Native.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAY 7 1928 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

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

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
None								

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

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

Enlisted April 20 1917 Discharged Feb. 4, 1919. Organization Co. D. 17th Inf. U.S. Regulars.

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8.

EDUCATION (Circle number of years)	Common school	High school	College	Degrees, if any
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 (8)	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	

9. State special qualifications None

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

CARDED

(Name) (Relationship)

Mrs Frank Loftin. 27, Cook, St. Fall River. Wife.

(Post office address)

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

Frank Loftin.

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

May 2 1928. (Date)

Present address Robbins Reef Lt. Sta. Tompkinsville N.Y.

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Form A-30

NOT TO BE ACCEPTED AS AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 17, 1928.

Mr. Frank Loftin,
Through the
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Thirteen Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum

effective upon entrance on duty.

APR 28 1928
1877
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Nature of appointment:
Probationary.

Civil Service authority:
Acting Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APR 24 1928

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation (unit):
Field.

Vice:
Raymond A. Shaffer.

Legal Residence:
Massachusetts.

CARDED

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
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1928 APR 14 AM 9 20
TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

CHIEF CLERK
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1928 APR 16 PM 3 32

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y., April 12, 1928, 19
(City) (Date)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APR 17 1928
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

SECOND U.S. CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT
REC'D
APR 13 1928

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Thr.Sec'y 2nd C. S. Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment. **Legal residence,** Massachusetts

Name, Frank Loftin

Position, Keeper

Location, Robbins Reef Lt.Sta., N.J.

Effective, April 16, 1928

Proposed salary, $1380 p.a.

Proposed range, $1380-$1740 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

[1] ~~The actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position,

Location,

Former salary,

Former range,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 90.0, Other eligibles considered:
Benjamin F.Potter---D* Joseph H. Girard---C. John L.Montigny---C.
*Name not removed from register.

Previous incumbent, Raymond A. Shaffer Services terminated, April 15, 1928

Reason, Resigned (Salary $1380 p.a.)

Members of family in Government service, None.

Date of birth, Dec. 10, 1898

Remarks:

No employee of District desired transfer to this position.
There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station.
Mr.Loftin has had no previous service in the Lighthouse Service.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, April 13, 19 28

L. A. Parker
Acting Secretary 2nd Civil Service District.

J. J. Yates

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NECESSARY DIVISION
ACTION TAKEN
APR 24 1928
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 14 1928

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Action O. K.
Chief Clerk

L. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

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STANDARD FORM NO. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

Oath of Office + } Fred'k Washington 5/4/28 J.

PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

Bureau, division, or office Staten Island 3rd Light House N.Y.

1. Name in full Frank Loftin.

2. Legal (voting) residence ~~Ward One. Fall River~~ Mass. 1st Dist. (State and Congressional District) Bristol. (County) Fall River. (City or town)

3. Where born? Columbia, Tenn. (State or foreign country) Columbia. (City or town) When born? Dec. 10, 1898. (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien native.

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

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

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
	none							

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

~~Eg~~ May 2nd 1928. (Date) Present address Robbins Reef Lt. Sta. Tompkinsville N.Y.

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I acknowledge receipt of a copy of Department Circular No. 253 (second edition), of September 22, 1914, relating to political activity of officeholders, and fully understand its purport.

Frank Loftin
(Name.)

Asst. Keeper.
(Position.)

U. S. Lighthouse Service.
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

Date, May 2, 1928.

(This acknowledgment should be forwarded to, and filed in, the bureau or office to which appointee is assigned.)

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHO
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETT
AND FILE NO.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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April 6, 1934.

Mr Frank Loitin,
Westerly, Rhode Island.

Dear Sir:

1. In further reference to your telegram of March 23 regarding conditions at Watch Hill Light Station, Rhode Island:

2. As you are aware an investigation of this matter was held at the station and the nature of your evidence and other matters examined and discussed with you. A careful consideration by this office of the report of the investigation shows that the records at the station are maintained in accordance with the regulations of the Service and that your charges are without concrete basis. It appears that your charges were from personal motives and not consistent with the good of the Service. While this office regrets the necessity of drastic action in separating you from the Service, there was felt to be no other course practicable, in view of your lack of cooperation and your attitude toward your superior at the station. It is noted that you had been previously disciplined and cautioned in regard to your attitude, and, therefore, when you failed to heed the caution, your separation from the Service naturally resulted.

To 3d.

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

RG-EK

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3d Supt.

FWO:HR

April 4th, 1934

Lawrence H. Congdon, Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, R. I.

SUBJECT: Record of Absences of Keepers, Form 303.

The Record of Absences book, which was recently taken from your station by a representative of this office, is herewith returned.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. LAWTON,
Chief Clerk.

FWO-JHG

Commissioner of Lighthouses; April 2,1934

SUBJECT: Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper, Watch Hill Lt.Sta., Discontinuance of services.
REFERENCE: Department letter Jan.30,1934 addressed to Mr.Loftin.

1. Referring to Department letter dated January 30,1934, addressed to Frank Loftin, dismissing him from the position of Assistant Keeper of Watch Hill Light Station, Rhode Island; the Bureau is advised that this dismissal was effective at the close of March 31,1934, which was Mr.Loftin's last day of service.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

Dear Sir:- (181)

Am very much
in need of my
monthly salary.
Please send
all communications
and etc to

Frank Loftin
16, Cook, Street.
Fall River,
Mass.

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Superintendent of Light Houses
Staten Island
Newyork.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill Lt Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 31, 1934

Supt;

I respectfully wish to report that Mr Loftin Asst. Keeper left the Station at 2.30 P.m. March. 31. 1934
His meter reading is 3 & 4.

Lawrence Congdon
Keeper

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3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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3. The Watch Book was then placed before him with the request that he point out all irregular items. After much talk aside from the subject, he pointed out an item for January 5, 1934, covering the period midnight to 1:15 am, also an item of February 13, 1934, covering the period midnight to 12:50 am. Neither item had been signed for. When asked what was wrong with those two items, Loftin stated that he did not know, but that they were not his watches and that he would not sign for them. Repeated attempts to have him state his understanding of the items, and to have him explain why he indicated them as crooked were futile. In each instance the preceding 24 hour watch was stood by Loftin. The keeper, when called upon for explanation, stated that in each case Loftin had failed to call him at midnight as has been customary, and that Loftin having been late in calling him he was late in going on watch, and that he recorded his watch as starting at the actual time he relieved the Assistant Keeper, which was at 1:15 am on January 5th and at 12:50 am February 13, also that Loftin refused to sign as being on watch up to the time he was actually relieved by the Keeper.

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proceeded to condemn the keeper as being responsible for all of his troubles; that the keeper wanted to get rid of him so it would be a one man station, etc. When questioned in reference to the charges, he made a blanket denial of all, taking the stand that the Keeper was the cause of the trouble, and that he had not been treated fairly, stating among many other things that a German spy had been watching him, and that maybe he had a lot to do with it, as he had probably sent in statements about him (Loftin). Loftin was advised that no such statements had been received. He was reminded of the charges of August 1933, which were either admitted or proven and justified dismissal but that leniency was extended with the result that he was reprimanded and his pay reduced, and also advised that his present case had been carefully considered. For the purpose of illustrating one simple point, reference was made to the fact that last August he was charged with forwarding correspondence other than through the Keeper, and later reprimanded by the Commissioner of Lighthouses, and that notwithstanding that fact, and regardless of Instructions to Employees, and special instructions sent to him, all of the many letters subsequently written by him were in every instance forwarded direct to the Superintendent. He promptly conceded it all, with the statement that he would do it again regardless of instructions, stating that he would not forward mail through a keeper he was having trouble with.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

March 30th, 1934

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
3rd Lighthouse District.

SUBJECT: Watch Hill Light Station.

REFERENCE: Orders March 27th.

1. On March 28th we proceeded to Watch Hill Light Station for the purpose of ascertaining facts concerning statements contained in Assistant Keeper Loftin's telegram of March 23rd addressed to the Commissioner. Mr. Loftin's attention was invited to his claim that the keeper has crooked books, and all station books were placed before him and he was requested to point out the items that were false or erroneous. He at once proceeded with an extended statement that all of the books were crooked and always had been; that they were full of false statements, times recorded, watches, etc.; that up to the time he and the keeper had differences many of the absence records made by himself (Loftin) as well as by the Keeper, were not correct; that the books were rotten, etc. Repeated attempts were made to have him point out the irregularities he claimed, and in each case he would again repeat the same general statements as referred to above. Endeavor was made to explain to him that his general statements were of little value without information or evidence to corroborate them, this with repeated interruptions and erratic repetitions of the same general remarks. The Record of Absences was opened before him, and after repeated requests that he point out any crooked entries therein, he pointed out the following items pertaining to the absence of the keeper:-

February 4,	1934 - 9 am to	10:05 pm.	Leave.
" 8,	" - 5 pm to	11:00 "	Calling at Westerly.
" 18,	" - 9 am to	9:40 "	Leave.

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Asst. Superintendent.

H. E. LITCHFIELD,
Associate Engineer.

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TELEGRAM



Westerly, R. I.
March 23, 1934.

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Personal,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

THE WATCHHILL LT STA KEEPER HAS CROOKED BOOKS WHICH IS ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO CONDEMN HIM AND SAME HAS BEEN REPORTED TO SUPERINTENDENT 3RD DISTRICT THE CHARGES AGAINST FRANK LOFTIN ASST KEEPER ARE FALSE AND WITHOUT FOUNDATION HAVE REQUESTED INVESTIGATION SAME WAS NOT GRANTED WILL YOU PLEASE LOOK INTO MATTER WIRE ANSWER WESTERNUNION

FRANK LOFTIN ASST KEEPER WATCHHILL

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RG-EK

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
March 26, 1934.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y., for report, with request that your report not omit to deal specially with what Mr. Loftin has characterized as the "crooked books" at the station.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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FWO:HR

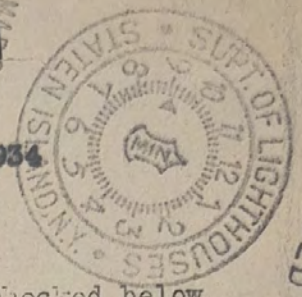
Office, Superintendent of Lighthouses,
3rd District, Staten Island, N. Y.
March 30, 1934.

Returned to Commissioner. Enclosed is copy of report of Assistant Superintendent Ockenfels and Associate Engineer Litchfield concerning the subject matter of attached telegram which appears to supply full information in the matter.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington

March 22, 1934



Superintendent of Lighthouses: **Staten Island, N.Y.**

It is requested that the information indicated in the item checked below be furnished the Bureau promptly, with the return of the attached papers, if any.

NAME AND DESIGNATION **Frank Loftin -- Kpr.**

(1) Give date of entrance on duty, of transfer, or of resignation.
(2) Furnish personal history sheet.
(3) Furnish oath of office.
(4) Furnish civil service form 375 in triplicate.
(5) Submit form SS-66, showing last day served by temporary appointee.
(6) Furnish standard form 13 in quadruplicate (abstract of official record).
(7) Furnish documentary evidence of date of birth as prescribed in civil service.form 2473, attached.
(8) Submit inclosed nominations through the District Civil Service Secretary.
(9) Furnish one copy certified form 2806.
(10) Miscellaneous.

Report effective date of discontinuance by indorsement hereon in duplicate.

For the Commissioner:

H-M

R. J. GROSS
Chief of Personnel Division.

FWO-JHG

District 3rd Date March 23,1934

Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses:

It is proposed to discontinue the services of Mr.Loftin at the close of March 31,1934. The actual date of discontinuance will be reported to the Bureau as soon as known.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

FWO-JHG

March 22,1934

Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, R. I.

SUBJECT: Charges.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office dated Dec.5,1933, your letter Dec.7,1933.

1. The entire matter referred to above has received careful consideration, and the charges of absenting yourself without permission and neglect of duty have been substantiated in a degree sufficient to warrant your dismissal, and there is enclosed herewith Department letter dated January 30,1934 dismissing you from the position of Assistant Keeper of Watch Hill Light Station,Rhode Island. Your dismissal will be effective at the close of March 31st, 1934.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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FWO-JHG March 22,1934

1. Copy forwarded for his information to the Keeper of Watch Hill Lt.Sta. Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which Mr.Loftin leaves Watch Hill Lt.Sta.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

TWO-JHG

Frank Loftin, Asst.Kee per, March 22,1934
Through the Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, R. I.

SUBJECT: Charges against Lawrence H. Congdon,Keeper.
REFERENCE: Your letter March 5,1934.

1. You are advised that the contents of your letter of March 5th, which were intended as charges against Keeper Congdon, have been reviewed and it is found that your letter deals to a large extent in generalities without supplying definite information with specific instances, dates, time, etc.,some items of your letter involving matters which, from your own statement, would not properly form the basis of charges involving misconduct or disregard of regulations. In view of the foregoing there appears to be no justification for preferring charges against Keeper Congdon on the basis of information furnished in your letter of March 5th.

2. It is particularly noted that your letter of March 5th was forwarded direct to this office instead of being forwarded through the keeper of the station as specifically required by service regulations, to which your attention has been invited on numerous previous occasions.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Mar.22,1934

1. Copy forwarded for his information to the Keeper of Watch Hill Lt.Sta.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk



1st

Superintendent Sir.

I am Writing this Letter asking you if you will give my husband out of the Light house Service because I do not like it and dont want to stay he wont give it up till he gets fird and I just cant Stand to stay here or go to any other light and my children dont like it I dont like to leave my children but if he dont get fird I will not live With him and I cant take the

Children because I am
able to take care of them
Please dont let them
stay in the light house
service for me and my
children dont let him
know I sent this letter
to you he would run
away and leave me and
my children

Mrs Loftin
Watch Hill Light House

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THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 5, 1934

Subject: Charges

Superintendent Sir:

I hereby Charge Laurence H. Congdon Keeper of Watch Hill Lt. Sta for the following violations contained herein.

(1.) Keeping crooked books that do not Comply with regulations to the extent of excessive amount of absence that should have been counted and sent to the office as leave.

(b.) Falsifacation of many absences and leaves as to the correct time on returning to Sta in leave Book of absences for this purpose.

(c.) Falsifacations in watch Book as to the time of Change of watches such as spaces for me to sign which is in black and white.

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Watch Hill Lt. Sta.
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March 5, 1934

(2.) Keeper taken 52 hours for the Mouth of February 1934 and same remains in Book Of Leave of absences.
The Keeper says every thing counts leave after sun-set. This is excess leave of 48 hours.

(3.) On Feb. 25, 1934 the Asst. Keeper was poisoned by pork and unable to stand his watch.
Report on same was not made and when I ask Keeper if this should be sent in as sick leave Keepers reply was "as you never had the doctor, book in leave, as it will cause too much writing" after 12 hours leave I reported for duty. as sick leave.

(4.) Keeper leaves his Station and watch

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(3.) Watch Hill Lt. Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
March 5, 1934.

March 2, At 10[10] a.m. as he told me he had a phone call from an official but never new who this official was very queer. Keeper returned to his Sta. and Watch from Westerly without the official at 11[50] a.m. or a satisfactory explanation pertaining to his official buiness.
(5.) Keeper leaver his Sta for supplies Feb. 24 at 2[45] p.m. Returned to Sta. at 7[15] pm 1 hour and 45 minutes after sunset.
The cause of delay machine broke down.

Owing to the nature of these Charges and the Keeper Actions his signiture is pending.

Yours Respectfully Frank Loftin
Asst. Keeper.

Again
Not Observe 16th
So called "charges" indefinite. and do not form a basis for action.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

1934 FEB 2 PM 2 48

January 30, 1934.

Mr. Frank Loftin,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Charges of absenting yourself from duty without permission, and neglect of duty having been preferred against you and substantiated in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of Keeper at $1080 per annum in the Lighthouse Service, effective at the close of business on a date later to be determined and reported to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

[redacted], J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

VC 2/4/3/34

TC 2/4/34

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Missed

No excess electricity consumed. allow 7/1/33 - 3/31/34 270 Kwh
Used 222 Kwh. JH 4/2/34 PS 4/2/34

FWO-JHG

Jan.17,1934

Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, R. I.

SUBJECT: Investigation.
REFERENCE: Your letter Jan.11,1934.

1. You are advised that you have heretofore been given full opportunity to make reply to charges preferred against you, and likewise the keeper has been given opportunity to make reply to the charges against himself as filed by you, which procedure is as prescribed by Paragraph 91 of Instructions to Employees. In view of the foregoing this office sees no necessity for sending a board of investigators to Watch Hill Light Station as requested by your letter.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

FWO:HR

January 16, 1934

Lawrence H. Congdon, Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, Rhode Island.

SUBJECT: Use of kerosene.

REFERENCE: Your letter December 28, 1933, and previous correspondence.

You are advised that you are entirely without authority to use Government kerosene in a personal stove or for any other personal purpose, there having been no occasion for the use of kerosene for personal purposes at Watch Hill Light Station since electricity was installed at that station. You will see to it that no further kerosene or other Government property is hereafter used for personal purposes.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill Light Stee
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan. 13, 1934.

Subject: Return of my letter Jan. 11 1934.

Superintendent Sir:-

In recognition of your letter
Date Jan. 12, 1934. I am forward-
ing this letter through the Keeper.

Respectfully Frank Loftin Asst. Keeper.

Edmund Longdon
Keeper

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SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES JAN 15 1934 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Watch Hill St. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan. 13, 1934

Supt;

In reference to letter dated Jan. 11, 1934 written by Mr Loftin Asst. Keeper at this Sta. I respectfully wish to state that at 7.15 P.M. on Jan. 10, 34, Mr Loftin come to me and asked for papir and an envelope. I gave him the paper and told him no envelope unless he sent the letter through me. He said alright, But he never brought the letter to me so I did not know it had been mailed.

I have never told Mr. Loftin that I would mail any of his official letters if I saw fit.

I hereby Certify that the above statement are true and correct.

Lawrence Longdon
Keeper

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FWO-JHG

Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, R. I.

Jan. 12,1934

SUBJECT: Return of your letter of Jan.11th not forwarded through Keeper.

1. Your letter dated January 11,1934 is herewith returned, and you are advised that all communications addressed to this office should be forwarded through the keeper of the station as specifically required by Instructions to Employees, and in accordance with repeated instructions heretofore furnished you on the subject.

2. In regard to your reference to official envelopes; you are advised that there is no occasion for a keeper to furnish official envelopes to an assistant keeper, since all communications addressed to this office are required to be forwarded through the Keeper.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
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THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill Lt.Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan.11,1934, 193

SUBJECT: Investigation.

REFERENCE: Your letter date Aug.12,1933

Superintendent sir;

I reference to your letter of Aug.12,1933 with proper procedure to follow which has been received and is in my possession, and the contents of paragraph 2 of your letter understood.

With the information your office has received if the form of charges and etc. of the existing controv ersity here at Watch Hill Light Station against the Keeper and his Assistant.

I hereby respectfully request that a neutral board of investigators be sent to Watch Hill Light Sta. to decide who has caused said trouble.

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/2/ Frank Loftin,
Asst.Kee per.

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Asst.Keeper

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THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill Light Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan. 11, 1934

Subject: Investigation.
Reference: Your letter date Aug. 12 1933.

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Jan. 11, 1934

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Keeper.

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REFERENCE: Your letter date Aug. 12, 1933

Superintendent sir;

I reference to your letter of Aug. 12, 1933 with proper procedure to follow which has been received and is in my possession, and the contents of paragraph 2 of your letter understood.

With the information your office has received if the-form of charges and etc. of the existing controv ersity here at Watch Hill Light Station against the Keeper and his Assistant.

I hereby respectfully request that a neutral board of investigators be sent to Watch Hill Light Sta. to decide who has caused said trouble.

Respectfully,
/2/ Frank Loftin,
Asst. Kee per.

The keeper absolutely refused official envelope for this letter and his remark as I have stated before that he would mail if he seen fit is why his signature isn't here.

Respectfully,
/s/ Frank Loftin,
Asst. Keeper

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Commissioner of Lighthouses: Jan. 8,1934

SUBJECT: Frank H.Loftin,A.K., Watch Hill Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Bureau letter Dec.29,1933.

1. Paragraph 2 of letter of Dec.20th,1933 has been amended to clear up the objection noted by the Bureau.

2. In view of the general attitude of Assistant Keeper Loftin as evidenced by his correspondence which continues to accumulate, since he was reprimanded by Bureau letter of November 1,1933, and his evident refusal to forward correspondence through official channels notwithstanding regulations, special instructions and reprimand, his transfer to another station, as suggested, is not believed to be warranted or desirable.

3. In this connection it may be stated that the keeper of this station has been in the service nearly 18 years , has always had a good record, and from the standpoint of efficiency is rated as one of the best keepers in the district, and there is no reason to believe that the charges made by the Keeper are false or due to personal animosity as indicated by Assistant Keeper Loftin.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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Jan. 6,1934

Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, R. I.

SUBJECT: Letter of Aug.12,1933.
REFERENCE: Your letter Dec.26,1933.

1. In accordance with your request there is enclosed copy of letter addressed to you under date of Aug. 12,1933.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

FWO-JHG

Lawrence H. Congdon, Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, Rhode Island.

Jan. 6,1934

SUBJECT: Furnishing writing paper etc. to Asst.Keeper Loftin.
REFERENCE: Your letter Dec. 29,1933

1. In reply to your letter of Dec. 29,1933, you are advised there is no objection to furnishing the Assistant Keeper with a reasonable amount of official writing paper, but there is no occasion to furnish him with official envelopes, since all official correspondence should be forwarded through the keeper and mailed by the keeper.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

(COPY:HR) THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill Light Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec. 29, 1933

Subject: Complaint and Facts.

Reference: For your information.

Superintendent Sir:-

Again the Keeper leaves his watch with station light in operation of which I charged him previous those official letters that he says he going to mail always falls on his watch and at night after station light has been put into operation on his watch.

The Keeper has imposed so much on me in takeing his watch to run to parties, lodges and etc. that I think you should know just what is going on down here at Watch Hill Light Sta.

He comes to the lower hall and says he going out regardless of who's time it should be off. When there is no work and it is my time off watch I expect to have those few hours that belongs to me. The Keeper knows that he is imposeing on me but this habit of going out has happened to often and is out of order in compliance with our watches. There are times that the Keeper has to be off station regardless and I know it is his duty to tent to such matters.

Really I don't believe no one could ever get along with the Keepers wife she looks for trouble all the time. I have come in contact with all kinds of people in my travels around this globe but she tops the list. I stopped my wife from having any thing to do or say several months ago but she still comes out in the lower hall and looks for a fight and nags when no one says anything or not, the Keeper has no authority what so ever over his wife in fact I have seen him stay out in the yard instead of going in the house when she was on the war-path then half the time she wanted him to take her out on my time off or some little foolish thing that no one would notice but her. They have pulled all kinds of tricks to get me disgusted so I would quit. She called me down one day to see what a terrible fix she had her husband in for no wonder she had been on the warpath for the last week because they never got this station for themselves, and she had the money taken out of his pay that month for the electricity that they had over-used. She was

crying in fact the two of them was and she was shakeing that put on shake that she has I told them that they should be out spending their pay and she said she never had as much to spend as I had. She told me the Doctor was coming I knew all this was baby-stuff and darn meaness after the Doctor left about 4:00 p.m. the two of these sick babies went out and never returned to station until midnight. I know this doctor and I called on him the next day and we had a good laugh over said happening. You see they thought they would get my sympathy. The Doctor charged them five and they never pulled that trick again.

There is lots of inside stuff that is going on that I know but I don't like to tell but if I have to several persons are going to be brought in with a surprise.

There is one fellow that resigned from here Leo Rude and he later had Bristol Light he would have been here as Assistant yet but he was drove out by the same people that are trying to put me out.

The Keepers Sister and the Keepers Wife brother was Assistant here before I came here from Fire Is. Light. You cannot imagine just what I have had to go through with to stick here as long as I have with them. An angle from heaven couldn't get along with Mrs. Congdon that is true so help me God.

She has come out before me and stopped Mr. Congdon from painting in the afternoon when we were very busy to take her out even on my time off and I would keep on painting to five or six oclock. My wife wouldn't dare ask me to take her out when the Keeper had any work for me to do. The work always come first with me.

I offered the Keeper my time off if he would only take my wife and children for a ride once and a while. I blame his wife for that. She wanted all the outing and we to stay on the Sta. and stand his watches and if she didn't get that she said we couldn't stay here. You have to live with people to find them out.

The Keepers family are slamming their doors its a wonder if the hinges don't get broke off.

I report for work every morning at 8:00 a.m. and face him like a man on the other hand he calls me from the lower hall when he wants me.

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I never put in for Watch Hill as Keeper for if did I know these kind of people would be bad-minded and think I was after his job.

Captain Larkins and his wife heard from people in Westerly what the Keepers wife said about them and that is why the Larkins don't have anything to do with the Keeper and his wife.

My wife seems to get along with them they take her out and in return I take his wife and children out.

I go over to Captain Larkins quite often when I am off watch and play cards and they come over here in return. The Keeper give me permission to go over there when I was on watch but I thought it best to go over when it was my night off watch.

The Keeper couldn't find the time to go over when he was off watch he go over when on watch whether I was on Light-house Sta. or not and leaves station light while in operation, and stay over until midnight.

The Keeper made his own regulations and has no one to blame but his wife. The way I feel about the whole matter I have been to soft and when it come time to draw the line for my 50-50 break then they didn't want me at all.

They have told me how easy they can give me the air but I don't quite understand for what as I do my bit and intend to do so as long as I am in the Lighthouse Service.

Respectfully,

/s/ Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper

The Keeper previous remark that he would mail if he seen fit. For his remark, his signature is pending.

Respectfully,

/s/ Frank Loftin, Assistant Keeper.

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Watch Hill Lt Sta
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Dec. 29, 1933

Supt:

I respectfully wish to report that mr Loftin the Asst. Keeper at this Sta. came to me last night at 10 P.m. and asked for 6 sheets of paper and an envelope, and at 11.50 a.m this morning he came after 2 more sheets and an envelope. this makes 4 times since Dec 14, 1933 that I have given him paper and envelopes and as he has not returned any of the 4 letters to me to forward to the office. I respectfully wish to ask if I am to continue giving him paper and envelopes when I do not know if he is sending the letters to the office or not or what he is doing with it.

Laurence Longdon
Keeper.

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
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WASHINGTON

December 29, 1933.

3d Supt's. letter Dec.20,1933, re Frank Loftin, asst.kpr. Watch Hill Light Station, charges.

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In the event, however, your office does not consider that the transfer of Keeper Loftin to another station is practicable, your office may resubmit the case properly revising the matter in paragraph two along the line above explained. If the matter is thus resubmitted the inclosures should of course again accompany the case.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman

Administrative Assistant.

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W P Harman

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Administrative Assistant.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill Lt.Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec. 28, 1933

Supt.

I respectfully wish to state that I delivered the letter dated Aug. 12, 1933 to Mr. Loftin immediately after I had read it and he answered it Aug. 15, 1933.

I hereby certify that the above statements are true and correct.

/s/ Lawrence Congdon
Keeper.

for year ending June 30, 1932 - 575 gal

for year ending June 30, 1933,
5 mo ahead
7 mo behind } 301

575 = 31.5 per mo

5 × 31.5 = 157.5

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THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec. 28, 1933

Supt:

Subject: Use of Goverment kerosene

I respectfully wish to state that it is impossible for me to give the exact dates on which I used the Gov. kerosene, for I only use my perosine cook stove during the hottest summer weather and on the extreme cold days in winter when the cook stove will not heat the kitchen.

I bought my kerosene cook stove July 7, 1931 before that time I had a stove which did not burn kerosene.

In my kerosine stove I have used approximately 300 gals of kerosine.

I have not used kerosine for any other personal purpose

I hereby Certify that the above statements are true and correct.

Samuel Congdon
Keeper.

FWO:HR

December 27, 1933

Lawrence H. Congdon, Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, Rhode Island.

Under date of August 12, 1933, this office forwarded through you to Assistant Keeper Loftin a letter concerning the matter of absence, and in reply to his letter dated August 10, 1933. Advise this office, by return mail, whether or not the letter of August 12th, addressed to Assistant Keeper Loftin, was delivered to him.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. LAWTON,
Chief Clerk.

FWO:HR

December 27, 1933

Lawrence H. Congdon, Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, Rhode Island.

SUBJECT: Use of Government kerosene.

REFERENCE: Your letter December 23, 1933.

You are requested to forward to this office an itemized statement showing all Government kerosene that has been used by yourself in the kerosene cook stove, or for other personal purposes, giving dates and the amount used on each date.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill Light Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec. 26, 1933

Subject: Request.

Reference: You letter date August 18, 1933.

Superintendent Sir:-

In your letter dated Aug. 18, 1933 which refers that my attention be invited to paragraph 2 of letter from your office of August 12th, which supplied full instructions as to the proper procedure to be followed in just cause for complaint.

I have waited more than a reasonable length of time for this letter, evidently the Keeper never wanted that investigating that I ask for Aug. 15, 1933.

I ask the Keeper for this letter this morning and he could not find same on file.

I respectfully request that a copy of your letter date August 12th be forwarded to me personally in order that I may comply with the proper instructions and procedure to follow in future controversials that the Keeper has forced on hisself and now he trying to pin on his Assistant.

Respectfully (s) Frank Loftin, Asst.Kpr.

Oweing to Keeper's remarks and his past action his signature is pending.

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Dec. 23, 1933

Supt:

In reference to the use of Gov. kerosine I respectfully wish to state that I have had no authority for the use of it. but I have a kerosine stove which has always stood in my kitchen in plain sight. and I have always made an honest account of kerosine used and never been questioned by the office so therefor I have never known I was doing wrong. but if I have I am willing to replace or pay for what I have used.

I herefy Certify that the above statemint is true and correct.

Lawrence L Congdon
Keeper

FWO:HR

December 22, 1933

Lawrence H. Congdon, Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, Rhode Island.

SUBJECT: Use of Government kerosene.

Letter dated December 13th from the Assistant Keeper, and your letter dated December 16th, refer to the matter of your having used Government kerosene in a kerosene stove. You are requested to forward to this office full information as to your authority for using Government kerosene in a stove or for any other personal purpose.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

L I S T O F

Correspondence file forwarded to Bureau with letters of Dec.20,1933 and January 8,1934, re charges against Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper of Watch Hill Lt.Sta.,R.I.

Letter dated Dec.9,1933 from Asst.Kee per, Frank Loftin.
Copy of our letter to Loftin dated Dec.11th.
Letter dated Dec.7th from Keeper L. H. Congdon.
Letter dated Dec.13th gtom Asst.Keeper Loftin.
Copy of letter Dec.14th to Keeper Congdon.
Letter dated Dec.16th from Keeper Congdon.
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Copy of letter dated Dec.14th to Keeper Congdon.
Letter dated Dec.16th from Keeper Congdon.
Letter dated Dec.26th from A. K. Loftin.
Copy of letter of Dec.27th to Keeper Congdon.
Letter dated Dec.28th from Keeper Congdon.
Copy of letter dated Jan.6,1934 to A. K. Loftin.
Letter dated Dec.29th from Asst.K.Loftin.
Letter dated Dec.29th from Mrs.Loftin.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses; Dec. 20,1933

SUBJECT: Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper, Watch Hill Lt.Sta.,R.I.
REFERENCE: Bureau letter of reprimand dated Nov.1,1933.

1. The following correspondence is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

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b - Copy of letter dated Nov.29 to Keeper Congdon.
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2. Mr.Loftin's reply to charges contains much that is aside from the subject, and while his statements are general in character, they are undoubtedly intended to cast reflections on the keeper. His reply to charge 1(a) is evasive in that in answering the charge of leaving the station without permission, he contends that he always "reported" to the keeper before leaving the station. The apparent answer to charge 1(b) is simply a repetition of the charge without comment or explanation. His reply to charges 2(a), (b), (c) and (d) is a general denial, with some comment but without explanation or direct reply to the various charges of which items (a) and (c) are the most serious, since they involve sleeping while on watch after sunset, and failure to light the station light until after sunset on Nov. 21,1933.

3. This office considers that Mr.Loftin's reply to charges is not satisfactory, and that it serves to show that he is unsuitable for continuance in the service. By Bureau letter of November 1,1933 Mr.Loftin was reprimanded

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2. Mr.Loftin's reply to charges contains much that is aside from the subject, and while his statements are general in character, they are undoubtedly intended to cast reflections on the keeper. His reply to charges 1(a) states that he always "reported" to the keeper before leaving the station, and also states "never leaving until permission was granted". The former statement if taken literally may be construed either as avasion or admission of the charge, while the latter statement is a denial of the charge. However, the former statement coincides with the claim of the keeper in his letter of Nov.21st, and while not proven, it is likely that it has been the practice to report to or advise the keeper that he proposed to leave the station rather than to definitely request permission or leave for a given period. The apparent answer to charge 1(b) is a repetition of the charge without comment or explanation other than indicating that leave was granted. His reply to charges 2(a),(b),(c) and (d) is a general denial, with some comment but without explanation or direct reply to the various charges of which items (a) and (c) are the most serious, since they involve sleeping while on watch after sunset, and failure to light the station light until after sunset on Nov.21,1933.

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and his compensation reduced $10.00 per month as the result of various charges, including the forwarding of correspondence direct to this office instead of through the Keeper. Notwithstanding previous charges and disciplinary action referred to, it will be noted that his reply to charges dated December 7th, was forwarded direct to this office and not through the keeper.

4. As soon as Mr.Loftin found that charges had been made against him by the keeper, he (Loftin) proceeded to file a series of charges against the keeper in various letters all of which were forwarded direct to this office, the charges being trivial in general and in part involving alleged occurrences of many months ago. It is obvious that these charges were not made for the good of the service, but either in retaliation or to cloud the issue of charges against himself. A separate file of this correspondence is enclosed for the Bureau's information.

5. It is considered that the charges against Mr.Loftin have been proven to a sufficient degree to warrant severe action; that Mr.Loftin has demonstrated that he is disinclined to subordinate himself to orders, regulations, or special instructions; and that he is the cause of an inharmonious condition at this station, which necessarily affects the efficient maintenance of the station and causes inconvenience and expense to the service by reason of voluminous correspondence as evidenced by enclosures.

6. It is therefore recommended that Frank Loftin be dismissed from the position of Assistant Keeper of Watch Hill Light Station, R.I., with pay at the rate of $1080 per annum, effective on a date later to be determined and reported to the Bureau.

7. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations. Mr. Loftin has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Commissioner of Lighthouses; Dec. 20,1933

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(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec.16,1933, 193

Supt.

I reference to Mr*Loftins letter dated Dec.13, 1933 charging me with leaving the station without leaving him in charge, I wish to state that I have never left the station without leaving the Asst.Keeper in charge.

This charge was also mailed without my knowledge.

I hereby certify that the above statements are true and correct.

/s/ Lawrence Congdon,
Keeper

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Watch Hill Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec. 16, 1933

Supt.

I respectfully wish to state that I commented on Mr. Loftin's letter dated Dec. 11, 1933 after it had been returned to him when he sent it back to the office through me.

Lawrence Congdon
Keeper

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Watch Hill Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec. 16, 1933

Supt.

In reference to Mr. Loftin letter dated Dec. 13, 33 in which he makes charges against me I respectfully wish to make the following comments.

No. 1. It is true that the cook stove mentioned left the station but not to do any one any good as it was to be taken to a dump as junk and there was nothing secret about it leaving the station as it was in broad day light in an open Ford trudk with no cover over it to hide it and Mr. Loftin helped me put the broken stove in the truck.

The plumber offered to take it to the dump when he heard me say the stoves that I had thrown overboard before kept washing back on the beach after each hard storm. If Mr. Loftin thought I was doing wrong why did he wait 17 months before reporting it.

No. 2. Carl Johnson who is my wife's nephew did substitute at this station last spring for which I sent in a service card giving his correct age which was 16 at the time and Mr. Loftin leave of absence was returned O.K.

No. 3. This charge is absolutely false as the wiring on this station has not been touched to my knowledge since completed by the electrician.

No. 4. I did set on the average of 5 lobster pots this summer for my own use but never hauled them when I was on watch and I was not further off the beach but what I could hear Mr. Loftin if he called.

No. 5. I am not extravagant with the kerosene and invoice I signed will prove that there is not an average of a gallon per day used on station.

No. 6. I do not understand what Mr. Loftin means by this charge as the correct date and hours are given in the leave book and were reported to the office.

(b) I do not know what Mr. Loftin means by this. I was on leave for time stated which my report will show.

I did not know Mr. Loftin's letter dated Dec. 13 was mailed.

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C O P Y

THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill Lt.Sta.,
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Dec.16,1933, 193

Supt.

I reference to Mr'Loftins letter dated Dec.13, 1933 charging me with leaving the station without leaving him in charge, I wish to state that I have never left the station without leaving the Asst.Keeper in charge.

This charge was also mailed without my knowledge.

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No. 1. It is true that the cook stove mentioned left the station but not to do any one any good as it was to be taken to a dump as junk and there was nothing secret about it leaving the station as it was in broad day light in an open Ford trudk with no cover over it to hide it and Mr. Loftin helped me put the broken stove in the truck.

The plumber offered to take it to the dump when he heard me say the stoves that I had thrown overboard before kept washing back on the beach after each hard storm. If Mr. Loftin thought I was doing wrong why did he wait 17 months before reporting it.

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No. 3. This charge is absolutely false as the wiring on this station has not been touched to my knowledge since completed by the electrician.

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J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
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FWO-JHG

Dec.11,1933

Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper,
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Registered at the Post Office indicated in Postmark

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Post Office at Staten Island N Y

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, R. I.

Dec. 5,1933

SUBJECT: Charges.

You are hereby charged with:-

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2.- Neglect of duty and disregard of service regulations, in that; (a) On Oct.13,1933, at 8 P.M. while on watch, you were asleep in your quarters, it having been necessary to call you several times before you answered; (b) On Nov.21, 1933, at 2.55 P.M., while on watch, you were asleep in your quarters, it having been necessary to call you several times before you answered; (c) On Nov.21,1933 at 4:35 P.M.,ten minutes after sunset, while on watch, you were asleep in your quarters, with the result that the station light was not placed in operation until after sunset; (d) On Oct.15,1933, at 1.00 P.M., while on watch, you could not be found at the station, and about a half hour later you returned to the light station from the Coast Guard Station. In connection with charge 2 attention is invited to Paragraph 7 of Instructions to Employees which provides:- "No officer, keeper, or other employee shall sleep during his watch, or at his post, or leave his station or post before being regularly relieved. Violation of this instruction may be considered cause for dismissal.", also to Paragraph 142 of Instructions to Employees which provides:- "Watches shall be stood in such place and manner as to give continuous and the best possible attention to the light and the fog signal when in operation.".

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Dec.1,1933, 193

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c. I was over half way up the stairs and saw his children go from the kitchen to the bedroom to call him and he came from the bedroom after being called several times.

d. I had to go over half way up the stairs before I could make him hear me and I heard him get out of bed and come to the hall after I had called several times.

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Dec.1,1933, 193

Supt.

I respectfully wish to state that the ☒ following is the information requested in letter dated Nov. 29,1933.

a. I requested the Asst.Keeper on his arrival at this station to obtain permission before leaving the station. Also on Aug.10,1933 I told him never to leave the station without permission and when I received the letter from the office dated Oct.9,1933 I gave him that to read.

b. The Asst.Keeper did not ask for leave merely stated he was taking a ride to Fall River which indicated to me he would return within 6 hours, therefore no leave was granted.

c. I was over half way up the stairs and saw his children go from the kitchen to the bedroom to call him and he came from the bedroom after being called several times.

d. I had to go over half way up the stairs before I could make him hear me and I heard him get out of bed and come to the hall after I had called several times.

e. The Asst.Keeper was in his bedroom at 10 minutes after sunset on Nov.21,1933 . I did not personally observe him sleeping , but after I had called him several times I heard him get out of bed and saw him come from the bedroom bearing indications of having been asleep.

I hereby certify that the above statements are true and correct.

/s/ Lawrence Congdon,
Keeper

FWO-JHG

Nov.29,1933

Lawrence H. Congdon, Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, Rhode Is.

SUBJECT: Charges against Asst. Keeper Loftin.
REFERENCE: Your letter Nov.21,1933.

1. It is requested that you furnish the following information in reference to your letter of November 21st, a copy of which is enclosed:-

(a) Re paragraph 2 - Have you directed the Assistant Keeper to obtain permission before leaving the station, as required by Paragraph 135 of Instructions to Employees? If so, when did you give him such instructions? If not, submit explanation, as Paragraph 135 of Instructions to Employees states - "Keepers will require assistants to obtain permission before leaving the station".

(b) Re paragraph 3 - What period of leave was asked for by the Assistant Keeper? And, what period of leave did you grant to the Assistant Keeper?

(c) Re paragraph 4 - You state "he was sound asleep". State whether you personally observed him asleep, or, if not, submit evidence or proof on which your statement is based, and state where the Assistant Kee per was at the time.

(d) Re paragraph 6 - Furnish same information as called for under paragraph 4.

(e) Re paragraph 7 - State where the Assistant Keeper was at the time, and whether you personally observed him sleeping.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

a

COPY

THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov. 21, 1933

Supt.

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4 On Oct. 13, 1933 at 8 P.M. when I was going out and went to tell him I was going, he was sound asleep for I heard his children call him several times before he would answer me, and it was then his watch.

5 On Oct. 15 at 1 p.m. while he was on watch when I was going to go to mystic I could not find him on the station, a half hour later he came from the Coast Guard Sta.

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/s/ Lawrence Congdon
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(COPY:HR) Report of Repair and Time Sheet

This form to be made out by mechanic in charge of party, and sent to office at end of each pay period and on completion of work, and must cover all time employed away from Depot.

Aug. 10 1933
(date)

The following work has been completed at Watch Hill Light Station

Overhauled electric motors and generators. Looked over other electric equipment, repaired field rheostat for #1 generator. Reset brushes on generators and motors. Removed ball bearings on #2 motor, washed clean, replaced in motor and run for three hours. Bearing still run hot. Recommend new ball bearings for #2 motor.

Date Aug.	Time left Depot	Time arrived station	Time left station	Time arrived Depot	Hours worked	Shop order number	Remarks
7	8 A.M.	2 P.M.			2½	76320	
8					8		
9			8 A.M.	4:30 PM			

Certified Correct /s/ Edw. M. Gunnell

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

Nov.10,1933

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: Effective date of changes in personnel in 3rd District.
REFERENCE: Department letter of May 19, 1918.

1. The Bureau is advised that the effective dates of recent changes in the personnel of the Third Lighthouse District, are as follows:-

Name	Position	Salary	Natura of Change	Letter Date	Effective Date
Frank Loftin	A.K.	$1080	Reduction in pay.	10-28-33	11-6-33

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

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November 1, 1933.

Frank Loftin, Assistant Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station, Rhode Island,
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N.Y.)

1. The Bureau has given careful consideration to the matter of charges preferred against you in connection with your absenting yourself from your station without due authority, improperly recording your absences, and failing to forward communications to the Superintendent's office through the keeper in charge of your station. Your action in these matters is a serious violation of the regulations of the Service and you are hereby severely reprimanded and advised of a reduction of $10 a month in your compensation for a period of six months, at the termination of which period consideration will be given to the question of whether or not your record warrants the restoration of your pay.

2. The fact that you have been reprimanded in this instance will be made a part of your official record.

G.R.Putnam
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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COPY to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y. Further report should be submitted at the proper time with a recommendation as to the restoration of Mr. Loftin's pay. Attention is invited to Bureau nomination dated October 26, a copy of which was sent your office, that nomination having been submitted to the Department in lieu of your original nomination of September 1, for the reason stated on the copy sent you. The limitation is placed upon the period of demotion in view of the fact that the present pay of this keeper is below the minimum of the authorized range of this position, which circumstance does not permit an indefinite demotion.

C. P. Kaarman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

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October 28, 1933

Mr. Frank Loftin,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty and to continue for a period not to exceed six months.

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

[redacted] J. GARDNER.
Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1200 per annum.

To: $1080 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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Form S. S.-93

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PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
WASHINGTON

Bureau of Lighthouses Date OCT 26 1933

OCT 27 1933 AM

The Secretary of Commerce:

The following personnel change is respectfully recommended:

Nature of recommendation [1] Reduction in Pay

Civil service authority

Name Frank Loftin

Legal residence Massachusetts

	FROM—	TO—
Position	Keeper (assistant)	Keeper (temporary assistant)
Classification	Field (Range $1200-1560)	Field ($1080-1440)
Salary	$1200 per annum	$1080 per annum
Station	3d Lighthouse District, Watch Hill Lightstation,	same
Appropriation [2]	Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses	same

Vice New position -- Lt.#3629

Effective date to be reported

By figure time 6 mos.

Remarks:

It is recommended that a temporary additional position as indicated be authorized for six months from date of entrance on duty, field classification sheet being inclosed. Attention is invited to the Superintendent's letter of September 1 hereto attached, in paragraph 6 of which the Bureau concurs. A copy of the proposed letter of reprimand will be duly submitted for the Department's records.

W. P. HARMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

(For use of Department)

Copy to 3d Supt.

A decision by the Comptroller to the effect that the salary of an employee could not be below the minimum of the range was construed by the Department to apply in the present case, in view of which a temporary additional position is recommended in a lower range, as indicated, to accomplish the disciplinary measures proposed.

For the Commissioner:

W P Harman
Administrative Assistant.

[1] Recommendations for reinstatement must be accompanied by Form S. S.-93A

[2] To be used only by bureaus operating under more than one appropriation unit.

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FWO-JHG

Lawrence H. Congdon, Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, Rhode Is.

Oct. 9,1933

SUBJECT: Asst.Keeper, leave.
REFERENCE: Your letter Oct.7,1933.

1. In reply to your letter of Oct.7th, you are advised that as Keeper of Watch Hill Lt'Sta.,you are authorized to grant leave to the assistant keeper to the extent of the authorized monthly allowance.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

(95)

THIRD DISTRICT

watch Hill Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct. 7, 1933

Supt:

I respectfully wish to state that this morning Mr Loftin the Asst. Keeper at this Station asked permission to go on leave Oct. 8. 1933 for 12 or 14 hrs. and I refused him as I do not know if I have authority to grant him any leave. As he has had Charges preffered against him by the office and the form 76 which I made him send in when he returned to sta. over due on Aug. 9, 1933 has not been returned.

Please inform me if I have authority to grant him any leave at this time

Laurence Congdon
Keeper.

Form 84

FWO-JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES 3rd DISTRICT

LIGHTHOUSES 1933 SEP 29 AM 9:01

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Staten Island, N.Y., Sept. 28, 1933

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Washington, D. C.

No reply has been received from the Bureau to communication (letter & Form 73)
from this office dated Sept.1,1933 on the subject of reduction in pay of
Frank Loftin, Assistant Keeper, Watch Hill Light Station, R.I.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Asst.Supt.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.,
September 30, 1933

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Returned to 3rd Superintendent. This matter is still pending at the Department, and you will be advised as soon as received back.

For the Commissioner:

C.J.Ludwig, Jr.
Chief Clerk, Bureau of Lighthouses.

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To be forwarded in duplicate. Indicate in blank space inclosed in parentheses character of the communication—that is, whether letter, indorsement, Form 80, Form 97, etc.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses: September 1,1933

SUBJECT: Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper, Charges .

1. The following correspondence is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

a - Letter dated Aug.10,1933 from Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper, Watch Hill Lt.Sta.
b - Letter dated Aug.10 from L.H.Congdon,Keeper, Watch Hill Lt.Sta.
c - Copy of letter dated Aug.12th to Mr.Loftin.
d - Copy of letter dated Aug.12th to Mr.Congdon.
e - Letter of Aug.15th from Mr.Loftin.
f - Letter of Aug.15th from Mr.Congdon.
g - Letter of Aug.16th from Mr.Congdon.
h - Copy of letter of Aug.18th to Mr.Loftin.
i - Copy of letter of charges dated Aug.18th to Mr.Loftin.
j - Letter dated Aug.22nd from Mr.Congdon.
k - Letter dated Aug.21st from Mr.Loftin.
l - Copy of letter dated Aug.23rd to Mr.Congdon.
m - Letter dated Aug.25th from Mr.Congdon.

2. Charge "a" concerning overstaying leave allowance stands proven, Mr.Loftin stating that he has no excuse to offer except that he claims such action was permitted by the Keeper, which is denied by the latter.

3. Charge "b" concerning falsification of station records is admitted by Mr.Loftin, who infers that falsification of leave records was regular practice.

4. Charge "c" in regard to leaving the station while temporarily in charge during the absence of the Keeper is admitted by Mr.Loftin with some qualifications, which are not material.

5. Charge "d" is proven by the fact that Mr.Loftin has repeatedly failed or refused to forward correspondence through the keeper. Even after the proper procedure was plainly stated and reference made to the requirements of Instructions to Employees in letter of Aug.18th, under charge "d", Mr. Loftin saw fit to disregard the instructions furnished him

and forwarded his reply to charges direct to this office. His general attitude as shown by his correspondence appears to be inclined toward insubordination.

6. It is considered that the charges are sufficiently proven to justify drastic disciplinary action, but in view of the fact that he has not heretofore been the subject of disciplinary measures, it is recommended that his rate of pay be reduced Ten Dollars per month, effective beginning September 11,1933, and that he be cautioned that further evidence of disregard of service regulations or instructions, or conduct on his part indicating an insubordinate attitude or tending to create an inharmonious condition at the station, which necessarily would affect its efficient maintenance and operation, will result in more drastic disciplinary measures being taken.

7. Form 73 re reduction in pay as recommended, is attached hereto.

8. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

Follow-up sent 9-28-33

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y., Sept.1,1933, 19

(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Reduction in pay.

Name, Frank Loftin

Position, Keeper (Asst.)

Location, Watch Hill Lt.Sta.,R.I.

Effective, September 11,1933

Legal residence, Mass.

Proposed salary, $1080 p.a.

Proposed range, $1200-1560

Appropriation,

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

Former position, Keeper (Asst.)

Location, Watch Hill Lt.Sta.

Former salary, $1200 p.a.

Former range, $1200-1560

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Services terminated,

Reason,

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: See separate letter of this date to the Bureau re Mr.Loftin.

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill Lt. Sta.
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Aug. 25th, 1933

Supt.

I respectfully wish to make the following statements in reference to Mr. Loftin's letter of Aug. 21, 1933.

a. I have never told him it was alright to return to station overdue.

b. Mr. Loftin refers to my having been overdue on a 48-hr. leave. I have been once on Sept. 8, 1931. I left the Sta. 9:30 a.m. and returned Sept. 10 at 10 p.m. for which I forwarded form 76 with a letter of explanation.

c. On July 27th when I returned at 2 p.m. the station was unattended. For I saw Mr. Loftin's wife come from the Coast Guard Sta. sometime later.

Mr. Loftin says my children have lit the light for me. Yes. My 17 yr. old nephew whom has lived with me for most 9 yrs. did assist me last winter when Mr. Loftin was sick and taken to the Hospital for I also had a terrible cold at that time.

d. In reference to reading and signing the letters written by Mr. Loftin, I have made true statements concerning them in my previous letters.

In regards to taking Asst. Keeper clamming and out to take up fishnets it is absolutely false. I myself have been out to help take up fish nets as we get all the fish we want to eat from the man who owns the nets, but at no time have I taken the Asst. Keeper with me and left the Sta. unattended.

Mr. Loftin refers to my trip to Boston on March 19, 1933. I left the Sta. at 9 a.m. and returned at 3 p.m. I went to the Chelsea Marine Hospital to see Carl Anderson, Keeper of S.E. Light Sta. Block Island whom was there at that time. We arrived at the hospital between 11 and 11:30 a.m. and they called Mr. Anderson out to the main hall to visit with us as it was too early for visiting hrs. and I had to get back to my sta. with me on this trip was John F. Anderson retired lighthouse keeper who is Carl Anderson father.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

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In regards to Mr. Loftin's last paragraph, I do not understand what he means. It seems to me as if he was slandering the Inspectors and office as well as my wife and I.

I hereby certify that the above statements arecorrect.

/s/ Lawrence Congdon,
Keeper.

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FWO:HR

August 23, 1933.

Lawrence H. Congdon, Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, R. I.

SUBJECT: Assistant Keeper Loftin.

Enclosed herewith for your information is letter dated August 21st received direct from Mr. Loftin, with the request that you return the enclosed letter to this office, together with such comment as you may wish to make in reference to the various matters referred to in Mr. Loftin's letter.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. LAWTON,
Chief Clerk.

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COPY

THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 22, 1933

Supt.

I respectfully wish to report that Mr. Loftin, Asst. Keeper at this station mailed a letter to the office this morning which I did not refuse to read and sign.

I was in my kitchen this morning when he came in and asked me if I wanted to read his letter and I said yes and he said if I would come to the engine room I could read it, and I replied that I would read it at my desk. Then he said so you refuse to read it and I said no, I will read and sign it at my desk and he said no you won't I will mail it, so he went and mailed it.

I hereby certify that the above statement is correct.

/s/ Lawrence Congdon
Keeper.

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Aug. 21, 1933

SUBJECT: Leave and Charges.

REFERENCE: Your letter Aug. 21.

Superintendent.

Sir:

I have no excuse to give for over staying my leave except that my Keeper said that it was all right as long as each man on leave returned for his midnight watch.

(b) The Record of Absence shows that I left Sta. Aug. 7, at 10:30 a.m. and returned to Sta. Aug. 9, 10:30 a.m. 1933. Just the way the Keeper and I have done before when late a few hours.

(c) The Keeper charges that I have left the Sta. unattended when he was off the Sta. July 27 about 2:00 p.m. His time is incorrect. It was after visiting hours which is 3:00 p.m., and my wife was in attendance to call me if needed. I was in a stone's throw of Lighthouse point. I do remember of dressing fish in my bathing suit here at the Lighthouse and sending my brother-in-law up the light up for me just as the Keeper's children have done for him.

(d) The Keeper I doubt if straight facts have gone through in regards to those letters, Sir. Each letter my Keeper read in the yard and refused to sign. His wife sent him after the letter after he had give it back to me unsigned with instructions to destroy to never let that letter reach the office.

The second letter he went to the engine room to read after studying letter carefully, he had no comment to make only that he refused to sign letter and started to qtrs. with letter after refusing to sign, then I politely taken it from him and give him five minutes to sign out where he read letter. He returned in a few minutes stating he wanted letter to put his in with. I called and offered to let him put his letter in with mine and I would mail but to my reply

he said, he would send his letter in a separate envelope. The Keeper has read all the mail I have wrote you Sirs and refused to sign same.

On referring back to Sta. being unattended by the Assistant I remember the Keeper taken me clamming and we were caught no record was entered in leave book of same but have proof of same or witness.

The Keeper has also taken me out to take up the fish-nets with private fishermen. Have proof of same.

In my last letter I stated the Keeper went to Boston and back and booked in from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. just six hours but it comes back to me that he left at 9 a.m. March 19, 1933 and returned about 11 p.m. March 19, 1933. The entry still remains from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Still referring to being absent a few hours from Sta. I felt I had the same privilege and protection as my Keeper had if fact the Keeper's wife remarked that a certain active Inspector would never look in the book to catch the Keeper when he was off the Sta. However, I am inclined to think now that same would not apply to his Assistant.

I have stated the truth Sir.

Respectfully,

(Sgd.) Frank Loftin, Asst. Kpr.

Keeper refused to sign or read letter outside his quarters.

"Resp" (Sgd.) Frank Loftin, Asst.Kpr.

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[illegible]

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

COPY

Watch Hill lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 21, 1933

SUBJECT: Leave and Charges.

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Superintendent.

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Per ____

(POSTMARK OF)

Receipt for Registered Article No. 31710

Registered at the Post Office indicated in Postmark

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Delivery restricted to addressee:

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. REGISTERED AUG 19 1933

The sender should write the name of the addressee on back hereof as an identification. Preserve and submit this receipt in case of inquiry or application for indemnity.

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Charges - Franka Loftin - Asst Keeper

Watch Hill Lt Sta.

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 3710

INSURED PARCEL

No. ____

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, $300

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE

WESTERLY, R.I. AUG 21 12 M WATCH HILL STA.

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Return to light house Service

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, or Post Office Box, ____

Post Office at Staten Island, N.Y.

State ____

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FWO-JHG

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, R. I.

Aug. 18,1933

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with:-

a - Absence from duty without leave or authority and disregard of instructions, in that after having been granted two days leave by the keeper you remained absent from the station from 10:30 A.M. August 7th to 8:30 P.M. August 9th, or for ten hours in excess of the time granted, without evidence of emergency or other explanation to satisfactorily justify your action, this notwithstanding the fact that by letter of June 19,1933 and by previous letters, you received specific instructions that absence at any one time without the employment of a substitute is limited to not to exceed 48 hours.

b - Falsification of station records, in that after returning to the station at 8:30 P.M. on August 9th, you recorded the time of your return to the station in The Record of Absences, as 10:30 A.M. Aug.9,1933, this in direct violation of Instructions printed on inside of front cover of "Record of Absences", and Paragraph 2, page 5 of Instructions to Employees.

c - Inattention to duty and unreliability, in that about 2:00 P.M. on July 27,1933, while temporarily in charge of the station during the absence of the keeper, and during station visiting hours, you left the station unattended, you having been out in a row boat fishing. Also on August 6,1933 while temporarily in charge of the station during the absence of the keeper, you were observed at sunset on the beach clothed in a bathing suit and dressing fish, it appearing that you sent a boy to the tower to light the light, this in violation of Paragraph 2 and 131 of Instructions to Employees.

d - Violation of Service Regulations, in that your letter of August 15,1933, addressed to the Superintendent, was forwarded direct to this office, instead of forwarding it through the keeper, you having presented the letter to the keeper in the engine house and when he started to leave for his quarters with the intention of endorsing the letter, you took the letter from him, you by your own admission in writing having given the keeper five minutes to sign the letter, presumably with the idea that the letter was to be signed by the keeper and returned to you, whereas the letter should have been delivered to the keeper for forwarding to this office together with appropriate comment, as specifically required by Instructions to Employees, this in direct and apparently deliberate violation of Section (f) Paragraph 69 of Instructions to Employees.

2. You are directed to submit any statement you may desire to make, through official channels, within three days from the receipt of this letter. Any statement made must be couched in temperate language, free from countercharges, and confined to the point at issue. If you desire to make no statement you will so state in writing.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

FWO-JHG

Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, R. I.

Aug.18,1933

SUBJECT: Complaint.
REFERENCE: Your letter Aug.15,1933.

1. In reference to the last paragraph of your letter which reads:- "I respectfully request that a investigating board be sent to Watch Hill"; your attention is invited to Paragraph 2 of letter from this office of August 12th which supplies full instructions as to the proper procedure to be followed if you have just cause for complaint. It is suggested that you read carefully the entire Paragraph 2 referred to.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 16, 1933

Supt.

I respectfully wish to report that Mr. Loftin, the Asst. Keeper at this station mailed a letter this morning to the office with his leave blanks which I did not refuse to sign. He called me out to the engine house to read it and when I had read it I said I will sign it, and started to the house to my desk to sign it and write a letter. He then grabbed it from me and hollered at me that he would give me five minutes to come to the Engine room and sign it. I then took my Instruction book out to him and had him read section 69, paragraph (g), page 29 and still he refused to give me the letter to sign and forward.

I cannot make a comment on his letter as I cannot remember just what was in it.

I cannot say what reason he gave for it not being signed by me.

But I hereby certify that the above statements are correct.

/s/ Lawrence Congdon,
Keeper.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill Lt.Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug.15,1933, 19

Supt.

I respectfully wish to state that the false statements which were in the Asst.Keeper Mr.Loftin letter which I referred to were No.1,He said that when he arrived at this station I told him as long as he returned to duty in time to take his watch at midnight it was alright, which is absolutely false. No.2, He referred to me having my time and his also off . The leave book will prove that he has had his equal share of that.

No.3, He also referred to my wife as influencing m e and being boss , which is absolutely false. I havnt a copy of the letter Mr.Loftin wrote so these are the three things which I remember.

I hereby respectfully wish to make the following charges against Mr.Loftin , Asst.Kee per .

On Aug.7th,1933 at 10.30 A.M. he left the station for 48 hours leave, on Aug.9,1933 he returned at 8:30 P.M., which was 10 hours overdue,and signed the leave book 10:30 a.m.. When I told him he had to report himself overdue he got angry.

I cannot depend on him when I leave the station in his charge On July 27,1933 when I returned to the station with my family from blueberring at 2 P.M. he was out in a row boat fishing and there was no one at home in the station. This was during visiting hours and besides I always leave all doors to my quarters unlocked when I leave the station.

On Sunday Aug.6,1933 he was out fishing also and when I returned to the Station at sunset he was on the beach in his bathing suit dressing fish, there was no one at the station and he sent a boy to lightthe light for him. .

The profane lanfuage that has been used on this station has grown unbearable has been ~~xixxx~~ almost a daily occurrence since he arrived.

I herey certify that the above statements are correct.

/s/ Lawrence H. Congdon,
Keeper

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THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 15, 1933, 19

Superintendent, Sir:-

I cannot give no excuse for overstaying my leave except that my keeper said that it was all right as long as each man on leave returned for his watch. The keeper has arranged the watch here and also has taken 75% of the leave and I can truthfully say of 2 which 25% never belonged to him. I can not give the time but I do know of places where he went that was impossible to go and come within 6 hours, the places were not only distant places such as Boston, Hartford, Providence and places here at home as well¾

I have proof of certain things that have been done and said that I can prove by witness. The Keeper and his wife seemed terrible disappointed because they never got this station as a one man station all for themselves so they could do as they please and go out when they felt like it and lock the doors at the Light House and have the Coast Guard boys to watch the station while they were away as they were compelled to do so as the Coast Guard was on Government Property. I have a witness for said statement.

The keeper has left station when I was off the sta. Have witness for same.. It was remarked to-day that the assistant has the best of us but has no record of same.

I respectfully request that a investigating board be sent to Watc h Hill.

Respt.Your,
/s/ Frank Loftin
Asst.Keeper.

Keeper read letter in engine rooms and I gave him five minutes after to sign.

FWO-JHG

Aug. 12,1933

Lawrence H. Congdon, Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, R. I.

SUBJECT: Asst.Keeper Loftin.
REFERENCE: Your letter Aug.10,1933.

1. Your letter of August 10th states that you refused to sign the assistant keepers letter for the reason that there were false statements in it, but supplies no information whatever as to what statements, if any, in the Assistant Keeper's letter, were not based on fact. In this connection your attention is invited to Section 69, paragrapg (g) Page 29 of Instructions to Employees. Furthermore your letter contains various general statements and inferences concerning and in criticism of the assistant keeper, but supplies no definite information that might form the basis of official action, if found warranted. Your letter would indicate a desire to retaliate on account of the Assistant Keeper's letter of criticism. However, if charges against the assistant keeper are actually justified, full and complete information should be submitted in definite form citing specific instances and occurrences, and giving dates, time, etc.,and accompanied by such evidence and information as will corroborate your statements, which will enable this office to take such action as may be warranted.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

FWO-JHG

Aug.12,1933

Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Watch Hill Light Station,
Westerly, R. I.

SUBJECT: Absence.
REFERENCE: Your letter Aug.10,1933.

1. Form 76 - Application for Shore Leave or liberty - to cover the period of 58 hours from 10 A.M. Aug.7th to 8:30 P.M. Aug.9th,1933, is herewith returned with the request that it be resubmitted and accompanied by full and complete explanation of your action in exceeding the authorized period of absence, contrary to instructions heretofore furnished you and in violation of service regulations. In this connection attention is invited to Paragraph 1 of Instructions to Employees and District Circular Letter of June 10,1933.

2. Your letter of August 10th offers no explanation whatever of your disregard of instructions and regulations, but does contain various general statements and inferences intended to reflect on the keeper, all of which are indefinite and can only be construed as an attempt to discredit the keeper. If any complaint is actually justified definite information should be submitted citing specific instances and occurrences, and giving dates, time etc.,and accompanied by such evidence and information as will corroborate your statements; upon receipt of such information and evidence this office will take action in reference to one or both keepers as may be found warranted. It should be borne in mind that you will be held personally responsible in the case of false, malicious, or trivial accusations or reports.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill Lt.House Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug.10,1933, 19

Dear Superintendent,Sir:

In regards to our leave here at Watch Hill my keeper said if either one of us goes away on a 48 hour leave that it was all right as long as each of us came back for our midnight watch. He has run the watches this way ever since I have been here at this station . The Keeper has always taken the day off and he isnt satisfied with his own day off he expects mine.

I taken a 48 hour leave the 7th of this month returning on the 9th a few hours late but back in time for my midnight watch.

The trouble here Sir is that my Keeper wants this station all for his self. You see the keeper is very unfair and selfish to me where on the other hand I am satisfied to be his assistant with no motive for any wrong doing, in other words satisfied to be assistant keeper here.

I find the keeper fairminded and willing to use justice toward me, but however his wife has the influence here at this Sta. in other words she is the boss.

I wish to state Sir I have told you the truth. I could have lie lied to shield myself and keeper but I feel as if the truth will give me justice.

I am respectfully yours

/s/ Frank Loftin,
Ass t.Keeper

Keeper read letter and refused to sign same because he knows this is the truth.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Watch Hill Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 10, 1933, 19

Supt.

I respectfully wish to state that I refused to sign the Asst.Keeper letter which he sent with his leave as there was false statement in it.

He went on 48 hours leave and return 10 hr.overdue and signed himself back on time in the leave book. I told him he had to report himself overdue, he got angry. As I can not tolerate him any longer so I hereby make this report.

I can not depend on him when I leave the station in his charge. The last two times I have been to Westerly when I returned he was out fishing in a boat and there was no one on the station, when I returned last Sunday night about sundown he was down on the beach in his bathing suit dressing fish, he sent a boy to light the light for him.

The profane language that has been used on this station has grown unbearable. I have spoken to him about it on numerous occasions but he has paid no attention to me.

/s/ Lawrence Congdon

Keeper

Form 76.

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

AUG 12 1933 RECEIVED

REQUEST

Watch Hill Light Sta. Aug. 10, 1933
(Station.)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 58 hours already taken ~~days~~ of shore liberty or leave, from Aug 7 1933 to Aug 9 1933, inclusive, 19 . I have had 4 da 8 10 hours ~~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:

(Name.) , (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:

16, Cook, Street, (Street or R. D. Route.) Fall River, (City.) Mass. (State.)

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

Lauren Langdon
Keeper.

Frank Loftin
(Applicant's signature.)

Asst Keeper.
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, ... DISTRICT, ..., 19

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for ..... days, from ..... to ....., inclusive, 19 .

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

.....
Superintendent, ... *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 10 38 A. M. Aug 7, 1933.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 8 38 A. M. Aug 9, 1933.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 58 hours ~~days~~.

Period charged: 58 hours ~~days~~.

Certified correct and forwarded.

Lauren Langdon.
Keeper.

Frank Loftin
(Applicant's signature.)

Asst Keeper.
(Title.)

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(COPY:HR)

Dec. 1932

Superintendent Sir:

I am writing this letter because I cant stand the way things are going on and I am not happy in the lighthouse and wish I was out of it the Keeper and my husband as always sleep on watch and do know but they wont say so because if they did they know what they would get to tell the truth. I wish you would fire my husband out because I would not go any other place because I dont like the lighthouse at all.

Don't let my husband know I write this letter or said anything he would kill me or run away and leave me and the children.

/s/ Mrs. Loftin
Watch Hill Light.

	Present	If transfd to Watch Hill	Difference in Pay
Westgate — 1 a K Romer Shoe	1560 (1500-1860)	1260 (1200-1560)	$60 less
Semle 1 a K Stratford Shoe	1680 (1620-1980)	1260 (1200-1560)	$180 less
Resendes 2 a K Greens Lg	1440 (1440-1800)	1200 (1200-1560)	No change

If Luftnit transferred to

	Present		
Romer	1200 (1200-1560)	1500 (1500-1860)	$60 Increase
Strat Shoe	do	1620 (1620-1980)	$180 "
Greens Lg	do	1440 (1440-1800)	No change

Resendes was born in 1898 in Azore Islands . Lucinski has seen him and says he is a clean, well dressed man, dark complexion, black hair, and talks English fluently. Says he made a good impression on him, and seemed to be a capable man. Davis has seen him also, but dont remember anything particular about him.

JHG

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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THIRD DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Per

FRANK Loftin

Watch Hill Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept. 4, 1930

Supt.

I respectfully wish to state that Mr Frank Loftin reported for duty at this Station on Sept. 3, 1930 at 4.30 P.m.

Lawrence H Congdon
Keeper

Loftin
last day at Fire Island L.S. Aug. 31, 1930
E.O.D Watch Hill Lt. St. Sept 1, 1930.

Noted OS 9/5/30

WJL:FM

August 28, 1930.

Frank Loftin, Keeper,
Fire Island Light Station,
Fire Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Transfer to Watch Hill Light Station.

REFERENCE: Letter from this office August 21, 1930.

1. You are advised that you have been selected for the position of Assistant Keeper of Watch Hill Light Station, and in accordance therewith you are directed to report for duty in that position on September 2nd, 1930. Transportation charges will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the Keeper of the station, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty. The name and address of the Keeper is Lawrence H. Congdon, Westerly, Rhode Island.

2. Gilbert Burke, Keeper of Race Rock Light Station, has been selected to succeed you as Keeper of Fire Island Light Station, and has been directed to relieve you and take charge of the station at the close of September 1, 1930. Upon his arrival you will turn over to Mr. Burke the station and all Government property under your charge, taking his receipt therefor in triplicate on form 30, one copy of which should be forwarded to this office. Three copies of Form 30 were forwarded to you with letter of August 18. Advise this office promptly by letter of the date on which you turn the station over to Mr. Burke.

3. You will be advised by telephone or telegraph on what date you should have your personal property at Bay Shore ready for loading on a motor truck, to be brought to this Depot. It is important that you have your personal property at Bay Shore early in the morning of the date on which the truck will be there so that the motor truck will not be delayed in returning to this Depot.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

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Copy forwarded for his information to Keeper, Watch Hill Light Sta., Westerly, R.I. Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which Mr. Loftin reports for duty at Watch Hill Light Station.

J. T. YATES, Supt.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Per - Phone Truck will be there Tuesday Sept 2nd
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Aug. 28,1930

Chief Clerk

Frank Loftin, Keeper, Fire Island Lt.Sta.,is to be transferred to position of Asst.Keeper, Watch Hill.

He has been notified to have his personal property packed and crated and delivered at Bay Shore, so that it can be taken from there by Depot motor truck and brought to this Depot. Asst.Supt. told me to let you know about the arrangement, and for you to arrange with Mr.Kreidler to have truck at Bay Shore on date decided upon. , We are to telegraph or telephone Loftin of the date he is to have his property at Bay Shore. Orders are to be given him to tranfer to Watch Hill on Sept. 2nd.

JHG

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Chief Clerk 2¾30 P.M., Aug. 28

I talked with Loftin on the phone and told him truck would be at Bay Shore on morning of Sept.2nd. He stated he would have all his personal property there on time ready for truck.

JHG

OK upk 8-29

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 25 1930
RECEIVED

THIRD DISTRICT

Fire Is. Light Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 22, 1930.

Superintendent Sir:-

Subject: Transfer to Watch Hill Lt Sta.

Reference: Your letter Aug. 21, 1930.

Your offer for transfer of my personal property is accepted with thanks, & will await notice from the office as to when & should take my personel effects, and household goods to Bayshore to load in Light House motor truck

"Besp" Frank Loftin.
Keeper.

FWO-JHG

(75)

Frank Loftin, Keeper,
Fire Island Light Station,
Fire Island, N. Y.

Aug.21,1930

SUBJECT: Transfer to Watch Hill.
REFERENCE: Our letter Aug.18,1930.

1. As previously advised you have been recommended for transfer to the position of Assistant Keeper of Watch Hill Lt.Sta. It is expected that this transfer will be effective about or shortly after Sept.1st. If you so desire, this office will assist you in the matter of moving your personal property to Watch Hill Lt.Sta. to the extent of carting it by motor truck from Bay Shore to this Depot and thence to Watch Hill Lt.Sta.by tender when a tender is available and going that way, it being assumed that you will properly pack and crate your personal property so that it may be readily and safely handled, and that you will transfer it by a buoy boat from the station to Bay Shore where it will be taken by a Lighthouse Service motor truck.

2. It is requested that you advise this office whether you have other arrangements for transporting your personal property to Watch Hill, or if you desire the assistance of this office in transporting it from Bay Shore to this this Depot and thence to Watch Hill as outlined above. Should you desire this office to assist you as referred to above, it may be stated that you would be given one or two days notice as to when to have your property at Bay Shore. The date of delivery of your property at Watch Hill by tender cannot be definitely stated in advance as same depends on other tender work in progress at the time.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

FORM A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

August 21, 1930.

LIGHTHOUSES
1930 AUG 29 AM 11 41

Mr. Frank Loftin,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective September 1, 1930, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty. (Change of station and duties.)

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

J.E.Davidson

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1440 per annum

To: $1200 per annum

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 21 1930

THIRD DISTRICT

Per

Fire Is Light Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 19, 1930

Superintendent Sir:-

Subject: Transfer to Watch Hill Lt. Sta.

Reference: Your letter Aug. 18, 1930.

On reference to your letter of August 18th 1930 relative to my transfer from Fire Island Light Station, to Watch Hill Lt. Sta, is hereby acknowledged

"Resp" Frank Loftin.
Keeper.

FWO-JHG

(75)

Aug. 18,1930

Frank Loftin, Keeper,
Fire Island Light Station,
Fire Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Transfer to Watch Hill Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter Aug.13,1930.

1. Referring to your letter dated Aug.13,1930 stating you were willing to accept the position of Assistant Keeper of Watch Hill Lt.Sta.; you are advised you have been nominated for a ppointment to this position, and in accordance therewith are directed to hold yourself in readiness to report for duty in that position as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be selected for this position, your services will probably be required about Sept. 1st. Three copies of Form 30 are enclosed. Fill out same to show all the Government property under your control at Fire Island Lt.Sta. Hold these forms at the station until further orders are sent you re same. Acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

75

FWO-JHG

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N. Y. (City) Aug. 20, 1930 (Date) 19----

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and demotion.

Name, Frank Loftin

Position, Keeper (Asst.)

Location, Watch Hill Lt.Sta.,R.I.

Effective, Sept.1,1930

Legal residence, Mass.

Proposed salary, $1200 p.a.

Proposed range, $1200-$1500 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries,Keepers of Lighthouses

[1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or
as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper

Location, Fire Island Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Former salary, $1440 p.a.

Former range, $1440-$1740 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, Carl F.W.Anderson Services terminated, Aug.31,1930

Reason, Transferred (Salary $1380 p.a.)

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: Letter from Mr.Loftin requesting this transfer attached hereto.

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

J. T. YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y. (City) Aug. 16, 1930 (Date) 19---

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and demotion.

Name, Frank Loftin

Position, Keeper (Asst.)

Location, Watch Hill Lt.Sta.,R.I.

Effective, Sept.1,1930

Legal residence, Mass.

Proposed salary, $1200 p.a.

Proposed range, $1200-$1500 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries,Keepers of Lighthouses

[1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper

Location, Fire Island Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Former salary, $1440 p.a.

Former range, $1440-$1740 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, Carl F.W.Anderson

Services terminated, Aug.31,1930

Reason, Transferred (Salary $1380 p.a.)

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: Letter from Mr.Loftin requesting this transfer attached hereto.

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

J. T. YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

(75)

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TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

Staton Island, N. Y. (City) Aug. 16, 1930 (Date) 19----

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and demotion.

Name, Frank Loftin

Position, Keeper (Asst.)

Location, Watch Hill Lt.Sta.,R.I.

Effective, Sept.1,1930

[1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Legal residence, Mass.

Proposed salary, $1200 p.a.

Proposed range, $1200-$1500 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries,Keepers of Lighthouses

Former position, Keeper

Location, Fire Island Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Former salary, $1440 p.a.

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Previous incumbent, Carl F.W.Anderson

Services terminated, Aug.31,1930

Reason, Transferred (Salary $1380 p.a.)

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: Letter from Mr.Loftin requesting this transfer attached hereto.

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

8/29/30

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Fire Island Lt.Sta.

Aug.13,1930

Superintendent

Sir:-

Will gladly except transfer as 1st Asst.Keeper to Watch Hill as I have two children of school age.

Resp. Frank Loftin,
Keeper

1931 F. Loftin

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Aug. 12,1930

Frank Loftin, Keeper,
Fire Island Light Station,
Fire Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Transfer.

1. The transfer list heretofore filed by you shows that you have two children of school age and that you desire to be located where school facilities are available.

2. Your list of Dec.30,1929 included many stations isolated or located in the water where there are no school facilities, transfer to which would be of no benefit to you, and other stations on shore desirably located where school facilities are available but at which vacancies seldom occur, particularly in the position of keeper, and should a vacancy as Keeper occur at the latter stations the likelihood of your selection is small in view of the short length of your service (2 years) and the long length of service of other applicants for such positions. In any case it is necessary that your two children be not further denied the opportunity to attend school which is not available at Fire Island, and it is likewise necessary that you be transferred to some station and position where school facilities are available, and you have accordingly been tentatively selected for transfer to the position of Assistant Keeper at Watch Hill Light Station, located at Watch Hill, Rhode Island. The pay of this position is $1200 per annum. Family quarters are provided for the two Keepers at this station. The light is flashing, and the fog signal an air oscillator.

3. Before proceeding further in the matter it is requested that you advise this office of assent to this proposed transfer.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Per

Transferred
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FireIsland Light House.
Bayshore, Long Island. New York.
4 August 1930.

Superintendent.
Light Houses.
Staten Island, New York.

Sir:

It is respectivly requested that I be transferred from this station to any one of the below named stations, or any other station, where there is school facilities.

The reason for this request is that I have three children, two of school age. ages respectivly Boy 8 years, Girl 6 years, and there is no school here or near here that I could possibly place them in, the Boy was started in school in Staten Island prior to my being sent to this station, and since that time I have not been able to continue his edicuation, for that reason it is earestly requested that this be given your sincerest consideration, in order that I might be able to give my childeren the benifits of an edicuation, which they are rightfully intitled to,

- Absecon N.J.
- Barbers Point NY.
- Barnegat N.J.
- Bevertail R.I.
- Bergen Point N.J.
- Black Rock Conn.
- Borden Flats Mass.
- Castel Hill R.I.
- Chapel Hill N.J.
- Coney Island N.Y.
- Canover Beacon N.J.
- Coxsackie NY.
- Cumberland Head N.Y.
- Dutch Island R.I.
- Eatons Neck N.Y.
- Elm Tree Beacon N.Y.
- Fort Wadsworth NY.
- Great Beads N.J.
- Great Capt's Island NY
- Gull Rocks R.I.
- Hereford Inlet N.J.
- Horton's Point N.Y.
- Hudson City N.Y.
- Lime Rock R.I.
- Ludiam Beach N.J.
- Navesink N.J.
- New Dorp ?N.J.
- New Port Harbor R.I.
- North Bro Island N.Y.
- North Dumplings N.Y.
- No Hook Beacon N.J.
- Old Field Point N.Y.
- Plum Island . N.Y.
- Point Au Roche N.Y.
- Point Comfort Bon ,N.J.
- Point Judith R.I
- Pomham Rocks R.I.
- Princess Bay N.Y.
- Prudence Is. R.I
- Rondout N.Y.
- Rose Island R.I.
- Saoine Point R.I.
- Sand Point N.Y
- Sandy Hook. N.J.
- Saugerties N.Y.
- Saybrook Bkw Conn.
- Saybrook Lynde Pt
- Sea Girt N.J.
- Schinnecock Bay N.Y
- Split Rock N.Y.
- Staten Island .N.Y.
- Stonington Bkw ConN
- Stony Point N.Y.
- Stratford P t N.Y.
- Stuyvesant N.Y.
- Throgs Neck N.Y.
- Waackaack N.J
- Warwick R.I.
- Watch Hill R.I
- Wickford Harbor. RI
- Windmill Point N.Y

Transfered as Keeper.

Frank Loftin

Frank Loftin Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 2 3 4 1930
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Pike Ds. Light House
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 2, 1930

Superintendent Sir:

Your letter dated March 31 recieved today with two "Form's 30" Keepers Annual property return and receipt" I will read instructions and govern myself accordingly and as soon as I have same completed will forward one Copy to you.

Thanking you for promoting the 1st and 2nd Asst. Keepers of Pike Ds.

"Resp" Frank Layton Keeper

FWO-JHG

March 31,1930

Frank Loftin, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Fire Island Light Station,
Fire Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Promotion.

1. You are advised you have been selected for the position of Keeper of Fire Island Light Station, and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to enter on duty in that position and take charge of the station on April 1,1930. Two copies of Form 30 are enclosed. Fill out both copies to show all the Government property at Fire Island Lt. Sta. Sign the Certificate B on Page 20, and forward one copy to this office. Acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

PATRONS ARE REQUESTED TO FAVOR THE COMPANY BY CRITICISM AND SUGGESTION CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT=

:SAINTGEORGE NY=

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES MAR 29 1930 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

:PROMOTIONS ARTHUR H MILLER AND FRANK LOFTIN APPROVED=

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THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

Form A-88

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

March 26, 1930.

Mr. Frank Loftin,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

LIGHTHOUSES
1930 APR 1 AM 10 49

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective March 26, 1930, or entrance on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1260 per annum.

To: $1440 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. March 22, 1930
(City) (Date) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Frank Loftin

Position, Keeper

Location, Fire Island Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Effective, March 26,1930 [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Legal residence, Massachusetts

Proposed salary, $1440 p.a.

Proposed range, $1440-$1740 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries,Keepers of lighthouses

Former position, Keeper

Location, Fire Island Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Former salary, $1260 p.a.

Former range, $1260-$1560 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, James G. Spencer

Reason, Died (Salary $1440 p.a.)

Services terminated, March 17,1930

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks:

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

J. T. YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Supt.,3rd Lighthouse Dist.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

Staten Island, N.Y. (City) March 22, 1930 (Date) 19----

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Frank Loftin

Position, Keeper

Location, Fire Island Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Effective, March 28, 1930 [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Legal residence, Massachusetts

Proposed salary, $1440 p.a.

Proposed range, $1440-$1740 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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Date of birth,

Remarks:

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J. T. YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Supt., 3rd Lighthouse Dist.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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FORM 78.

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. March 22, 1930

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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Action recommended, Promotion

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Position, Keeper

Location, Fire Island Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Effective, March 26,1930

Legal residence, Massachusetts

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Appropriation, Salaries,Keepers of Lighthouses

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Date of birth,

Remarks:

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

---------- J. T. YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Supt.,3rd Lighthouse Dist.

3/31 Copy to Mess

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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FWO-JHG

March 3,1930

Frank Loftin, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Fire Island Light Station,
Fire Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Increase in pay.
REFERENCE: Your letter Feb.28,1930.

1. You are advised it is impracticable to make any adjustment of pay at any light station at the present time on account of lack of funds.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

FIRE ISLAND L.H. STA.
FIRE ISLAND, N.Y.
28 February 1930

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MAR 3 1930 RECEIVED

SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES,
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that I be granted an increase in pay to the amount of $10.00 per month.

I have served more than one year at Fire Island and have found it increasingly difficult to properly care for my family, due largely to the high prices of food and other necessities in Bay Shore, the only practicable place for obtaining them.

Prior to my duty here I served at Robin's Reef, where my pay was $1500 per year, being reduced to $1200 per year upon entering duties at Fire Island, although I have retained the same rating.

In the very near future I am expecting considerable expenditures for necessary medical treatment for my family and my ability to meet this obligation on my present pay appears difficult.

I understand that the former First Assistant received $110.00 per month.

F. Loftin,
1st Assistant,
Fire Island Lighthouse,
N.Y.

Frank Loftin
1st Asst. Keeper.
J. G. Spencer
Keeper.

FIRE ISLAND L.H. STA.
FIRE ISLAND, N.Y.,
28 February 1930

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 3 1930
RECEIVED
STAPLETON, N.Y.

SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES,
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

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F. Loftin,
1st Assistant,
Fire Island Lighthouse.
N.Y.

Frank Loftin.
1st Asst. Keeper.
J. G. Spence.
Keeper.

FIRE ISLAND L.H. STA.
FIRE ISLAND, N.Y.,
28 February 1930



Pen-ans respects to make adjustments at present station

SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES,
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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Dear Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that I be granted an increase in pay to the amoutn of $10.00 per month.

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F. Loftin,
1st Assistant,
Fire Island Lighthouse.
N.Y.

Frank Loftin
1st Asst. Keeper.
J. G. Spencer.
Keeper

March-1930
Promoted to
Keeper Fire Is

Fire Island, N. Y.,
30 December, 1929.

LOFTIN

From: F. Loftin.
To : Superintendent, Lighthouses, 3rd. District, Staten Island, N. Y.

Subject: Transfer, Request for; Keepers.

1. It is most earnestly requested that I be transferred to any of the following stations in event of prospective vacancy.

2. My reason for this request is that I have two children of school age and would like to be stationed where school facilities are available.

7 # Loftin

Absecon, N. J.	New Dorp Beacon, N. Y.
Barnegat, N. J.	Newport Harbor, R. I.
Beavertail, R. I.	North Bro. Island, N. Y.
Bergen Point, N. J.	North Hook Beacon, N. J.
Black Rock, Conn.	Old Field Point, N. Y.
Borden Flats, R. I.	Plum Island, N. Y.
Castle Hill, R. I.	Point Au Roche, N. Y.
Chapel Hill, N. J.	Point Judith, R. I.
Coney Island, N. Y.	Porham Rocke, R. I.
Conover Beacon, N. J.	Princess Bay, N. Y.
Coxsackie, N. Y.	Prudence Island, R. I.
Crown Point, N. Y.	Rondout, N. Y.
Cumberland Head, N. Y.	Rose Island, N. Y.
Dutch Island, R. I.	Sacine Point, R. I.
Eatons Neck, N. Y.	Sands Point, N. Y.
Fire Island, N. Y.	Sandy Hook, N. J.
Fort Wadsworth, N. Y.	Saugerties, N. Y.
Great Beds, N. J.	Saybrook Bkw., Conn.
Great Capt. Island, N. Y.	Saybrook (LyndePt.) Conn.
Gull Rocks, R. I.	Sea Girt, N. J.
Hereford Inlet, N. J.	Shinnecock Bay, N. Y.
Horton Point, N.Y.	Spli Rock, N. Y.
Hudson City, N. Y.	Staten Island, N. Y.
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Fire Island, N. Y.,
30 December, 1929.

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Throgs Neck, N. Y.
Waackaack, N. J.
Warwick, R. I.
Watch Hill, R. I.
Wickford Harbor, R. I.
Windmill Point, N. Y.

F. LOFTIN, Frank Loftin.
1st. Asst. Fire ~~Island~~ LH.

J. G. Spencer
Keeper.

Fire Island, N. Y.,
30 December, 1929.

From: F. Leftin.
To : Superintendent, Lighthouses, 3rd. District, Staten Island, N. Y.

Subject: Transfer, Request for; Keeper.

1. It is most earnestly requested that I be transferred to any of the following stations in event of prospective vacancy.

2. My reason for this request is that I have two children of school age and would like to be stationed where school facilities are available.

Absecon, N. J.
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Bergen Point, N. J.
Black Rock, Conn.
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Stuyvesant, N. Y.

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30 December, 1929.

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F. LOFTIN, Frank Loftin
1st. Asst. Fire Island LH.

J. G. Spencer
Keeper.

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Fire Island Light Station.
Bayshore New York.
23 September 1929.

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To The Sup't Light Houses.

Dear Sir;-

It is earnestly requested that consideration be given to this application for transfer to one of the following stations; as keeper.

- Barbers Point New York.
- Bergen Point New York.
- Black Rock Conn. 7 flats
- Bluff ~~Point~~ New York.
- Bordens Point Mass.
- Castle Hill Rhode Island.
- Coxsackie New York.
- Cumberland Head New York.
- Dutch Island Rhode Island.
- Fire Island New York.
- Fort Wadsworth New York
- Herford Inlet New Jersey.
- Ludlam Beach New Jersey.
- Mussel Bed Sholes Rhode Island.
- New Port Harbor Rhode Island.
- North Bro's Island New York.
- Old Field Point New York.
- Point Au Roche New York.
- Pomhan Rock Rhode Island.
- Saugerties New York.
- Sabine Point Rhode Island.
- Saybrook K'K'W Conn.
- Saybrook (Lynde Pt) Conn.
- Sea Girt New Jersey.
- Split Rock New York.
- Stony Point New York.
- Stuyvesant New York.
- Terrytown New York.
- Wind Mill Point New York.

The reason for this request is, That I have two Children of school age and up to the present time have not been stationed where there have been educational facilities.

Frank Loftin First Ass't

Frank Loftin

J. G. Spencer.
Keeper

23 September 1929.



To The Sup't Light Houses.

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Bergen Point New York.
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Bluff Point New York.
Bordents Point Mass.
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J. G. Spencer

Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Fire Island Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Bay shore Jan. 28, 1929

V/C Supt. of Light Houses,

Dear Sir:

Mr Loftus 1st Keeper reported for duty at Fire Island Lt. Sta. on Jan. 23d at 2 P.M.

Respectfully,
J. G. Spencer,
Keeper.

Last day at Robbins Reef. Jan 20-1929
E O D at Fire Is. Jan 21-1929.

Rptd - 2/4/29

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James G. Spencer, Keeper,
Fire Island Light Station,
Fire Island, N. Y.

Jan. 26,1929

SUBJECT: Entrance on duty of 1st Asst.Keeper Loftin.
REFERENCE: Letter of Jan.14 to Loftin, and endorsement forwarding you copy on same date.

1. It is noted from Leave of Absence form executed by Frank Loftin that he reported at Fire Island Lt.Sta.on Jan.23rd. No letter, however, has as yet been received from you reporting his arrival at the station, as directed by endorsement on copy of letter of Jan.14th to Loftin. You are directed to forward the report requested by return mail.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Robbins Reef Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

January 21, 1929

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Supterintendent Sir:-

Ass't keeper Frank Loftin left this station January, 21 1929, at 3 15/ pm.

Adelard Bussiéré Kpr.

Last day at Robbins Reef Jan 20-1929

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMME[redacted]
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Robbins [redacted]
(Station, Depot,

Jan. 16, 1929.

Superintendent Sir:-
Subject: Transfer to Firelsland Lt. Sta.
Reference: Your letter Jan. 14, 1929.

Received your letter and thoroughly understand contents of same.

Frank Softlin Asst Kpr.
A. Bussiere Kp.

FWO-JHG

Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Robbins Reef Lt.Sta.,
P.O.Box 145, Tompkinsville,N.Y.

Jan. 14,1929

SUBJECT: Transfer to Fire Island Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Our letter Dec.29,1928.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated Jan.3,1929 appointing you to the position of 1st Asst.Keeper of Fire Island Lt.Sta.,and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to report for duty at that station as soon as you have been relieved by the new Asst.Keeper at Robbins Reef, which it is expected will be about Jan.21st. Transportation charges will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the Keeper of Fire Island Light Sta.,which will be his authority for assigning you to duty. The name and address of the keeper is James G. Spencer, Fire Island,N.Y. Acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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1. Copy forwarded to Keeper of Robbins Reef Lt.Sta.,for his information. Mr.Loftin is not to leave Robbins Reef until the new Assistant Keeper reports for duty. Advise this office by letter of the date on which he leaves Robbins Reef.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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1. Copy forwarded to Keeper of Fire Is.Lt.Sta.Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which Mr.Loftin reports for duty at Fire Island Lt.Sta.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Robbins Reef Lt.Sta.,
P. O. Box 145,
Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Dec. 29,1928

SUBJECT: Transfer.
REFERENCE: Your letter Dec.6,1928

1. Referring to your letter dated Dec.6,1928 requesting transfer in the event of a vacancy to the position of 1st Assistant Keeper of Fire Island Light Station; you are advised you have to-day been nominated for appointment to this position, and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to hold yourself in readiness to report for duty at that station as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be appointed to this position the effective date of your transfer will be about Jan.10,1929. Acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form 73

WJL-JHC TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N. Y., Dec. 29, 1928, 19

(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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Action recommended, Transfer — Legal residence, Massachusetts

Name, Frank Loftin — Proposed salary, $1260 p.a.

Position, Keeper — Proposed range, $1260-$1560 p.a.

Location, Fire Island Lt Sta., N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Light-house Keepers

Effective, Jan. 7, 1929 — [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or [1] as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $1500 p.a.

Location, Robbins Reef Lt Sta., N.J. — Former range, $1500-$1800 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, Isaac Karlin — Services terminated, Dec. 31, 1928

Reason, Resigned (Salary $1320 per annum)

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: Letter from Mr. Loftin requesting this transfer attached hereto.

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

J. T. YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District.

1/s Copy to Mass

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N. Y., Dec. 27, 1928 (Date), 19....

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, Frank Loftin

Position, Keeper

Location, Fire Island Lt Sta., N.Y.

Effective, Jan. 7, 1929 [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper

Location, Robbins Reef Lt Sta., N.J.

Legal residence, Massachusetts

Proposed salary, $1260 p.a.

Proposed range, $1260-$1560 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Light-house Keepers

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

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Services terminated, Dec. 31, 1928

Reason, Resigned (Salary $1320 per annum)

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J. T. YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y., Dec. 30, 1928 (Date), 19---

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, Frank Loftin

Position, Keeper

Location, Fire Island Lt'Stn.,N.Y.

Effective, Jan. 7,1929 [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper

Location, Robbins Reef Lt'Stn.,N.J.

Legal residence, Massachusetts

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J. T. YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Robbins Reef Lt.Sta.,
P.O.Box 145,
Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Oct. 6,1928

SUBJECT: Physical Examination.
REFERENCE: Form 206 dated May 3,1928.

1. Form 206, record of your physical examination, is returned herewith, a copy of same having been made for the files of this office.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Sec'y 2nd C. S. District,
Custom House,
New York, N. Y.

Oct. 6,1928

SUBJECT: Physical examination of Keepers under Executive Order of June 18,1923.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office June 16,1925.

1. Enclosed is Form 206 - "Record of Physical Examination of Light Keeper or Assistant Light Keeper" - pertaining to the employee named below, which is forwarded for your files in lieu of Form 2413:-

Frank Loftin Asst.Keeper Robbins Reef Lt.Sta.

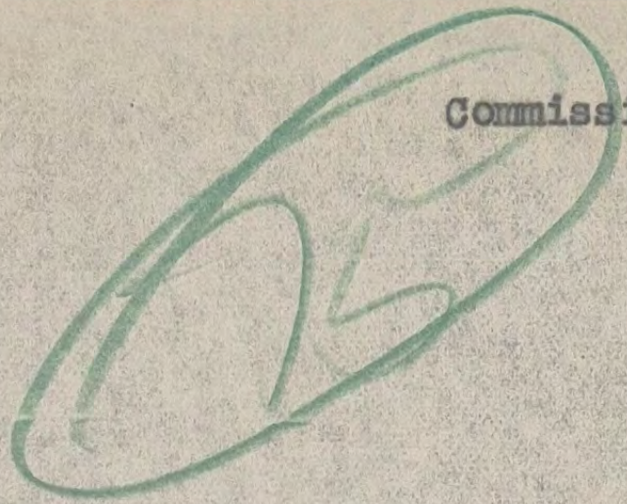
J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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JAN 7 1928

Washington, D. C.,

Lighthouse Superintendent, Saint George, New York.

transfer keeper loftin approved

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CONFIRMATION:

PATRONS ARE REQUESTED TO FAVOR THE COMPANY BY CRITICISM AND SUGGESTION CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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FORM A-88

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 3, 1929.

Mr. Frank Loftin,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES

Sir:

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You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 7, 1929, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty (by change of station).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

WM. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1500 per annum.

To: $1260 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JAN 31 1929

THIRD DISTRICT

Robbins Reef Light Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan. 2, 1929.

Superintendent Sir:-

Recieved your letter dated Dec. 29, 1928 am very much pleased to know I have been nominated for appointment as 1st Assistant-Keeper of Fire Island Light Sta. Am ready to report for duty as soon as definite orders are sent me. Hoping you will be of assistance to me. Respectfully.

Frank Loftin.

Adelard Bussiere Kpr.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



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THIRD DISTRICT

Robbins Reef Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec. 6, 1928

Superintendant Sir:-

I respectfully request to be transfered as first Asst. Keeper to any of the following stations in case a vacancy should occur.

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- X Absecon N.J.
- X Barnegat N.J.
- X Beavertail R.I.
- X Block Is. SE. R.I.
- X Eaton Neck N.Y.
- X Falkners Is. Conn.
- X Fire Island N.Y.
- X Fort Wadsworth N.Y.
- X Governors Is. N.Y.
- X Great Capt Is N.Y.
- X Latimer Reef N.Y.
- X Little Gull Is N.Y.
- X Montauk point N.Y.
- X Navisink N.J.
- X No Hook Beacon N.J.
- X Plum Beach R.I.
- X Point Judith R.I.
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- X Stratford point Conn.
- X Warwick R.I.
- X Watch Hill R.I.

Frank Loftin.

Adelard Bussiere. Kpr.

Rec'd 11/7/25
Pers

Box 145
Tompkinsville S.I.
Newyork
Nov. 7. 1925.

Superintendent Sir:

I respectfully request to be transfered to Navesink, New-Jersey, as Second Assistant Keeper. At present I am First assistant at Robbins Reef Light

Thanking you very kindly, and trusting that my request will meet with your approval, I am

Very truly yours,

Frank. Loftin

Standard Form No. 17
Approved by the President, March 26, 1926

FWO-JHG

REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE

This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service. In cases where the probationary period comprises one year, this report is to be made at the expiration of the tenth month of service.

If service has been unsatisfactory, recommendation for discontinuance under the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 1 of Civil Service Rule VII should be forwarded immediately to the Department. A full statement of reasons should be set forth under "Remarks."

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
(Department)

Third Lighthouse District (Bureau or office) Staten Island, N. Y., Sept. 24, 1928 (Place and date)

To Commissioner of Lighthouses.
(Head of department or establishment)

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on Oct. 21, 1928, 192 .

The conduct and capacity of this employee have been satisfactory during the probationary period, and (he) ~~(she)~~ is considered qualified for absolute appointment.

Name Frank Loftin

Position Keeper

Salary $1500 per annum

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Station Robbins Reef Lt.Sta.,N.J.

Date of entrance on duty April 22, 1928

Remarks:

J. T. YATES
(Signature of immediate superior)
Supt. 3rd Lighthouse District

Submitted:

(Head of bureau or office)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1732

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Adelard Bussiere, Keeper,
Robbins Reef Light Station,
P. O. Box 145,
Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Aug. 21,1928

SUBJECT: Probation of Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper.

1. The probationary period of employment of Frank Loftin, Assistant Keeper of Robbins Reef Light Station, will expire on October 21,1928. Advise this office by return mail if his services have been satisfactory, and whether or not, in your opinion, he is a suitable and competent man to receive a permanent appointment in his present position. If you do not consider him competent, state fully in what respects he is incompetent.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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THIRD DISTRICT

Robbins Reef Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

August 24, 1928

Superintendent Sir:-

Reference: Your letter Aug. 21, 1928
Subject: Probation of Frank Loftin, Asst. Keeper.

The services of Frank Loftin have so far been satisfactory, and I beleive he is suitable and competent to receive a permanent appointment in his present position.

Respectfully
A. Bussière Kps.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Office of Superintendent,
Third Lighthouse District
Staten Island, New York.

Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Robbins Reef Lt.Sta.

May 3,1928

Enclosed is Form 206 "Record of Physical Examination of Light Keeper or Assistant Light Keeper," addressed to the U.S. Public Health Service, requesting that you be given a physical examination, for the purpose of determining whether or not you are entitled to medical relief without charge at hospitals and other stations of the Public Health Service, pursuant to the Act of Congress, approved August 28,1916. A copy of the provision contained in said Act is quoted in District Circular Letter No. 187, dated May 21,1917.

Under the terms thereof it will be necessary for you to submit to said examination and be found phtsically qualified before you will be entitled to the benefits provided for by the Act of August 28,1916. As said benefits will be solely to your personal advantageit is to your interest to give this matter attention at the earliest opportunity.

After you have been given a physical examination by the medical officer designated on attached Form 206, said Form 206 will be returned to you by the medical officer. You will then send it to this office so that it may be recorded, after which it will be returned to you. The original copy of Form 206 will then be your property, and you are directed to preserve it and keep it in your posession for future reference.

The Assistant Keeper is to sign Form 206 where marked "A" and the keeper to sign where marked "B".

J. T. YATES

Superintendent.

Form 206

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT...

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

PLACE, Staten Island, N. Y.

DATE, May 3,1928, 19

To the MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
U. S. Public Health Service
Marine Hospital No.21,
Stapleton, N. Y.

SIR:

Please examine Frank Loftin, Asst.Keeper, Robbins Reef Lt.Sta.

nativity, Tennessee; age, 29; height, 5 feet, 6½ inches;

weight, 135 pounds; color of hair, light brown; color of eyes, blue

distinguishing marks, tattooing on right and left fore and upper arms.

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

When the examination has been completed the findings should be recorded on this blank and the blank returned to the applicant.

Respectfully,

J.T.YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Layton,
Chief Clerk
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

A

(Signature of applicant:) Frank Loftin

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.)

B

Witnessed by A.Bussiere Keeper, Robbins Reef Lt.Sta.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, Stapleton, N. Y.

DATE, 10-5-28, 19

To SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.

SIR: This certifies that I have this day examined the eyesight, hearing, and physical condition of Frank Loftin, and find him physically ~~disqualified~~ qualified* in accordance with rules approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce, respecting the treatment by the Public Health Service of light keepers and assistant light keepers of the Lighthouse Service pursuant to the Act of Congress approved August 28, 1916.

He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.

/s/ Chas. K. Rose, Jr.,

Asst. *Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.*

* If qualified, strike out the word "disqualified" and the paragraph following.

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Form 206 File No. 8

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

FWO-JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

PLACE, Staten Island, N. Y.

DATE, May 3, 1928, 19

To the MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Marine Hospital No. 21,
Stapleton, N. Y.

SIR:

Please examine Frank Loftin, Asst. Keeper, Robbins Reef Lt. Sta.

nativity, Tennessee; age, 29; height, 5 feet, 6½ inches;

weight, 135 pounds; color of hair, light brown; color of eyes, blue

distinguishing marks, tattooing on right and left fore and upper arms.

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

When the examination has been completed the findings should be recorded on this blank and the blank returned to the applicant.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Layton,
Chief Clerk
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

A

(Signature of applicant:) Frank Loftin

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.)

B

Witnessed by A. Bussiere Keeper, Robbins Reef Lt. Sta.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, Stapleton, N. Y.

DATE, 10-5-28, 19

TO SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.

SIR: This certifies that I have this day examined the eyesight, hearing, and physical condition of Frank Loftin, and find him physically ~~disqualified~~ qualified* in accordance with rules approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce, respecting the treatment by the Public Health Service of light keepers and assistant light keepers of the Lighthouse Service pursuant to the Act of Congress approved August 28, 1916.

He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.

/s/ Chas. K. Rose, Jr.,

Asst. *Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.*

* If qualified, strike out the word "disqualified" and the paragraph following.

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REPORT OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, Stapleton, N. Y.

DATE, 10-5-28, 19

Name of applicant, Frank Loftin

Eyes: Color, blue; exophthalmus, no

chronic inflammation, no; other abnormality, none

Eyelids: Ptosis, no; condition of conjunctiva on eversion, normal color and lustre

other conditions,

Eyesight:

Vision of right eye, without glasses, 15; with glasses, none

Vision of left eye, without glasses, 15; with glasses,

Is applicant partially or wholly color-blind?

If color-blind, state which color he confuses mild confusion between gray and tan and black and blue by lantern.

Were candidate's eyes tested with lantern, woolen skeins, or both? Both

Ears:

Abnormalities, no; shape, normal

Position, normally placed; condition of drums Normal appearance

Evidence of mastoid disease, None.

Hearing: (When testing hearing, the eyes and the opposite ear must be closed.)

Distance conversational speech can be heard: Right ear, 25 feet; left ear, 28 feet.

Distance whispered speech can be heard: Right ear, 15 feet; left ear, 16 feet.

Lungs: Neg.findings

Heart: Negative findings.

Defects noted which, in the opinion of the medical examiner, will not materially interfere with the discharge of the duties of light keeper or assistant light keeper:

Very mild confusion between lantern colors of blue, black, gray and brown.

Note:- Advised to be inoculated against typhoid fever and to be vaccinated against small-pox.

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Reasons for certification of disqualification: .....

SEAL
U.S.P.H.S.

PLACE FOR SEAL OF THE U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

(Signature of applicant:) (Sgd.) Frank Loftin

(To be signed in the presence of the medical examiner.)

11—5999

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

10/10/28

HL

April 27,1928

1299

Adelard Bussiere,.....Keeper,
Robbins Reef.....Lt. Sta.,
Tompkinsville, N. Y.....

1. Furnish the information called for below in regard to Assistant Keeper.....Frank Loftin.....and return this sheet to this office.

2. Be careful to see that the information given is accurate.

Born in (Country or State).Tennessee.....
Age..29.....
Height....5.....feet..6½..inches
Weight..135.....pounds
Color of hair.Light Brown...
Color of eyes..Blue.....
Distinguishing marks..tatoo on right and left forearm.
...tatoo on right and left upper arm.....

J. T. YATES
Superintendent.

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1. Returned to Superintendent, the information required having been inserted above.

Adelard Bussiere
Keeper

(43)

Vacancy in position of Keeper of

Fire Island Lt.Sta.

Only applicant for position is Frank Loftin, who is now 1st Asst.Keeper at Fire Island. Mr. Loftin entered the service on April 22,1928. He was previously at Robbins Reef Lt.Sta. Record O.K. Efficiency rating 91%.

JHG

Promote
Dec 31/32.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

19

THIRD DISTRICT

Robbins Reef Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 22, 1928.

Superintendent Sir:-

Mr. Frank Loftin reported at this station at 10 30/60 a.m April 22, 1928.

Adelard Bussiere Keeper.

E O D April 22-1928

Noted B.S. 5/4/28

Fall River Mass
April 19, 1928.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter I recieved today and am over joyed with my good news.

Today is a holiday in mass, & have a little business to tend to but will take the boat for ny. Saturday night arriving in the morning at ny. Will be on landing Sunday A.M. at 11:30 waiting for Keeper.

& also have notified the Keeper to meet me

over

at that hour

"Rep" Frank Loftin.
27, Cook, St.
Fall River, Mass.

Form 1201 S

CLASS OF SERVICE

This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

SIGNS
DL = Day Letter
NM = Night Message
NL = Night Letter
LCO = Deferred Cable
CLT = Cable Letter
WLT = Week-End Letter

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Received at

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LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT=

SAINTGEORGE NY=

APPOINTMENT LOFTIN APPROVED=

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES APR 18 1928 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

FWO-JHG

Frank Loftin,
27 Cook Street,
Fall River, Mass.

April 18,1928

SUBJECT: Position of Asst.Keeper, Robbins Reef Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Our letter Apl.12th and your letter Apl.13th.

1. You are advised you have been selected for the position of Assistant Keeper of Robbins Reef Light Station, and in accordance therewith are directed to report for duty at that station promptly upon receipt of this letter. Transportation charges will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the Keeper, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty. The name and address of the Keeper is Adelard Bussiere, Tompkinsville, Staten Island,N.Y. Kindly acknowledge this letter and state on what date you will report for duty.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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1. Copy forwarded for his information to the Keeper of Robbins Reef Lt.Sta. Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which Mr.Loftin reports for duty as Asst.Keeper

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES. 77

Washington DC APR 18 1928

Lighthouse Superintendent
Saint George New York

Appointment loftin approved

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(CONFIRMATION)

Form A-30

NOT TO BE ACCEPTED AS AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 17, 1928.

Mr. Frank Loftin,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES
1928 APR 25 AM 9 47

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Thirteen Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum

effective upon entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Probationary.

Civil Service authority: Acting Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Raymond A. Shaffer.

Legal Residence: Massachusetts.

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pass



Fall River, Mass.
April 13, 1928.

Dear Sir:—

Your letter recieved today and I am glad to say, that I can report for duty at your convience.

"Beep"

Frank Laflin
27 Cook St.
Fall River Mass.

Form 73

NOMINATION

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

P30-JHG

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N.Y., April 12, 1928, 19
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, (Thr. Sec'y 2nd C. S. Dist.) Probationary appointment. Legal residence, Massachusetts

Name, Frank Loftin Proposed salary, $1380 p.a.

Position, Keeper Proposed range, $1380-$1740 p.a.

Location, Robbins Reef Lt. Sta., N.J. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective, April 16, 1928 { [1]the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Former salary,

Location, Former range,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 90.0, Other eligibles considered:
Benjamin F. Potter---2* Joseph H. Girard---3. John L. Montigny---4.
*Name not removed from register.

Previous incumbent, Raymond A. Shaffer Services terminated, April 15, 1928

Reason, Resigned (Salary $1380 p.a.) No employee of district desired transfer to this position. There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station.

Members of family in Government service, None.

Date of birth, Dec. 10, 1900

Remarks: Mr. Loftin has had no previous service in the Lighthouse Service.

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

J. T. YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

VC 4/19/28

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

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Form 73

NOMINATION

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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FSO-JES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, ... Third - DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y., April 19, 1928, 19....
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, (Tar.Sec'y 2nd C. S. Dist.) Probationary appointment. Legal residence, Massachusetts

Name, Frank Loftin Proposed salary, $1320 p.a.

Position, Keeper Proposed range, $1320-$1740 p.a.

Location, Robbins Reef Lt.Sta., N.J. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective, April 16, 1928 { the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Former salary,

Location, Former range,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 90.0, Other eligibles considered:
Benjamin F. Potter---1* Joseph H. Girard---6. John L. Montigny---6.
*Name not removed from register.

Previous incumbent, Raymond A. Shaffer Services terminated, April 15, 1928

Reason, Resigned (Salary $1320 p.a.) No employee of district desired transfer to this position. There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station. Mr. Loftin has had no previous service in the Lighthouse Service.

Members of family in Government service, None.

Date of birth, Dec. 10, 1899

Remarks:

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

J. T. YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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FWO-JHG

Frank Loftin,
27 Cook Street,
Fall River, Mass.

April 12,1928

SUBJECT: Position of Asst.Keeper, Robbins Reef L.S.
REFERENCE: Your letter, without date, received Apr.9th.

1. Referring to your letter, without date, received at this office April 9,1928, stating you were willing to accept the position of Assistant Keeper of Robbins Reef Light Station; you are advised you have to-day been nominated for appointment to this position, and in accordance therewith are directed to hold yourself in readiness to report for duty as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be appointed to this position your services will probably be required about April 16,1928. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y., April 12, 1928, 19...
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Thr. Sec'y 2nd C. S. Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment. Legal residence, Massachusetts

Name, Frank Loftin Proposed salary, $1380 p.a.

Position, Keeper Proposed range, $1380-$1740 p.a.

Location, Robbins Reef Lt.Sta., N.J. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective, April 16, 1928 { [1]the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Former salary,

Location, Former range,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 90.0, Other eligibles considered:
Benjamin F. Potter---D* Joseph H. Girard---C. John L. Montigny---C.
*Name not removed from register.

Previous incumbent, Raymond A. Shaffer Services terminated, April 15, 1928

Reason, Resigned (Salary $1380 p.a.) No employee of District desired transfer to this position. There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station.

Members of family in Government service, None.

Date of birth, Dec. 10, 1898

Remarks: Mr. Loftin has had no previous service in the Lighthouse Service.

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

4/28/28 Copy to Wash

J. T. YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

VC 5/4/28

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES 3rd DIST.

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

F. Loftin

Staten Is., N.Y., Apr. 6, 1928 19

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of **Asst. Keeper**
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

of Robbins Reef Lt. Sta. located off shore in New York Upper Bay.

Total Compensation: $1380.00 per annum (~~which includes: Salary, $ per annum; bonus, $ per annum; and subsistence, cents per day.~~)

~~Longevity Pay:~~ ~~In addition to the above keepers receive $ per annum, after years of continuous service, as longevity pay.~~

Quarters and Fuel: Quarters are provided for the 2 keepers at this station, but not for keepers families. Family quarters can probably be rented on Staten Is.
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Necessary furniture will be supplied by the Government.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 30 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This is a letter of inquiry and not an offer of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

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,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

If selected, I can report for duty in 5 days from to-day.

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." Yes If yes, state how many one; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Frank Loftin	U.S.S. Jem.	Position U. S. N. Department or office	Cousin	Married.
		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.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) Frank Loftin

Date

(Post-office address) 27 Cook St.
Fall River, Mass.

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Frank Loftin

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.,

Staten Island, N. Y., April 6, 1923

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of Asst.Keeper
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

of Robbins Reef Lt.Sta.,located off shore in N.Y.Upper Bay

Total Compensation: $ 1380.00 per annum (~~which includes: Salary, $ per annum; bonus, $ per annum; and subsistence, cents per day.~~)

~~Longevity Pay:~~ ~~In addition to the above keepers receive $ per annum, after years of continuous service, as longevity pay.~~

Quarters and Fuel: Quarters are provided for the 2 keepers at this station,but not for families of keepers. Family quarters can probably be rented on Staten Is.
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Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

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If selected, I can report for duty in days from to-day.

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

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Similar letter to

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
B. F. Potter				
J. Loftin		Position		
L. H. Guiard		Department or office		
E. L. Montigny		Position		
H. E. Freeman		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.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature)

Date (Post-office address)

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FWO:FM

September 10, 1927.

Frank Loftin,
27 Cook Street,
Fall River, Mass.

SUBJECT: Standing on Eligible List.

REFERENCE: Your letter September 8, 1927.

Your application for a position of Assistant Keeper or Keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been received by this office and is now on file. Due to an eligible list having been established prior to the receipt of your application, your name does not appear on the List at the present time. This office does not know when a new List will be promulgated.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

Mr. Frank Loftin,

Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that under the Welch Act your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective July 1, 1928.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1530

To: $1500

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"Attention."
Please.

Fall River, Mass.
Sept 8 1921

Dear Sir:-

If not asking to much of you would you kindly let me know if I have been excepted as a Keeper in the light-house service.

I have a great longing for said position and feel confident that I will make good providing I am lucky enough to land it

Trusting you will be of assistance to me

Yours Truly
Frank Laflin 27, Cook, St.
Fall River, Mass.

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2nd letter

This letter of mine I just recieved with an application.

I have already filled in application.

I wrote in asking where I stood on the eligable list.

If not asking to much would you do that for me

"Resp"

Frank Lafleur
27 Cook St
Fall River
Mass.