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## REQUESTER INFORMATION

| Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle) | Researcher ID Card Number |
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| 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 |
|---|---|---|
| Merry, Earl, G. | | 1884 CT |

## 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: 1951

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: 1913 To: 1930

(Agency & Location) M600

From: To:

(Agency & Location) Folders

From: To:

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

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## STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: C-000798 4034

CMRS Search Request Number(s): Sent to arc search 8/17/26

Attendant Signature:

Remarks:

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Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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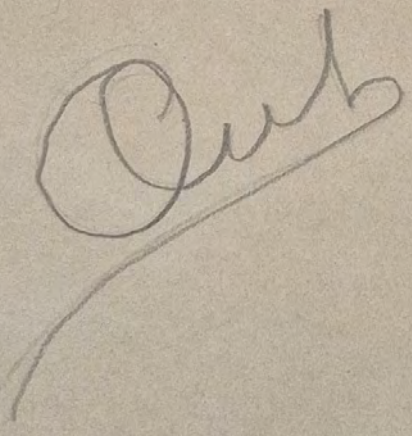
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MERRY, EARL G.

MERRY, EARL G.



Form 73 JHG Earl #20

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES NOV 20 1913

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

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Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) Nov.15,1913 (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
Through Sec'y, 2nd C.S.District
Action recommended, Probationary appointment

Name, Earl G. Merry — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Assistant Keeper — Salary, $480.00 per annum

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective *21 Nov.20,1913 — {1 ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, — Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 83.6, Other eligibles considered:
Millard Caler - A
William J. Doyle - D (Name restored to register)

Previous incumbent, William J. Epkens Services terminated, Nov.10,1913

Reason, Promoted

Relatives in Government Service, None

Remarks: No employee of District desired transfer to this position. No quarters for families of keepers at this station. Nos.1 and 3 to 10 on eligible list will not accept appointment to stations where there are no family quarters provided. No.2 is not eligible for appointment to this station.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. NOV 19 1913, 191

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YATES

Secretary, SECOND Civil Service District.

*Changed in Bureau

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

NOV 21 1913

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.
It is recommended that the Department cancel its order whereby Vernon C. Petteys would have been given a probationary appointment as assistant keeper of the above station, as the Third Inspector reports that Petteys declined to enter on duty. Department letter of November 1, 1913, notifying Petteys of his appointment will be forwarded to the Department for cancelation on its face as soon as received the Inspector.

Acting Commissioner

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

11—2314

November 21, 1913.

Mr. Earl C. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

EOD Nov. 28, 1913

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: William J. Epkens.
Legal Residence: Connecticut.

11—1394

Form 73

**NOMINATION**

JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 27 1915

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) Dec. 24, 1915 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

**Action recommended,** Increase in compensation.

Name, **Earl G. Merry** Legal residence, **Connecticut**

Position, **Assistant Keeper** Salary, **$516 p.a.**

Location, **Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,N.Y.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses**

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

**Former position,** **Assistant Keeper** Former salary, **$480 p.a.**

Location, **Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,N.Y.**

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

**Previous incumbent,** **Earl G. Merry** Services terminated, **Dec.31,1915**

Reason, **Increase in compensation.**

**Relatives in Government Service,**

**Remarks:** **In accordance with Bureau letter of Dec.17,1915.**

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

YATES

*Secretary, Civil Service District*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 27 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

11—2314

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
DEC 30 1915
HOUSES

December 29, 1915.

Mr. Earl C. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Five Hundred and Sixteen dollars per annum, effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $480 per annum.)

608 Jan 1 1916.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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LIGHT
JAN 6 1916
HOUSES

January 5, 1916.

Sir:

The Department is in redeipt of your resignation, dated December 27, 1915, as assistant keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, New York, at $516 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, to take effect at the close of January 15, 1916.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Earl C. Merry,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Form 73

**NOMINATION**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT JUN 30 1916 HOUSES

July 6, cust 3 Dists.

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) June 29 (Date.), 1916

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

**Action recommended,** Reinstatement

Name, Earl G. Merry — Legal residence, Conn.

Position, Second Assistant Keeper — Salary, $456 per annum

Location, New London Ledge Light Station, Conn. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective July 6, 1916 — {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

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

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, N.Y.

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

**Previous incumbent,** Augustus D. Bennett — Services terminated, July 5, 1916

Reason, Promoted.

**Members of family in Government Service,** None

**Remarks:** Mr. Merry's resignation was accepted by Dept. letter of January 5, 1916. No employee of District desired transfer to this position.

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

Cust

J T Yates

*Secretary, Civil Service District.* — Inspector.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUN 30 1916
JUN 30 1916

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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

11—2314

Form 73

**NOMINATION**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES JUL 5 1916

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) July 3, 1916 (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

**Action recommended,** Reinstatement

Name, Earl G. Merry — Legal residence, Conn.

Position, 1st Assistant Keeper — Salary, $540 per annum

Location, New London Ledge Light Station, Conn. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective July 6, 1916 — [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty, or~~ as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

**Former position,** Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $526. per annum

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, N.Y.

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

**Previous incumbent,** William H. Tucker — Services terminated, June 30, 1916

Reason, Resigned.

**Members of family in Government Service,** None.

**Remarks:**

Mr. Merry's resignation was accepted by Dept. letter of January 5, 1916. No employee of this district desired transfer to this position.

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

J T Yates
Inspector

*Secretary, Civil Service District.*

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUL 5 1916

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, in place of nomination of Merry submitted to the Department on June 30, 1916. Attention invited to 3d Inspector's letter of July 3, 1916, inclosed.

Acting Commissioner

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

11—2314

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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LIGHT
JUL 6 1916
HOUSES

July 5, 1916.

Mr. Earl G. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Second Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Fifty-six dollars per annum,

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

(By reinstatement in accordance with authority contained in Civil Service Certificate No. 9642.)

E D July 11, 1916.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

R
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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Augustus D. Bennett.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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JUL 6 - 1916

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Washington D C July 6 1916

Lighthouse Inspector Saint George New York

Merry reinstated ~~first~~ second assistant keeper New London Ledge effective entrance on duty Yours July third

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Commissioner.

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Ack Mrs. W. Merry 4:50 pm
Journal
7/6/16.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
## LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Mar. Engr.
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Contracts
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Dep. Commr.
Commr.

LIGHT
JUL 8 1916
HOUSES

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

July 7, 1916

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to nomination from this office dated July 3, 1916, reinstating and nominating Earl G. Merry to the position of First Assistant Keeper of New London Ledge Light Station, Conn.

Inasmuch as Department letter of July 5, 1916, reinstates and appoints Mr. Merry to the position of Second Assistant Keeper of this station, he has been directed, in accordance therewith, to report for duty as Second Assistant Keeper, and he will shortly be nominated for promotion to the position of First Assistant Keeper of the same station and a new Second Assistant Keeper will be secured from the eligible list.

J. T. Yates

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
JUL 12 19[illegible]
HOUSES

July 7, 1916.

M r. Earl G. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

First Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and Forty dollars per annum,

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

(By promotion from second assistant keeper at $456 per annum.)

ESD July 20, 1916.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

R
C

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Augustus D. Bennett.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

11—3602

LIGHT
AUG2 1917
HOUSES

July 30, 1917.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation, dated July 25, 1917, as first assistant keeper of New London Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, at $540 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, effective at the close of July 25, 1917.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

*(Signed) Clifford Hastings.*

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Earl G. Merry,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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May 14, 1924.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.

1. With reference to notice of change in salary dated May 10, for Earl G. Merry to cover his transfer from the position of Keeper of New London Ledge Light Station to Depot Keeper at New London Depot:

2. The Department advises that the issuance of a notice of change in salary is an error, that a new appointment is required because of a change in designation. Return the notice of change in salary in order that it may be canceled and a new appointment issued.

E. C. GILLETTE

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1924 MAY 16 AM 9 00
GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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Brought down out with Dept information

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Dep. Comr.
Comr.

May 15th, 1924.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: Appointment of Harl G. Merry, Keeper, New London Buoy Depot.

REFERENCE: Form #73, dated May 8th.

1. Department letter in duplicate dated May 10th, 1924, addressed to Earl G. Merry, notifying him of change in salary from $1020.00 to $1260.00 per annum, in connection with his transfer from the position of keeper of New London Ledge Light station, to the position of keeper of New London Buoy Depot, is returned herewith, and Bureau's attention invited to the fact that the base rate of pay of the position of keeper of New London Buoy Depot is $1260.00 per annum and does not include longevity pay of $60.00 per annum, and the note "Including $60.00 longevity pay" should, therefore, not appear on his notice of change in salary.

2. For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. OCKENFELS.

1st Assistant Superintendent.

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO [redacted]

RG-EK

5/19/24 New appt. sent Supt.

LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

1924 MAY 17 AM 8 49

May 14, 1924.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.

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(Signed) E. C. GILLETTE

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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FWO:ER

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N. Y. May 16th, 1924.

Returned to Commissioner:

Notice in change of pay referred to above, was returned to the Bureau on May 15th, on account of notation in notice referring to longevity pay.

J. T. Yates
Superintendent.

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. 1615 Sheet No. 5(b)87

Space reserved for the use of the Board

1. Neff (Surname) Earl (Given name) G. (Initial)

2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field station Third District
(b) Subdivision
(c) City or town Staten Island State New York

6. Pay roll title Depot Keeper
7. Customary office title Depot Keeper
8. Present administrative allocation $1680-1980.
9. Present gross rate of pay $ 3240.00
10. Deduction for allowances $ None
11. Net rate paid in cash $ 3240.00

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 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (b) How many hours per week excluding unusual or irregular overtime work? Summer 48 Winter 48 (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? Yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering) Instructs laborers regarding cleaning and painting of buoys. (c) How many? 3

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.

Three laborers during summer.

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.) Follows detailed directions as to methods and purpose.

20. What is the name, official position, and sheet number of the employee's immediate superior? J.F. Ross, Lighthouse Superintendent, 5(a)1.

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 | | | | (Kind) |
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Other education (describe): Earl G. Merry Keeper New London Buoy Depot.

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? Assistant and principal light keeper for approximate 14 years

Completed and certified by. Earl G. Merry Keeper New London Buoy Depot.

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

I act as Watchman at New London Buoy Depot day times have charge of three (3) Laborers at this Depot. I am working Foreman. We clean + scale mud from iron buoys clean + paint + repair wood spar buoys + make minor repairs to the dock and buildings

Sixty Hours Per week.

Ten Hours Per 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.

Earl G. Merry Keeper.
(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.

Is in charge of the New London Lighthouse Depot and looks after the receipt and issue of supplies, buoys, chain, moorings, and materials stored there; supervises the work of watchman and temporary laborers employed as occasion requires to clean and paint buoys.

26. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? since May 1924.

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, 1928 — F. W. CORNELLS — Asst. Superintendent.
(Date) (Signature of Preparing Officer) (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 $ 1680. to $ 1980.

OCT 12 1928, 1928 — J. T. YATES — Superintendent.
(Date) (Signature of head of field office or station) (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 $ 1680 to $ 1980

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

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1928

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

FWO:FM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1929 JUN 28 AM 9:11

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Chief Engr.
Hydro.
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Engr. Constn.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Finance
Law & Prop.
Adm. Assist.
Dep. Commr.
Commissioner

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.
June 27, 1929.

Earl G. Merry, Keeper,
New London Lighthouse Depot,
New London, Conn.

SUBJECT: Charges - Absence from Duty.

REFERENCE: Letter from this office June 14 and your reply June 18.

You are advised that your explanation concerning the matter of your absence from duty from June 8 to June 16, inclusive, without forwarding either to this office or to the Tender Pansy stationed at New London, any report or information whatever as to the cause of your absence or the probable time when you would return to duty, is not by any means satisfactory. The mere statement that you were sick does not satisfactorily explain your failure to make proper report in the matter as required by paragraph 2, page 5, of Instructions to Employees. That you were able to forward the required report had you so desired is evidenced by the fact that you called at your doctor's office on June 8, 11 and 14. Your failure to make proper report of your actions was not only in direct violation of the Instructions to Employees, but also indicates lack of interest in your position as Depot Keeper, and also the work of the Service. You are hereby cautioned for your conduct and disregard of Instructions in this instance, and advised that a repetition will result in drastic disciplinary measures being taken.

J. T. YATES,

Superintendent.

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Copy forwarded to Commissioner.

A further report will be made at the expiration of six months.

J Yates

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1929 OCT 16 AM 8 59

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

September 21,1929.

Master,
Lighthouse Tender Oak,
General Lighthouse Depot,
Staten Island, N.Y.

SUBJECT: New London Depot.

1. Please advise this office whether you have any knowledge or recollection as to whether Earl G. Merry, Depot Keeper, was absent from the New London Depot for all or any part of the period January 3 to January 11,1929, and whether laborer John D. Murray was employed at the Depot during that period.

2. The Tender Oak was stationed at New London during the month of January.

J.T.YATES.
Superintendent.

By: W.J.Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

1929 OCT 16 AM 8-58

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N. Y. (City) Oct. 15, 1929 (Date), 19....

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and demotion.

Name, Earl G. Merry

Position, Keeper

Location, Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta. & New Haven Middle Bkw.East End Lt.,Conn.

Effective, November 1,1929

Legal residence, Connecticut

Proposed salary, $1620 p.a.

Proposed range, $1560-$1860 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Lighthouse Keepers

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

Former position, Keeper

Former salary, $1740 p.a.

Location, New London Lighthouse Depot, Conn.

Former range, $1680-$1980 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, John Ostman

Services terminated, Oct.31,1929

Reason, Promoted (Salary $1620 p.a.)

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: See letter to Bureau of this date re Mr.Merry.

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

J. T. YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Incls.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON October 16, 1929.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, attention being invited to Superintendent's recommendation of October 15 attached, in paragraph four of which the Bureau concurs and in accordance with which nomination for demotion is herewith submitted.

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

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

Commissioner of Lighthouses; October 15,1929

SUBJECT: Earl G. Merry, Keeper of New London Lighthouse Depot, Conn.

1. The following correspondence re Earl G. Merry, Keeper of New London Lighthouse Depot, Conn., is forwarded for the consideration of the Bureau:-

a - Letter from John D. Murray, dated Sept.15, 1929.
b - Copy of letter to Master of tender Oak, dated Sept.21,1929.
c - Letter from Master of tender Oak dated Sept. 23,1929.
d - Copy of letter to Master of tender Spruce, dated Sept.21,1929.
e - Letter from Master of tender Spruce received Sept.25,1929.
f - Copy of letter to Master of tender Hawthorn dated Oct.1,1929.
g - Letter from Master of tender Hawthorn dated Oct. 3,1929.
h - Copy of letter of charges to Mr.Merry dated Oct. 5,1929.
i - Letter from Mr.Merry dated Oct. 11,1929.

2 - In this connection attention is invited to letter of caution addressed to Mr.Merry on June 27,1929, a copy of which was forwarded to the Bureau.

3. Mr.Merry admits the charges as preferred against him with the qualifying statement that he was not absent for the full period of time as shown in letter from this office of October 5,1929.

4. Mr.Merry's admitted conduct is such as to totally unfit him for continuance as Depot Keeper, and justifies drastic disciplinary action. In view of the fact that he has been employed in the service for a period of over 12 years, and with the exception of letter of caution of June

27,1929 for absence from duty without leave, he has not previously been the subject of disciplinary action, in lieu of dismissal it is recommended that he be demoted and transferred to the position of First Assistant Keeper at Southwest Ledge Light Station, Connecticut. Form 73 recommending the transfer of Mr.Merry is enclosed herewith.

5. 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

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TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

Commissioner of Lighthouses; Oct. 18,1929

SUBJECT: Nominations, Geo.Petzolt, John Ostman, and Earl G. Merry.
REFERENCE: Forms 73 of Oct.15,1929.

1. Referring to Forms 73, dated October 15,1929 recommending transfers of keepers George Petzolt, John Ostman, and Earl G. Merry; it is requested this office be advised by telegraph when action is taken on these recommendations so that there may be ample time to notify the employees concerned in advance in reference to entering on duty Nov. 1st.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Asst.Supt.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

EJD

Washington, D. C., October 21, 1929.

Lighthouse Superintendent Staten Island New York

Transfers keepers george petzolt and earl g merry and promotion keeper john ostman approved

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CONFIRMATION:

George Petzolt, Keeper,
Penfield Reef Lt. Sta., Conn.

Earl G. Merry, Keeper,
Southwest Legge Lt. Sta., Conn.

John Ostman, Keper,
Southwest Ledge Lt. Sta., Conn.

All in 3rd District.

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

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Commissioner of Lighthouses:- July 15,1930

SUBJECT: Earl G. Merry, 1AK, Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.,etc.,Ct.

1. The following correspondence re Earl G. Merry, 1st Assistant Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station and New Haven Middle Breakwater East End Light, Conn.,is forwarded for the information of the Bureau:-

a - Letter of June 24,1930 from John Ostman, Keeper.
b - Copy of letter of charges dated June 30,1930 to Earl G. Merry.
c - Letter of July 12,1930 from John Ostman, Keeper.

2. The letter of charges of June 30th was sent to Mr.Merry at Southwest Ledge Light Station his only known address. Mr.Merry having gone ashore on liberty on June 16th with the understanding that he was to return to the station on June 21st, he has not received the letter of charges, therefore there is no reply to charges from Mr.Merry. As Mr.Merry has been absent from duty without leave since June 21st, since which time there has been no report or information received as to the reason for his absence from duty, and since his present whereabouts are unknown, and as it is not practicable to operate the station indefinitely with only two keepers, it is recommended that he be dismissed from the position of 1st Assistant Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station and New Haven Middle Breakwater East End Light, Conn., with pay at the rate of $1620 per annum, effective at the close of June 16,1930 his last day of service.

3. 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.Merry has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate.

4. In this connection attention is invited to our letter to the Bureau dated Oct.15,1929 recommending the demotion and transfer of Mr.Merry from the position of Keeper of New London Buoy Depot to 1st Asst.Keeper of Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.

UNITED STATES

RG:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., August 6, 1930.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with statement that the Bureau concurs with the Superintendent and recommends approval of the action proposed in paragraph 2.

H. B. BOWERMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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

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Aug. 4,1930

Commissioner of Lighthouses;

SUBJECT: Earl G. Merry, former lAK, Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office dated July 15,1930 recommending the dismissal from the service of Mr.Merry, effective at the close of June 16,1930.

1. Enclosed for the Bureau's information is letter dated July 20,1930 received from Earl G. Merry on July 25th in regard to the matter of his absence from duty without leave since June 21st, also the following correspondence pertaining to the matter:-

a - Copy of letter to Keeper Ostman, S.W.Ledge Lt.Sta.,dated July 25.
b - Letter from Keeper Ostman dated July 28th.
c - Copy of letter to Kee per Ostman dated July 30.
d - Letter from Keeper Ostman dated July 31.
e - Copy of letter of July 30 to Dr.C.John Satti, New London, Conn.

2. It will be noted that Mr.Merry claims that he left the station on June 11th and was due to return to the station on June 16th, whereas the report of the Keeper, the watch book, and the leave of absence record, shows that he left the station on June 16th at 1.30 P.M.,the watchbook showing that he stood a 12 hour watch on June 11th, a 24 hour watch on June 13th, and a 12 hour watch on June 16. Information and records therefore indicate Mr.Merry's contention is erroneous. It will be noted that the Keeper in letter of July 28th states that Mr.Merry made a statement to the effect that he (Merry) would send a letter to this office claiming that he left the station at an earlier date, this apparently with the idea of creating trouble for the Keeper. The Doctor's certificate dated July 24 states that he attended Mr.Merry on June 14th, whereas it appears that Mr.Merry was actually at the station on that date. The Doctor's certificate also bears the endorsement of a Notary which is unusual in form in that it does not certify or swear to the accuracy of the certificate but merely states - "Appeared before me this 24th day of July,1930".

With the view of clearing up the discrepancy as to Mr.Merry being attended by the Doctor on June 14th, and also to bring the matter to the a ttention of the Doctor in case the Notary endorsement had been added to his certificate without his knowledge, a letter was addressed to Dr. C.John Satti under date of July 30th, but for some reason he has not seen fit to reply to the letter up to the present time.

3. This office is of the opinion that Mr.Merry's explanation concerning the matter of his absence from duty since June 21st is not based on fact, and can see no justification for altering the recommendation as contained in letter from this office of July 15th. Even if Mr.Merry's explanation is partially based on conditions as alleged, the fact remains that he made no report whatever of absence or inability to return to duty as called for by Sec.134, Par. (f) Page 49 of Instructions to Employees, with which Mr. Merry is undoubtedly familiar in view of the length of his employment in this service.

J. T. YATES

RG:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., August 8, 1930.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with statement that the Bureau concurs in the views of the Superintendent in this matter, and accordingly does not recommend any modification of the action proposed in a separate letter of this date.

H. B. BOWERMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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**PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

*March 5, 1913.*

To the Chiefs of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce:

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

William C. Redfield
*Secretary.*

Earl G. Merry 1890

## PART I.

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

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

Mr. Earl George Merry

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

Earl G. Merry

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

| New London | Connecticut | New London City | 2 |
|---|---|---|---|
| City or town. | State or Territory. | County. | Congressional district. |

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

5. Where were you born? New London Connecticut.

6. When were you born? November 24 1884
Month. Day. Year.

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

H. A. Waterman (Name.) 42 Maple Ave (Number and street.)

New London (City or town.) Connecticut. (State or Territory.)

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

| Name. | Relationship. | Department. | Bureau or Service. | Position. |
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| No | | | | |
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9. If you were appointed through a civil service examination, state, as near as you recollect, the name and date of the examination. If not so appointed, state how you entered the service. (Examples: "By reinstatement," or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

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

No

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

| Department. | Bureau or Service. | Position. | Salary. | Appointed. | Separated. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No | | | | | |
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12. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.)

No

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

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

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

| Company and regiment, or vessel. | Date enlisted. | Date discharged. | Cause of discharge. |
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| No | | | |
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15. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Name under which service was rendered No

SIR: I acknowledge receipt of a copy of ... of December 5, 1913, relating to political activity of officeholders, and ... understand its purport.

Earl G. Merry
(Name.)

Asst Keeper
(Position.)

(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

Date, March 23. 1914.

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Floor hand in machine shop.

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

None

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

Yes

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. December 5., 1913

(Signature) Earl G. Merry

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: New London Conn.
City or town.

42 Maple Ave.
Number and street.

Connecticut
State or Territory.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Dec 15, 1913

(Signature)

(Official title)

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

Machine shop, Motor Boating, Light Ship.

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

Primary School education.

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

Floor hand in machine shop.

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

None

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

Yes

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. December 5., 1913

(Signature) Earl G. Merry

Witness:

P. O. Address: New London Conn.
City or town.

In case signature is by mark.

42 Maple Ave.
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(Signature)

(Official title)

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## PART II.

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

1. State the Bureau or Service, place, and district in which the person who answered the foregoing questions is employed:
L.S. Service Old Orchard Shoal Mass. 3
Bureau or Service. Place (city, town, station, or vessel.) District.

2. To what position has he been appointed? Coast Keeper

3. State the date of appointment. Nov 21, 1913

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

5. State the date of the oath. Dec 12/13

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. Nov 28, 1913

7. What is his salary? 480 per a.

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

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

10. If classified, state the date of classification. May 6, 1916

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

13. When the legal residence given in answer to question 3, Part I, differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.
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14. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out.
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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) ____

(Official title) ____

Date: ____, 19

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# PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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

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

Earl George Merrill

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

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

Light House Service, 3rd district New London Ledge 3'
Bureau or Service. Place (city, town, station, or vessel). District.

4. Position to which appointed. 1. Asst. Keeper.

5. Compensation $540

6. Appropriation from which paid. Light House Service. Salaries Keepers

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

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

New London Conn. New London 2nd.
City or town. State or Territory. County. Congressional district.

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

No Different.

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

11. Where were you born? New London

12. When were you born? November 21 1884.
Month. Day. Year.

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

14. What is your marital condition? Good. Single

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

H. A. Waterman 42 Mable Ave.
Name. Number and street.

New London Conn.
City or town. State or Territory.

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16. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? .....

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

| Name. | Post-office address. | Position and department or office in which employed. | Relationship. | Married or single. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Eugene H. Meny | New London, Conn. | Position Keeper Lt D<br>Department or office | Brother | Married. |
| | | Position<br>Department or office | | |
| | | Position<br>Department or office | | |

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

None.

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

| Department. | Bureau or Service. | Position. | Salary. | Appointed. | Separated. |
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| 3rd. | Light House Service, | 1. Asst Keeper | 591.60 | Nov. 1913. | Jan. 15. 1916. |
| 3rd. | Light House Service | 1. Asst Keeper | 591.60 | June 10. 1916. | July 25. 1917. |

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

None.

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

| Company and regiment, or vessel. | Date enlisted. | Date discharged. | Cause of discharge. |
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| | None. | | |
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21. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States other than during war time, indicate such service in th spaces below.

| Company and regiment, or vessel. | Date enlisted. | Date discharged. | Cause of discharge. |
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| | None. | | |

22. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? ..... (If answer is "Yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan) None.

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service .....

| Company and regiment, or vessel. | Date enlisted. | Date discharged. | Cause of discharge. |
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Department. Bureau or Service. Position. Salary. Appointed. Separated.

3rd. Light House Service, 1. Asst Keeper 591.60 Nov. 1913. Jan 15. 1915.
3rd. Light House Service 1. Asst Keeper 591.60 June 10. 1916. July 25. 1917.

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

None.

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

| Company and regiment, or vessel. | Date enlisted. | Date discharged. | Cause of discharge. |
|---|---|---|---|
| None. | | | |

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

| Company and regiment, or vessel. | Date enlisted. | Date discharged. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| None. | | | |

22. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? ..... (If answer is "Yes," give information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan)..... None.

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service.....

I acknowledge receipt of a copy of Executive Order No. 2412 (second edition), of September 22, 1914, relating to political activity of officeholders, and fully understand its purport.

Earl G. Murray.
(Name.)

1. Asst Keeper.
(Position.)

Light House Service
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

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Date Sept 3. 1918.

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

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

Light House Service From Nov. 1913 to Jan 15. 1915.
Light House Service From June 10. 1916 to July 25. 1917.

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

Yes.

Date, Sept. 3, 1918

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Earl G. Murray.

P. O. Address: New London.
City or town.
42 Maple Ave.
Number and street.
Connecticut.
State or Territory.

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

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(Signature) .....

(Official title) .....

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ervice indicated in answer to questions 18, 19, 20, and 21.)

Floor Hand, Plainer Hand, Gear Cutting, Milling Machine.

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

Primary School Education.

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

Machinist.

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

Light House Service From Nov. 1913 to Jan. 15 1915.

Light House Service From June 10. 1916, to July 25. 1917.

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

Yes.

Date, Sept 3, 1918

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Earl G. Merry.

P. O. Address: New London.
City or town.
42 Maple Ave.
Number and street.
Connecticut.
State or Territory.

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(Signature)

(Official title)

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New York, N. Y.
26 August, 1941.

Mr. Earl G. Merry,
15 Starr Street,
New London, Conn.

Subject: Service record.

Reference: Your letter August 24, 1941.

Sir:-

1. The records of this office indicate that you were employed in the former 3rd Lighthouse District as follows:

6/1/13 to 10/31/13 - Seaman - Lightship 23
11/28/13 to 1/15/16- Asst.Keeper - Old Orchard Shoal Light Station
7/11/16 to 7/25/17 - 1st Asst.Keeper - New London Ledge Light Station
8/9/18 to 6/16/30 - Keeper - Light Stations.

Respectfully,

P. H. SHAW,
Lieut.Commander, U. S. Coast Guard,
Personnel Officer.

New London Conn
aug 24-1941

Earl G. Merry.
15 Starr Street New London Conn.

Subject:
Request for a copy of record.

Dear Sir.

Haveing served in Lighthouse Service several years as Keeper and Asst Keeper. I respectfully request that a copy of the record showing the exact amount of service for me. This will be greatly appriciated at this time as discharges ar nesessary to secure employment in defence industry.

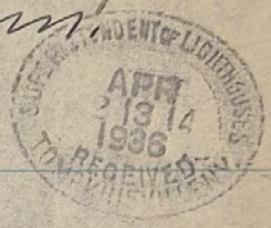
Respectfully
Earl G. Merry.

Filed

April 12 – 1936

New London Conn.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Received form 1851 which states that I am not within the age limits of which I was aware. I have about (17) seventeen years in the service and would like very much to be reinstated and hope you will please consider this.

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Earl G. Merry
34 Buckeley Place
New London Conn.

FWO-JHG

Oct. 23,1931

Earl G. Merry,
251 Coleman Street,
New London, Conn.

SUBJECT: Reinstatement.
REFERENCE: Your letter Oct. 22,1931.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 22,1931 relative to reinstatement, and in reply you are advised your letter will be placed on file and you will be considered for any vacancies that may occur.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Asst.Supt.

FWO-JHG

May 26,1931

Earl G. Merry,
251 Coleman Street,
New London, Conn.

SUBJECT: Reinstatement.
REFERENCE: Your letter May 25,1931.

1. A record has been made of your name and address and an application for examination for the position of Keeper will be forwarded to you the next time an examination is held. In regard to reinstatement; you are advised that reinstatement is a matter of administrative discretion and is not a right of the employee, so that no definite promi can be made you as to when you might be considered for reinstatement.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

New London Conn.
May 25- 1931

Supt of Lighthouses.
Will you please inform me if it will be nessary for me to fill out application blank for the service if so please send me one.
Please let me know if I will be reinstated at the end of my year. Which is the 16th of June 1931 I would like to return as soon as possible.




Earl G. Mann
251 Coleman St.

New London Co.

May 25. 1931



Supt of Lighthouses.

Will you please inform me if it will be nessary for me to fill out application blank for the service if so please send me one.

Please let me know if I will be reinstated at the end of my year. Which is the 16th June 1931 I would like to return as soon as possible.

Earl G. Mann
251 Coleman St.

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New London Conn.
Supt of Lighthouses.

I would like very much to be reinstated in the service. As I know there was a mistake in the dates of June 1930 at Southwest Ledge Lt, Sta.

Earl G. Merry
#251 Coleman Street.

FWO-JHG

Earl G. Merry,
251 Coleman Street,
New London, Connecticut

March 21,1931

SUBJECT: Reinstatement.
REFERENCE: Your letter Mar.20,1931.

1. In reply to your letter of March 20,1931 requesting reinstatement as Keeper in the Lighthouse Service; you are advised that in accordance with Civil Service Regulations you will not be eligible for reinstatement until one year from the date of your dismissal from the service, which was on June 16,1930.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Aug.20,1930

Chief Clerk

Voucher Clerk

Payment of salary may now be made Earl G. Merry, Kx former 1st Asst.Keeper of Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.,for period from June 12th to June 16th, inclusive. No further payments are to be made him as he was dismissed effective at the close of June 16th. His address is General Delivery, New London, Conn.

Asst.Supt.

To 3rd 15

August 18, 1930.

LIGHTHOUSES

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Mr. Earl G. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Charges of absence from duty without leave or proper authority 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 $1620 per annum of Southwest Ledge Light Station, effective at the close of business on June 16, 1930.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3rd Dist

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Chief Clerk

Voucher Clerk

Aug. 8,1930

Pay Earl G. Merry, former 1st Asst.Keeper of Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta .for services rendered from June 1st to June 11th, inclusive. Hold up any further payments until receipt of orders.

Asst.Supt.

FWO-JHG

Aug. 8,1930

Earl G. Merry,
General Delivery,
New London, Conn.

SUBJECT: Services at S.W.Ledge Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter Aug.7,1930.

1. In reply to your letter of August 7th, you are informed that as soon as decision is rendered as to the disposition of your case, you will be fully advised. Salary check for period June 1st to 11th, will be forwarded to you in the near future.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Aug 7. -1930
New London Conn
Gen Delivery

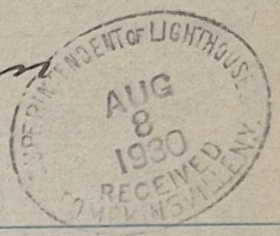
DEPARTMENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Supt. of Lighthouses:

With your permission I take the libarty of dropping you a few lines in regards to my recent relief from duty on Southwest Ledge L.H. Sta, New Haven Harbor, in order to learn if there is any way I can personally help to clear up this situation. On July 24th I mailed your office a registered Letter stating to the best of my ability on paper, all the facts concerning my illness and efforts to commicate with the Keeper of the light. Having received no answer to date, I am afraid that perhaps I did not make everything clear to your satisfaction. Therefore I respectfully wish to that I should be willing in justice to myself and to be of assistance to your office to personally appear before you, as I think in this manner I could more thoroughly answer any questions in refrence to my explanation. Also will you please inform whom to apply to if it is not taken care of in your office, as to my check for duty performed from June 1st to June 11th inclusive. Although I have called at the P.O. office in New London every day no mail received to date. Thanking you in advance for an early reply and hoping I can in some way assist in

Aug 7 - 1930

New London Conn
Gen'l Delivery.




Supt. of Lighthouses.

an early and satisfactory explanation of this mis-understanding I remain.

Respectfully
Earl G. Tracy

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Aug. 4,1930

Commissioner of Lighthouses;

SUBJECT: Earl G. Merry, former 1AK, Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office dated July 15,1930 recommending the dismissal from the service of Mr.Merry, effective at the close of June 16,1930.

1. Enclosed for the Bureau's information is letter dated July 20,1930 received from Earl G. Merry on July 25th in regard to the matter of his absence from duty without leave since June 21st, also the following correspondence pertaining to the matter:-

a - Copy of letter to Keeper Ostman, S.W.Ledge Lt.Sta.,dated July 25.
b - Letter from Keeper Ostman dated July 28th.
c - Copy of letter to Kee per Ostman dated July 30.
d - Letter from Keeper Ostman dated July 31.
e - Copy of letter of July 30 to Dr.C.John Satti, New London, Conn.

2. It will be noted that Mr.Merry claims that he left the station on June 11th and was due to return to the station on June 16th, whereas the report of the Keeper, the watch book, and the leave of absence record, shows that he left the station on June 16th at 1.30 P.M.,the watchbook showing that he stood a 12 hour watch on June 11th, a 24 hour watch on June 13th, and a 12 hour watch on June 16. Information and records therefore indicate Mr.Merry's contention is erroneous. It will be noted that the Keeper in letter of July 28th states that Mr.Merry made a statement to the effect that he (Merry) would send a letter to this office claiming that he left the station at an earlier date, this apparently with the idea of creating trouble for the Keeper. The Doctor's certificate dated July 24 states that he attended Mr.Merry on June 14th, whereas it appears that Mr.Merry was actually at the station on that date. The Doctor's certificate also bears the endorsement of a Notary which is unusual in form in that it does not certify or swear to the accuracy of the certificate but merely states - "Appeared before me this 24th day of July,1930".

With the view of clearing up the discrepancy as to Mr.Merry being attended by the Doctor on June 14th, and also to bring the matter to the a ttention of the Doctor in case the Notary endorsement had been added to his certificate without his knowledge, a letter was addressed to Dr. C.John Satti under date of July 30th, but for some reason he has not seen fit to reply to the letter up to the present time.

3. This office is of the opinion that Mr.Merry's explanation concerning the matter of his absence from duty since June 21st is not based on fact, and can see no justification for altering the recommendation as contained in letter from this office of July 15th. Even if Mr.Merry's explanation is partially based on conditions as alleged, the fact remains that he made no report whatever of absence or inability to return to duty as called for by Sec.134, Par. (f) Page 49 of Instructions to Employees, with which Mr. Merry is undoubtedly familiar in view of the length of his employment in this service.

J. T. YATES

COPY:FM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

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Southwest Ledge Light
New Haven, Conn.
July 31, 1930.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
3rd District.

Earl Merry

Sir:

Your letter of July 30th, 1930.

In regards to your letter of July 25th, 1930, I miss read that letter regarding a copy of the leave of absence book, I read instead only a copy of the watch book which I sent. I here enclose a certified copy of the leave of absence book for the month of June 1930.

| | Left Station | Returned |
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| John Ostman | June 1st 9 a.m. | June 1st, 11 a.m. mail |
| Burkhardt | June 2nd 8 a.m. | June 2nd 10 a.m. mail, sup. |
| John Ostman | June 6th 2:30 p.m. | June 11th, 2 p.m. leave |
| Wm. Burkhardt | June 6th 2:30 p.m. | June 6th 4:15 p.m. mail |
| E. G. Merry | June 16th 1:30 p.m. | leave |
| John Ostman | June 20th, 10 a.m. | June 20th, 11:30 a.m. mail & supplies. |
| William Burkhardt | June 21st 1:30 p.m. | June 21st, 3:30 p.m., mail & supplies. |
| John Ostman | June 23rd 10 a.m. | June 23rd 12 noon, mail |

(s) Ostman,
Keeper.

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July 30,1930

John Ostman, Keeper,
Southwest Ledge Light Station,
New Haven, Conn.

SUBJECT: Earl G. Merry.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office July 25,1930.

1. You are directed to submit explanation by return mail as to why you failed to forward a certified copy of the leave record as signed by Mr.Merry before he left the station on June 16th. With your reply by return mail you will forward an exact and complete copy of the leave record book covering the entire month of June,1930, showing all absences of all three keepers.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Post Office notified to deliver to ~~Remailed to~~
John Ostman
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Receipt for Registered Article No. _____
Registered at the Post Office indicated in Postmark

Fee paid 15 cents Class postage 1

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The sender should write the name of the addressee on back hereof as an identification. Preserve submit this receipt in case of inquiry or application for indemnity.
istry Fees and Indemnity.—Domestic registry fees range from 15 cents for indemnity not ng $50 up to $1 for indemnity not exceeding $1,000. The fee on domestic registered matter ntrinsic value and for which indemnity is not paid is 15 cents. Consult postmaster as to the mestic registry fees and as to the registry fees chargeable on registered parcel-post packages untries. Fees on domestic registered C. O. D. mail range from 25 cents to $1.20.
ust be filed within one year (C. O. D. six months) from date of mailing.

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Doctor C. John Satti,
New London,
Connecticut

July 30,1930

SUBJECT: Mr. Earl G. Merry.

1. This office has received your certificate dated July 24,1930, copy of which is enclosed. This certificate indicates that you attended Mr. Earl G. Merry for illness on June 14th. Investigation of the matter of Mr.Merry's absence from duty indicates that Mr.Merry was not ashore but was on Southwest Ledge Light Station, his place of employment, during the entire day of June 14. This office is desirous of clearing up this discrepancy and would appreciate it if you would verify, if practicable, the date of June 14th on which it is stated Mr.Merry was attended by you, and advise this office if according to your records June 14th is correct, or if it is possible that the correct date is other than June 14th.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

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Southwest Ledge Light
New Haven, Conn.
July 28th, 1930.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
3rd District.

Sir:

REFERENCE: Your letter of July 25th, 1930, at hand July 28th 1930.

Regarding the statement of Earl G. Merry that he left this station on leave June 11, is a false statement when he got his clothes at the Station July 17th, 1930., and on leaving he made a statement to the effect that he would send in a letter to the office claiming that he left at a earlier date on leave and that would fix me. I paid no attention to his statement at the time. There is proof by Mr. Leroy Sperry, manager of Lighthouse Point Park, Morris Cove, New Haven, as he is on shore when ever we go or return he will prove that Earl G. Merry left on June 16th, 1930, on leave. Also that he was partly under the influence of liquor every time he came back, and furthermore, Merry said at times while at this station that he would get even sometime with me because I would not allow more than 5 days liberty, he said when he was keeper at New London Ledge Light Station he allowed 15 days and more. I told him this was not New London Ledge Light Station, and if he did not like it with 5 days liberty he could write to the office. William Burkhardt, 2nd Asst. Keeper is also witness to my statement.

The following is the Watch Book time from June 10 to 22, 1930.

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| June 10 - | 24 | hours watch | Burkhardt |
| June 11 - | 12 | " " | Merry |
| June 11 | 12 | " " | Ostman |
| June 12 - | 24 | hours watch | Burkhardt |
| June 13 - | 24 | " " | Merry |
| June 14 - | 24 | " " | Ostman |
| June 15 - | 24 | " " | Burkhardt |
| June 16 - | 12 | " " | Merry |
| June 16 - | 12 | " " | Ostman |
| June 17 - | 24 | " " | Burkhardt |
| June 18 - | 24 | " " | Ostman |
| June 19 - | 24 | " " | Burkhardt |
| June 20 - | 24 | " " | Ostman |
| June 21 - | 24 | " " | Burkhardt |
| June 22 - | 24 | " " | Ostman |

(s) Ostman,
Keeper.

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July 25,1930

John Ostman, Keeper,
Southwest Ledge Light Station,
New Haven, Connecticut

SUBJECT: Earl G. Merry.
REFERENCE: Your letters June 24th and July 18th.

1. This office has to-day received a letter from Earl G. Merry pertaining to his absence from duty, in which he states that he left the station on June 11th on shore liberty and was due back at the station on June 16th. Your letter of June 24th states that Mr.Merry started his liberty on June 16th and was to return June 21st. Your monthly report on Form 65 also shows that Mr.Merry left the station on June 16th at 1:30 P.M.

2. You are directed to advise this office whether the period of Merry's leave as reported by you June 16 to June 21st is correct, or if the period June 11th to June 16th as stated by Mr.Merry is correct. Make prompt answer to this letter and with your reply forward a certified copy of the leave record as signed by Mr.Merry before he left the station, and also a certified copy of the Watch Book for the period beginning June 10th and ending June 22,1930.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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New London, Conn.,
July 20, 1930.

Supt. of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N. Y.

Earl Merry

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter of June, I respectfully wish to make the following reply or explanation. On July 11, last I left on my regular liberty with the understanding that I was to be back on duty on June 16, and with the sincere intention that I would be there as I have always been during my seventeen years service, with the exception of a few days out for illness. I arrived back at the Lighthouse Point on June 14th and my efforts to arrive sooner and why your office did not receive notice of my overleave I will honestly endeavor to explain.

Some few months previous to my transfer to Southwest Ledge Light Station, I was the witness to a serious automobile accident in New London, Conn. In the month of November I reported for duty at this light, and a few weeks later, railroad inquiring board of the N.H.Hartford R.R. my whereabouts, traced me to New Haven and to this Light. As soon as I was notified of these inquiries I immediately left for New London, these men located me at the F. L. Allen Hook & Ladder Co., on Bank Street, New London. I asked them where they procured their information that I was to be found at these fire headquarters and they informed me that they went out to the Light and were told by the Keeper, John Ostman, that I had informed him that day that I could be found either at the firehouse or if not they could tell where to locate me. The unfortunate individual in this railroad accident was a man named Tony Silva, resident of Magnolia Court, New London. On the very day I have started each liberty I have had since I reported at the Light in November, I have told the Keeper, and I think William Burkhardt the other assistant is aware of the fact, where I could be found or located for in case of illness of either man or any other emergency that might arise. I hope you fully understand. I also fully understand your letter and make no pretence of countercharges or any reflection on the part of the Keeper or 2nd Assistant Keeper but want all facts of this case, in justice to myself. On June 15 was taken with severe pains in my right side and shoulder, and after several hours of treatment applying heating pads and liniment rubbing, was forced to go to a doctor. I was professionally attended by Dr. C. J. Satti and ordered to bed. On June 16 I mailed a letter to the Keeper and received no answer and on Junec20 I sent another letter to John Ostman, Keeper to 328 Lighthouse Road, New Haven, Conn. Mr. Ostman say he did not receive these letters, which were mailed in New London Post Office by Thomas Manning. Realizing that either something had happened at the Light to to my letters which did not return, during the period from June 29 to June 12, during which time I was confined in bed at 35 Tromen Street, New London, Conn., I had a gentlemen make three telephone calls to the store at 328 Light Road, and was unable to reach either Keeper or Asst. Keeper. On July 14, against the

doctor's orders I left New London, and arrived in New Haven at 5:15 p.m. fifteen minutes later I arrived at Lighthouse Point, and saw the boat hanging in the davits at the Light. I walked the beach in the vincinity and there was no boat available for hire. On July 15 I endeavored to rent or pay a man with a boat with an outboard motor to take me out. After a consideration he decided it was too rough to attempt to get out and promised to take me out the following morning. On Wednesday the 16th the clerk in the store we buy our provisions secured a boat to take me out. In company with the clerk, friend of his, and the owner of the boat we set forth for the Light. On the way out we saw ahead of us and close to the breakwater, the same boat I had tried to hire with three occupants heading for the light and were unable to overtake it. On the arrival at the Light which we made by a rowboat we carried in tow, I went aboard and found three men and my two companions on the Light, seated together in the sitting room. Upon entering I greeted them and they greeted me. I then asked if there was any mail for me and was answered by the presentation of your letter June. Naturally surprised and thinking of my letters of incapacitation and my telephone calls I was discharged, that is, that if I didn't understand, that this letter meant words to that effect as translated by Keeper John Ostman. I then asked about the letters andwas told they never was received. He then informed me that he was also the recipient of a letter from the Department as regards to services upon reporting. Never after seventeen years of service with recommendations on various stations, even at this reception, would I or did I remonstrate with my superior on a station, and I immediately began to pack my belongings until such time as I would receive the hearing which I sincerely believe the Department will give any man in the interest of justice and Lighthouse Service. Keeper John Ostman evidently impressed with my immediate acceptance of reputed charges and unfairness to myself and his own reputation with this fellow workers gave me a recommendation of satisfactory services, which I still possess along with other recommendations acquired under different circumstances.

I left Southwest Ledge Light Station on afternoon of 19th of July. With all due respect to bother keepers John Ostman and the 2nd Asst. Keeper, I wish to inform you with all these complications upon my mind I voluntarily, during a coming curtain of fog, did fix with no one attempting to prevent me or accept any responsibility both air compressors which did not work; I make this fact known not to repudiate another's work, except to let you know that I was not even then without the realization of responsibility of a Lighthouse man under any condition or emergency.

I send herewith attached medical certificate of the doctor who attended me, and respectfully requesting a thorough investigation of these facts, I remain thanking you for past favors and expecting an early reply.

(s) Earl G. Merry,
South West Ledge Light Station,
New Haven, Conn.

(SEAL) State of Connecticut
County of New London. SS. New London, July 25, 1930.
Signed and subscribed before me this 25th day of July, 1930.

(s) William Lewis,
Notary Public.

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C. JOHN SATTI, M.D.
New London, Conn.

July 24, 1930.

This is to certify that Mr. Earl G. Merry was attended by me for illness on June 14 on June 16th. I ordered him to bed and he was confined for three weeks. On July 5th he was allowed up and about. From July 5 to July 16th, I treated him at my office. From July 16th to July 19th he went to work against my advice. From this up to the present he is still under treatment. My treatment was for symptoms of ulcer of the stomach.

Respectfully,

(s) C. John Satti, M.D.

(SEAL) New London County
State of Connecticut
SS New London July 24, 1930.

Appeared before me this 24th day of July, 1930.

(s) William Lewis.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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South West Ledge Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

New Haven, Conn. July 18, 1930

Superintendent of Light Houses
3rd District.

Sir:

Mr. Earl G. Merry returned to the Station and read his letters and he said that he wrote two letters to this station regarding his absent from this Station but these letters were not received by me at this Station Mr Merry packed up his clothes at the station and left saying that he will write to the office regarding himself. Mr. Merry paid all his bills on shore and also at the Station.

John Oelman
Keeper

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Commissioner of Lighthouses:- July 15,1930

SUBJECT: Earl G. Merry, 1AK, Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.,etc.,Ct.

1. The following correspondence re Earl G. Merry, 1st Assistant Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station and New Haven Middle Breakwater East End Light, Conn.,is forwarded for the information of the Bureau:-

a - Letter of June 24,1930 from John Ostman, Keeper.
b - Copy of letter of charges dated June 30,1930 to Earl G. Merry.
c - Letter of July 12,1930 from John Ostman, Keeper.

2. The letter of charges of June 30th was sent to Mr.Merry at Southwest Ledge Light Station his only known address. Mr.Merry having gone ashore on liberty on June 16th with the understanding that he was to return to the station on June 21st, he has not received the letter of charges, therefore there is no reply to charges from Mr.Merry. As Mr.Merry has been absent from duty without leave since June 21st, since which time there has been no report or information received as to the reason for his absence from duty, and since his present whereabouts are unknown, and as it is not practicable to operate the station indefinitely with only two keepers, it is recommended that he be dismissed from the position of 1st Assistant Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station and New Haven Middle Breakwater East End Light, Conn., with pay at the rate of $1620 per annum, effective at the close of June 16,1930 his last day of service.

3. 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.Merry has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate.

4. In this connection attention is invited to our letter to the Bureau dated Oct.15,1929 recommending the demotion and transfer of Mr.Merry from the position of Keeper of New London Buoy Depot to 1st Asst.Keeper of Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.

J. T. YATES

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July 14,1930

John Ostman, Keeper,
Southwest Ledge Light Station,
New Haven, Conn.

SUBJECT: Earl G. Merry, 1st Ass t.Keeper.
REFERENCE: Your letter July 12,1930.

1. Since nothing has been hea rd from Earl G. Merry, 1st Asst.Keeper since he left the station on June 16th, action has been taken toward his separation from the service, and if by any chance he should return to the station, he is not to be permitted to resume duty as 1st Asst.Ke per.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Southwest Ledge Light

New Haven, Conn., July 12,1930

Superintendent of Lighthouses

3rd District

Sir:-

Your letter of June 30th,1930 Subject charges at hand July 11,1930. This letter was here about July 2nd, but was addressed to Israel H.Southworth so I sent it back as there is no such name at this station, the postman returned it and told me to open it, and I found it was for me.

In regards Earl G. Merry, I must report that he has not returned to this station up to date of this letter July 12, 1930 and I do not know where to locate him. I also want to state tha that Earl G. Merry owes a grocerie bill of $17.87 cents to I.A. Schycon of 328 Lighthouse Road, Morris Cove, New Haven, Conn. as he asked me to mention it to see what can be done for his bill.

/s/ John Ostman,

Keeper.

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Southwest Ledge Light,

New Haven, Conn., June 24,1930

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Sir:-

I hereby report that Earl G. Merry, the first Asst.Keeper started his liberty June 16,1930, was to return June 21st, 1930. I waited two days to hear if he was sick or what happen to him, but up to date of letter received no answer from him. I do not know of any permanent address that he has. Kindly advise me what to do.

/s/ John Ostman,

Keeper.

Paid 8/21/30
Vol 826
Check #1453605
$ 21.50

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

June 30,1930

Earl G. Merry, 1st Asst.Keeper.
Through the Keeper,
Southwest Ledge Light Station,
New Haven, Conn.

SUBJECT: Charg es.

1. You are hereby charged with absence from duty without leave or proper authority, in that you left Southwest Ledge Light Station on shore liberty on June 16th, with the understanding you were to rturn to duty on June 21st, but up to June 24th had failed to return to duty or to advise the keeper of the station or this office of the reason for your absence.

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

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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June 30,1930

Chief Clerk

Voucher Clerk

Hold up pay of Earl G. Merry, 1AK, Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta., until receipt of further orders.

He is absent from duty without authority.

Asst.Supt.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

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

June 30,1930

Earl G. Merry, 1st Asst.Keeper.
Through the Keeper,
Southwest Ledge Light Station,
New Haven, Conn.

SUBJECT: Charg es.

1. You are hereby charged with absence from duty without leave or proper authority, in that you left Southwest Ledge Light Station on shore liberty on June 16th, with the understanding you were to rturn to duty on June 21st, but up to June 24th had failed to return to duty or to advise the keeper of the station or this office of the reason for your absence.

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

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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a/c Transf

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11-4- 1929

Mr. P. Schrumpf:

Receipt for Transfer of Property
from Carl G. Merry, Keeper, New London Depot
is correct.

WILLIAM R. FRASER
GSK's Office.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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RECEIVED

THIRD DISTRICT

New London Buoy Depot.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 22, 1929

Superintendent.

In regards to your letter of Oct 15th which I answered on Oct 16th saying that I offered to pay Mr Murray and he did not want to accept it which is true. When I spoke to him yesterday he said he did not remember it. So in your instructions in letter of Oct 15th I paid Mr Murray $45.60 yesterday Oct 21-1929. I am incloseing receipt signed by him. I hope that this will meet with your approval and to asure you that I want to make any amends to make good my mistake.

Respectfully
Earl G. Merry Keeper.

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October 22, 1929.

Earl G. Merry, Keeper,
New London Lighthouse Depot,
New London, Conn.

SUBJECT: Employment of laborer at New London Depot.

REFERENCE: Your letter October 16.

Upon receipt of your letter of October 16 stating that you offered to pay the laborer for services rendered, and that he refused to accept same, the matter was taken up with laborer John D. Murray, and under date of October 20, 1929, he states that you have not offered to pay him for services rendered at your request, and that there is no reason why he should have refused to accept pay due him for services rendered. You will forward to this office full explanation of your letter of October 16, stating that the laborer refused to accept payment for services rendered, and you will also see to it that the laborer referred to is paid without further delay for the periods he actually worked to perform your duties during your absence, and advise this office by letter when such payment has been made as directed by letter of October 15.

J. T. YATES.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Hawthorn
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 30th, 1929.

Superintendent:

Staten Island,N.Y.

Subject:Transfer of Depot Keeper,E.G.Merry.

Reference: Superintendent's letter of October 22nd.1929.

In accordance with your orders contained in the above refered to letter,I beg to report that I have taken over all Government Property at the New London Buoy Depot,from Mr.Earl G.Merry,Keeper,today-October 30.1929.

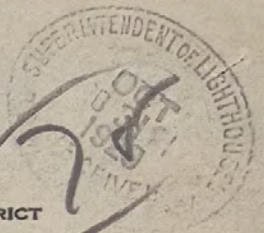
Form No.30-Keepers Annual Property Return and Receipt-has been mailed to you under separate cover.

John H. Kinlne

Master,L.H.S.

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

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE




10-31-29

Superintendent.

New London Buoy Depot.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 30, 1929

I like to report that I have turned over all Goverment Property at the New London Buoy Depot to John H. Kuhne Master Tender Hawthorn at the close of October 30th 1929.

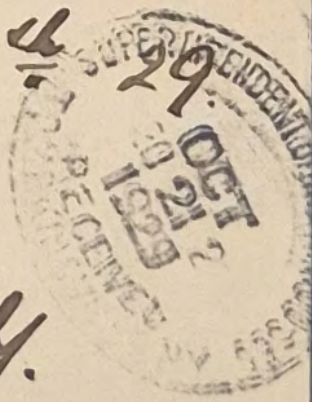
Form 30 has been mailed to you today. I am leaveing for New Haven tomorrow morning to report as Asst Keeper at South West Ledge Lt, Sta.

I respectfully request that the pay due me from New London Buoy Depot will be sent to South West Ledge Lt, Sta, New Haven Conn.

Respectfully
Earl G. Merry Keeper.

1st Letter

9 Lee Ave.
New London, Conn.
October 20th 29.




Superintendent of Lighthouses
Staten Island. N.Y.

Subject: employment at New London Depot.
Reference. yours of the 18th inst: to hand
Mr Merry has at no time offerd to pay me
and there is no good reason why I
should have refused to accept what
be due me

Yours Respectfully
John. D. Murray

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

South West Ledge Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

New Haven, Conn. 11-1, 1929

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Sir:

Your letter of Oct 22nd 1929 stating to report when Mr Earl G. Merry arrived at this Station. Mr Earl G. Merry arrived at this Station 10 a.m. Nov 1- 1929 for duty as 1st Keeper

John Ostman
Keeper.

Last day at New London Depot 10-31-29
D O D as 1st K at S. W. Ledge Nov 1-1929

Noted 11/4/29

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHC

THIRD DISTRICT

New London Ledge, Ct.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 11, 1923

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

October 13, 1923

Superintendent.

SUBJECT: Longevity pay of Keepers.

1. It is recommended that increase in pay of $60.00 per annum, on account of Longevity, be granted Earl G. Merry, Keeper of New London Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, effective August 9,1923. Mr.Merry entered the service on August 9,1918. His present rate of pay is $960.00 per annum, and the new rate, including Longevity, will be $1020.00 per annum. This increase was not previously recommended on account of oversight.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels
1st Asst.Supt.

Earl G. Merry. Keeper.

THIRD DISTRICT

New London Ledge, St. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 11, 1923

Superintendent.

Subject Longevity Pay.

District Circular No. 221 states that after five years continuous service the increase in pay will be $5.00 per month.
I entered on duty at New London Ledge, St, Sta August 9th 1918. The five years were up August 9th 1923. up to the present time have not received it. OK

Earl G. Merry. Keeper.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1923 OCT 19 PM 4 11

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 17, 1923.

Mr. Earl G. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $960 per annum to $1020 per annum, effective August 9, 1923. (Including $60 per annum longevity pay.)

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) OLIVER EASTMAN

Chief of Appointment Division.

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FWO-JHG

John H. Kuhne, Master,
Lighthouse Tender Hawthorn,
New London, Connecticut

Oct. 25,1929

SUBJECT: Laborers at New London L.H.Depot.

1. If the Laborers at present employed at the New London Lighthouse Depot are needed and are continued after Depot Keeper Merry is transferred on Oct.31st, they will after Oct.31st be under your jurisdiction, and Time Sheets (Form 46) to show time employed and pay due, will be submitted and certified by you, after the close of the end and the 15th of each month.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

FWO-JHG

Earl G. Merry, Keeper,
New London Lighthouse Depot,
New London, Conn.

Oct. 22, 1929

SUBJECT: Charges, etc.
REFERENCE: Previous correspondence.

1. You are advised that the charges preferred against you were proven to a sufficient degree to justify your dismissal from the service, but in determining the action to be taken in your case consideration was given to the period of your employment in this service and the fact that you had not previously been the subject of disciplinary measures, in view of which and in lieu of dismissal, your transfer and demotion to the position of 1st Assistant Keeper at Southwest Ledge Light Station has been authorized. You are therefore directed to turn over all Government property at the Lighthouse Depot, New London, to John H. Kühne, Master of the tender Hawthorn, taking his receipt therefor in triplicate on Form 30 one copy of which is to be forwarded to this office, this transfer of property to be made in sufficient time in order that you may report for duty at Southwest Ledge on November 1, 1929. Three copies of Form 30 are enclosed herewith.

Advise this office by letter of the date on which you leave New London Depot.

J. T. YATES

FWO-JHG

(25)

October 22, 1929.

John H. Kuhne, Master
Lighthouse Tender Hawthorn,
New London, Connecticut.

SUBJECT: Transfer of Depot Keeper, E.G.Merry.

1. Earl G. Merry, Keeper of New London Lighthouse Depot, has been transferred and is to report for duty at Southwest Ledge Lt. Sta, on November 1st. Mr. Merry has been directed to turn over to you all property at the New London Depot for which he has been responsible, taking your receipt therefor in triplicate on Form 30, one copy of which is to be forwarded to this office. Advise this office by letter of the date on which Mr. Merry has turned over to you all the Government property at New London Depot.

2. You will be advised at a later date when another Depot Keeper is appointed and in reference to turning the Government property over to him.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent.

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10-22-29

Copy to General Storekeeper, for his information.

Pers. Asst. Keeper
Oct 22, 1931.

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Light Houses

Subject: Reinstatement.

Reference: Your letter of March 21, 1931 stated that I could not be beligible for reinstatement until one year from the date of my dismissal. My year was up on the 16th of June 1930. Will you please reinstate me.

Earl G. Merry
251 Coleman St
New London Conn.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT OF LIGHT HOUSES
OCT 22 1931
RECEIVED
COMPTROLLER
WASHINGTON, D.C.

October 21 - 1929.

I received payment from Earl G. Menig
Keeper New London Buoy Depot for services
rendered $45.60

John D. Murray.

Witness
J. Hamilton

OCT 23 1929

PATRONS ARE REQUESTED TO FAVOR THE COMPANY BY CRITICISM AND SUGGESTION CONCERNING ITS SERVICE 1201S

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.

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**Received at Ferry House, St. George, S. I., N. Y.**

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LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT=

STATENISLAND NY=

TRANSFERS KEEPERS GEORGE PETZOLT AND EARL G MERRY AND

PROMOTION KEEPER JOHN OSTMAN APPROVED=

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Oct 21 1929

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

FWO:FM

October 18, 1929.

John D. Murray,
9 Lee Avenue,
New London, Conn.

SUBJECT: Employment at the New London Depot.

REFERENCE: Your letter September 15, 1929.

The matters reported in your letter of September 15 have been investigated including your statement that you have not received pay for the time you worked at the New London Depot at Mr. Merry's request. Mr. Merry claims that he offered to pay the laborer who was employed to perform his duties during his absence, and that the laborer refused to accept such pay. Please advise whether Depot Keeper Merry has offered to pay you for the services you rendered at his request, and also, whether you refused to accept pay from Mr. Merry for such services.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. OCKENFELS,

Assistant Superintendent.

Form A-38

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

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October 18, 1929.

M. Earl G. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES
1929 OCT 23 AM 10 40

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective November 1, 1929, or upon entrance on duty (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,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1740 per annum.

To: $1620 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

OCT 17 1929 RECEIVED

New London Buoy Depot
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 16, 1929

Superintendent.

Subject: Employment of Laborer at New London L. H. Depot.

Reference: Your letter of Oct. 15, 1929.

I offered to pay said Laborer for services rendered and he refussed to accept same.

Earl G. Merry Keeper.

FWO-FHG

Merry was transferred & detailed to furniture of Oak - S.W. Ledge Rt Sta Nov 1 1929

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Commissioner of Lighthouses; October 15,1929

SUBJECT: Earl G. Merry, Keeper of New London Light-house Depot, Conn.

1. The following correspondence re Earl G. Merry, Keeper of New London Lighthouse Depot, Conn., is forwarded for the consideration of the Bureau:-

a - Letter from John D. Murray, dated Sept.15, 1929.
b - Copy of letter to Master of tender Oak, dated Sept.21,1929.
c - Letter from Master of tender Oak dated Sept. 23,1929.
d - Copy of letter to Master of tender Spruce, dated Sept.21,1929.
e - Letter from Master of tender Spruce received Sept.25,1929.
f - Copy of letter to Master of tender Hawthorn dated Oct.1,1929.
g - Letter from Master of tender Hawthorn dated Oct. 3,1929.
h - Copy of letter of charges to Mr.Merry dated Oct. 5,1929.
i - Letter from Mr.Merry dated Oct. 11,1929.

2 - In this connection attention is invited to letter of caution addressed to Mr.Merry on June 27,1929, a copy of which was forwarded to the Bureau.

3. Mr.Merry admits the charges as preferred against him with the qualifying statement that he was not absent for the full period of time as shown in letter from this office of October 5,1929.

4. Mr.Merry's admitted conduct is such as to totally unfit him for continuance as Depot Keeper, and justifies drastic disciplinary action. In view of the fact that he has been employed in the service for a period of over 12 years, and with the exception of letter of caution of June

27,1929 for absence from duty without leave, he has not previously been the subject of disciplinary action, in lieu of dismissal it is recommended that he be demoted and transferred to the position of First Assistant Keeper at Southwest Ledge Light Station, Connecticut. Form 73 recommending the transfer of Mr.Merry is enclosed herewith.

5. 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

FWO-JHG

Earl G. Merry, Keeper,
New London Lighthouse Depot,
New London, Conn.

Oct. 15, 1929

SUBJECT: Employment of Laborer at New London L.H.Depot.
REFERENCE: Your letter of Oct.11,1929.

1. As it appears that the Laborer who was employed to perform your duties during your absences has not yet been paid, you are directed to make payment of the amount due to the Laborer referred to for the periods he actually worked to perform your duties during your absences. You will advise this office by letter when payment of the above has been made.

Superintendent

Form 73

NOMINATION

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
## LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHO

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y. Oct. 15, 1929, 19....
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

**Action recommended,** Transfer and demotion. Legal residence, Connecticut

Name, Earl C. Berry Proposed salary, $1620 p.a.

Position, Keeper Proposed range, $1560-$1860 p.a.

Location, Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta. & New Haven Middle Hbr.,East End Lt.,Conn. Appropriation, Salaries, Light-house Keepers

Effective, November 1,1929 {[1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

**Former position,** Keeper Former salary, $1740 p.a.

Location, New London Lighthouse Depot,Conn. Former range, $1680-$1980 p.a.

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

**Previous incumbent,** John Ostman Services terminated, Oct.31,1929

Reason, Promoted (Salary $1620 p.a.)

**Members of family in Government service,**

**Date of birth,**

**Remarks:** See letter to Bureau of this date re Mr.Berry.

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

J. T. YATES

*Secretary, Civil Service District.*

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N. Y. (City) Oct. 15, 1929 (Date), 19....

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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Action recommended, Transfer and demotion. Legal residence, Connecticut

Name, Earl G. Merry Proposed salary, $1620 p.a.

Position, Keeper Proposed range, $1560-$1860 p.a.

Location, Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta. & New Haven Middle Skw.East End Lt.,Conn. Appropriation, Salaries, Lighthouse Keepers

Effective, November 1,1929 {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper Former salary, $1740 p.a.

Location, New London Lighthouse Depot,Conn. Former range, $1680-$1980 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, John Ostman Services terminated, Oct.31,1929

Reason, Promoted (Salary $1620 p.a.)

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: See letter to Bureau of this date re Mr.Merry.

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

J. T. YATES

.....
*Secretary, Civil Service District.*

10/22 Copy to Mrs

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

NC 10/31/29

Mrs JHG

[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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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N. Y. (City) Oct. 15, 1929 (Date), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and demotion.

Name, Earl G. Merry

Position, Keeper

Location, Southwest Ledge Lt.Stn. & New Haven Middle Skw. East End Lt., Conn.

Effective, November 1, 1929 {[1]the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper

Location, New London Lighthouse Depot, Conn.

Legal residence, Connecticut

Proposed salary, $1620 p.a.

Proposed range, $1560-$1860 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Lighthouse Keepers

Former salary, $1740 p.a.

Former range, $1680-$1980 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, John Ostman

Services terminated, Oct. 31, 1929

Reason, Promoted (Salary $1620 p.a.)

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: See letter to Bureau of this date re Mr. Merry.

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.

10-23-29

[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

COPY

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

New London Buoy Depot

October 11,1929

Superintendent

In regards to the charges in your letter of Oct. 5,1929. I have nothing to say, except that I did not stay off all the time mentioned. I am very sorry that it happened and can only say that I have not been myself this past year. I would like to ask you to be as lenient as you can with me and if you can do so I would like you to give me another chance to make up for the past I will gladly amends you want me to make and will do my very best as to never again give you any cause for complaint. I have been in the Lighthouse House Service about 14 years and up to now have never been on charges and would very much like to stay I will promise to do my best and make good.

Respectfully,

/s/ Earl G. Merry,

Keeper

Memo

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John D. Murray says=

E. V. Merry Depot Kpr N K was absent Jan 3-11 inc - No record

Apr 15-21-(inc?) - No record

June 5-15 - (we have record 8-16 inc)

Oak was sta at N K in Jan - Says was absent for a period in Jan but cannot give dates. Knows Merry was not there & Murray was there Jan 9

Spruce was N K Jan 9 + delivered mail to Lot Murray. A Req for lamps Jan 7 bears name Merry but not signed by him -

Invoice 49887 receipted 1/9 bears name Merry but not signed by him -

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Apr 15-21 - Hawth not there. Left 5 am 15.

15 to 19 at New Haven

20 at Derby

21 " Ansonia

No entries Record to Jan 5 Apr.

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Earl G.Merry,Asst.Keeper,
Old Orchard Shoal
Lt.Station,
New Dorp,S.I.,N.Y.

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Earl G.Merry $480.a.
Ast.Kpr.Old Orchard
Shoal, Light Sta.

per [illegible] 72235 (POSTMARK OF [illegible])

**Receipt for Registered Article No.** _____

**Registered at the Post Office indicated in Postmark**

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Return Receipt fee 2 Spl. Del'y fee _____

Delivery restricted to addressee:

in person _____, or order _____

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POSTMASTER, per _____ (MAILING OFFICE)

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**Registry Fees and Indemnity.**—Domestic letters and sealed parcels indemnified for $50 or less, 15 cents; for over $50 and not in excess of $100, 20 cents; domestic second-class, not indemnified, 15 cents; domestic third-class, indemnified up to $25, 15 cents; Postal Union articles addressed to foreign countries, regardless of class or indemnity, 15 cents. Consult postmaster as to registry fees chargeable on registered international parcel-post packages for foreign countries. Claims must be filed with postmasters within one year from date of mailing.

**Form 3806** (Rev. 6-29-27) C5—0852 U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1927

10-5-29

Charges - Earl G. Sweezy

K - New London Depot

**Post Office Department**

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 72235

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, $300

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

NEW LONDON CONN OCT 8 7 PM 1929

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHT HOUSES OCT 9 1929 10 SECOND DISTRICT

*Return to* Superintendent of Light Houses

(NAME OF SENDER)

*Street and Number, or Post Office Box,* Tompkinsville, N.Y.

*Post Office at* _____

*State* _____

Rev. 3-24 C5—0116

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FWO-JHG

Earl G. Merry, Keeper,
New London Lighthouse Depot,
New London, Connecticut

Oct. 5,1929

SUBJECT: Charges:

1. You are hereby charged with:-

a - Absence from duty without leave or authority and without making report or explanation concerning such absence, from on or about January 3,1929 to on or about January 11,1929, and from on or about April 15,1929 to on or about April 21, 1929.

b - Submitting to this office false time sheets on which you certified that you worked and that pay was due for the periods Jan.3rd to Jan.11th,1929 inclusive, and April 15th to April 21st,1929 inclusive, whereas it appears that you were actually absent from duty during the periods stated, and that your duties as depot keeper were performed by another person who among other things received and delivered Government materials at the New London Lighthouse Depot, receipted invoices, and prepared and signed requisition for supplies needed.

c - Employing a laborer at the New London Lighthouse Depot without first obtaining authority from this office in that a laborer was employed by you for duty at the Lighthouse Depot from on or about Jan.3rd to on or about Jan.11th,1929, for which no authority had been granted.

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

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

C O P Y

Hawthorn
Oct.3,1929

Superintendent,
Staten Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Keeper at New London Depot.

REFERENCE: Supt's letter of Oct.1,1929.

In reply to your letter of above date I wish to say that I have no direct evidence that Earl G. Merry was absent during the past year, excepting his absence last June, which he claims to have been due to sickness.

When the Hawthorn returned to New London in March this year from the annual repairs in Staten Island I heard indirectly that Merry had been seen about town at such times when he should have been on duty on the dock, but I could not obtain any facts as to the dates and time. When I questioned Merry about it he of course denied that he was absent at any time excepting to go to the Post-Office.

If Merry took any unauthorized leave he would naturally choose such times when the Hawthorn was away from New London and as I always left word where the Hawthorn was going and when we expected to be back, so that in case any inquiries were made from the General Depot he would be able to give that information, he was able to choose his time and escape detection.

Since his absence in June last I have made it a point to keep informed when the Hawthorn is away to find out if Merry was absent from duty, but so far I have not been able to find him in any dereliction of duty up to this time.

/s/ John H. Kuhne,

Master

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October 1, 1930.

J. H. Kuhne, Master,
Lighthouse Tender Hawthorn,
New London, Conn.

SUBJECT: Keeper at New London Depot.

This office has evidence indicating that Earl G. Merry, Keeper at New London Depot has been absent at different times for various periods without obtaining approval of leave or otherwise reporting such absence. If you have any knowledge or record of any instances during the past year where the Depot Keeper has been absent from duty, will you kindly furnish this office with such information on the subject as you may have, together with any comments that you may consider to be appropriate.

J. T. YATES.

C O P Y

Tender Oak

September 23, 1929

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Third District

Sir:-

Referring to letter regarding Depot Keeper at New London being absent during period of January 3rd to 11th, 1929, wish to state that Keeper Earl G. Merry was absent for a period of time while Oak was at New London during January, 1929, and that during his absence John D. Murray was employed.

Cannot state exact days and dates of this absence but am certain that laborer John G. Murray was there on January 9th, 1929.

Respectfully,

/s/ Arthur E. Larson

Master

FWO:FM

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September 21, 1929.

Master,
Lighthouse Tender Oak,
General Lighthouse Depot,
Staten Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: New London Depot.

1. Please advise this office whether you have any knowledge or recollection as to whether Earl G. Merry, Depot Keeper, was absent from the New London Depot for all or any part of the period January 3 to January 11, 1929, and whether laborer John D. Murray was employed at the Depot during that period.

2. The Tender Oak was stationed at New London during the month of January.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

FWO:FM

September 21, 1929.

Master,
Lighthouse Tender Spruce,
General Lighthouse Depot,
Staten Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: New London Depot.

On January 9, 1929, the Tender Spruce both delivered supplies to and received materials from the New London Depot. Please advise if Earl G. Merry, Depot Keeper, was present at the Depot, or if on that date the supplies and materials were delivered to and received from a laborer named John D. Murray.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Mr. Ockenfels,

Sir:-

Materials delivered and received by Spruce at New London Depot on Jan.9,29 were received by John D. Murray, Laborer.

/s/ KLANG

C O P Y

9 Lee Ave.,
New London, Conn.

Sept. 15, 1929

Mr. Joe Yates,
Superintendent,
L. H. Depot, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I take this opportunity of calling your attention to a matter as regards pay due me from 3rd January to 11th inclusive. Earl G. Merry, Keeper, telephoned to me at my house and asked if I would go to the depot and fill his place as he was sick and unable to get there and that I would get paid for same, but up to the present time I have not received same and when I asked him about payment what he said to me would not look very nice in this letter. However Capt. Larson of the Tender Oak can vouch for my presence at the dock during that time also Capt. Kline of the Spruce was here during E.G. Merry's absence and I delivered goods made out the invoices for same and you will find my initials on these forms.

And again he was absent from April 15 to 21 and I had to send and get him on the 15th to come and sign the pay roll. He arrived at the depot with a prostitute in the name of Mrs. Bailey introduced her to us laborers and did not show up again until the 22nd and no doubt you are aware of his last absence from June 5th to 15th. Now as all the responsibility of getting out the work and looking out for other details falls on me while he is off his job I would ask you to investigate and see if found correct and that I receive what is due me.

Your respectfully,

/s/ John D. Murray,
Laborer
New London Buoy Depot

Chief Clerk

Voucher Clerk

July 2,1929

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Earl G. Merry, Keeper, New London Depot, returned to duty June 17th, and payment of salary may be made him effective beginning that date.

No payment is to be made him for period June 8th to June 16th, inclusive.

OCKENFELS
Asst.Supt.

FWO:FM

June 27, 1929.

Earl G. Merry, Keeper,
New London Lighthouse Depot,
New London, Conn.

SUBJECT: Charges - Absence from Duty.

REFERENCE: Letter from this office June 14 and your reply June 18.

You are advised that your explanation concerning the matter of your absence from duty from June 8 to June 16, inclusive, without forwarding either to this office or to the Tender Pansy stationed at New London, any report or information whatever as to the cause of your absence or the probable time when you would return to duty, is not by any means satisfactory. The mere statement that you were sick does not satisfactorily explain your failure to make proper report in the matter as required by paragraph 2, page 5, of Instructions to Employees. That you were able to forward the required report had you so desired is evidenced by the fact that you called at your doctor's office on June 8, 11 and 14. Your failure to make proper report of your actions was not only in direct violation of the Instructions to Employees, but also indicates lack of interest in your position as Depot Keeper, and also the work of the Service. You are hereby cautioned for your conduct and disregard of Instructions in this instance, and advised that a repetition will result in drastic disciplinary measures being taken.

J. T. YATES,

Superintendent.

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Copy forwarded to Commissioner.

A further report will be made at the expiration of six months.

J. T. YATES.

June 29-1929

Superintendent.

Subject: My check.

My check received for the first half of June. I had it cashed by Mr Morris Katz 29 North Bank St. New London Conn which he returned it to me tonight to have it straighten out as Mr Lawton did not sign it please send it to Mr Morris Katz 29 North Bank St New London Conn.

Earl G. Merry Keeper
New London Buoy Depot.

Check sent to Merry
Rptd by W & L
7/1/29

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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THIRD DISTRICT

New London Buoy Depot.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 24, 1929

Superintendent.

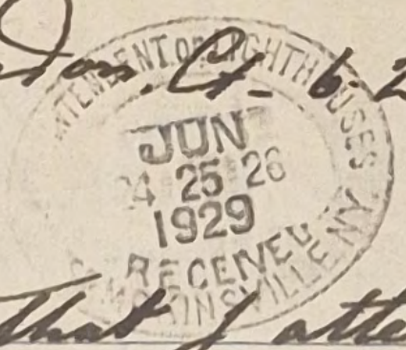
Subject: Absence from duty.

In answer to your request in letter of June 20th respectfully submit statement from doctor.

Respectfully
Earl G. Merry Keeper.

Atcor

New London Ct. 6-22-29




This is to certify that I attended Mr Earl G. Merry from June 8th to June 16th inclusive for intestinal catarrh, followed by diarrhea, dizzy spells, and consequently extreme weakness, which disabled him. He came to my office 3 times, namely June 8th, 11th, and 14th of June, and in the last visit, I ordered him to days of complete rest to recuperate his strenght before resuming his usual duties

A. Cocuzzi M.D.

75 Howard St. New London Ct.

Tel. 9405

FWO:FM

June 20, 1929.

Earl G. Merry, Keeper,
New London Lighthouse Depot,
New London, Conn.

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.

REFERENCE: Your letter June 18, 1929.

It is noted that you claim that you were sick from June 8 to June 16 inclusive. You are directed to obtain and forward to this office a certificate from your physician showing the dates between which you were under his care and attended by him, and the nature of your illness which it is claimed incapacitated you from duty.

J. T. YATES,

Superintendent.

Receipt for Registered Article No. 7992

Registered at the Post Office indicated in Postmark

Fee paid 15 cents. Class postage

Return Receipt fee ____ Spl. Del'y fee ____

Delivery restricted to addressee:

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Depot

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REGISTERED ARTICLE No. 7992

INSURED PARCEL No.

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, $300

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

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Return to Superintendent of Lighthouses

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

(Street and Number, or Post Office Box.)

Post Office at

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

New London Buoy Depot.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 18, 1929

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

In answer to your letter of June 14th I wish to state that from June 8th to June 17th I was sick and reported for duty on morning of June 17th at 7 a.m.
I have also mailed doctor certificate for period of time sick to Gen Depot. I live on a House Boat alone and feeling that I should not be alone hired a room and I forgot to notify the Depot.

Respectfully
Earl G. Merry Keeper

Chief Clerk

Voucher Clerk

June 18,1929

Earl G. Merry, Keeper, New London Depot, has been absent since June 7th.

Hold up all pay for month of June until receipt of further orders.

Asst.Supt.

FWO-JHG

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

Earl G. Merry, Keeper,
New London Lighthouse Depot,
New London, Connecticut

June 14,1929

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with absence from duty without leave or proper authority in that upon a visit of the Superintendent to the New London Lighthouse Depot on June 12,1929 he was advised that you had not reported for duty since June 7,1929, and that during this period of absence you had failed to notify the Depot as to your whereabouts, your reason for not reporting for duty, or when you intended or expected to return to duty. In addition you had failed to notify this office of your absence from duty or the cause of your absence.

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.

3. If you desire to make no statement, you will so state in writing.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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JTY:JJH June 13, 1929

Memorandum regarding buoy keeper Merry at New London Lighthouse Depot.

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1. While at New London Depot Wednesday June 12th was advised by the Captain of the Hawthorn that Depot Keeper Merry had not reported at the Depot since Friday June 7th and that they had no word from him in regard to his whereabouts or the reason for not reporting.

J.T.YATES

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Copy for Mr. Ockenfels

Send Report in due course

See letter to Bn 10/15/29 + attd convict charges. Merry was transfd 12th Dist Kpr at Sw Ledge Lt—

Ock—

(c) I, the undersigned, a duly authorized practitioner of medicine, do hereby certify that Mr Earl G. Merry was under my professional care from June 7th 1929 to June 17th, inclusive, and during that period was wholly incapacitated for official duty. This certificate is given with the full knowledge of the fact that it will be used as the basis for executive action.

June 17th - 29
(Date)

O. Cavicchia M.D.
(Name of physician)

75 Howard St New London Ct
(Street and city address)

## SICK-LEAVE AFFIDAVIT

I, _____, solemnly swear that my absence from duty _____
(Insert dates)
_____, 192 , was caused by personal illness which rendered me unable to perform my official duties, and that during said illness no physician was in attendance for the following reason:

_____

_____
(Signature of employee)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me by the above-named employee this _____ day of _____, 192

[SEAL]

_____
(Signature)

_____
(Official title)

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTS
JUN 13 1929
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## INSTRUCTIONS

1. This blank should be used for annual, sick, military, accrued, or leave without pay by all employees of the Lighthouse Service entitled to leave (except by keepers) for one day or more leave.

2. For sick leave fill out request (*b*); for all other classes of leave fill out request (*a*).

3. Furnish a doctor's certificate (*c*) when sick leave exceeds two days, counting Sundays and holidays when they occur within the period of sick leave.

4. Applications for sick leave must be submitted for the consideration of the approving officer within three days after the applicant's return to duty. If the period of absence is two days or less, and the application is not accompanied by a certificate of an attending physician, it must be supported by an affidavit certifying that the absence was due to illness, that the employee was unable to perform official duties, and giving specific reasons for not having a physician in attendance. If the period of absence is in excess of two days, a physician's certificate will be required, except that where unusual circumstances are present the Department may waive the certificate on the recommendation of the head of the bureau. Applications may be sworn to before officers and employees of the Department authorized by law to administer oaths without payment of notarial fees.

5. If the actual absence is in excess of the grant, an application to cover such additional absence must immediately be made and forwarded to the District Office.

6. After the application has been acted on at the Dis- the stub should be detached and forwarded to the applicant.

7. The stub should be completed by the applicant promptly upon return to duty and forwarded to the District Office through official channels.

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# TIME SHEET FOR THE MONTH OF April, 1929 FEATURE New London Buoy Depot

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| Earl G. Merry<br>Keeper New London<br>Lighthouse Buoy Depot. | | X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X | | | 15 Days | $145.00 per month | $72.50 |
| Edward S. Reeves<br>Watchman New London<br>Lighthouse Buoy Depot. | | X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X | | | 15 Days | $130.00 per month | $65.00 |
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| John Hamilton<br>Laborer New London<br>Lighthouse Buoy Depot. | 302<br>202 | X X X X X S X X X X X S X X<br>X X | | | 13 Days | $4.56 per day | $59.28 |
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I Certify that this time sheet is correct as to names designation, period of service, rates of pay and amount due. Earl G. Merry, Keeper New London Lighthouse Buoy Depot.

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I certify that this time sheet is correct as to names designation period of service rate of pay and amount of pay due.

Earl G. Merry
KEEPER N.L. BUOY DEPOT

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I Certify that this time sheet is correct as to names, designation period of service rates of pay and amount due. Earl G. Merry Keeper New London Lighthouse Buoy Depot.

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File Clerk

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Please give me daily reports of

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Asst Supt:-

Absences - E. D. Merry - Jan 1, 1929 to date.

Absent without leave - June 8 - 14, 1929 - 9 Days.

J. W. Barry

Pay. Range

Earl G. Merry – 1740 1680-1980

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S. W. Edge. 1st Alt – 1620 = 1560-1860

2 Alt – 1560 = 1500-1800

1st Asst S W Edge

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

New London Buoy Depot.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 3, 1928

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Superintendent.

Subject: Substitute Keeper.

Please inform me if one of the Laborers will be needed to take my place while on annual leave.

Earl G. Merry Keeper.

October 5, 1928.

Keeper,
New London Buoy Depot,
New London, Conn.

SUBJECT: Substitute depot keeper.

REFERENCE: Your letter October 3, 1928.

You are hereby instructed to place one of the laborers on duty in your place for such times as you are on annual leave.

J. T. YATES.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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THIRD DISTRICT

New London Buoy Depot.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 6, 1927

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Superintendent.

Subject: Laborer in my place from Oct 7th to Oct 24th inclusive.

Please inform me if I shall put a laborer in my place during my absence as has been customery.

Earl G. Merry. Keeper.

Yes. would prefer this

WJL:EJD

October 6, 1927.

Keeper,
New London Buoy Depot,
New London, Connecticut.

SUBJECT: Absence from October 7 to October 24, 1927.

During your absence on annual leave from October 7 to October 24, you will have one of the laborers now employed at the New London Depot, take care of the depot during your absence.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. OCKENFELS.

Copy forwarded to Master, Lighthouse Tender Hawthorn.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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THIRD DISTRICT

New London Buoy Depot.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 9, 1926

Superintendent.

Subject annual leave:
Reference of October 8th.
Please discard request for annual leave from October 16th to November 2nd 1926.

Attached

Earl G. Merry Kuper.

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

New London Buoy Depot. Oct 8. 1926

**Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District:**

(a) I respectfully request that I be granted 15 days of Annual leave from October 16 to November 2, inclusive, 1926

(b) I respectfully request that my absence of _____ days, from _____ to _____, inclusive, 19____, during which period I certify, on honor, that I was incapacitated for duty by reason of illness, be charged to sick leave.

(See reverse side for physician's certificate and sick-leave affidavit.)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES OCT 1926 RECEIVED PARKERSBURG W. VA.

Name Earl G. Merry.

Rating Keeper.

Recommended:

Earl G. Merry Keeper.

Approved:

By direction of the Secretary and Commissioner:

_____

Superintendent.

| PREVIOUS ABSENCE THIS YEAR. | Days. | Hours. | Minutes. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Annual | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sick | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Without pay | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Military | 0 | 0 | 0 |

MR

Time Clerk.

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TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE PERSON REQUESTING LEAVE

*The application of* Earl G. Merry *of the* New London Buoy Depot
(Applicant's signature.) (Name of bureau or office or vessel.)

*for* 15 *days of* annual *leave, from* October 16 *to* November 2,

*inclusive, 19*26*, is hereby approved.*

*By direction of the Secretary and Commissioner:*

_____
*Superintendent.*

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 10 1926
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BRIDGEVILLE, N.Y.

*Entered at District Office for* _____ *days.*

*Time Clerk.*

*Absence commenced (Give exact time.) _____ A. M. / _____ P. M. _____, 19

Returned to duty (Give exact time.) _____ A. M. / _____ P. M. _____, 19

Time chargeable, _____ days.

*NOTE.—Fill out this blank and return entire slip to office after leave has been taken.

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WJL:HL

(75)

October 8, 1926.

Earl G. Merry, Keep.
New London Buoy Dept.
New London, Conn.

SUBJECT: Leave fr October 11 to October 27-15 days.

During your absence on leave during above period, you will have one of the laborers now employed at the New London Buoy Depot tak care of the Depot during your absence.

J. T. YATES

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Forwarded to Master, Lighthouse Tender Hawthorn.

J. T. YATES

No. 22024

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 20 1924
TO

THIRD DISTRICT

New London Buoy Depot.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

December 19, 1924

Superintendent.

Subject: Custodian of New London Harbor Light.

I would like to be considered as custodian of New London Harbor Light in case of a vacancy.

Earl G. Merry Keeper.

Form A-29

# NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
## LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 31, 1925.

Mr. Karl G. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as Depot Keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1500 per annum to $ 1620 per annum, effective February 1, 1925.

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.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 30, 1924.

Mr. Earl G. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Pending the permanent readjustment of compensation in the field service, you are advised that the rate of pay of the position occupied by you has been temporarily fixed in the amount shown below.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Salary: $1500 per annum.

Appropriation: Salaries, Lighthouse Service.

Kpn Bay in Lists 6/24 & Modept=
Merry left June 16 - Due back June 21.

Earl Merry

Merry says -
Left June 11 - Due back June 16.
And back at L H Pt June 14.
June 15 taken with severe pains R side & shoulder.
" ~~16~~ 15. Dr ordered him to bed -
" 16 - mailed letter to Kpn -
" 20 - " " another " " "
" 23 to July 12 confined to bed -
July 14. went to Neo Haven. no boat avail.
" 15 - tried to hire boat - Too rough -
" 16 - hired boat & went to sea -
" 19 - Left for NY

Dr entry=
June 14 attended him
" 16 ordered him to bed -
July 5 allowed up to office
" 5-16 treated him at office
July 16-19 went to work against his orders
Still under treatment.

C O P Y

New London Ledge Lt.Sta.

March 7,1924

Superintendent

SUBJECT: Keeper of Lighthouse Buoy Depot, Custom House Dock.

I would like to be considered for the position as Keeper of the Lighthouse Buoy Dock New London, Conn.

Reference, Capt.Kuhne and James H. Marsden, 1st Officer L.H.S. of tender Hawthorn.

Earl G. Merry, Keeper of

New London Ledge Lt.Sta.

Write back - will be considered at proper time
There is no list
Ck

THIRD DISTRICT

New London Ledge Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 29, 1924

Superintendent.

Subject: Buoy Depot Light House dock New London Conn.

I sent a letter to this office March 8th asking to be considered for transfer to Keeper of the Buoy Depot New London and up to date have not heard from it yet. Will you please let me know how I stand on the list.

Earl G. Merry Keeper.

FWC-JHG

Earl C. Merry, Keeper,
New London Ledge Light Station,
New London, Connecticut

April 30, 1924

SUBJECT: Position of Keeper, New London Buoy Depot.
REFERENCE: Your letter April 29, 1924.

1. You are advised there is no list for the position of Keeper of the New London Depot. Your name will be given consideration for the position when steps are being taken to fill same.

Superintendent

May 7 1924

Mr. Yates
Supt 3rd Dist Lighthouse
Dear Sir

I have been informed by a friend of mine that you have a vacancy as Custodian of Lighthouse Dock at New London Conn if so I make application for the above position can furnish best of references as regards ability & character. I refer you to Harry M. Rankin U.S Local Inspector New London Conn

Over

TREASURY DEPARTMENT OF LIGHTHOUSES MAY 8 1924 RECEIVED GREENPORT, N.Y.

...District,

May 8, 1924 (Date.) 19

...sidence, Conn.

$1260 per annum

...riation, Salaries, Light-house Service

...ntrance on duty, or ...s he enters on duty.

...salary, $1020 per annum *

..., Other eligibles considered:

...ated, Feb. 21, 1924

...annum. ...his transfer attached ...474 of Regulations for

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 5/10/24

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* Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Westerly R. I.
May 7th 1924

Wm. Gates
Supt 3rd Dist Lighthouse

DEPT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 8 1924
RECEIVED
NEW YORK N.Y.

Dear Sir

I have been informed by a friend of mine that you have a vacancy as. Custodian of Lighthouse Dock at New London Conn if so I make application for the above position can furnish best of references as regards ability & character. I refer you to Harry. M. Rankin U.S Local Inspector New London Conn

Over

I am enclosing reference Card
& await an early reply.

I Remain

Yours Respectfully

Thos McVeigh

32 Granite St

Westerly

R. I.

I am enclosing reference Card
& await X an early reply.

I Remain

Yours Respectfully

Thos McVeigh

32 Granite St

Westerly

R. I.

Refer to W 1671

HARRY M. RANKIN

U. S. LOCAL INSPECTOR

NEW LONDON, CONN.

PHONE 125

FWO-JHG

Thomas McVeigh, Keeper,
32 Granite Street, Light Station,
Westerly, Rhode Island.

May 8,1924

SUBJECT: Position of Keeper, New London Lighthouse Depot.
REFERENCE: Your letter May 7,1924.

1. You are advised that another person has already been selected for the position of keeper of the New London Lighthouse Depot.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

FWO-JHG

Earl C. Merry, Keeper,
New London Ledge Light Station,
New London, Conn.

May 8,1924

SUBJECT: Transfer.
REFERENCE: Your letter March 7,1924.

1. Referring to your letter dated March 7,1924 requesting transfer, in the event of a vacancy, to the position of keeper of the New London Lighthouse Depot; 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 transfer will be effective about May 16th.

2. Three copies of Form 30 are enclosed herewith. Fill out same to show all the Government property under your charge at New London Ledge Lt.Stn. Hold the forms at the station until further orders are sent you re same.

3. 1st Asst.Keeper Southworth has been nominated for promotion to position of keeper, and 2nd Asst.Keeper Lyons to position of 1st Asst.Keeper of New London Ledge. Notify them to that effect.

4. Acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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

LIGHTHOUSES

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE 1924 MAY 17 PM 3 11

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

May 10, 1924.

Mr. Earl C. Morry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Depot Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Twelve Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum,

effective May 16, 1924, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

(By promotion from Keeper at $1020 per annum) (including $60 per annum longevity pay).

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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3rd

Appropriation: Salaries, Lighthouse Service.

Vice: Nicholas Nelson.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

Form A-13 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—1295

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

New London Ledge Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 10, 1924

Superintendent.

Subject: Transfer.
Reference Your letter received May 9. 1924.
And I received three copies of Form 30 which I have started to fill out. I have notify 1. asst Keeper Southworth of his nominated for promotion to position of Keeper, and 2nd Asst. Keeper Lyons to position of 1st Asst Keeper of New London Ledge, Lt. Sta.

Earl G. Merry Keeper.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 16 1924
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

May 14, 1924.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.

1. With reference to notice of change in salary dated May 10, for Earl G. Merry to cover his transfer from the position of Keeper of New London Ledge Light Station to Depot Keeper at New London Depot:

2. The Department advises that the issuance of a notice of change in salary is an error, that a new appointment is required because of a change in designation. Return the notice of change in salary in order that it may be canceled and a new appointment issued.

E. C. GILLETTE

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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FWO:ER

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N. Y. May 16th, 1924.

Returned to Commissioner:

Notice in change of pay referred to above, was returned to the Bureau on May 15th, on account of notation in notice referring to longevity pay.

J. T. Yates.

Superintendent.

FWO:ER

May 15th, 1924.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: Appointment of Earl G. Merry, Keeper, New London Buoy Depot.

REFERENCE: Form #73, dated May 8th.

1. Department letter in duplicate dated May 10th, 1924, addressed to Earl G. Merry, notifying him of change in salary from $1020.00 to $1260.00 per annum, in connection with his transfer from the position of keeper of New London Ledge Light station, to the position of keeper of New London Buoy Depot, is returned herewith, and Bureau's attention invited to the fact that the base rate of pay of the position of keeper of New London Buoy Depot is $1260.00 per annum and does not include longevity pay of $60.00 per annum, and the note "Including $60.00 longevity pay" should, therefore, not appear on his notice of change of salary.

2. For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. OCKENFELS.

1st Assistant Superintendent.

FWO:CL

May 23, 1924.

Earl G. Merry, Keeper.
New London Ledge Light Station,
New London, Conn.

SUBJECT: Position of Keeper, New London Depot.

REFERENCE: Letter from this office dated May 8th.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated May 19, 1924 appointing you to the position of Keeper of New London Depot, and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to enter on duty in that position on Wednesday, May 28, 1924.

2. Israel H. Southworth, 1st Assistant Keeper of New London Ledge Light Station has been promoted to the position of Keeper of that station and has to-day been directed to relieve you, and take charge of the station at the close of May 27, 1924. You will therefore turn over to Mr. Southworth on that date, the station and all Government property under your charge, taking his receipt therefore in triplicate on form 30, one copy of which is to be forwarded to this office. Three copies of form 30 were sent you with the letter of May 8th.

3. Report to this office promptly by separate letters the date on which you turn New London Ledge Light Station over to Mr. Southworth, and the date on which you take charge of New London Depot.

J.T.YATES
Superintendent.

By: W.J.Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

FWO:ER

May 26th, 1924.

Karl C. Merry, Keeper,
New London Lighthouse Depot,
New London, Conn.

SUBJECT: Appointment as Keeper New London Depot.

REFERENCE: Letter from this office dated May 23rd, 1924.

1. Three copies of form #30 are enclosed herewith, you are directed to fill out same to show all the Government property taken over by you at New London Lighthouse Depot. Sign certificate B on page #23 and also, have it signed by Captain Kuhne, Master of the Hawthorn, and return one copy of the form #~~23~~ 30 to this office.

J. T. Yates.
Superintendent.

By:- W. J. Lawton.
Chief Clerk.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

New London Buoy Depot.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 29, 1924

Superintendent.

I turned over New London Ledge Lt. Sta to Israel H. Southworth at the close of May the 27th. 1924.

I took charge of New London Depot May 28th 1924

Earl G. Merry Keeper.

E O D as Keeper, New London Depot 5/28/24

Entd 6/3/24

Form [illegible] FILE No. 8

# RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

PLACE, Staten Island, N. Y.

DATE, May 21,1923, 191

To the MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
*U. S. Public Health Service,*

New London, Conn.

SIR:

Please examine Earl G. Merry, Keeper, New London Ledge Light Station,

nativity, United States; age, 39; height, 5 feet, 7-1/8 inches;

weight, 183 pounds; color of hair, Black; color of eyes, Brown

distinguishing marks, Scar on right jaw.

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,

Supt. 3rd L. H. Dist. *Lighthouse Inspector.*

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(Signature of applicant:)

(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 1st Asst. Keeper, New London Ledge Lt. Stn.

## U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE,

DATE, , 191

To LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,

SIR: This certifies that I have this day examined the eyesight, hearing, and physical condition of , 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.

*Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.*

* If qualified, strike out the word "disqualified" and the paragraph following.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

Earl G. Merry, Keeper,
New London Ledge Light Station,
New London, Conn.

May 21,1923

REFERENCE: Your letter May 19,1923.

Enclosed is Form 206 "Record of Physical Examination of Light-Keeper or Assistant Light Keeper", addressed to the United States 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 physically 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 advantage it 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 possession 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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

New London Ledge, Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 19, 1923

Superintendent.

Subject Form 206 Record of physical Examination.

Will you please send me a Form № 206 Record of physical Examination of Light Keepers & Asst Keepers.

Nativity, United States, Age 39, - height, 5 feet 7⅛"
Weight 183 pounds, Color of hair, Black,
Color of eyes, Brown.
Distinguishing marks, Scar on right jaw.

Earl G. Merry.
Keeper.

MERRY, EARL G.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Earl G. Merry (Name) — Conn (Legal Residence)

## STATUS

11—3940

| DESIGNATION | ACTION | SALARY | BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION | DATE OF EFFECT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Asst Keeper | Prob. | 480 | L H - Old Orchard Shoal N.Y. L.S. | Nov 28, 1913 |
| " | Prom | 5-16 | " " | Jan 1, 1916 |
| | Resigned | close | Jan 15, 1916 | |
| 2d " | Reinst | 456 | L H - New London Ledge, Conn. | July 11, 1916 |
| 1st " | Prom | 5-40 | " " | July 20, 1916 |
| | Resigned close July 25, 1917 | | | |
| Keeper | Prob. | 540 | L H New London Ledge L.S. Conn | Aug 9, 1918 |
| " | Prom. | 780 | " " | Nov 1, 1918 |
| " | Incr. | 960 | " " | Nov. 5, 1918 |
| " | " | 1020 | " " | Aug 9, 1923 |
| Depot Keeper | Change. | 1260 | " New London, Conn | May 28, 1924 |
| " | Ready Pay | 1500 | " " | July 1, 1924 |
| " | " | 1620 | " " | Feb. 1, 1925 |
| " | COMPENSATION Act. May 28, 1928. | 1740 | " " | JUL 1 1928 |
| Keeper | Transfer. | 1620 | L.H. - Sw. Ledge L.S. | 11-1-29 |
| | Dismissed - Close June 16, 1930. | | | |

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

Bureau No. Lt [redacted]15 Sheet No. 3(b)67

Space reserved for the use of the Board

Discon 1921 retrenchment

1. Merry (Surname) Earl (Given name) G. (Initial)

2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field station Third District
(b) Subdivision
(c) City or town Staten Island State New York

6. Pay roll title Depot Keeper
7. Customary office title Depot Keeper
8. Present administrative allocation $1680-1980.
9. Present gross rate of pay $ 1740.00
10. Deduction for allowances $ None
11. Net rate paid in cash $ 1740.00

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 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (b) How many hours per week excluding unusual or irregular overtime work? Summer 48 Winter 48 (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? Yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering)
Instructs laborers regarding cleaning and painting of buoys.
(c) How many? 3

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.
Three laborers during summer.

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.)
Follows detailed directions as to methods and purposes.

20. What is the name, official position, and sheet number of the employee's immediate superior?
J.T.Yates, Light house Superintendent, 3(a)1.

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 | | | |
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| 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):

Corrected and certified by: Earl G. Merry Keeper New London Buoy Depot.

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?
Assistant and principal Light Keeper for approximate 14 years.

Compared and certified by: Earl G. Merry Keeper New London Buoy Depot.

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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

I act as Watchman at the New London Buoy Depot day times I have charge of three laborers at this Depot as working foremen we clean + scale rust and paint iron buoys clean + paint and repair wooden spar buoys make minor repairs to dock and keep the dock + buildings painted thereon and property charged to me and the work done by myself and the three laborers doing summer season. I keep the time slips of the men certify Light water + telephone bills

Sixty Hours Per week.

Ten Hours Per 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.

Earl G. Merry Keeper.
(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.

Is in charge of the New London Lighthouse Depot and looks after the receipt and issue of supplies, buoys, chain, moorings, and materials stored there; supervises the work of watchmen and temporary laborers employed as occasion requires to clean and paint buoys.

26. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? since May 1924.

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, 1928 — F. W. OCKERTELS — Asst. Superintendent.
(Date) (Signature of Preparing Officer) (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 $1680. to $1980.

OCT 12 1928, 1928 — J. T. YATES — Superintendent.
(Date) (Signature of head of field office or station) (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 $1680, to $1980

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

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1928

August 18, 1930.

Mr. Earl G. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Charges of absence from duty without leave or proper authority 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 $1620 per annum of Southwest Ledge Light Station, effective at the close of business on June 16, 1930.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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AUG 18 1930

EDW. J. GARDNER
Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED Aug 23 1930 ON JOURNAL 7802 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

A:N

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1930 AUG 5 AM 9 05

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

FWO-JHG

Aug. 4,1930

Commissioner of Lighthouses;

SUBJECT: Earl G. Merry, former 1AK, Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office dated July 15,1930 recommending the dismissal,from the service of Mr.Merry, effective at the close of June 16,1930.

1. Enclosed for the Bureau's information is letter dated July 20,1930 received from Earl G. Merry on July 25th in regard to the matter of his absence from duty without leave since June 21st, also the following correspondence pertaining to the matter:-

a - Copy of letter to Keeper Ostman, S.W.Ledge Lt.Sta.,dated July 25.
b - Letter from Keeper Ostman dated July 28th.
c - Copy of letter to Kee per Ostman dated July 30.
d - Letter from Keeper Ostman dated July 31.
e - Copy of letter of July 30 to Dr.C.John Satti, New London, Conn.

2. It will be noted that Mr.Merry claims that he left the station on June 11th and was due to return to the station on June 16th, whereas the report of the Keeper, the watch book, and the leave of absence record, shows that he left the station on June 16th at 1.30 P.M.,the watchbook showing that he stood a 12 hour watch on June 11th, a 24 hour watch on June 13th, and a 12 hour watch on June 16. Information and records therefore indicate Mr.Merry's contention is erroneous. It will be noted that the Keeper in letter of July 28th states that Mr.Merry made a statement to the effect that he (Merry) would send a letter to this office claiming that he left the station at an earlier date, this apparently with the idea of creating trouble for the Keeper. The Doctor's certificate dated July 24 states that he attended Mr.Merry on June 14th, whereas it appears that Mr.Merry was actually at the station on that date. The Doctor's certificate also bears the endorsement of a Notary which is unusual in form in that it does not certify or swear to the accuracy of the certificate but merely states - "Appeared before me this 24th day of July,1930".

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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With the view of clearing up the discrepancy as to Mr.Merry being attended by the Doctor on June 14th, and also to bring the matter to the a ttention of the Doctor in case the Notary endorsement had been added to his certificate without his knowledge, a letter was addressed to Dr. C.John Satti under date of July 30th, but for some reason he has not seen fit to reply to the letter up to the present time.

3. This office is of the opinion that Mr.Merry's explanation concerning the matter of his absence from duty since June 21st is not based on fact, and can see no justification for altering the recommendation as contained in letter from this office of July 15th. Even if Mr.Merry's explanation is partially based on conditions as alleged, the fact remains that he made no report whatever of absence or inability to return to duty as called for by Sec.134, Par. (f) Page 49 of Instructions to Employees, with which Mr. Merry is undoubtedly familiar in view of the length of his employment in this service.

J. T. Yates

RG:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., August 8, 1930.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with statement that the Bureau concurs in the views of the Superintendent in this matter, and accordingly does not recommend any modification of the action proposed in a separate letter of this date.

H. B. Bowerman
H. B. BOWERMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Action O. K.
Thos. Pettegrew
Acting Chief Clerk

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COPY:FM

July 30, 1930.

Doctor C. John Satti,
New London,
Connecticut.

SUBJECT: Mr. Earl G. Merry.

1. This office has received your certificate dated July 24, 1930, copy of which is enclosed. This certificate indicates that you attended Mr. Earl G. Merry for illness on June 14th. Investigation of the matter of Mr. Merry's absence from duty indicates that Mr. Merry was not ashore but was on Southwest Ledge Light station, his place of employment, during the entire day of June 14th. This office is desirous of clearing up this discrepancy and would appreciate it if you would verify, if practicable, the date of June 14th on which it is stated Mr. Merry was attended by you, and advise this office if according to your records June 14th is correct, or if it is possible that the correct date is other than June 14th.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT LIGHT HOUSES
AUG 1 1930
3RD DISTRICT

THIRD DISTRICT

South West Ledge Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

New Haven, Conn. July 31, 1930

1st

Superintendent of Light Houses:
3rd District.

Sir:

Your letter of July 30th 1930.
In regards to your letter of July 25th 1930, I miss read that letter regarding of copy of the Leave of absence Book, I read instead only a copy of the watch book which I sent.
I here enclose a certified copy of the leave of absence book for the months of June 1930.

| | Left Station | Returned | |
|---|---|---|---|
| John Oslman | June 1st 9 a.m. | June 1st 11 A.M. | Mail |
| Burkhardt | June 2nd 8. a.m. | June 2nd 10. a.m. | Mail & Supplies |
| John Oslman | June 6th 2.30 P.M. | June 11th 2. P.M. | Leave |
| William Burkhadt | June 6th 2.30 P.M. | June 6th 4.15 PM | Mail |
| E. G. Inemy | June 16th 1.30 P.M. | | Leave |
| John Oslman | June 20th 10 AM | June 20th 11.30 AM. | Mail & Supplies. |
| William Burkhardt | June 21th 1.30 P.M. | June 21th 3.30 P.M. | Mail & Supplies |
| John Oslman | June 23rd 10. A.M. | June 23rd 12. Noon. | Mail |

Oslman
Keeper

COPY:FM

July 30, 1930.

John Ostman, Keeper,
Southwest Ledge Light Station,
New Haven, Conn.

SUBJECT: Earl G. Merry.

REFERENCE: Letter from this office July 25, 1930.

1. You are directed to submit explanation by return mail a to why you failed to forward a certified copy of the leave record as signed by Mr. Merry before he left the station on June 16th. With your reply by return mail you will forward an exact and complete copy of the leave record book covering the entire month of June, 1930, showing all absences of all three keepers.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE




THIRD DISTRICT

South West Ledge Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

New Haven, Conn. July 28, 1930

Superintendent of Light Houses,
3rd Dist.

Sir:

Subject:
Reference: Your letter of July 25th 1930 at hand July 28th 1930. Regarding the statement of Earl G. Merry that he left this station on leave June 11 is a false statement. when he got his clothes at the Station July 17th 1930. and on leaving he made a statement to the effect that he would send in a letter to the office claiming that he left at a earlier date on leave and that would fix me. I paid no attention to his statement at the time. There is proof by Mr Leroy Sperry Manager of Light House Point Park, Myrtle Grove, New Haven. as he is on shore when ever we go or return he will prove that Earl G. Merry left on June 16th 1930 on leave. also that he was partly under the influence of liquor ever time he came back. and further more Merry said at times while at this station that he would get even sometime with me because I would not allow more than 5 days liberty. he said when he was Keeper at New London Ledge Light Station. he allowed 15 days and more. I told him this was not New London Ledge Light Station and if he did not like it

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THIRD DISTRICT

South West Ledge Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

New Haven Conn July 28, 1930

with 5 days liberty he could write to the office.
William Burkhardt 2nd " Asst's Keeper is also witness to my statement

The following is the Watch book twice from June 10 to 22 1930

| | | | | | |
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| June | 10 | 24 | hours | Watch | Burkhardt |
| June | 11 | 12 | " | " | Meny |
| " | 11 | 12 | " | " | Ostman |
| June | 12 | 24 | " | " | Burkhardt |
| June | 13 | 24 | " | " | Meny |
| June | 14 | 24 | " | " | Ostman |
| June | 15 | 24 | " | " | Burkhardt |
| June | 16 | 12 | " | " | Meny |
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| " | 17 | 24 | " | " | Burkhardt |
| " | 18 | 24 | " | " | Ostman |
| " | 19 | 24 | " | " | Burkhardt |
| " | 20 | 24 | " | " | Ostman |
| " | 21 | 24 | " | " | Burkhardt |
| " | 22 | 24 | " | " | Ostman |

Ostman
Keeper

COPY:JHG

July 25, 1930.

John Ostman, Keeper,
Southwest Ledge Light Station,
New Haven, Conn.

SUBJECT: Earl G. Merry.

REFERENCE: Your letters June 24th and July 18th.

1. This office has today received a letter from Earl G. Merry pertaining to his absence from duty, in which he states that he left the station on June 11th on shore liberty and was due back at the station on June 16th. Your letter of June 24th states that Mr. Merry started his liberty on June 16th and was to return June 21st. Your monthly report on Form 65 also shows that Mr. Merry left the station on June 16th at 1:30 P.M.

2. You are directed to advise this office whether the period of Merry's leave as reported by you June 16to June 21st is correct, or if the period June 11th to June 16th as stated by Mr. Merry is correct. Make prompt answer to this letter and with your reply forward a certified copy of the leave record as signed by Mr. Merry before he left the station, and also a certified copy of the Watch Book for the period beginning June 10th and ending June 22, 1930.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

PHONE 2-1789

C. JOHN SATTI, M. D.
NEW LONDON, CONN.

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
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July 24th 1930.

This is to certify that Mr. Earl J. Messey was attended by me for illness on June 14 on June 16th I ordered him to bed and he was confined for three weeks. On July 5th he was allowed up + about. From July 5th to July 16th, I treated him at my office. From July 16th to July 19th he went to work against my advice. From then up to the present he is still under treatment. My treatment was for symptoms of ulcer of the stomach.

Respectfully
John Satti M.D.

New London County
State of Connecticut
S.S. New London July 24 1930
Appeared before me this 24th day of July 1930
William Leggett

New London Conn
July 20 - 1930

Supt of Lighthouses
Staten Island N.Y.

E G Merry

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Dear Sir.

In reference to your letter of June, I respectfully wish to make the following reply or explanation. On June 11. last I left on my regular liberty, with the understanding that I was to be back on duty on June 16, and with the sincere intention that I would be there as I have always been during my seventeen years since, with the exception of a few days out for illness. I arrived back at Lighthouse Point on June 14th and my efforts to arrive sooner and why your office did not recieve notice of my overleave I will honestly endeavor to explain.

Some few months previos to my transfer to South West Ledge Light Station, I was the witness to a serious automobile accident in New London, Conn. In the month of November I reported for duty at this light, and a few weeks later, railroad inquiring board of the N.H. Hayford RR. my whereabouts, traced me to New Haven and to this Light. As soon as I was notified of these inquiries I immediately left for New London, these men located me at the F. L. Allen Hook + Ladder Co on Bank Street, New London.

I asked them where they procured their information that I was to be found at these five head quarters and they informed me that they went out to the Light and were told by the Keeper, John Eastman, that I had informed him that day that I could either be found at the fire house or if not they could tell where to locate me. The unfortunate individual in this rail road accident was a man named Tony Silva, resident of Magnolia Court, New London. On the very day I have started each Liberty I have had since I reported at the Light in November, I have told the Keeper, and I think William Burkhardt the other asst is aware of the fact, where I could be found or located for in case of illness of either man or any other emergency that might arise. I hope you fully understand. I also fully understand your letter and make no pretence of counterchages or any reflection on the part of the Keeper or 2nd Asst Keeper, but want all facts of this case, in justice to my self. On June 15 I was taken with severe pains in my right side and shoulder and after several hours of treatment appling heating pads and Liniment rubbing, was forced to go to a doctor. I was proffessionaly attended by

Dr C. J. Saitti and ordered to bed. on June 16 I mailed a letter to the Kuper + recived no answred and on June 20th I sun another letter to John Ostman Kuper to 328 Lighthouse Rd New Haven Conn. Mr Ostman say he did not receive these letters, which were mailed in New London Post Office by Thomas Manning Realizing that either something had happened at the light or to my letters which did not return, during the period from June 23rd to July 12, during which time I was confined in bed at 35 Tramont St New London conn. I had a gentleman make three telephone calls to the store at 328 Light Rd and was unable to reach either Kuper or Asst Kuper. On July 14, against the doctor's orders I left New London, and arived in New Haven at 5:15 P.M. fifteen minutes Later I arrived at Light House Pt. and saw the boat hanging in the davits at the light I walked the beach in the vicinity and there was no boat aviable for hire. On July 15 I endeavored to rent or pay a man with a boat with an outboard Motor to take me out. After a consideration he decided it was to rough to attempt to get out and promised to take me out the following morning. On Wensday the 16th the clerk in the store we buys our provisions secured a boat

to take me out. In company with the clerk, friend of his, and the owner of the the boat we set forth for the Light. On the way out we saw ahead of us and close to the Breakwater, the same boat I had tried to hire with three occupants heading for the Light and were unable to over take it. On the arrival at the Light which we made by a rowboat we carried in tow, I went aboard and found three men and my two companions on the Light, seated together in the sitting room. Upon entering I greeted them and they greeted me. I then asked if there was any mail for me and was answered by the presentation of your letter June Naturally surprised and thinking of my letters of Incapacitation and my telephone calls I was discharged, that is, that if I didn't understand, that this letter meant words to that effect as translated by Keeper John Ostmon. I then asked about the letters and was told they never was received. He then informed me that he was allso the recipient of a letter from the Department as regards to services upon reporting

Never after seventeen years of service with recomendations on various Stations even at this reception, would I or did I. umonstrate with my superior on a station, and I mediately began to pack my belonging's until such time as I would recieve the hearing which I sincerely belive the Department will give any man in the interest of justice and Lighthouse Seivice. Keper John Eastman, evidently impressed with my mediate acceptance of reputed charges and in fairness to my self and his own reputation with this fellow workers gave me a recomendation of satisfactory services, which I still possess along with other recomendations acquirred under different circumstance

Present Address
General Delivery
New London
Conn.

I left South West Ledge Lt. Sta on afternoon of 19th of July. With all due respect to both Keepers John Ostman & the 2nd Asst. Keeper. I wish to inform you with all these complications upon my mind I voluntarily, during a coming curtain of fog, did sign with no one attempting to prevent me or accept any responsibility both air compressors, which, did not work, I make this fact known not to repudiate another work accept to let you know that I was not even then, without the realization of responsibility of a lighthouse man under any condition or emergency.
I send here with attached medical certificate of the doctor who attended me, and respectfully requesting a thorough investigation of these facts I remain thanking you for past favors and expecting and early reply.

Earl G. Meyer
South West Ledge Lt. Sta
New Haven, Conn.

Form 1

State of Connecticut
County of New London July 25 1930
S.S. Then personally appeared before me the
signer and subscribed before me this
25th day of July 1930

William Lewis
Notary Public

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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

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1930 JUL 16 AM 9:13

Dismissed

South West Ledge
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

New Haven, Conn. July 12, 1930

Commissioner of Lighthouses:- July 15,1930

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SUBJECT: Earl G. Merry, 1AK, Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.,etc.,Ct.

In service approx. 15 yrs.

1. The following correspondence re Earl G. Merry, 1st Assistant Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station and New Haven Middle Breakwater East End Light, Conn.,is forwarded for the information of the Bureau:-

a - Letter of June 24,1930 from John Ostman, Keeper.
b - Copy of letter of charges dated June 30,1930 to Earl G. Merry.
c - Letter of July 12,1930 from John Ostman, Keeper.

2. The letter of charges of June 30th was sent to Mr.Merry at Southwest Ledge Light Station his only known address. Mr.Merry having gone ashore on liberty on June 16th with the understanding that he was to return to the station on June 21st, he has not received the letter of charges, therefore there is no reply to charges from Mr.Merry. As Mr.Merry has been absent from duty without leave since June 21st, since which time there has been no report or information received as to the reason for his absence from duty, and since his present whereabouts are unknown, and as it is not practicable to operate the station indefinitely with only two keepers, it is recommended that he be dismissed from the position of 1st Assistant Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station and New Haven Middle Breakwater East End Light, Conn., with pay at the rate of $1620 per annum, effective at the close of June 16,1930 his last day of service.

3. 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.Merry has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Action O. K.

4. In this connection attention is invited to our letter to the Bureau dated Oct.15,1929 recommending the demotion and transfer of Mr.Merry from the position of Keeper of New London Buoy Depot to 1st Asst.Keeper of Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.

RG:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses,Washington, D. C.,August 8,1930.
Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with statement that the Bureau concurs with the Superintendent and recommends approval of the action proposed in paragraph 2.

H. B. BOWERMAN, H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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THIRD DISTRICT

South West Ledge Light
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

New Haven, Conn. July 12th, 1930

Superintendent of Light Houses.
3rd Dist.

Sir:

Your letter of June 30th 1930 Subject changes at hand July 11th 1930. This letter was here about July 2nd but was addressed to Israil. H. Southworth so I sent it back as there is no such name at this Station, the postman returned it and told me to open it. and I found it was for me.

In regards to Earl. G. Tuney I must report that he has not returned to this Station up to date of this letter July 12th 1930. and I do not know where to locate him: I also want to state that Earl. G. Tuney. owes a Grocerie Bill of $17.87 cents to I. A Schycon of 328 Light house Road, Morris Cove, New Haven. Conn. as he asked me to mention it to see what can be done for his bill.

John Ostman
Keeper

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

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

June 30,1930

Earl G. Merry, 1st Asst.Keeper.
Through the Keeper,
Southwest Ledge Light Station,
New Haven, Conn.

SUBJECT: Charg es.

1. You are hereby charged with absence from duty without leave or proper authority, in that you left Southwest Ledge Light Station on shore liberty on June 16th, with the understanding you were to rturn to duty on June 21st, but up to June 24th had failed to return to duty or to advise the keeper of the station or this office of the reason for your absence.

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

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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South West Ledge Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

New Haven, Conn. June 24th, 1930

Superintendent of Light Houses,

Sir:

I hereby repnt that Earl. G. Merry the first asst/Keeper started his liberty, June 16th/1930 Was to return June 21st 1930: I waited two days to hear if he was sick or what happen to him, but up to date I letter received no answer from him. I do not know of any permanent address that he has. Kindly advise me what to do.

John Oelman
Keeper

CROSS REFERENCE

Earl L. Merry 11/6/29

~~Promotion~~ Transfer - effective 11-1-29

see file John Ostman

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

October 18, 1929.

Mr. Earl C. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective November 1, 1929, or upon entrance on duty (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,

OCT 22 1929

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1740 per annum.

To: $1620 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

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

September 21,1929

Master,
Lighthouse tender Spruce,
General Lighthouse Depot,
Staten Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT:- New London Depot.

On January 9,1929, the tender Spruce both delivered supplies to and received materials from the New London Depot. Please advise if Earl G. Merry, Depot Keeper, was present at the Depot, or if on that date the supplies and materials were delivered to and received from a laborer named John D. Murray?

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Mr. Ockenfels,

Sir:

Materials delivered and received by Spruce at New London depot on Jan. 9,1929 were received by John D. Murray, laborer.

(Sgd.L Klang.

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3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

September 21, 1929.

Master,
Lighthouse Tender Spruce,
General Lighthouse Depot,
Staten Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: New London Depot.

On January 9, 1929, the Tender Spruce both delivered supplies to and received materials from the New London Depot. Please advise if Earl G. Merry, Depot Keeper, was present at the Depot, or if on that date the supplies and materials were delivered to and received from a laborer named John D. Murray.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

Mr. Orkenfels
Sir.

Materials delivered and received by Spruce at New London Depot on Jan 9- 29 were received by John D Murray. laborer.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Tender Oak
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

September 20, 1929.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Third District,
Sir.

Referring to letter regarding Depot Keeper at New London being absent during period of January 3rd to 11th 1929, wish to state that Keeper Carl G. Merry was absent for a period of time while Oak was at New London during January 1929 and that during his absence John D. Murray was employed.

Cannot state exact days and dates of this absence but am certain that laborer John. D. Murray was there on January 9th 1929.

Respectfully
Arthur E. Larsen
Master.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

J. H. Kuhne, Master,
Lighthouse tender Hawthorn,
New London, Conn.

October 1,1929

SUBJECT: Keeper at New London Depot.

This office has evidence indicating that Earl G. Merry, Keeper at New London Depot has been absent at different times for various periods without obtaining approval of leave or otherwise reporting such absence. If you have any knowledge or record of any instances during the past year where the Depot Keeper has been absent from duty, will you kindly furnish this office with such information on the subject as you may have, together with any comments that you may consider to be appropriate.

/s/ J. T. YATES

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Hawthorn
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 3rd., 1929

Superintendent;

Staten Island,N.Y.

Subject:Keeper at New London Depot.

Reference: Superintendent's letter of October Ist.1929.

In reply to your letter of above date I wish to say that I have no direct evidence that Earl G.Merry was absent during the past year ,excepting his absence last June,wich he claims to have been due to sickness.

When the Hawthorn returned to New London in March this year from the annual repairs in Staten Island I heard indirectly that Merry had been seen about town at such times when he should have been on duty on the dock,but I could not obtain any facts as to the dates and time.When I questioned Merry about it he of course denied that he was absent at any time excepting to go to the Post-Office.

If Merry took any unauthorised leave he would naturaly choose such times when the Hawthorn was away from New London and as I always left word where the Hawthorn was going and when we expected to be back,so that in case any inquiries were made from

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the General Depot he would be able to give that information, he was able to choose his time and escape detection.

Since his absence in June last I have made it a point to keep informed when the Hawthorn is away to find out if Merry was absent from duty, but so far I have not been able to find him in any dereliction of duty up to this time.

John H. Kuhne

Master, L.H.S.

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THIRD DISTRICT

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

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October 11, 1929

Oct. 5, 1929

Earl G. Merry, Keeper,
New London Lighthouse Depot,
New London, Connecticut

SUBJECT: Charges:

1. You are hereby charged with:-

a - Absence from duty without leave or authority and without making report or explanation concerning such absence, from on or about January 3, 1929 to on or about January 11, 1929, and from on or about April 15, 1929 to on or about April 21, 1929.

b - Submitting to this office false time sheets on which you certified that you worked and that pay was due for the periods Jan. 3rd to Jan. 11th, 1929 inclusive, and April 15th to April 21st, 1929 inclusive, whereas it appears that you were actually absent from duty during the periods stated, and that your duties as depot keeper were performed by another person who among other things received and delivered Government materials at the New London Lighthouse Depot, receipted invoices, and prepared and signed requisition for supplies needed.

c - Employing a laborer at the New London Lighthouse Depot without first obtaining authority from this office in that a laborer was employed by you for duty at the Lighthouse Depot from on or about Jan. 3rd to on or about Jan. 11th, 1929, for which no authority had been granted.

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

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

New London Buoy Depot
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 11, 1929

Superintendent.

In regards to the charges in your letter of Oct 5 - 1929. I have nothing to say, except that I did not stay off all the time mentioned, I am very sorry that it happened and can only say that I have not been myself this past year. I would like to ask you to be as lenient as you can with me and if you can do so I would like you to give me another chance to make up for the past I will gladly amends you want me to make and will do my very best as to never again give you any cause for complaint. I have been in the Lighthouse House Service about 14 years and up to now have never been on charges and would very much like to stay I will promise to do my best and make good

Respectfully
Earl L. Merry Keeper.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSES 1929 OCT 16 AM 8.58

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE 18 1929 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

OCT 19 1929 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N. Y. (City) Oct. 15, 1929 (Date) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and demotion.

Name, Earl G. Merry

Position, Keeper

Location, Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta. & New Haven Middle Bkw.East End Lt.,Conn.

Effective, November 1,1929

Legal residence, Connecticut

Proposed salary, $1620 p.a.

Proposed range, $1560-$1860 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Lighthouse Keepers

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

Former position, Keeper

Location, New London Lighthouse Depot, Conn.

Former salary, $1740 p.a.

Former range, $1680-$1980 p.a.

#1615

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

Previous incumbent, John Ostman #1665

Services terminated, Oct.31,1929

Reason, Promoted (Salary $1620 p.a.)

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: See letter to Bureau of this date re Mr.Merry.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN OCT 21 1929 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

J. F. Yates

Secretary, Civil Service District.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

Incls.

WASHINGTON October 16, 1929.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, attention being invited to Superintendent's recommendation of October 15 attached, in paragraph four of which the Bureau concurs and in accordance with which nomination for demotion is herewith submitted.

Action O. K.

10-18-29

Acting Chief Clerk

W. P. Harman

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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9 Lee Ave
New London. Conn.
September 15th 29

LIGHTHOUSES
1929 OCT 16 AM 8

Mr. Jos. Yates
Superintendent
L.H. Dept N.Y.

Dear Sir

I take this opportunity of calling your attention to a matter as regards pay due one from 3rd January to 11th inclusive. Earl. G. Merry Keeper. Telephoned to me at my house and asked if I would go to the depot and fill his place as he was sick and unable to

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

October 15,1929

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2 - In this connection attention is invited to letter of caution addressed to Mr.Merry on June 27,1929, a copy of which was forwarded to the Bureau.

3. Mr.Merry admits the charges as preferred against him with the qualifying statement that he was not absent for the full period of time as shown in letter from this office of October 5,1929.

4. Mr.Merry's admitted conduct is such as to totally unfit him for continuance as Depot Keeper, and justifies drastic disciplinary action. In view of the fact that he has been employed in the service for a period of over 12 years, and with the exception of letter of caution of June

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9 Lee Ave
New London. Conn.
September 15th 29

LIGHTHOUSES
1929 OCT 16 AM 8

Mr. Jos. Yates
Superintendent
L. H. Dept N. Y.

Dear Sir

I take this opportunity of calling your attention to a matter as regards pay due one from 3rd January to 11th inclusive. Carl. G. Henry Keeper. Telephoned to me at my house and asked if I would go to the depot and fill his place as he was sick and unable to get there and that I would get paid for same. but up to the present time I have not received same and when I asked him about payment what he said to me would not look very nice in this letter. however Capt Larson of the Tender Oak can vouch for my presence at the dock during that time also Capt Kline of the Spruce was here during C. G. Henry's absence and I delivered goods made out the Invoices for same and you will find my initials on these forms.
and again he was absent from April 15 to 21 and I had to send and get him on the 15th to come and sign the payroll he arrived at this

depot with a prostitute in the name of Mrs Bailey introduced her to his laborers and did not show up again untill the 22nd and no doubt you are aware of his last absence from June 5th to 15th
Now as all the responsibility of getting out the work and looking out for other details falls on me while he is off his job I would ask ~~him~~ you to investigate and see if found correct ~~and~~ that I receive what is due me

Your Respectfully
John D. Murray
Laborer
New London Quarry Depot

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

Commissioner of Lighthouses; October 15,1929

SUBJECT: Earl G. Merry, Keeper of New London Light-house Depot, Conn.

1. The following correspondence re Earl G. Merry, Keeper of New London Lighthouse Depot, Conn., is forwarded for the consideration of the Bureau:-

a - Letter from John D. Murray, dated Sept.15, 1929.
b - Copy of letter to Master of tender Oak, dated Sept.21,1929.
c - Letter from Master of tender Oak dated Sept. 23,1929.
d - Copy of letter to Master of tender Spruce, dated Sept.21,1929.
e - Letter from Master of tender Spruce received Sept.25,1929.
f - Copy of letter to Master of tender Hawthorn dated Oct.1,1929.
g - Letter from Master of tender Hawthorn dated Oct. 3,1929.
h - Copy of letter of charges to Mr.Merry dated Oct. 5,1929.
i - Letter from Mr.Merry dated Oct. 11,1929.

2 - In this connection attention is invited to letter of caution addressed to Mr.Merry on June 27,1929, a copy of which was forwarded to the Bureau.

3. Mr.Merry admits the charges as preferred against him with the qualifying statement that he was not absent for the full period of time as shown in letter from this office of October 5,1929.

4. Mr.Merry's admitted conduct is such as to totally unfit him for continuance as Depot Keeper, and justifies drastic disciplinary action. In view of the fact that he has been employed in the service for a period of over 12 years, and with the exception of letter of caution of June

27,1929 for absence from duty without leave, he has not previously been the subject of disciplinary action, in lieu of dismissal it is recommended that he be demoted and transferred to the position of First Assistant Keeper at Southwest Ledge Light Station, Connecticut. Form 73 recommending the transfer of Mr.Merry is enclosed herewith.

5. 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. F. Yates

Superintendent

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

Mr. Karl G. Merry,

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: $1620

To: $1740

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Form A-29

# NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
## LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 31, 1925.

Mr. Earl C. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as Depot Keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1500 per annum to $ 1620 per annum, effective February 1, 1925.

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,

FEB. 1925

HOW. D. GARDNER

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 30, 1924.

Mr. Earl C. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Pending the permanent readjustment of compensation in the field service, you are advised that the rate of pay of the position occupied by you has been temporarily fixed in the amount shown below.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Salary: $1500 per annum.

Appropriation: Salaries, Lighthouse Service.

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# OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APPOINTMENT DIVISION. JUN 5 1924

I, Earl G. Merry

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.

Earl G Merry.

(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 29th day of May, A. D. 1924

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) John B Henry

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires Feb 28 1929

| OFFICIAL TITLE | RATE OF PAY | NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT. |
|---|---|---|
| Present Keeper | $1260. p.a. | New London Depot, Conn. |
| Former [5] Keeper | $1020 " | New London Ledge Lt.Sta., Conn. |

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

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT

Staten Island, N.Y. (Address), June 3 1924 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on May 28. 1924 (Date)

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

ENTERED U. S. REPORT DATA

1st Asst. -- (Signature, followed by office) 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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NOT TO BE ACCEPTED AS AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 10, 1924.

Mr. Earl C. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Depot Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Twelve Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum, effective May 16, 1924, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

(By promotion from Keeper at $1020 per annum(including $60 per annum longevity pay).

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

MAY 17 1924

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Lighthouse Service.

Vice: Nicholas Nelson.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

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Form A-13

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK
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LIGHTHOUSES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y., May 8, 1924 19
(City.) (Date.)

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COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

**Action recommended,** Transfer

Name, Earl G. Merry — Legal residence, Conn.

Position, Keeper — Salary, $1260 per annum

Location, Lighthouse Depot, New London, Ct. — Appropriation, Salaries, Light-house Service

Effective May 16, 1924 { xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAY 1924 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

**Former position,** Keeper — Former salary, $1020 per annum * (includes $60 per annum longevity)

Location, New London Ledge Lt. Sta., Conn.

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

**Previous incumbent,** Nicholas Nelson — Services terminated, Feb. 21, 1924

Reason, Retired

**Members of family in Government Service,**

**Date of birth,**

**Remarks:** * Includes Longevity pay of $60 per annum.
Letter from Mr. Murray requesting this transfer attached hereto.
Recommended in accordance with Par. 474 of Regulations for U.S. Lighthouse Service 1918.

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN MAY 13 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

J. F. Joyce Ed.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAY 9 - 1924

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPROVED:

A. B. Davis
ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 8 1924
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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THIRD DISTRICT

New London Ledge, Lt, Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 7, 1924

Application attached

Superintendent.

Subject Keeper of Lighthouse Bouy Depot Custom House Dock.

I would like to be considered for the position as Keeper of the Lighthouse Bouy Dock New London Conn. Reference Captain Kuhne and James H. Marsden 1st officer L. H. S. of Tender Hawthorn.

Earl G. Merry Keeper of
New London Ledge, Lt, Sta.

CROSS REFERENCE

SEE FILE--464/16/D#

NAME Merry, Earl G. POSITION Keeper

BUREAU BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES STATION 3rd Dist.,

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

| BASE PAY | Bonus | Total | Allowances | | | As Classified for estimate purposes | | | Recommendations regarding differential from standard rates | | |
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| | | | Items | Value | Aggregate | Service | Grade | Pay | Is differential recommended | Amt. per annum to be Added | Subtracted |
| 1020 | 240 | 1260 | CR | 164.25 | 1424.25 | LHS | 7 | 1500 | yes | 60 | |

CIRCULAR #13----11/13/23

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GRADE RECOMMENDED 7

RANGE OF COMPENSATION RECOMMENDED FROM $1560 TO $1800

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

Kind of equipment None.; annual cost, $

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

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

(b) High school; years ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4

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

(d) College: Name ; years ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4

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

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

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

| | Percentage of total time given to each task |
|---|---|
| Operate illuminating apparatus and fog signal engines; keep apparatus clean and in efficient working order; care for buildings, keep them clean and in order; including painting and minor repairs. | 100 |
| 18a. Not specified; stand watches, work equally divided, average 6 or less hours per day; Sundays, operation of light and fog signal engines only. | |

...ON BOARD FORM NO. 1
...accordance with detailed
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Sheet No. 91

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1. Merry (Surname) Earl (Given name) G. (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field Service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field Station 3rd Lighthouse District
   (b) Subdivision New London Ledge Light Sta.
   (c) City or town New London State Conn.
6. Pay-roll title Keeper
7. Customary office title Keeper

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day see 18a per week 7 days
   (b) If this is not a full-time position, state percentage of time employed per day ---- or per week ----
   (c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From Sunset to Midnight or Midnight to Sunrise m. to ---- m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year ----
   During what months ----
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation ----
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus ..... $ 960.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ ---- per ----; bonus, $ ---- per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate ----
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: ☐ Quarters; ☐ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; ☐ Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; ☐ Fuel; ☐ Light; ☐ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum Subsistence $144.00 per annum
16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee: account of delay that would be involved.
    Kind of equipment None.; annual cost, $ ----
17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
    (a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8
    (b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3
    (d) College: Name ----; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (e) Post graduate work: Kind ----; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
    (f) Correspondence courses: Kind ----; number of lessons ----; number completed ----
18. Description of work. (Describe the various tasks performed, making the description of each as detailed as space will permit. Use a paragraph for each task and number the paragraphs. In the column at the right state the estimated percentage of the total time—in the course of a day, month, or year—given to each task.)

| | Percentage of total time given to each task |
|---|---|
| Operate illuminating apparatus and fog signal engines; keep apparatus clean and in efficient working order; care for buildings, keep them clean and in order; including painting and minor repairs. | 100 |
| 18a. Not specified; stand watches, work equally divided, average 8 or less hours per day; Sundays, operation of light and fog signal engines only. | |

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

The station is a considerable distance from District Headquarters and this employee works to a considerable extent upon his own responsibility. He performs his duties in accordance with regulations and special instructions received when the station is periodically inspected by the Superintendent or an Assistant Superintendent.

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

General supervision of the work of two Assistant Keepers.

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? 5 years.

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

JUN 20 1923 (Date), 1923. J. T. Yates (Signature of Preparing Officer) Superintendent. (Title)

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

Impracticable to obtain signature on account of delay that would be involved.

(Signature of Employee)

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

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

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

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

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent

Experience: If essential, kind and extent. Lighthouse apparatus, gasoline engines, boating, oil engines, painting.

25. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 1740 to $ 1860

JUN 20 1923 (Date), 1923. J. T. Yates (Signature of head of field office or station) Superintendent. (Title)

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Form A-21

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

# NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
## KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 17, 1923.

Mr. Earl G. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $960 per annum to $1020 per annum, effective August 9, 1923. (Including $60 per annum longevity pay.)

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPROVED:

ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT 16 1923
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

Commissioner of Lighthouses;

October 13,1923

SUBJECT: Longevity pay of Keepers.

1. It is recommended that increase in pay of $60.00 per annum, on account of Longevity, be granted Earl G. Merry, Keeper of New London Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, effective August 9,1923. Mr.Merry entered the service on August 9,1918. His present rate of pay is $960.00 per annum, and the new rate, including Longevity, will be $1020.00 per annum. This increase was not previously recommended on account of oversight.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

1st Asst.Supt.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NO ACTION NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
OCT 19 1923
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
OCT 15 1923

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10-17-23.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner

APPROVED:

ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON January 10, 1919.

r. Earl G. Merry,
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Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper of the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $660 to $780 per annum, effective November 4, 1918, inclusive.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings

Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JAN 13 1919 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT HOUSES JAN 4 1919

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

APPOINTMENTS

January 2,1918

Commissioner of Lighthouses;

CHIEF CLERK

1919 JAN 8 PM 3 13

SUBJECT: Pay of keepers, reclassification.

1919 JAN 8 PM 2 29

REFERENCE: Letter from this office dated Nov.20,1918.

1. Department letters dated December 5,1918 addressed to Earl G.Merry, keeper, and Homer A. Waterman, 1st assistant keeper of New LondonLedge Light Station, are returned herewith for the following corrections:-

2. Mr.Merry's appointment should read that his salary has been changed from $780 (not $840) to $960 per annum.

3. Mr.Waterman's appointment should read that his salary has been changed from $720 (not $660) to $780.00 per annum.

4. In addition to above changes additional letters should also be addressed to Merry and Waterman to cover their period of service as 1st and 2nd assistant keepers at said station for the period from Nov.1st to 4th, inclusive, at the new rates of pay, as requested in our letter of Nov. 20,1918.

J. A. Yates

JAN 9 1919
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.

JAN 8 - 1919

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

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H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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

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

Earl George Merry.

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

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

Light House Service, 3rd district New London Ledge.
Bureau or Service. Place (city, town, station, or vessel). District.

4. Position to which appointed 1st Asst Keeper.

5. Compensation 540 p.a.

6. Appropriation from which paid Light House Service Salaries Keepers

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

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

New London Conn. New London 2nd Congressional district.
City or town. State or Territory. County. Congressional district.

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

No different

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

11. Where were you born? New London.

12. When were you born? November 21 1884
Month. Day. Year.

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

14. What is your marital condition? Single

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

H. A. Waterman 42 Maple Ave.
Name. Number and street.

New London Conn.
City or town. State or Territory.

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16. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? Yes.

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

| Name. | Post-office address. | Position and department or office in which employed. | Relationship. | Married or single. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Eugene H. Merry | New London Conn. | Position Keeper<br>Department or office L. H. Service | Brother | Married. |
| | | Position<br>Department or office | | |
| | | Position<br>Department or office | | |

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

None.

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

| Department. | Bureau or Service. | Position. | Salary. | Appointed. | Separated. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd. | Light House Service | 1. Asst Keeper | $91.60 | Nov. 1913. | Jan. 15. 1915. |
| 3rd | Light House Service | 1. Asst Keeper | $91.60 | June 10 1916. | July 25. 1916. |
| | | | | | |

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

None.

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

| Company and regiment, or vessel. | Date enlisted. | Date discharged. | Cause of discharge. |
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| | None | | |

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

| Company and regiment, or vessel. | Date enlisted. | Date discharged. | Cause of discharge. |
|---|---|---|---|
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| | None | | |

22. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? ..... (If answer is "Yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan) None.

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service —

| Company and regiment, or vessel. | Date enlisted. | Date discharged. | Cause of discharge. |
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23. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 18, 19, 20, and 21.)

Floor Hand, Plainer Hand, Gear Cutting, Milling Machin

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

Primary School Education.

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

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

Light House Service, From Nov. 1913 to Jan. 15. 1915.
Light House Service From June, 10, 1916 to July. 25 1917.
Civil Service Exam. Aug 6, 18

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

Yes.

Date, Sept. 3, 1918

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Earl G. Merry

P. O. Address: New London
City or town.
42 Maple Ave.
Number and street.
Connecticut.
State or Territory.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Dec 4, 1918

(Signature) J. F. Wheeler

(Official title) A M

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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CCommissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: Pay of keepers, reclassification.
REFERENCE: Our letter November 20,1918

1. Returned herewith for amendment are Department letters, each in duplicate, dated December 5,1918 addressed to Earl G.Merry and Homer A. Waterman, keeper and (1st assistant) keeper of New London Ledge Light Station, giving them notice of change in salary, effective November 1,1918.

2. As stated in letter to the Bureau from this office dated November 20,1918, the date on which Mr.Merry entered on duty as keeper and of Mr.Waterman as 1st assistant keeper, was November 5th,1918, and it is therefore requested that the Department letters enclosed be amended accordingly.

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Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
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Dep. Comsnr.
Comsnr.

J. T. Ayres

amended & returned 12/27/18

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION DEC 2 1918 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

CARDED

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
DEC 23 1918

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

Conway
Acting Commissioner.

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Done Dec. 26/18

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 5, 1918.

Mr. Earl G. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $~~840~~ per annum to $960 per annum, effective November ~~1~~ 15, 1918. 780

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

Amended

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings
Chief of Appointment Division.

FOR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE
LETTER DATED 10-29-18
IN FILE OF 1095-3

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPER--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 23, 1918.

M r. Earl G. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 540 per annum to $ 840 per annum, effective October 6, 1918, or as soon thereafter as you enter upon duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,




(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Form 73

**NOMINATION**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.) Sept.19,1918 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

SEP 20 1918 11 42 AM

**Action recommended,** Promotion

Name, Earl G. Merry — Legal residence, Conn.

Position, Keeper — Salary, $660 per annum (840 new rate) CHIEF CLERK

Location, New London Ledge Lt.Sta.,Conn. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective October 6,1918 — ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

SEP 21 PM 2 17

**Former position,** Keeper — Former salary, $540 per annum

Location, New London Ledge Light Station,Conn.

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

APPOINTMENTS

**Previous incumbent,** Eugene H. Merry — Services terminated, Oct.5,1918

1918 SEP 21 PM 2 56

Reason, Transfer

**Members of family in Government Service,**

**Remarks:** Mr.Merry entered the service as keeper at New London Ledge Lt.Sta., on August 9,1918,and since that date has been employed in said position. His promotion is recommended as he is the only employee in his grade at that station, and the vacancy to which promotion is proposed could not be foreseen at the time he was appointed. No other employee of District desired transfer to this position.

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

J. V. Fyates

*Secretary, Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 20 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

1918 SEP 21 PM 1 36

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN SEP 23 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Conway

Acting Commissioner

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

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Form 111

# OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES SEP 12 1918

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CHIEF CLERK

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I, Earl G. Merry

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.

1918 SEP 12 PM 4 30

Earl G. Merry.

(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 10th day of Sept-, A. D. 1918

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Geo. H. Beck

(Official title) Notary Public

| Official Title | Rate of Pay | Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment |
|---|---|---|
| Present Keeper | $540 p.a. | New London Ledge Light Station, Conn. |
| Former[5] | | |

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

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Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 3rd District

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (Address), Sept 11, 1918 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on August 9, 1918 (Date)

J. A. Lee Lt

(Signature, followed by title)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 23, 1918.

Mr. Earl G. Merry,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. _____) issued by the Local Civil Service Board for the Third Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Eugene H. Merry,

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

(See reverse side.)

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**NOMINATION**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City) August 12, 1918 (Date.) 191

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

**Action recommended,** Probationary appointment.

Name, Earl G. Merry

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper

Salary, $540 per annum

CHIEF CLERK

Location, New London Ledge Light Sta., Conn.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective August 9,1918 { the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

1918 AUG 22 PM 1 45

**Former position,**

Former salary,

Location,

**Rank on eligible list,** 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 84.8 , Other eligibles considered:
None

**Previous incumbent,** Eugene H. Merry

Services terminated, July 22,1918

Reason, Promoted

Assignment to duty on Aug.9,1918 was necessary for the reason that it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained.

**Members of family in Government Service,** None.

**Remarks:** There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station. No employee of District desired transfer to this position. Nos.1 to 4 on eligible list will accept appointment only to certain specified stations. Mr.Merry was previously employed in this Dist.as follows:-Nov.28,1913 to Jan.15,1916 as Asst.Keeper,Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., resigned. From July 11,1916 to July 19,1916 as 2nd Asst.Keeper, New London Ledge. Promoted July 20,1916 to 1st Asst.Keeper same station. Resigned July 25,1917.

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Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, AUG 19 1918 , 191

Assistant Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

AUG 22 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN AUG 23 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Acting Commissioner

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

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July 30, 1917.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation, dated July 25, 1917, as first assistant keeper of New London Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, at $540 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, effective at the close of July 25, 1917.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.
Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Earl C. Merry,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 31 1917 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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LETTER TRANSMITTING RESIGNATION

LIGHT JUL 27 1917 HOUSES

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
## LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

CHIEF CLERK JUL 28 1917 5

Tompkinsville, N.Y., July 26, 1917

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Earl G. Merry — Position, 1st assistant Keeper

Legal residence, Connecticut — Station, New London Ledge Lt.Sta., Conn.

APPOINTMENTS JUL 28 1917

Salary, $540.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of July 25, 1917.

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JUL 30 1917 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**Remarks:**

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Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
~~Dep. Commr.~~
Commr.

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In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

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Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUL 27 1917

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Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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H. B. Bowerman

Acting Commissioner

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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LIGHT
JUL 27 1917
HOUSES

Inspector.

I resign my position as
New London Ledge Light
this 25th day of July.

1st Asst. Keeper
Carl B. Murry.

Human
Keeper.

Form 111

# OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT AUG 9 1916 HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK AUG 14 1916

I, Earl G. Merry

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.

Earl G. Merry.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 7th day of August, A. D. 1916

(Affix official seal here)

(Name) John W. Hartshorn

(Official title) Notary Public

| Official Title | Rate of Pay | Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment |
|---|---|---|
| Present 1st Asst. Keeper | $540 p.a. | New London Ledge Lt. Sta., Conn. |
| Former[5] 2nd Asst. Keeper | $456 p.a. | do |

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

CARDED.

(Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third District

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address) Aug 8/1916 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on July 20, 1916 (Date)

By direction of Inspector

Asst. Clerk
(Signature, followed by title)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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AUG 14 1916

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 7, 1916.

Mr. Earl G. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

First Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and Forty dollars per annum,

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

(By promotion from second assistant keeper at $456 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 8 - 1916 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Augustus D. Bennett.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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July 7, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Bureau's letter of the 6th instant relative to certain questions which have arisen in connection with the resignation of Augustus D. Bennett, second assistant keeper of New London Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, which has been recommended for acceptance, but not without prejudice, effective at the close of July 10, 1916.

It is noted that Mr. Bennettss resignation, tendered under date of July 1, 1916, to take effect July 10, 1916, was received at the Inspector's office on July 3, 1916. The same was forwarded to the Bureau on the same day as received, with recommendation that it be accepted, but not without prejudice, in view of the fact that Mr. Bennett had submitted his resignation on such short notice as to cause embarrassment to the service and had given no reasons for his action. The acceptance of a resignation not without prejudice practically amounts to a removal for cause and should not be recommended unless there is no other alternative. There is nothing in Mr. Bennett's case to indicate that his resignation was tendered except in good faith, nor has the Inspector explained in what manner the service would be embarrassed if Mr. Bennett left the station at the close of July 10, 1916. In the case of William H. Tucker, who submitted

his resignation as first assistant keeper of New London Ledge Light Station to take effect at the close of June 30, 1916, the Department approved the recommendation that the resignation be accepted not without prejudice. The Department did not question the action recommended in this case for the reason that although the resignation was tendered under date of June 22, the letter was not received by the Inspector until June 26, which allowed less than four days for the Inspector to proceed toward filling the contemplated vacancy. As far as the Department is aware, there is no minimum period of advance notice required of employees and each case must therefore be decided upon its circumstances. Mr. Bennett's resignation was received in the Inspector's office nearly eight days before the same was intended to take effect, and if this period was not regarded as sufficient by the Inspector, there was ample time to notify Mr. Bennett of the date on which he would be allowed to leave the station. If he refused to accept the Inspector's decision, his action could be considered sufficient cause for dismissal from the service.

The Department is of opinion that the Bureau will agree that the acceptance of Mr. Bennett's resignation "not without prejudice" is not warranted by the circumstances, and the same has therefore been accepted without prejudice to take effect at the close of a date to be fixed by the Bureau and reported to the Department.

It is believed that Mr. Bennett is entitled to the promotion dated July 1, 1916, to the position of first assistant keeper of

New London Ledge Light Station, at $540 per annum, and he should be directed to subscribe to the oath of office before he leaves the station. Mr. Earl C. Merry was reinstated to the position of second assistant keeper vacated by Mr. Bennett, the notice of appointment dated July 5, 1916, having already been delivered to the Bureau. The Department will therefore disregard the Third Inspector's nomination of the 3d instant, forwarded by the Bureau on the 5th instant, for Mr. Merry's reinstatement as first assistant keeper, vice William H. Tucker, and will issue an appointment to Mr. Merry promoting him to the position of first assistant keeper at $540 per annum, vice Augustus D. Bennett.

(SIGNED) A. L. THURMAN

Acting Secretary.

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Augustus D. Bennett,
resignation.

July 6, 1916.

Secretary of Commerce:

Referring to the resignation of Augustus D. Bennett, second assistant keeper in the Lighthouse Service, assigned to duty at the New London Ledge Light Station, Conn., at $456 per annum, which was transmitted to the Department today with form 93, recommended for acceptance but not without prejudice, effective at the close of July 10, 1916.

The Department, by letter of July 1, 1916, promoted Bennett to first assistant keeper of the above referred-to station subject to taking the oath of office. The Bureau requests to be advised whether Mr. Bennett should receive the benefit of this promotion for the period from July 1, 1916, to July 10, 1916, inclusive. If the Department decides that he is entitled to this promotion the third Inspector will be requested to have Bennett subscribe to the oath of office before he leaves the station. In this connection attention is invited to Bureau recommendation of July 5, 1916, for the reinstatement of Earl G. Merry as first assistant keeper, vice William H. Tucker, resigned. If the Department decides that Mr. Bennett is entitled to be promoted to first assistant keeper, it is recommended that Earl G. Merry be reinstated as second assistant keeper, effective today or as soon hereafter as practicable, vice Augustus D. Bennett, and that Bureau recommendation of July 5, 1916, for his reinstatement as first assistant keeper, vice William H. Tucker, be disregarded,

and that another appointment be issued promoting Merry to the position of first assistant keeper at $540 per annum, vice Augustus D. Bennett, effective July 11, 1916, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Inclosed is a copy of the third Inspector's letter of July 3d in regard to Bennett's resignation.

(Signed) G. R. Putnam

Form 111

# OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
AUG 9 1916
HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK
AUG 14 1916

I, Earl G. Merry

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.

Earl G. Merry
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 7th day of August, A. D. 1916

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) John W. Hartshorn

(Official title) Notary Public

| Official Title | Rate of Pay | Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment |
|---|---|---|
| Present 2nd Asst. Keeper | $456 p.a. | New London Ledge Lt. Sta., Conn. |
| Former[5] | | |

CARDED

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

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address), Aug 8, 1916 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on July 11, 1916 (Date)

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BY THE AUTHORITY AND BY DIRECTION OF INSPECTOR,

Hasbrouck Capt

(Signature, followed by title)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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AUG 14 1916

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 5, 1916.

Mr. Earl G. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Second Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Fifty-six dollars per annum,

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

(By reinstatement in accordance with authority contained in Civil Service Certificate No. 9642.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 5 - 1916 ON JOURNAL DEPT. OF COMMERCE

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Augustus D. Bennett.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
JUL 5 1916
HOUSES

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

SPECIAL

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr.
Commr.

July 3, 1916

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

Referring to Form 73, dated June 29, 1916, nominating Earl G. Merry for reinstatement in the Lighthouse Service to the position of Second Assistant Keeper of New London Ledge Light Station, Conn., effective July 6, 1916.

There is forwarded to the Bureau today a new Form 73 nominating Mr. Merry to the position of 1st Assistant Keeper of the above station instead of 2nd Assistant Keeper. It is desired that this form supersede that above referred to of June 29, 1916, and that this office be advised by telegram of the appointment of Mr. Merry

J. T. Yates

Form 73

**NOMINATION**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT JUL 5 1916 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) July 3, 1916 (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK JUL 5 1916

**Action recommended, Reinstatement**

Name, **Earl G. Merry** Legal residence, **Conn.**

Position, **1st Assistant Keeper** Salary, **$540 per annum**

Location, **New London Ledge Light Station, Conn.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

APPOINTMENTS JUL 6 1916

Effective **July 6, 1916** {'~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

**Former position, Assistant Keeper** Former salary, **$516. per annum**

Location, **Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, N.Y.**

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

Cancelled See letter July 7, 1916

**Previous incumbent, William H. Tucker** Services terminated, **June 30, 1916**

Reason, **Resigned.**

**Members of family in Government Service, None.**

**Remarks:**

**Mr. Merry's resignation was accepted by Dept. letter of January 5, 1916.**
**No employee of this district desired transfer to this position.**

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

D.T. July 5 - Reinstated Merry as 2 alt Vice Bennett

*Secretary, Civil Service District.*

J. T. Tyler
**Inspector**

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One inclosure.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUL 5 1916

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, in place of nomination of Merry submitted to the Department on June 30, 1916. Attention invited to 3d Inspector's letter of July 3, 1916, inclosed.

- for reinstatement as 2nd alt Same Dis

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H. B. Bowerman
**Acting Commissioner**

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

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Form 1788 (First Sheet).
Jan., 1913.

No. 9642

CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZING REINSTATEMENT.

# UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
APPOINTMENT WRITTEN
JUL 5 - 1916
DEPT OF COMMERCE

CHIEF CLERK
JUL 5 1916
APPOINTMENTS
JUL 5 1916
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A.L. Washington, D. C., July 3,1916.

To the

Secretary of Commerce.

Sir:

Certification is hereby made that the following reinstatement is authorized by the Commission under Civil Service Rule IX:

Earl G. Merry, of

| STATUS AUTHORIZED. | FORMER STATUS. |
|---|---|
| Commerce, (Department.) | Same, (Department.) |
| Lighthouse Service, (Bureau or office.) | Same, (Bureau or office.) |
| Second Assistant Keeper, $456 p.a., (Position and salary.) | Assistant Keeper, $516 p.a., (Position and salary.) |
| New London Ledge Light Station, Conn. (City in which to be employed.) | Old Orchard Shoal Light Sta., N.Y. (City in which formerly employed.) |
| July 1,1916. (Date of request.) | January 15,1916, resignation. (Date and manner of separation.) |

Very respectfully,

John T. Doyle

Secretary.

6—3058

Form 381.
May, 1910.

# REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
[Department, Commission, or Office.]

Washington, D. C., July 1, 1916.

To the U. S. Civil Service Commission:

Request is made for certificate under Rule IX for the reinstatement of Earl G. Merry, a legal resident of the State (or Territory) of Connecticut, to the position of Second Assistant Keeper of New London Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, now vacant (or to become vacant on ), at a salary of $456 p. a., in the Lighthouse Service, for which a certification of eligibles has not been requested.* Mr. Merry was, without delinquency or misconduct on his part, separated by resignation on January 15, 1916, from the position of Assistant Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, New York, at a salary of $ 516 p. a., in the Lighthouse Service.
[Removal or resignation.] [Bureau or Office.]

MEMBERS OF FAMILY IN THE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES:

The Bureau reports that there are no members of Mr. Merry's family in the Government service.
[State degree of relationship and where employed.]

## MILITARY OR NAVAL RECORD.

Regiment Company

Vessel Date of honorable discharge

By direction of the Secretary: (SIGNED) GEO. S. HAVENNER

Signature:

Official title: Chief Clerk.

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*If a certification has been requested, the date should be given. When a requisition has been made under section 1 of Rule VII for a certification of eligibles, and the Commission, at the request of the Department, has made public announcement of an examination to secure such eligibles, the vacancy shall not thereafter be filled by transfer, promotion, or reinstatement, without the consent of the Commission.

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Form 73

**NOMINATION**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT JUN 30 1916 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) June 29 (Date.), 1916

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK JUN 30 1916

**Action recommended, Reinstatement**

Name, **Earl G. Merry** Legal residence, **Conn.**

Position, **Second Assistant Keeper** Salary, **$456 per annum**

Location, **New London Ledge Light Station, Conn.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **July 6, 1916** {[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

APPOINTMENTS JUL 3 1916

**Former position, Assistant Keeper** Former salary, **$516 per annum**

Location, **Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, N.Y.**

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

**Previous incumbent, Augustus D. Bennett** Services terminated, **July 5, 1916**

Reason, **Promoted.** requested

**Members of family in Government Service, None**

**Remarks: Mr. Merry's resignation was accepted by Dept. letter of January 5, 1916.**
**No employee of District desired transfer to this position.** Clerk Jun 15.16

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

*Secretary, Civil Service District.*

J. T. Tyler
**Inspector.**

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUN 30 1916

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Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

S. Conway
Acting Commissioner

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

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January 5, 1916.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation, dated December 27, 1915, as assistant keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, New York, at $516 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, to take effect at the close of January 15, 1916.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED!

Mr. Earl G. Merry,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JAN 5 - 1916 ON JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

CHANGE REPORTED JAN 1916 L.H. COMMISSION

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LETTER TRANSMITTING RESIGNATION

LIGHT HOUSES JAN 4 1916

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS Resignation Accepted JAN 15 1916 DEPT OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

CHIEF CLERK JAN 5 1916

Tompkinsville, N.Y., January 3, 1916

APPOINTMENTS JAN 5 1916

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Earl G. Merry Position, Assistant Keeper

Legal residence, Connecticut Station, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N. Y.

Salary, $516.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of January 15, 1916

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

**Remarks:**

J. Tyler

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

JAN 4 1916

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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H Conway

Acting Commissioner

32 DIST. INSPECTOR'S OFFICE
JAN 3 1916
RECEIVED
LIGHT
JAN 4 1916
HOUSES

Old Orchard Shoal Light Station.
December 27th 1915.

Inspector.

In an attempt to better myself. I respectfully tender hearwith my resignation from the Office of Assitant Keeper. The same to take affect on January 15th 1916.

Earl G. Merry.
Asst Keeper.

Approved. W. J. Eskens
Keeper.

Form 111

# OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHT JAN 191916 HOUSES

APPOINTMENTS JAN 21 1916

CHIEF CLERK JAN21 1916

## Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Earl G. Merry

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.

Earl G. Merry.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] seventeenth day of January, A. D. 1916

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Malcolm M. Scott

(Official title) Notary Public

| Official Title | Rate of Pay | Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment |
|---|---|---|
| Present Asst.Keeper | $516 p.a. | Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y. |
| Former [5] " | $480 " | do |

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third District

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address) January 18 1916 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on January 21 1916 (Date)

CARDED

J. F. Yates
(Signature, followed by title)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIX DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 29, 1915.

Mr. Earl G. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Five Hundred and Sixteen dollars per annum, effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $480 per annum.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 29 1915 JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

ORDER REPORTED JAN 1916 C. S. COMMISSION

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Form 73

**NOMINATION**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) Dec. 24,1915 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

**Action recommended,** Increase in compensation.

Name, Earl G. Merry — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Assistant Keeper — Salary, $516 p.a.

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

**Former position,** Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $480 p.a.

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y.

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

**Previous incumbent,** Earl G. Merry — Services terminated, Dec.31,1915

Reason, Increase in compensation.

**Relatives in Government Service,**

**Remarks:** In accordance with Bureau letter of Dec.17,1915.

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

12-28-15

*Secretary, Civil Service District*

J. T. Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 27 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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

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**PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET**

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 32 DIST. DEC 15 1913 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

LIGHT DEC 16 1913 HOUSES

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

*March 5, 1913.*

To the Chiefs of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce:

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

CHIEF CLERK DEC 17 1913

APPOINTMENTS DEC 18 1913

*William C. Redfield*
*Secretary.*

CARDED

## PART I.

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

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

Mr, Earl George Merry.

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

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

| New London | Connecticut | New London City | 2 |
|---|---|---|---|
| City or town. | State or Territory. | County. | Congressional district. |

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

✓ 5. Where were you born? New London Connecticut.

✓ 6. When were you born? The November 21 1884
Month. Day. Year.

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

Mr. H. A. Waterman (Name.) 42 Maple Ave. (Number and street.)

New London (City or town.) Connecticut. (State or Territory.)

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

| Name. | Relationship. | Department. | Bureau or Service. | Position. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| No | | | | |
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9. If you were appointed through a civil service examination, state, as near as you recollect, the name and date of the examination. If not so appointed, state how you entered the service. (Examples: "By reinstatement," or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Local Civil Service Examination Dept 5, 1913

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

No

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

| Department. | Bureau or Service. | Position. | Salary. | Appointed. | Separated. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No | | | | | |
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12. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.)

No

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

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

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

| Company and regiment, or vessel. | Date enlisted. | Date discharged. | Cause of discharge. |
|---|---|---|---|
| No | | | |
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15. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Name under which service was rendered No

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

Machine Shop. Motor Boating. Light Ships.

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

Primary School education.

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

Floor Hand in machine shop.

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

None

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

Yes

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. December 5., 1913

(Signature) Earl G. Merry

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: 42 Maple Ave.
City or town.
New London Conn.
Number and street.
Connecticut.
State or Territory.
Conn

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Dec 15, 1913

(Signature) Yates

(Official title)

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## PART II.

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

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1. State the Bureau or Service, place, and district in which the person who answered the foregoing questions is employed:
L.S. Service / Old Orchard Shoal Light Sta. / 3
Bureau or Service. Place (city, town, station, or vessel.) District.

2. To what position has he been appointed? Asst Keeper

3. State the date of appointment. Nov 21, 1913

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

5. State the date of the oath. Dec 13/1913

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. Nov 28, 1913

7. What is his salary? $480 p.a.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries Keepers & Asts

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

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

11. In what manner did the employee enter the service? (Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination;" or "without examination;" or "by reinstatement;" or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)
Local Civil Service Examination Sept, 1913

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No

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

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) [signature]

(Official title)

Date: ——————, 19

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Form 111

# OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

## Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT DEC 16 1913 HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK DEC 24 1913 5

I, Earl G. Merry

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.

Earl G. Merry
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 13th day of December, A. D. 1913

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(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Wm L. Blake

(Official title) Notary Public

| Official Title | Rate of Pay | Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment |
|---|---|---|
| Present Asst. Keeper | $480 p.a. | Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta., N.Y. |
| Former [5] | | |

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third District

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address) Dec 15, 1913 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Nov 28, 1913 (Date)

CARDED

(Signature, followed by title)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Entd 12/23/13

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Washington

November 21, 1913.

Mr. Earl G. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION REPORTED NOV 21 1913 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: William J. Epkens.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

CHANGE REPORTED DEC 1913 U. S. COMMISSION.

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Form 73 JHG

**NOMINATION**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES NOV 20 1913

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

SPECIAL

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Nov. 15, 1913 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Through Sec'y, 2nd C.S.District

**Action recommended,** Probationary appointment

NOV 21 1913

Name, Earl G. Merry

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Assistant Keeper

Salary, $480.00 per annum

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses 2.40

Effective *21 Nov. ~~20~~, 1913

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

**Former position,**

Former salary,

Location,

**Rank on eligible list,** 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 83.6 , Other eligibles considered:

Millard Caler - A
William J. Doyle - D (Name restored to register)

**Previous incumbent,** William J. Epkens Services terminated, Nov. 10, 1913

Reason, Promoted by exam.

**Relatives in Government Service,** None

**Remarks:** No employee of District desired transfer to this position. No quarters for families of keepers at this station. Nos. 1 and 3 to 10 on eligible list will not accept appointment to stations where t there are no family quarters provided. No. 2 is not eligible for appointment to this station.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission. NOV 19 1913 , 191

E. H. Parker

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Secretary. SECOND Civil Service District.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

NOV 21 1913

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

It is recommended that the Department cancel its order whereby Vernon C. Petteys would have been given a probationary appointment as assistant keeper of the above station, as the Third Inspector reports that Petteys declined to enter on duty. Department letter of November 1, 1913, notifying Petteys of his appointment will be forwarded to the Department for cancelation on its face as soon as received from the Inspector.

Done 11-21-13

Acting Commissioner

11-21-13

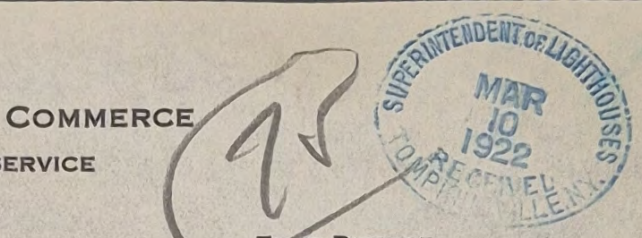
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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE




THIRD DISTRICT

New London Ledge, Lt, Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 9, 1922

Superintendent.

Subject. Position of keeper or assistant keeper at Stratford Shoal, Lt, Sta.

I thank you very much for the offer at Stratford Shoal Lt, Sta. but I am well satisfied with New London Ledge, Lt, Sta, and would not be willing to accept Stratford Shoal, as my family is located in New London and are not willing to move to Bridgeport.

Earl G Merry Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Appointed Keeper New London Ledge Dept 5/28/24

Merry

THIRD DISTRICT

New London Ledge Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 8, 1920

Superintendent.

A list of Stations to which I would like to be considered for a transfer, in case of a vacancy.

X Bristol Ferry Keeper.
X Bevertail Keeper.
X Block Island N Keeper.
X Block Island South Keeper.
X Black Rock Keeper.
X Bullock Point "
X Coney Island "
X Eatons Neck "
X Elm Tree "
X Hortons Point "
X Morgan Point "
X Montauk Point "
X North Dumpling "
X Plum Island "
X Pomham "
X Saybrook Point "
X Sabine Point "
X Stratford Point "
X Throgs Neck Keeper.
X Watch Hill "

Earl G. Merry Keeper.

THIRD DISTRICT

New London Ledge Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 8, 1920

Superintendent.

A list of Stations to which I would like to be considered for a transferred to in a case of a vacancy.

Bristol Ferry Keeper.
Beavertail Keeper.
Block Island North Keeper.
Block Island South Keeper.
Black Rock Keeper.
Bullock Point "
Coney Island "
Eatons Neck "
Elm Tree "
Hortons Point "
Morgan Point "
Montauk Point "
North Dumpling "
Plum Island "
Pomham "
Saybrook Point "
Sabine Point "
Stratford Point "

Throgs Neck Keeper.
Watch Hill "

Earl G. Merry Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
## LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec 7th, 1921

Per / Res 2-28-22

Superintendant of Light Houses. Merry

In Case of Vacancy Existing I would Except Position as Keeper at any of the following Light Stations.

Abeecon. N.J.
Barber Point. N.Y.
Barnegat. N.J.
Beavertail. R.I.
Black Rock. Conn.
Borden flats. R.I.
Bridgeport Harbor. Ct.
Bristol ferry. R.I.
Castle Hill. R.I.
Dutch Island. R.I.
Eatons Neck. N.Y.
Execution Rocks. N.Y.
Gould Island. R.I.
Great Capt Island. N.Y.
Hortons Point. N.Y.
Little Gull Island. N.Y.
New Haven. Conn.
New London Ledge. Ct.
Newport Harbor. R.I.
Pecks Ledge. Ct.
Penfield Reef. Ct.
Plum Island. N.Y.
Point au Rocks. N.Y.
Prudence Is. R.I.
Saconnet. R.I.
Sands Point. N.Y.
Saybrook. BWK. Ct.
Saybrook Lynde. Pt. Ct.
Stratford Point Harbor Ct
Staten Island. N.Y.
Stonington. BWK. Ct.
Throgs Neck. N.Y.
Warwick. R.I.
Windmill Point. N.Y.
Governors Island. N.Y.

Forwarded
Henry K. McCarthy
Keeper

Orrin F. Merry
1st Assistant Keeper
Stratford Shoals Lt
Station N.Y.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

New London Ledge, Lt. Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

February 14, 1920

Superintendent.

Subject 1. Asst Keeper.

The 1. Asst Keeper left the Station at 11 45/60 a.m resigned.

Earl G. Merry.
Keeper.

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Earl G. Merry, Keeper, Nov.25,1918

New London Ledge Light Station,

New London, Conn.

SUBJECT: Position of 2nd assistant keeper.

If you or the 1st assistant keeper know of anyone who would like to be considered for the position of 2nd assistant keeper of New London Ledge Light Station, have him fill out one of the enclosed application blanks and forward same to this office at the earliest possible date.

J. T. YATES.

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check was forwarded to Boston 9/23/18 for mailing

Date sent? 9/23/18

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Sept 21. 1918.

New London,

Conn.

Inspector.

Will you inform me the reason why I have not received check.

Earl G. Merry.

1. Asst Keeper

New London Ledge Lt Sta.

September 24, 1918

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Check was forwarded to Washington 9/23/18

Date sent 9/23/18

Sept 21. 1918.

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New London,
Conn.

Inspector.

Will you inform me the reason why I have not received check.

Earl G. Merry.
1 Asst Keeper
New London Ledge Lt Sta.

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Check was forwarded to Washington 9/23/18

Date sent 9/23/18

Sept 21. 1918.

New London,
Conn.

Inspector.

Will you inform me the reason why I have not received check.

Earl G. Merry.
1. Asst Keeper
New London Ledge Lt Sta.

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Earl C. Merry, Lst Asst. Kpr.,
THROUGH THE KEEPER,
New London Ledge Lt. Station,
New London, Conn.

September 24, 1918

SUBJECT: Check.

REFERENCE: Your letter Sept. 21, 1918.

Your check was forwarded on September 23rd, 1918.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F.W. Ockenfels

EARL G. MERRY
1ST. A. K. NEW LONDON
LDG. LT. STA.
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LIGHT
SEP 26 1918
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Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper [illegible]hthouse Service has been changed from $ 540 per annum to $ 840 per annum, effective October 6, 1918, or as soon thereafter as you enter upon duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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EARL G.MERRY
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Sir:

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EARL G. MERRY, KEEPER,
NEW LONDON LEDGE LT. STA.,
NEW LONDON, CONN.

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You are advised that your salary as keeper in the ...ghthouse Service has been changed from $ 540 per annum to $ 840 per annum, effective October 6, 1918, or as soon thereafter as you enter upon duty.

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By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPER--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SEP 26

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 23, 1918.

Mr. Earl G. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 540 per annum to $ 840 per annum, effective October 6, 1918, or as soon thereafter as you enter upon duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Earl G. Merry, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
New London Ledge Lt.Sta.
New London, Conn.

Sept.19,1918

SUBJECT: Promotion to keeper, New London Ledge.

You are informed you have been selected for the position of keeper of New London Ledge Light Station, and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to enter on duty in that position and relieve the present keeper, at the close of October 5,1918, giving him receipt for the station and all Government property for which he has been responsible, in triplicate on Form 30, one copy of which is to be forwarded to this office. Advise this office promptly by letter of the date on which you take charge of the station.

J. T. YATES.

Form 73

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**NOMINATION**

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
## LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.), Sept. 19, 1918 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

**Action recommended,** Promotion

Name, Earl G. Merry — Legal residence, Conn.

Position, Keeper — Salary, $660 per annum

Location, New London Ledge Lt.Sta., Conn. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective October 6, 1918 — [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

**Former position,** Keeper — Former salary, $540 per annum

Location, New London Ledge Light Station, Conn.

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

**Previous incumbent,** Eugene H. Merry — Services terminated, Oct. 5, 1918

Reason, Transfer

**Members of family in Government Service,**

**Remarks:** Mr. Merry entered the service as keeper at New London Ledge Lt.Sta., on August 9, 1918, and since that date has been employed in said position. His promotion is recommended as he is the only employee in his grade at that station, and the vacancy to which promotion is proposed could not be foreseen at the time he was appointed. No other employee of District desired transfer to this position.

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

Aspinwall Butler, Secretary, Civil Service District.

J. T. YATES.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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Earl G. Merry, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
New London Ledge Light Station,
New London, Conn.

Sept. 9,1918

SUBJECT: Oath of Office.

Oath of office executed by you in connection with your appointment as 1st assistant keeper of New London Ledge Light Station, is returned herewith, together with a new form. The form executed by you is dated August 4th, which was prior to the date of your entrance on duty. As this form was received by this office on September 5th, it is presumed the Notary Public should have dated same September 4th. Have new form executed and return same promptly. The keeper of the station does not have to sign this form.

J. T. YATES.

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

LIGHT AUG 27 1918 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 23, 1918. AUG 27 1918 11 00 AM

Mr. Earl G. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. ) issued by the Local Civil Service Board for the Third Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Eugene H. Merry,

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

(See reverse side.)

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3rd

E. G. Merry
42 Maple Ave
New London
Conn.

Answered

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
3D DIST.
AUG
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Inspector:

Please forward my check to above address. Will you kindly let me know what has been the delay.

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Mr. E. Merry.

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Earl G. Merry,
42 Maple Ave.,
New London, Conn.

August 13, 1917.

S i r :-

Referring to your letter without date, requesting check covering salary be forwarded to the address of 42 Maple Avenue, New London, Conn.

You are informed that the check has been held at this office pending the receipt of the address to which you wished to have the check mailed.

Check has been forwarded in separate letter this date.

Respectfully,
J.T.YATES

Inspector.

Form 73

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**NOMINATION**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.) August 12, 1918 (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Through Sec'y 2nd C.S.Dist.)
Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Earl G. Merry — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary, $540 per annum

Location, New London Ledge Light Sta., Conn. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective August 9, 1918 — the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or~~ as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

**Former position,** — Former salary,

Location,

**Rank on eligible list,** 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 84.8, Other eligibles considered:

None

**Previous incumbent,** Eugene H. Merry — Services terminated, July 22, 1918

Reason, Promoted

Assignment to duty on Aug. 9, 1918 was necessary for the reason that it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained.

**Members of family in Government Service,** None.

**Remarks:** There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station. No employee of District desired transfer to this position. Nos. 1 to 4 on eligible list will accept appointment only to certain specified stations. Mr. Merry was previously employed in this Dist. as follows:-Nov. 28, 1913 to Jan. 15, 1916 as Asst. Keeper, Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta., resigned. From July 11, 1916 to July 19, 1916 as 2nd Asst. Keeper, New London Ledge. Promoted July 20, 1916 to 1st Asst. Keeper same station. Resigned July 25, 1917.

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

Cosme Butler
Secretary, Civil Service District.

J. T. YATES.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

N. L. Ledge
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 10, 1918

Earl G. Merry

Superintendent:—

This is to certify that Earl. G. Merry reported for duty at N. L. Ledge at 2.45 P.M. Aug. 9th.

Respectfully
Eugene H. Merry
Keeper.

EOD August 9-1918

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Earl G. Merry, August 6,1918

42 Maple Avenue,

New London, Conn.

SUBJECT: Position, 1st Asst.Kpr., New London Ledge.

Referring to your application filed in this office for the position of assistant keeper, and stating you were willing to accept the position of 1st assistant keeper of New London Ledge Light Station. You are advised you have been selected for this position, and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to report for duty at that station, at the earliest possible date after receipt of this letter. Transportation will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the Keeper, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty.

In the absence and by direction of Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst.Supt.

Copy forwarded to keeper of New London Ledge Light Station, for his information. Report to this office promptly by mail the date on which Earl G. Merry reports for duty at New London Ledge Lt.Sta.
In the absence and by direction of Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst.Supt.

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Earl G. Merry, Aug. 3,1918

42 Maple Avenue,

New London, Conn.

SUBJECT: Position as Asst.Keeper.

REFERENCE: Your letter August 1,1918.

Advise this office by return mail whether or not you would accept the position of 1st assistant keeper of New London Ledge Light Station, and if so, how soon you could report for duty, if selected. The salary is $660 per annum, in addition to which there is a ration allowance of 45 cents per day. Fill out the enclosed application, and return same with your reply.

In the absence and by direction of Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst.Supt.

Merry entered service Nov.28,1913 as Asst.Keeper, Old Orchard. Resigned Jan.15,1916. July 11,1916 E.C.D.,2nd Asst.,New London Ledge. Promoted to 1st Asst.Keeper,same station,July 20,1916. Resigned July 25,1917. Record C.K.

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gav-who is he?

Aug 1. 1918.

Inspector.

I would like to be considered for the position as Keeper or 1st Asst Keeper of New London Ledge Lt Station in case of a vacancy.

Earl G. Merry.
42 Maple Ave.
New London
Conn.

LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR
1ST DIST.
AUG 24 1918
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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PROBATION FOLLOW UP CARD

Employee.....Earl G. Merry.....

Rank.....1st Asst.Keeper.....

Where employed.....New London Ledge Lt.Sta.....

Entered on duty.....August 9,1918.....

Probation expires on.....Feb.8,1919.....

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July 25,1917

Inspector

I resign my position on New London Ledge Light this 25th day of July.

1st Asst.Keeper,

Earl G. Merry

Hansen,

Keeper

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July 26,1917

Earl G. Merry, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
New London Ledge Lt.Sta.,
NewLondon, Conn.

Your letter dated July 25,1917 resigning your position as 1st assistant keeper of New London Ledge Light Station,Conn., has been received and forwarded to Washington, with recommendation that same be accepted, effective at the close of July 25,1917.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

HASKELL

Superintendent

Form 93 JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., July 26, 1917 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Earl G. Merry

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, 1st assistant Keeper

Station, New London Ledge Lt.Sta., Conn.

Salary, $540.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of July 25, 1917.

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

**Remarks:**

ASPINWALL
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In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

HASKELL

Superintendent

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4623

LIGHT
AUG 2 1917
HOUSES

July 30, 1917.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation, dated July 25, 1917, as first assistant keeper of New London Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, at $540 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, effective at the close of July 25, 1917.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.
Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Earl G. Merry,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

New London Ledge Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

September, 1916.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2ND DIST. SEP 1916 TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y. RECEIVED

Resigned 7-25-17

Inspector.

Would like to be concidered for Keeper of New London Ledge Light in case of a vancancy.

Earl G. Merry.
1st Asst Keeper.

Honore
Keeper

New London Ledge Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
September, 1916

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PORT CHESTER
HUNTINGTON

Inspector.
Would like to be considered for Keeper of New London Ledge Light in case of a vacancy.

Earl G. Merry.
1st Asst Keeper.

Hansen
Keeper.

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September 18th, 1916.

Earl G.Merry, 1st Asst.Keeper,
(Through the Keeper,)
New London Ledge Lt.Station,
New London, CONN.

Your letter of September 16th stating that you would like to be considered for the position of Keeper of New London Ledge Light Station in the event of a vacancy has been received.

You are advised that to receive consideration, application for transfer, promotion, etc., must be submitted in duplicate in accordance with instructions heretofore issued to all Keepers and Assistant Keepers.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

R.HASKELL.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3RD. DIST. SEP 18 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

New London Ledge
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept. 16, 1916

Inspector.

Would like to be considered for Keeper of New London Ledge Light in case of a vacancy.

Earl G. Merry
1st. Keeper.

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Keeper.

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March 4. 1916
New London.
Conn.

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TOMPKINSVILLE

Inspector.

I would like one or the four named lights in case of vacancy.

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| Bailey Point | No 2. | Thames River. |
| Scotch Cap | No 1. | |
| Cow Point | No. 4. | |
| Ice House | No 3. | |

Can furnish suitable boat.

Earl G. Merry.
42 Maple Ave
New London.
Conn.

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Inspector

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New London Conn.
Jan 24 1916

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2D DIST.
JAN 26 1916
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ITHACA, N.Y.

I left Old Orchard Shoal H. Sta.
Jan 16th at 1.15 P.M. And ask you to
please forward my check when
due to me. And ask to be forwarded a
Service card for Service at Old Orchard Shoal H. Sta.

Earl G. Merry.
42 Maple Ave.
New London.
Conn



Old Orchard Shoal Light Station.
August 23. 1915.

Inspector!
In responce to letter from 18th August as to the offer of the Position as Keeper on Statford Shoal in the event of a vacancy. I thankfully acknowledge the offer but regret that personal conditions and circumstances compel me to respectfully decline the well meant offer which is duely appreciated by.

Earl G. Merry.
Asst Keeper.

Approved.
W. J. Perkins
Keeper

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Olf Orchard Shoal Light Station,

December 27,1915

Inspector

In an attempt to better myself I respectfully tender herewith my resignation from the Office of Assistant Keeper. The same to take effect on January 15th,1916.

(Signed) Earl G. Merry

Asst.Keeper.

Approved,
(Sgd.) W. J. Epkens,
Keeper

Form 93

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., January 3,1916 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Earl G. Merry

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Assistant Keeper

Station, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N. Y.

Salary, $516.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of January 15,1916

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

**Remarks:**

ASPINWALL

BUTLER

GAVIGAN

YATES

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4623

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January 3,1916

Earl G. Merry, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,
New Dorp, N. Y.

Your letter dated December 27,1915 resigning your position as assistant keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, has been received and forwarded to Washington with recommendation that same be accepted effective at the close of January 15,1916.

YATES

Inspector

JAN 6 1916
HOUSES

January 5, 1916.

Sir:

The Department is in redeipt of your resignation, dated December 27, 1915, as assistant keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, New York, at $516 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, to take effect at the close of January 15, 1916.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Earl G. Merry,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Form 73

**NOMINATION**

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) Dec. 24, 1915 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

**Action recommended,** Increase in compensation.

Name, Earl C. Merry — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, ~~Assistant~~ Keeper — Salary, $516 p.n.

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

**Former position,** Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $480 p.a.

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y.

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

**Previous incumbent,** Earl C. Merry — Services terminated, Dec.31,1915

Reason, Increase in compensation.

**Relatives in Government Service,**

**Remarks:** In accordance with Bureau letter of Dec.17,1915.

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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December 29, 1915.

Mr. Earl C. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Five Hundred and Sixteen dollars per annum, effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $480 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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Merry.

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Bureau's letter Aug. 21, 1914 cancelling transfers of keepers Mahlon Burdge, Asst.Kpr. Latimer Reef Lt.Sta. and Earl G.Merry, asst.Kpr. Old Orchard Shoal Light Station.

See Transfers

Merry Earl G.

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Aug. 19, 1914

Commissioner.

Referring to Forms 78a forwarded to the Bureau August 17, 1914 reporting the proposed transfer on September 11, 1914 of Mahlon Burdge, assistant Keeper of Latimer Reef Light Station, and Earl G. Merry, assistant keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station.

It is requested that the above mentioned Forms be cancelled, as Mr. Burdge has informed this office that he does not wish to be transferred.

YATES

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville,N.Y.,August 17,1914 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on September 11,1914.

Name, Earl G. Merry Position, Assistant Keeper

From Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,N.Y. To Latimer Reef Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Previous incumbent, Mahlon Burdge

Services terminated, September 10,1914 Reason, Transferred

Letter from Mr.Merry requesting this transfer attached hereto.

Cancelled

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

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

*Acting Commissioner.*

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August 17,1914

Earl C. Merry, Assistant Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,
New Dorp, N.Y.

Referring to your letter of August 15,1914 requesting permission to exchange positions with Mahlon Burdge, Keeper of Latimer Reef Light Station,N.Y.

Your request for transfer is hereby granted, and you are directed to proceed to Latimer Reef Light Station, and enter on duty as Assistant Keeper, on September 11,1914. Transportation will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the keeper, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty.

YATES

Inspector

Tompkinsville,N.Y.,
Aug.17,1914
Copy to keeper of Latimer Reef Lt. Sta.,for his information.
Advise this office promptly by mail of the last day of service of Mahlon Burdge, and the date on which Merry enters on duty as Assistant Keeper.

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Inspector

Merry

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Aug.19,1914

Earl G. Merry, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,
New Dorp, N.Y.

Mahlon Burdge, assistant keeper at Latimer Reef Light Station has requested this office to cancel his request for exchange of positions with you.

You are therefore informed that letter from this office dated August 17, directing you to report for duty on Sept.11 as assistant keeper at Latimer Reef Light Station, is to be considered as cancelled.

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Inspector

Form 73a

# REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT AUG 18 1914 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y., August 17, 1914 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on September 11, 1914.

Name, Earl G. Merry Position, Assistant Keeper

From Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y. To Latimer Reef Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Previous incumbent, Mahlon Burdge

Services terminated, September 10, 1914 Reason, Transferred

Letter from Mr. Merry requesting this transfer atached hereto.

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

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Inclosure

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

AUG 20 1914

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

Old Orchard Light Station. August 15. 1914.

LIGHT AUG 18 1914 HOUSES

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3RD DIST. AUG 17 1914 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

Inspector.

Respectfully ask your permission to exchange positions with Mahlon Burdge at Latimer Reef Light Station which is agreeable to me. My reason for wanting to exchange is that it is nearer to my home.

Earl G. Merry.
Asst Keeper Old Orchard Light Station.

Approved:
William J. Eastmans Keeper.

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C O P Y

Old Orchard Light Station,

August 15,1914

Inspecter

Respectfully ask your permission to exchange positions with Mahlon Burdge at Latimer Reef Light Station which is agreeable to me. My reason for wanting to exchange is that it is nearer to my home.

EARL G. MERRY

Asst.Keeper, Old Orchard Light Sta.

Approved,

William J. Epkens,

Keeper

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August 4,1914

Earl G. Merry, Assistant Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,
New Dorp, N.Y.

You are informed that Mahlon Burdge, assistant keeper at Latimer Reef Light Station, has requested permission to exchange positions with you on September 10,1914, which exchange, he states is agreeable to you.

If you are desirous of making this exchange, write a letter to this office, requesting such permission, by return mail. Upon receipt of your letter the matter will be given consideration.

YATES

Merry Earl G.

Old Orchard Shoal Light Station
April 26th 1914.

Inspector




Referring to the expiration of the term of probationary employment of Earl G Merry as assistant Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station I beg leave to state that I have found him to be a man of steady habits, strict sense of duty, competent and suitable in every respect, combining withall an ever willingness; wish in my humble Opinion puts him far above the average man,

Taking his merits as a base, I can earnestly recommend him for future permanent employment and promotion.

W. J. Ephrens.
Keeper.

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April 20,1914

William J. Epkens, Keeper,

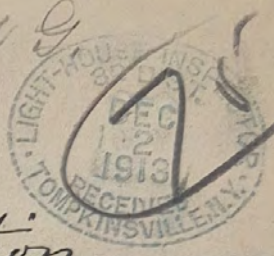
Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.

New Dorp, N.Y.

The probationary period of employment of Earl G.Merry, assistant keeper at Old Orchard Shoal Light Station will expire on May 27,1914. Kindly 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.

YATES

Merry - Earl G




Old Orchard Shoal Light Station
Nov. 29th. 1913.

Inspector 2nd. Light House District
Tompkinsville. N. Y.

Earl G. Merry arrived per Tender "Tulip" at 9 am. and entered on his duties as Asst. Keeper.

W. J. Eskens. Keeper.

Merry E.O.D. Nov. 28-1913

(Reported at Depot Nov. 28- went to station on Tulip)

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Nov. 25,1913

Earl G. Merry,

42 Maple Avenue,

New London, Conn.

Enclosed herewith is Department letter dated Nov.21, 1913, appointing you to the position of Assistant Keeper at Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

In accordance therewith, you are hereby directed to report for duty as Assistant Keeper at Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta., immediately upon receipt of this letter. Transportation will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the Keeper, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty.

The Keeper's name and address is William J. Epkens, New Dorp, Staten Island, N.Y.

YATES

Inspector

Tompkinsville,N.Y.
Nov. 25,1913
Copy forwarded to Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,for his information.
Notify this office promptly by mail of the date on which Mr. Merry enters on duty as Assistant Keeper.

YATES

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Form 168

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THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT — BELVIDERE BROOKS, GENERAL MANAGER

RECEIVED AT ST. GEORGE, S. I., N. Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR

STGEORGE NY

YOURS TODAY MERRY OLD ORCHARD APPOINTED NOVEMBER TWENTY FIRST

OR ENTRANCE THEREAFTER

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U.S. LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR 2D DIST. NOV 24 1913 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

November 21, 1913.

M. Earl G. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: William J. Epkens.
Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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Mahlon Burdge, Assistant Keeper, Latimer Reef, Entered Service Nov.2.1912

Efficiency, 1912, 100%
" 1913 95%
Salary, $480 per annum

Earl G. Merry, Assistant Keeper, Old Orchard, Entered service Nov.28,1913

Efficiency, 1913, 90%
" 1914 96%
Salary $480 per annum

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Nov.17,1913

Earl E. Merry,

42 Maple Avenue,

New London, Conn.

Referring to your letter of November 12,1913 stating that you are willing to accept the position of Assistant Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station,N.Y.

You are informed that you have to-day been nominated for this position and are therefore directed to hold yourself in readiness to enter on duty as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be appointed to this position your services will probably be required about Nov. 22,1913.

YATES

Inspector

Form 73 JEG

Merry

**NOMINATION**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) Nov.15,1913 (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Through Sec'y, 2nd C.S.District

**Action recommended,** Probationary appointment

Name, Earl B. Merry

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Assistant Keeper

Salary, $480.00 per annum

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective Nov.20,1913 { the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

**Former position,**

Former salary,

Location,

**Rank on eligible list,** 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 83.6 , Other eligibles considered:

Millard Caler - A
William J. Doyle - D (Name restored to register)

**Previous incumbent,** William J. Rykens Services terminated, Nov.10,1913

Reason, Promoted

**Relatives in Government Service,** None

**Remarks:** No employee of District desired transfer to this position. No quarters for families of keepers at this station. Nos.1 and 3 to 10 on eligible list will not accept appointment to stations where t there are no family quarters provided. No.2 is not eligible for appointment to this station.

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

CHIEF CLERK
BUTLER
ASPINWALL

YATES

*Secretary,* *Civil Service District.*

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
3d DIST.
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RECEIVED
PLATTSBURG, N.Y.

Old Orchard Shoal Light Station.

August 23. 1915.

Inspector!

Respectfully submit the following list of Light Stations for transfer or promotion to your Sirs kind consideration.

Respectfully

Earl G. Merry.

Asst Keeper.

| | | |
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| ✗ | Elm Tree Beacon. New Dorp S.I. | Keeper. |
| ✗ | Lime Rock. Newport R.I. | Keeper. |
| ✗ | Morgan Point. Noank Conn | Keeper. |
| ✗ | North Dumpling. N.Y. | Keeper. |
| ✗ | New London Ledge Light. Conn. | 1st Asst Keeper. |
| ✗ | Plum Island. N.Y. | Keeper. |
| ✗ | Saybrook Point Light Conn. | Keeper |
| ✓ | Stonington Breakwater Conn. | Keeper. |

Resigned Jan 15-16

Approved.

W. J. Eggleston

Keeper.

Old Orchard Shoal Light Station.
August 23. 1915.

Inspector!
Respectfully submit the following list of Light Stations for transfer or promotion to your Sirs kind consideration.

Respfully
Earl G. Merry.
Asst Keeper.

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| Elm Tree Beacon. New Dorp. S.I. | Keeper. |
| Lime Rock Newport. R.I. | Keeper. |
| Morgan Point. Noank Conn. | Keeper. |
| North Dumpling. N.Y. | Keeper. |
| New London Ledge Light Conn. | 1st Asst Keeper. |
| Plum Island. N.Y. | Keeper. |
| Saybrook Point Light. Conn. | Keeper. |
| Stonington Breakwater Conn. | Keeper. |

Approved.
W. J. Eglin
Keeper

FILE COPY

JHG

Dec. 17,1918

CCommissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: Pay of keepers, reclassification.
REFERENCE: Our letter November 20,1918

1. Returned herewith for amendment are Department letters, each in duplicate, dated December 5,1918 addressed to Earl G.Merry and Homer A. Waterman, keeper and 1st assistant keeper of New London Ledge Light Station, giving them notice of change in salary, effective November 1,1918.

2. As stated in letter to the Bureau from this office dated November 20,1918, the date on which Mr.Merry entered on duty as keeper and of Mr.Waterman as 1st assistant keeper, was November 5th,1918, and it is therefore requested that the Department letters enclosed be amended accordingly.

J. T. YATES.

JHG

Earl G. Merry, Keeper,
New London Ledge Light Station,
New London, Conn.

December 12,1918

SUBJECT: Return of Dept.letters of Dec.5,1918.

1. You are directed to return to this office by first mail, the two Department letters dated December 5,1918, addressed to you and 1st assistant keeper Waterman, re notice of change in salary. They are required so that effective date may be changed from November 1st to Nov. 5th, the actual date of entrance on duty in your present positions.

J. T. YATES,

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January 26,1916

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Earl G. Merry was employed as Assistant Keeper at Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, New York, in the Third Lighthouse District, from November 28,1913 to January 15,1916, when he resigned.

YATES

Inspector

See request # 211 in file

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
## LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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7-25-19 not yet taken examination JHG

Sept.12,1918

Earl G. Merry, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
New London Ledge Lt.Sta.,
New London, Conn.

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Enclosed is Form 206 "Record of Physical Examination of Light Keeper or Assistant Light Keeper", addressed to the United States 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 Auguse 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 physically 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 advantage it 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 possession for future reference.

J. T. YATES

Inspector

P.S.- Keeper to sign Form 206 where marked "B", and Assistant Keeper to sign where marked "A".

JHG

Office of Supt...
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Aug. 16, 1918

Eugene H. Merry, Keeper.....Keeper
New London Ledge.....Light Station
New London, Conn.

Furnish the information called for below in regard to Assistant Keeper Earl G. Merry, and return this sheet to this office.

Be careful to see that the information given is accurate.

Born in (Country or State) New London, Connecticut.

Age 33

Height 5 feet 7½ inches

Weight 174 pounds

Color of hair Black

Color of eyes Brown

Distinguishing marks Scar on right jaw

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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Date.....

Returned to Superintendent, the information required having been inserted above.

Eugene H. Merry Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, ---3rd--- DISTRICT,

PLACE, ---Tompkinsville, N. Y.---

DATE, ---Sept.12,1918---, 191

To the MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
*U. S. Public Health Service,*
---New London, Conn.---

SIR:

Please examine Earl G.Merry,1st Asst.Keeper, New London Ledge Lt.Sta.,

nativity, United States; age, 33; height, 5 feet, 7½ inches;

weight, 174 pounds; color of hair, Black; color of eyes, Brown

distinguishing marks, Scar on right jaw.

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,

*Lighthouse Inspector.*
Supt.of Lighthouses xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

(Signature of applicant:)

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.)

## U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, ---

DATE, ---, 191

To LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,

SIR: This certifies that I have this day examined the eyesight, hearing, and physical condition of ---, 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.

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*Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.*

* If qualified, strike out the word "dis[illegible]" and the paragraph following.

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