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

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 28 1926
NEW ORLEANS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

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October 26, 1926.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

1. In reference to your nomination of October 23 for Louis E. Miller as keeper of Sabine Pass Light Station at $1200 p.a. vice Peter Hingle:

2. The Department informally advises that the last incumbent of this position was Martin L. Boyd, and that accordingly he should be the vice. Please report promptly on this.

T. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

WJB. Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.,
New Orleans, La., October 28, 1926.

Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Martin L. Boyed was the last incumbent of the position referred to above and should be the vice instead of Peter Hingle.

E. S. Kaufhies.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Phone Dept
Greenwald

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La. (City) May 6 (Date), 1929

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, Lewis E. Miller

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Pensacola Light Station, Fla.

Effective, May 16, 1929

Legal residence, Florida

Proposed salary, $1200 per annum

Proposed range, $1200-$1500 per annum

Appropriation, Sals.Kprs.of Lighthouses

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

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas

Former salary, $1320 p.a.

Former range, $1320-$1620 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, Frank A. Segree - (Lt.#183) Services terminated, March 4, 1929

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, October 29, 1890

Remarks: Letter, dated May 4, 1929, from L. E. Miller, accepting this transfer is attached hereto.

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

E. S. Lamphier,
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Incl.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

May 8, 1929.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Inclosed is letter from Mr. Miller accepting this transfer.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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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	
25%	On watch at night.
20%	Cleaning and painting station.
5%	Trips to town for mail and provisions.
5%	Cutting grass and cleaning grounds.
15%	Visiting lights and caring for same.
20%	Cleaning and painting light structures.
10%	Operating fog signal.

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.

Lewis E. Miller
(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.

Cares for third order gas incandescent oil vapor revolving light, three acetylene minor lights, four oil reflector lights and three primary coil electric lights; also one CO_2 gas fog bell. Lights are eleven miles apart.

26. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? Since November 19, 1926

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.

SEP 14 1928, 1928 (Date)
E. S. LANPHIER (Signature of Preparing Officer)
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES (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 $ 1320 to $ 1620.

SEP 1 4 1928, 1928 (Date)
E. S. LANPHIER (Signature of head of field office or station)
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES (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 $ 1320, to $ 1620

SEP 20 1928, 1928 (Date)
H. B. BOWERMAN (Signature of head of bureau or his representative)
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses. (Title)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1928

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. 188 Sheet No. 8(b)-104

Space reserved for the use of the Board

1. [redacted] Lewis E.
(Surname) (Given name) (Initial)

2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field station Sabine Pass Light Station
(b) Subdivision
(c) City or town State La. & Texas

6. Pay roll title Light Keeper
7. Customary office title Second Assistant Keeper
8. Present administrative allocation $1320-1620
9. Present gross rate of pay $ 150
10. Deduction for allowances $ 30
11. Net rate paid in cash $ 1320

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 [illegible] a.m. to [illegible] p.m. (b) How many hours per week excluding unusual or irregular overtime work? 84 hours each day
Summer Winter (c) If not a full time and all-the-year-round position, state number of hours per day;
number of days per { week / month / year } (d) If certain hours of availability for duty, outside of regular working hours, are required, state hours and type of such duty

16. (a) Rate of pay for overtime (b) Amount of overtime pay in last 12 months

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

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

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.)
Works under immediate orders of keeper in charge

20. What is the name, official position, and sheet number of the employee's immediate superior?
Thomas Thomson, Keeper, 8(b)-17

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

Elementary								High				Normal				College				Postgraduate or professional				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	X 8	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	(Kind)

Other education (describe):

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?
One year's previous experience as boatman

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Ed. April, 1929
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La. (City) April 6 (Date) 19 31

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Lewis Edward Miller

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Pensacola Light Station, Fla.

Effective, April 16, 1931

Legal residence, Florida

Proposed salary, $1260 p.a.

Proposed range, $1260-$1620

Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

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

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Pensacola Light Station, Fla.

Former salary, $1200 p.a.

Former range, $1200-$1560

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

Previous incumbent, George Darby (Lt.#165)

Services to be terminated, about April 15, 1931

Reason, To be promoted.

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, October 29, 1890

Remarks:

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

E. S. Laiphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON April 8, 1931

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

April 28, 1931

Lewis E. Miller, Effective
date of change in pay

LIGHTHOUSES

1931 APR 30 AM 9 34

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter of April 11, 1931, in the case of Lewis E. Miller, who was promoted from the position of Second Assistant Keeper, with pay at the rate of $1200 per annum, to the position of First Assistant Keeper at Pensacola Light Station, Fla., with pay at the rate of $1260 per annum, effective April 16, 1931, or upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is April 16, 1931.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
APR 30 1931

Submitted to Department of Commerce for its information
For the Commissioner:

Chief, Personnel Division

Miggo is 46-years old.

Was appointed - Sabine Pass	11/19/26	$1200
Welchact	7/1/28	1320
Tr. (atown request) Pensacola	6/4/29	1200
Prs.	4/16/31	1260

His record in Bu dept is clear. No complaints reported to Bu.

Thomas Broxson was at Sabine Pass from 1/1/22 to 1/31/29, but was apparently only asst. kpr and not in charge of station. Nothing in his record in the way of discipline or complaints.

HBm 10/2.

In view of above consideration might be given to demotion and transfer to another station, if pract., Dept to be asked for further rec

10/2-32

Do this ask about his behavior at other stations and supts view as to entire credibility of Hatton & Danby and if he considers former in any way influenced in his statement by the keeper. He did not make full statement the first time. It is quite

OSN 10/2

Respectfully

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 30 11 23 AM '36

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
September 28, 1936

1/19 Ord to Dept.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

L. E. Miller, First Asst.Keeper, Pensacola Lighthouse, Fla., charges against.

1. Inclosed herewith is letter of September 18, 1936, from George Darby, Keeper of Pensacola Lighthouse, Fla., preferring charges against Lewis E. Miller, First Assistant Keeper; copy of letter of September 19 from this office to Miller, transmitting the charges against him; copy of letter of September 19, 1936, to J. M. Hatten, Second Assistant Keeper, Pensacola Lighthouse, forwarding a copy of the charges preferred by Keeper Darby against First Assistant Keeper Miller, with request for a report whether the statements made by the Keeper were true and correct; letter dated September 21, 1936, from L. E. Miller, First Assistant Keeper, replying to the charges preferred against him by Keeper Darby; copy of letter of September 22, 1936, from J. M. Hatten, Second Assistant Keeper; copy of letter of September 23, 1936, to Mr. Hatten requesting that he specifically reply with regard to certain charges preferred by the Keeper against First Assistant Keeper Miller, and copy of the reply of Second Assistant Keeper Hatten dated September 25.

2. The charges preferred by Keeper Darby against L. E. Miller, First Assistant Keeper, Pensacola Lighthouse, are fully confirmed by the testimony of Mr. J. M. Hatten, Second Assistant Keeper.

3. The charges of abuse, assault and conduct unbecoming a Keeper of the Lighthouse Service having been proven in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, it is recommended that L. E. Miller, First Assistant Keeper, be dismissed from the Service effective at the close of October 10, 1936. Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I, relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations, will not be violated by the action recommended.

Recd Oct 1 '36

E. S. LAPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Recommend that Miller's second?
Is this the first case of discipline? See Kyes Case. Can't believe it would be dismissed for such drastic action to date. The complete background particularly since there is evidence outside the Service apparently as to this occurrence.

LIGHTHOUSES
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(COPY) (FS)

Lighthouse,
Pensacola, Florida.
September 18th, 1936.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:-

I am obliged to report the conduct of Mr. L. E. Miller, First Assistant Keeper, as I have put up with it as long as I can.

Every time I ask him to do something or speak to him about things he should have done he flies at me and wants to fight. He has his knife and has threatened me twice with it and I got out of his way.

This morning (the 17th, Thursday) at eight o'clock, Caucas Cut Rear Range had to be re-charged. I made all preparations, filled the water cans, got out the renewals ready to go, then I asked Mr. Miller to help carry the things to the car. He carried part of the water out and sit it down ten or more feet from the car. Mr. Hatton and I had carried the rest. Mr. Miller went into the garage and sit down. I came back on my last trip and asked him (Miller) to put those things in the car and why they were left outside. Mr. Miller ran out at me cursing and swearing and called me an old son of a b---- and swore than when he got off the station he would break my God d--- neck. Mr. Hatton pleaded with Miller to stop, at least have respect for his job, but Miller told Mr. Hatton: "God d--- the job. About that time I was loaded and leaving and Mr. Miller would not go with us in the car and he walked and took his time. Mr. Hatton and myself was at the beacon sometime working when Mr. Miller got there. He came in the beacon raving and cursing, me, trying to get me to fight with him, calling me all manner of vulgar names. And after he could not get me to commit myself by fighting he ran up behind me and jerked me backward by my collar as I was squatted down working with a battery cell in my hands and I came near breaking the jar and I did spill acid over my hands and legs. Mr. Hatton got out of the way of the acid and I still didn't commit myself to fight him. He then ran back at me and cursed me for a cowardly half negro looking bastard. In the meantime he had his knife in his hand. I told him I would not fight, but would report it to the Superintendent for my protection.

This man has had trouble heretofore and I kindly refer you to Keeper Broxton at Morgan Point, Alabama.

I respectfully request your careful investigation.

Yours very respectfully,

(SIGNED) George Darby,
Keeper.

(COPY-LEC)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Pensacola Lt.Sta.
Sept. 21st, 1936

Superintendent

Sir:

In regards to your letter this morn of Mr. Darby report of me threatening him with a knife, I have not had a knife on or about my person for three months and for the morning of the 17th I had the water put to the car and ready to put it in but did not know if to put it in the trailor or car he had not told me what to do with it.

I have never refused to do anything in the line of duty he ask me to do and for calling him, Mr. Darby, a God D- lie, I never use the lords name at all or never use the name bastard. For putting my hand in the keepers collar I have never had my hands on him at all. When he balled me out I told him I was taking to Mr. Hayten. I wasn't even thinking of him.

Yours very respectfully,

(Signed) L. E. Miller
1st Asst.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

COPY

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
September 19, 1936

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LIGHTHOUSES

J. M. Hatten, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Pensacola Light Station
Fort Barrancas, Florida
(Through the Keeper)

1. Inclosed herewith is copy of a letter dated Sept. 18, 1936, from George Darby, Keeper, reporting that L. E. Miller, 1st Asst. Keeper, had abused and assaulted him and has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a keeper of the Lighthouse Service.

2. You are directed to read the report of Keeper Darby very carefully and submit a written report, forwarding same through the keeper, stating whether or not the statements made by the keeper are true and correct.

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

September 19, 1936.

SEP 30 - 11 23 AM '36 LIGHTHOUSES

L. E. Miller, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Pensacola Light Station,
Fort Barrancas, Florida.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Inclosed herewith is copy of letter dated Sept.18,1936, from George Darby, Keeper, preferring charges against you of abuse, assault and conduct unbecoming a keeper of the Lighthouse Service.

2. In accordance with Civil Service Commission rules you are given three days in which to submit in writing such reply as you may deem fit. If the charges preferred are proven in a degree sufficient to warrant such action recommendation will be made for your discharge from the service.

3. If further report is received that there is any repetition of the offenses charged against you, you will be suspended immediately and steps will be taken to prefer charges against you before a court of competent jurisdiction.

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Pensacola Lt. Sta.
Sept. 22, 1936

SEP 30 11 23 AM '36 LIGHTHOUSES

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of Sept. 19, in regards to trouble between Kpr. Darby & Mr. Miller.

I had been to Ft. Barrancas to take my children to the school bus & also to get the mail, When I came back to the station Mr. Darby & Mr. Miller was preparing to go to recharge Cacus Cut Rear Light. All the material that we used in recharging the light, except one can of water and a sack with the cans of caustic soda in was sitting out in front of the garage by Mr. Darby's car.

I carried the caustic soda and Mr. Miller got the remaining can of water and put it with the other material that was already out there and we walked in the garage to wait for Mr. Darby.

When he came from the house he said put this stuff in the car & wanted to know why it hadn't already been put in. I started to put the stuff in the car and Mr. Miller came out behind and by the time I got to the material I heard him cursing & unbecoming language. I didn't see a knife.

Before Mr. Darby was ready to go Mr. Miller told me that he would walk on.

Mr. Darby and myself got to the beacon ahead of Mr. Miller and as soon as he got to the beacon he started the fuss again, and caused Mr. Darby to spill some acid from one of the jars.

Yours Respectfully,

(Signed) J. M. Hatten,
2nd Asst. Kpr.

Forwarded
(Signed) George Darby
Keeper

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

ESL:JK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
September 23, 1936

James M. Hatten, 2nd Assistant Keeper,
Pensacola Lighthouse,
Pensacola, Fla.
(Through the Keeper)

LIGHTHOUSES
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1. Referring to your letter of September 22nd, it is understood from your report that you did hear Mr. L. E. Miller curse Mr. Darby, the Keeper. Did you hear him say that when he was off of the station he would "break Mr. Darby's neck?"

2. Did you plead with Mr. Miller to desist from his language and actions?

3. After arrival at the beacon you stated that Mr. Miller "started the guss again". Did he again curse and use abusive language towards Mr. Darby? Did you see him place his hands on Mr. Darby, as alleged by the Keeper?

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Pensacola
Sept. 25, 1936

LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 30 11 23 AM '36

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir

In reply to your letter of Sept. 23, I did hear Mr. Miller say that when he was off the station that he would break Mr. Darby's neck.

I asked Mr. Miller to stop his actions and language, for it wouldn't mean anything but trouble, and liable to cause him to loose his job.

After the arrival at the beacon Mr. Miller did curse and use abusive language towards Mr. Darby. I didn't see Mr. Miller with his hand on Mr. Darby, as I had my back to Mr. Miller, stooped over the batteries beside Mr. Darby and he in a squatting position. I didn't look around until I saw Mr. Darby fall backwards & catch on his hands.

Respectfully,

(Signed) J. M. Hatten
2nd Asst. Keeper

Respectfully forwarded
(Signed) George Darby, Keeper

October 5, 1936

Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

With reference to the charges against Lewis E. Miller, first assistant keeper at Pensacola Lightstation, and your recommendation of September 28 that he be dismissed from the Service effective at the close of October 10:

It is requested that you advise the Bureau further as to Mr. Miller's behavior prior to the present incident, and particularly as to his behavior at other stations. Also state your opinion as to the credibility of Keeper Darby and Second Assistant Keeper Hatten, and whether you consider the latter in any way influenced by the Keeper in connection with his statement in the matter.

According to the record, Miller entered the Service November 19, 1926, as an assistant keeper at Sabine Pass and was transferred to Pensacola at his own request June 4, 1929. There is nothing in his record in the Bureau to indicate that his services and conduct have been other than satisfactory. In view of his apparent satisfactory service for nearly ten years, therefore, and in the absence of any disciplinary action or deportment requiring special attention, recommendation is requested as to whether sufficient discipline in this case would be accomplished by demotion and transfer to another station.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN

Administrative Assistant

HLM

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
October 8, 1936

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

L. E. Miller, First Asst. Keeper, Pensacola Lighthouse, Fla., Charges against

1. In accordance with Bureau's letter of October 5th, relative to the charges preferred against Lewis E. Miller, First Assistant Keeper, Pensacola Light Station, Fla., the following report is submitted:

2. Mr. Miller has performed duty at only one other station, i.e. Sabine Pass Lighthouse from November 19, 1926, to June 3, 1929. There is no record adverse to Mr. Miller with regard to his services at Sabine Pass Light Station.

3. There has been some friction in evidence at Pensacola Light Station between the Keeper and the First Assistant, but nothing has been said other than chance remarks during inspection.

4. It was not deemed pertinent, and therefore the Bureau was not informed that Mrs. Miller has a grown son by a prior marriage whose health, it is claimed, is seriously impaired, and who resides in the quarters at the station. There is inclosed an original undated letter received from Mrs. Miller by this office on September 23rd.

5. So far as the value of Mr. Miller as a lighthouse keeper is concerned, it will be seen that his ten years of service has not resulted in a recommendation for appointment as keeper, and this office would not have recommended his promotion to the position of Keeper of Pensacola Lighthouse if a vacancy had occurred at that station.

6. In accordance with the instructions contained in the letter from the Bureau, the following report is submitted as to the credibility of Keeper Darby and Second Assistant Keeper Hatten:

7. Recommendation for disciplinary action against an employee, especially when it contemplates dismissal, is a very unpleasant duty to perform; therefore the credibility of the testimony of the Keeper and the Second Assistant Keeper was given most careful consideration. Careful reading of the correspondence with Second Assistant Keeper Hatten will indicate that his adverse testimony was not that of a voluntary witness, and there appears to have been a disposition to be somewhat reluctant in the matter.

8. If it is true that Mr. Miller assumes an antagonistic attitude towards the Keeper, and if it is true that Mr. Miller cursed and swore and threatened the Keeper, and, as the preponderance of testimony affirms that this true, and that this office has no reason to believe that George Darby, Keeper, and J. M. Hatten, Second Assistant Keeper, have entered into an agreement to give untruthful testimony against Mr. Miller, it is respectfully submitted that this office is of the opinion that, if conduct of that character is permitted at a station, it will result in impairment of the orderly conduct of the duties at lighthouses.

9. This office has no objection, if the Bureau so decides, to the demotion of Mr. Miller, but will find it difficult to select a position at some station where families of the keepers are not allowed to reside, and where the services of Mr. Miller may not result in a lessening of the efficiency of such a station, which, in all probability, will be a radiobeacon station.

10. The decision of the Bureau in this matter will be awaited.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

(COPY-LEC)

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Sir:

In the trouble here at Pensacola Light House which Mr. Darby reported about L. E. Miller would you please try and settle it without dischargeing my husband as we have a sick son who is not able to do anything for his self and is depending on us for medicine and his living and oblige

(Signed) Mrs. L. E. Miller

Pensacola Light House

P.S. I heard Mr. Darby said he would have him discharged. My husband knows nothing of my writing.

8th's letter Sept.28,1936,dismissal Keeper L.E.Miller, Pensacola L.S.

ECP

RG-EK Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., October 19, 1936.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce together with inclosures and with a supplemental letter in the matter from the Superintendent dated October 8th. After careful consideration it is considered that Mr. Miller is not suitable for retention as a lighthouse keeper, and the Bureau concurs with the views of the Superintendent that Keeper L. E. Miller be dismissed for the reasons stated in paragraph three of the Superintendent's letter of September 28, effective on a date to be determined and duly reported to the Department.

H.D.King
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 4 10 20 AM '36

November 23, 1936.

Mr. Lewis E. Miller,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Charges of abuse, assault and conduct unbecoming a keeper of the Lighthouse Service, having been preferred against you and established 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 $1260 per annum in the Lighthouse Service, effective upon a date later to be determined and reported to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief, Division of Personnel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
February 11, 1937

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Lewis E. Miller - Discontinuance of services

1. Referring to Department letter of November 23, 1936, in the case of Lewis E. Miller, advising him that his services would be discontinued due to charges of conduct unbecoming a keeper of the Lighthouse Service, effective upon a date later to be determined and reported to the Department, the Bureau is advised that Mr. Miller's services were discontinued effective at the close of December 31, 1936.

E. S. LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

February 16, 1937.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information.

For the Commissioner:

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Chief of Personnel Division.

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MONTGOMERY WARD

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United States Lighthouse Service
Washington D C

B 56711
Balance $6.36
Mrs L E Miller
B 12
Warrington Fla

Gentlemen:

Mrs Miller opened an account with us in December of 1935 agreeing to pay regularly every 30 days until the balance of her account was paid in full. She paid on her first account until there was a balance of $2.64. In February 1937 she opened up another account for chicks and left an unpaid balance of $3.72 on that account. We have combined the two balances making a total of $6.36.

We have sent statements to Mrs Miller and explained to her how we arrived at the balance but still she refuses to acknowledge our letters or make the final payment on her account.

We realize that your bureau is not a collection department, but we would appreciate any assistance that you care to lend us in helping us to effect a friendly settlement.

Her husband is the first assistant lighthouse keeper at Warrington, Florida. Perhaps a suggestion from you concerning this account would be all that would be necessary to close it out in full. We do not want to take the matter to court for such a small amount and as we do business on a small margin this balance represents a good deal of the profits that we would have obtained had the account been closed according to the terms of the contract. We have sent them merchandise whenever they needed it without requiring them to make a down payment or without delaying the order for a credit investigation.

We would appreciate it very much if you would give this matter your immediate attention.

MONTGOMERY WARD

J. H. CASON
Credit Manager

IF YOU REPLY, PLEASE USE THE OTHER SIDE

April 1, 1938

Mr. J. C. Cason, Credit Manager
Montgomery Ward
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 1938, regarding the indebtedness of Mrs. L. E. Miller, Warrington, Florida, whose husband you state is employed as first assistant keeper in this Service at Warrington, Florida.

According to the record, Mr. Louis E. Miller was formerly employed in this Service as keeper (first assistant) at Pensacola Lightstation, Florida, but he was dismissed from the Service, effective at the close of December 31, 1936. It is regretted, therefore, that since Mr. Miller is no longer in the Service, this office will be unable to assist you in the matter.

Respectfully,
For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman,
Administrative Assistant

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Suat:

Former Lighthouse Keeper Lewis E. Miller
Letter from Representative Millard Caldwell
dated August 4.

The record shows that Keeper Lewis E. Miller was dismissed from the position of first assistant keeper at Pensacola Light Station, Florida, in the 8th District, effective at the close of December 1936, in consequence of charges involving abuse, assault, and conduct unbecoming a keeper, the Superintendent's recommendation having been duly considered by the Bureau and the Department, the details being shown in the Superintendent's slipped letter dated September 28, 1936 and his supplemental slipped letter dated October 8, 1936. Miller was appointed in the Service in November 1926, and had continuous service to the date of his dismissal. From the charges, it appears that Miller's activities which caused his dismissal were rather flagrant and particular attention is invited to the Superintendent's statement in paragraph 5 of his supplemental letter of October 8.

It appears doubtful that a good enough case could be made out for Miller's reinstatement as indicated by Representative Caldwell; and in consideration of the new examination requirements for the position of lighthouse keeper and of Miller's prior record, the course for Miller to follow in seeking reemployment as a lighthouse keeper would appear to be for him to communicate with the U.S. District Civil Service Manager at New Orleans, Louisiana, to have his name added to the mailing list so that he would be notified when the next examination for keeper ~~was~~ is held. If he should qualify in the examination with the new requirements and be certified, then the matter of his reappointment would appear to merit new consideration.

Suggest for advising Mr.
copy to 8th

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Include statement that original papers are on file with U.S.C.S.C.

MILLARD CALDWELL
THIRD DISTRICT
FLORIDA

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Milton, Florida
August 4, 1938

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Honorable Harold D. King
Commissioner
Bureau of Lighthouses
Department of Commerce
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Commissioner:

I understand certain charges were made against Mr. L. E. Miller, Box 711, Warrington, Florida, and that he was relieved from his duties with the Lighthouse Service on December 31, 1936.

Mr. Miller is very anxious to be re-instated in the service. I am informed that he has never been in any other trouble and is well respected in his community.

I am anxious to be of some assistance to Mr. Miller and will appreciate it if a special investigation can be made of this case. If this can be arranged please let me know as I would like to submit the names of several citizens who should be interviewed.

Sincerely,

Millard Caldwell

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August 11, 1938

Hon. Millard Caldwell
Member of Congress
Milton, Florida

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

In reference to your letter of August 4 in the interest of L. E. Miller, Box 711, Warrington, Florida:

It is noted from the records that Mr. Miller was dismissed from a position of keeper in the District of the Superintendent of Lighthouses at New Orleans, Louisiana, at the close of December 1936, in consequence of charges preferred against him in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, involving conduct unbecoming a keeper and violence against the person of others. The records show that careful consideration was given the matter and that Mr. Miller's dismissal at the time was necessary in the interest of the Service and in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations. His reinstatement would require the approval of the Civil Service Commission, which would require a showing that his reinstatement would be in the interest of the Service after due consideration of his past record.

Since Mr. Miller's separation from the Service, the requirements in the civil service examination for keeper have been increased, and it appears that the appropriate course for Mr. Miller to follow in seeking reappointment would be to file application with the U. S. Civil Service District Manager, New Orleans, Louisiana, to have his name added to the mailing list so that he would be notified when the next examination for keeper is held. Should Mr. Miller reestablish his eligibility in this manner, this office would not be averse to giving him further consideration upon his being certified by the Civil Service Commission.

Very truly yours,

H. D. King,
Commissioner of Lighthouses

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16 December 1948
CG-023

Mr. Lewis E. Miller
P. O. Box 4711
Warrington, Florida

Dear Mr. Miller:

Reference is made to your letter of December 1, 1948, in which you claimed "the difference due me for retired pay based on gross salary over that paid me based on net salary from date of retirement through June 30, 1947."

Comptroller General's decision, B-70029, dated October 23, 1947, revised the method of computing retired pay under the Lighthouse Retirement Act by including in the computations the value of quarters occupied by the annuitant during the last five years of service.

However, this decision is not for application in your case inasmuch as you did not retire from the Lighthouse Service. There is no basis for your claim.

Very truly yours,

H. L. MORGAN
Chief, Civilian Personnel Division

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Date mailed; 12/17

P.O. Box 4711
Warrington, Florida
December 1, 1948

Chief, Civilian Personnel Section
U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D.C.

In view of the Comptroller General's Decision of October 23, 1947, (B-70029) I hereby claim the difference due me for retired pay based on gross salary over that paid me based on net salary from date of retirement through June 30, 1947.

Respectfully
L. C. Miller

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
LIGHTHOUSES NEW ORLEANS, LA.
February 11, 1937

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Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Lewis E. Miller - Discontinuance of services

1. Referring to Department letter of November 23, 1936, in the case of Lewis E. Miller, advising him that his services would be discontinued due to charges of conduct unbecoming a keeper of the Lighthouse Service, effective upon a date later to be determined and reported to the Department, the Bureau is advised that Mr. Miller's services were discontinued effective at the close of December 31, 1936.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

February 16, 1937.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information.

For the Commissioner:

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Chief of Personnel Division.

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SHEET NO. 5331
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

November 23, 1936.

Mr. Lewis E. Miller,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Charges of abuse, assault and conduct unbecoming a keeper of the Lighthouse Service, having been preferred against you and established 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 $1260 per annum in the Lighthouse Service, effective upon a date later to be determined and reported to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

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Chief, Division of Personnel.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
September 28, 1936

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

L. E. Miller, First Asst. Keeper, Pensacola Lighthouse, Fla., charges against.

1. Inclosed herewith is letter of September 18, 1936, from George Darby, Keeper of Pensacola Lighthouse, Fla., preferring charges against Lewis E. Miller, First Assistant Keeper; copy of letter of September 19 from this office to Miller, transmitting the charges against him; copy of letter of September 19, 1936, to J. M. Hatten, Second Assistant Keeper, Pensacola Lighthouse, forwarding a copy of the charges preferred by Keeper Darby against First Assistant Keeper Miller, with request for a report whether the statements made by the Keeper were true and correct; letter dated September 21, 1936, from L. E. Miller, First Assistant Keeper, replying to the charges preferred against him by Keeper Darby; copy of letter of September 22, 1936, from J. M. Hatten, Second Assistant Keeper; copy of letter of September 23, 1936, to Mr. Hatten requesting that he specifically reply with regard to certain charges preferred by the Keeper against First Assistant Keeper Miller, and copy of the reply of Second Assistant Keeper Hatten dated September 25.

2. The charges preferred by Keeper Darby against L. E. Miller, First Assistant Keeper, Pensacola Lighthouse, are fully confirmed by the testimony of Mr. J. M. Hatten, Second Assistant Keeper.

3. The charges of abuse, assault and conduct unbecoming a Keeper of the Lighthouse Service having been proven in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, it is recommended that L. E. Miller, First Assistant Keeper, be dismissed from the Service effective at the close of October 10, 1936. Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I, relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations, will not be violated by the action recommended.

Action O. K.
J A R Stuhlman
Acting Adm. Asst. to Secy

E. S. LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

RG-EK Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., October 19, 1936.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce together with inclosures and with a supplemental letter in the matter from the Superintendent dated October 8th. After careful consideration it is considered that Mr. Miller is not suitable for retention as a lighthouse keeper, and the Bureau concurs with the views of the Superintendent that Keeper L. E. Miller be dismissed for the reasons stated in paragraph three of the Superintendent's letter of September 28, effective on a date to be determined and duly reported to the Department.

H. D. King
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
October 8, 1936

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

L. E. Miller, First Asst. Keeper, Pensacola Lighthouse, Fla., Charges against

1. In accordance with Bureau's letter of October 5th, relative to the charges preferred against Lewis E. Miller, First Assistant Keeper, Pensacola Light Station, Fla., the following report is submitted:

2. Mr. Miller has performed duty at only one other station, i.e. Sabine Pass Lighthouse from November 19, 1926, to June 3, 1929. There is no record adverse to Mr. Miller with regard to his services at Sabine Pass Light Station.

3. There has been some friction in evidence at Pensacola Light Station between the Keeper and the First Assistant, but nothing has been said other than chance remarks during inspection.

4. It was not deemed pertinent, and therefore the Bureau was not informed that Mrs. Miller has a grown son by a prior marriage whose health, it is claimed, is seriously impaired, and who resides in the quarters at the station. There is inclosed an original undated letter received from Mrs. Miller by this office on September 23rd.

5. So far as the value of Mr. Miller as a lighthouse keeper is concerned, it will be seen that his ten years of service has not resulted in a recommendation for appointment as keeper, and this office would not have recommended his promotion to the position of Keeper of Pensacola Lighthouse if a vacancy had occurred at that station.

6. In accordance with the instructions contained in the letter from the Bureau, the following report is submitted as to the credibility of Keeper Darby and Second Assistant Keeper Hatten:

7. Recommendation for disciplinary action against an employee, especially when it contemplates dismissal, is a very unpleasant duty to perform; therefore the credibility of the testimony of the Keeper and the Second Assistant Keeper was given most careful consideration. Careful reading of the correspondence with Second Assistant Keeper Hatten will indicate that his adverse testimony was not that of a voluntary witness, and there appears to have been a disposition to be somewhat reluctant in the matter.

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8. If it is true that Mr. Miller assumes an antagonistic attitude towards the Keeper, and if it is true that Mr. Miller cursed and swore and threatened the Keeper, and, as the preponderance of testimony affirms that this true, and that this office has no reason to believe that George Darby, Keeper, and J. M. Hatten, Second Assistant Keeper, have entered into an agreement to give untruthful testimony against Mr. Miller, it is respectfully submitted that this office is of the opinion that, if conduct of that character is permitted at a station, it will result in impairment of the orderly conduct of the duties at lighthouses.

9. This office has no objection, if the Bureau so decides, to the demotion of Mr. Miller, but will find it difficult to select a position at some station where families of the keepers are not allowed to reside, and where the services of Mr. Miller may not result in a lessening of the efficiency of such a station, which, in all probability, will be a radiobeacon station.

10. The decision of the Bureau in this matter will be awaited.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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Superintendent Light Hous

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pt. 25, 1936

September 23, 1936

Sir

In the trouble here
at Pensacola Light House
which Mr Darby reported
about Lt. E. Miller would
you please try and
settle it with out
Discharging my Husband
as we have a sick son
who is not able to do
any thing for his self
and is Depending on
us for medicine and
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Mrs L. E. Miller
Pensacola Light House

P. S. I heard Mr Darby
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Pensacola
Sept. 25, 1936

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir

In reply to your letter of Sept. 23, I did hear Mr. Miller say that when he was off the station that he would break Mr. Darby's neck.

I asked Mr. Miller to stop his actions and language, for it wouldn't mean anything but trouble, and liable to cause him to loose his job.

After the arrival at the beacon Mr. Miller did curse and use abusive language towards Mr. Darby. I didn't see Mr. Miller with his hand on Mr. Darby, as I had my back to Mr. Miller, stooped over the batteries beside Mr. Darby and he in a squatting position. I didn't look around until I saw Mr. Darby fall backwards & catch on his hands.

Respectfully,

(Signed) J. M. Hatten
2nd Asst. Keeper

Respectfully forwarded
(Signed) George Darby, Keeper

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
September 23, 1936

James M. Hatten, 2nd Assistant Keeper,
Pensacola Lighthouse,
Pensacola, Fla.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring to your letter of September 22nd, it is understood from your report that you did hear Mr. L. E. Miller curse Mr. Darby, the Keeper. Did you hear him say that when he was off of the station he would "break Mr. Darby's neck?"

2. Did you plead with Mr. Miller to desist from his language and actions?

3. After arrival at the beacon you stated that Mr. Miller "started the fuss again". Did he again curse and use abusive language towards Mr. Darby? Did you see him place his hands on Mr. Darby, as alleged by the Keeper?

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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EIGHTH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Pensacola Ft. Sla
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
Sept 21st, 1936

Superintendent Sir-
In regards to Your letter this morn of Mr Darby report of me threatning him with a knife I have not had a knife on or about my person for three months and for the morning of the 17th I had the water out to the car and ready to put it in but did not know if to put it in the trailor or car he had not told me what to do with it I have never refused to do any thing in the line of duty he ask me to do and for calling him Mr. Darby a God D— lie I never use the Lords name at all or never use the name bastard.
For putting My hand in the neckes collor I have never had my hands on him at all when he balled me out I told him I was taking to Mr. Hatten I wasnot Even thinking of him

Yours very respectfully L. E. Mills 1st Cook.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
September 19, 1936

J. M. Hatten, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Pensacola Light Station
Fort Barrancas, Florida
(Through the Keeper)

1. Inclosed herewith is copy of a letter dated Sept. 18, 1936, from George Darby, Keeper, reporting that L. E. Miller, 1st Asst. Keeper, had abused and assaulted him and has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a keeper of the Lighthouse Service.

2. You are directed to read the report of Keeper Darby very carefully and submit a written report, forwarding same through the keeper, stating whether or not the statements made by the keeper are true and correct.

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
September 19, 1936.

L. E. Miller, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Pensacola Light Station,
Fort Barrancas, Florida.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Inclosed herewith is copy of letter dated Sept.18,1936, from George Darby, Keeper, preferring charges against you of abuse, assault and conduct unbecoming a keeper of the Lighthouse Service.

2. In accordance with Civil Service Commission rules you are given three days in which to submit in writing such reply as you may deem fit. If the charges preferred are proven in a degree sufficient to warrant such action recommendation will be made for your discharge from the service.

3. If further report is received that there is any repetition of the offenses charged against you, you will be suspended immediately and steps will be taken to prefer charges against you before a court of competent jurisdiction.

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES
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Lighthouse,
Pensacola, Florida.
Sept. 18th, 1936.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:-

I am obliged to report the conduct of Mr. L. E. Miller, First Assistant Keeper, as I have put up with it as long as I can.

Every time I ask him to do something or speak to him about things he should have done he flies at me and wants to fight. He has his knife and has threatened me twice with it and I got out of his way.

This morning (the 17th, Thursday) at eight o'clock, Caucas Cut Rear Range had to be re-charged. I made all preparations, filled the water cans, got out the renewals ready to go, then I asked Mr. Miller to help carry the things to the car. He carried part of the water out and sit it down ten or more feet from the car. Mr. Hatton and I had carried the rest. Mr. Miller went into the garage and sit down. I came back on my last trip and asked him (Miller) to put those things in the car and why they were left outside. Mr. Miller ran out at me cursing and swearing and called me an old son of a b---- and swore that when he got off the station he would break my God d--- neck. Mr. Hatton pleaded with Miller to stop, at least have respect for his job, but Miller told Mr. Hatton: "God d--- the job. About that time I was loaded and leaving and Mr. Miller would not go with us in the car and he walked and took his time.
Mr. Hatton and myself was at the beacon sometime working when Mr. Miller got there. He came in the beacon raving and cursing me, trying to get me to fight with him, calling me all manner of vulgar names. And after he could not get me to commit myself by fighting he ran up behind me and jerked me backward by my collar as I was squatted down working with a battery cell in my hands and I came near breaking the jar and I did spill acid over my hands and legs. Mr. Hatton got out of the way of the acid and I still didn't commit myself to fight him. He then ran back at me and cursed me for a cowardly half negro looking bastard. In the meantime he had his knife in his hand. I told him I would not fight, but would report it to the Superintendent for my protection.

This man has had trouble heretofore and I kindly refer you to Keeper Broxton at Morgan Point, Alabama.

I respectfully request your careful investigation.

Yours very respectfully
George Darby, Keeper
Keeper

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
April 28, 1931

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Lewis E. Miller, Effective date of change in pay

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter of April 11, 1931, in the case of Lewis E. Miller, who was promoted from the position of Second Assistant Keeper, with pay at the rate of $1200 per annum, to the position of First Assistant Keeper at Pensacola Light Station, Fla., with pay at the rate of $1260 per annum, effective April 16, 1931, or upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is April 16, 1931.

E. S. LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Q. S. REPORT Data
ENTERED

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
APR 30 1931

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information
For the Commissioner:

R. J. Green
Chief, Personnel Division.

Form A-88

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

April 11, 1931.

Mr. Lewis E. Miller,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective April 16, 1931, or upon entrance on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

APR 15 1931

F. A. DELONG
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1200 per annum

To: $1260 per annum

Service and grade: Field

Appropriation (unit):

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La. 1931 APR 9 AM 9 33 April 6, 1931
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion To fill pending Vacancy — Legal residence, Florida

Name, Lewis ~~Edward~~ Miller (Signs reversed) — Proposed salary, $1260 p.a.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Proposed range, $1260-$1620

Location, Pensacola Light Station, Fla. — Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

Effective, April 16, 1931 — ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Former salary, $1200 p.a.

Location, Pensacola Light Station, Fla. — Former range, $1200-$1560

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

Previous incumbent, George Darby (Lt.#165) — Services to be terminated, about April 15, 1931

Reason, To be promoted. — Pending

Action dependent on Prom. of "Vice" hereon.

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, October 29, 1890

Remarks:

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

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON April 8, 1931

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Action O.K.
Chief Clerk

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN APR 14 1931 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

W. P. Starman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
June 6, 1929

CHIEF CLERK
1929 JUN 10 AM 2 43

Lewis E. Miller, Effect date of change in pay.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter of May 10, 1929, in the case of Lewis E. Miller, who was transferred from the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas, with pay at the rate of $1320 per annum, to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Pensacola Light Station, with pay at the rate of $1200 per annum, effective May 16, 1929, or upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay was June 4, 1929.

E. S. LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

CARDED

U. S. REPORT DATE ENTERED

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

JUN 10 1929

Submitted by Secretary of Commerce for his information

H. D. King
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

May 10, 1929.

Mr. Lewis E. Miller,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective May 16, 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,

CARDED MAY 17 1929

EDW. J. GARDNER
Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320 per annum.

To: $1200 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
MAY 18 1929
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT

New Orleans, La. May 26 1929
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer Legal residence, Florida

Name, Lewis E. Miller Proposed salary, $1200 per annum

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service Proposed range, $1200-$1500 per annum

Location, Pensacola Light Station, Fla. Appropriation, Sals.Kprs.of Lighthouses

Effective, May 16, 1929 [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service Former salary, $1320 p.a.

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas Former range $1320-$1620 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, Frank A. Segree 1200 - (Lt.#183) Services terminated, March 4, 1929

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, October 29, 1890

Remarks: Letter, dated May 4, 1929, from L. E. Miller, accepting this transfer is attached hereto.

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

E. S. Randlett

Secretary, Civil Service District. Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Incl.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

May 8, 1929.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Inclosed is letter from Mr. Miller accepting this transfer.

Action O. K.

Chief Clerk

H. D. King

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 6 1929
NEW ORLEANS

EIGHTH DISTRICT

LIGHTHOUSES
1929 MAY 8 AM 8 49

Sabine Pass Light Sta., Texas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 4, 1929

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.
(Through the Keeper)

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 2, 1929, I wish to state that I desire to be considered for transfer to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Pensacola Light Station, Fla., with pay at the rate of $1200 per annum.

Respectfully,

L. E. Miller.

Second Assistant Keeper

Forwarded:

J. J. Shorer

Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

Mr. Lewis E. Miller,

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.

CARDED

From: $1200

To: $1320

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

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REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE

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

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

Commerce
(Department)

Office of Supt., 8th Lighthouse Dist. (Bureau or office) New Orleans, La. (Place and date)

To Commissioner of Lighthouses
(Head of department or establishment)

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on May 19, 1927.

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

Name Lewis E. Miller

Position Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Salary $1200 per annum

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Station Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas

Date of entrance on duty November 19, 1926

Remarks:

SUBMITTED: APR 8 - 1927

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Thomas Brosson Keeper
(Signature of immediate superior)

Submitted:

E. S. Langhier.
(Head of bureau or office)

Superintendent of Lighthouses

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1732

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

LIGHTHOUSES
1926 NOV 29 AM 9 01

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 26 1926
NEW ORLEANS

PERSONAL HISTORY

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

NOV 29 1926
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Bureau, division, or office 8th U.S.Lighthouse District (Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas)

1. Name in full √ Lewis Edward Miller. 5

2. Legal (voting) residence Santa Rosa (3) County Fla. Town Point.
(State and Congressional District) (County) (City or town)

3. Where born? Bagdad State of Fla. When born? Oct. 28, 1870
(State or foreign country) (City or town) (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

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

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

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

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year

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

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

Enlisted ..... Discharged .....
Organization .....

Enlisted ..... Discharged .....
Organization .....

8.

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

9. State special qualifications

CARDED

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

Mrs. L. E. Miller (Name) Wife (Relationship)

Pensacola Fla Box 45 (Post office address)

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

Lewis E. Miller
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

Oct 25 /26 (Date)

Present address Box 45 Pensacola Fla.

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

NOV 29 1926
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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I, ✓ Lewis E. Miller,

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.

Lewis E. Miller.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 16th day of November, A. D. 19

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) L. Pope Reeves

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires Nov 9th 1929

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper in the Light-house Service	$1200 p.a.	Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas
Former [5] PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT		

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

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District

New Orleans, La. (Address), November 26, 1926 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on November 19, 1926 (Date)

CARDED

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

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
[3] The oath may be taken any time 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.

C. S. REPORT DATA
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Form A-30

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 25, 1926.

Mr. Lewis E. Miller,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of One Thousand Two Hundred dollars per annum

effective November 1, 1926, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

Nature of appointment: Probationary.

Civil Service authority: Secretary, Tenth Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED NOV 8 1926 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CARDED

NOV 8 1926

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Martin L. Boyed.

Legal Residence: Florida.

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Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1926 OCT 23 PM 12 34

Texas United States Civil Service District
OCT 20 1926

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT, New Orleans, La.

New Orleans, La. (City.) October 20 (Date.) 1926

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

OCT 25

NOV 3 1926 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Action recommended, Probationary appointment

Name, **Lewis E. Miller** Legal residence, **Florida**

Position, Keeper 2nd in the Lighthouse Service Salary, $1200 p.a. (Rge: $1200-$1560 p.a.)

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas Appropriation, Sals., ~~Kpgs. of L.H.~~ Aud. Clerk

Effective November 1, 1926 { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty;~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

1926 OCT 25 AM 10 36 CLERK

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

Location, - - -

Rank on eligible list, 1st Rating, Asst.L.H. Keeper Percentage, 82.4; Other eligibles considered: Henry M. Campbell, C; John J. Anderson, C.

Martin L. Boyer - trans. crooked River

Previous incumbent, ~~Peter Hingle~~ Services terminated, ~~May 21~~ 1926

Reason, ~~Resigned~~

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

This recommendation dated Oct. 25/26 crossed in the mail.

Members of family in Government Service, NONE

Date of birth, October 29, 1891.

Remarks: Mr. Miller has had no previous service in any branch of the Department of Commerce. ~~Sabine Pass~~ There are no keepers in the Service desiring transfer to the above position.

Selection regular, ~~subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission~~ OCT 21 1926, 19

PROBATIONAL.

Secretary, TENTH Civil Service District.

E. S. Lamphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

OCT 23 1926

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPROVED:

ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

10-25-26

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

August 11, 1938

Hon. Millard Caldwell
Member of Congress
Milton, Florida

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

In reference to your letter of August 4 in the interest of L. E. Miller, Box 711, Warrington, Florida:

It is noted from the records that Mr. Miller was dismissed from a position of keeper in the District of the Superintendent of Lighthouses at New Orleans, Louisiana, at the close of December 1936, in consequence of charges preferred against him in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, involving conduct unbecoming a keeper and violence against the person of others. The records show that careful consideration was given the matter and that Mr. Miller's dismissal at the time was necessary in the interest of the Service and in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations. His reinstatement would require the approval of the Civil Service Commission, which would require a showing that his reinstatement would be in the interest of the Service after due consideration of his past record.

Since Mr. Miller's separation from the Service, the requirements in the civil service examination for keeper have been increased, and it appears that the appropriate course for Mr. Miller to follow in seeking reappointment would be to file application with the U. S. Civil Service District Manager, New Orleans, Louisiana, to have his name added to the mailing list so that he would be notified when the next examination for keeper is held. Should Mr. Miller reestablish his eligibility in this manner, this office would not be averse to giving him further consideration upon his being certified by the Civil Service Commission.

Very truly yours,

H. D. King,
Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR - 4 1938
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

April 1, 1938

Mr. J. C. Cason, Credit Manager
Montgomery Ward
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 1938, regarding the indebtedness of Mrs. L. E. Miller, Warrington, Florida, whose husband you state is employed as first assistant keeper in this Service at Warrington, Florida.

According to the record, Mr. Louis E. Miller was formerly employed in this Service as keeper (first assistant) at Pensacola Lightstation, Florida, but he was dismissed from the Service, effective at the close of December 31, 1936. It is regretted, therefore, that since Mr. Miller is no longer in the Service, this office will be unable to assist you in the matter.

Respectfully,
For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman,
Administrative Assistant

hlm/sec

Copy to Supt

FEB 10 1937

Sabine Pass Tex-
Jan. 9 -37

Superintendent Sir.
As I have had a little better than 10 years in the service I would like to be reinstated back to the service as I have always tried to do my duties as long as I was in the service The Bar Pilots of Pensacola will be glad to give my record as long as I was in the service in Pensacola Mr J.J. Olivier or Mr W.J. Doyle will also be ready to give my record as long as I was with them if I am considered for the service I will take any light in the 8th district.

Respectfully
L.E. Miller

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February 11, 1937

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Lewis E. Miller - Discontinuance of services

1. Referring to Department letter of November 23, 1936, in the case of Lewis E. Miller, advising him that his services would be discontinued due to charges of conduct unbecoming a keeper of the Lighthouse Service, effective upon a date later to be determined and reported to the Department, the Bureau is advised that Mr. Miller's services were discontinued effective at the close of December 31, 1936.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 4 10 20 AM '36

November 23, 1936.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DEC - 7 1936
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Mr. Lewis E. Miller,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Charges of abuse, assault and conduct unbecoming a keeper of the Lighthouse Service, having been preferred against you and established 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 $1260 per annum in the Lighthouse Service, effective upon a date later to be determined and reported to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

W. J. GARDNER

Chief, Division of Personnel.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JAN 4 1937

EIGHTH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Pensacola Light Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 2, 1937

Sir

Referring to Your Letter of Dec 7.—36
I Respectfully Report that Mr L.E. Miller 1st asst.
Left the Station December 31st as directed by your

Very Respectfully
George Darby
Keeper

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JAN – 4 1937

EIGHTH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec 31. , 1936

Superintendent

Sir

I am Leaving Pensacola Light House Tonight 12. P.M. Dec 31.

Please send my check to New Warrington Fla Box 12

L. E. Miller

Mr. Braun

Attended To

LEC
Incl.

December 7, 1936

L. E. Miller, First Asst. Keeper,
Pensacola Light Station
Fort Barrancas, Florida
(Through the Keeper)

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter of November 23, 1936, advising that charges of abuse, assault and conduct unbecoming a keeper of the Lighthouse Service having been preferred against you, and established in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, you have been dismissed from the position of keeper at $1260 per annum, effective upon a date later to be determined.

2. You are advised that the date of your dismissal will be effective at the close of December 31st. Accordingly you will make preparations to leave the station at the close of that date.

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of George Darby, Keeper, Pensacola Light Station, Fort Barrancas, Florida. You will report to this office the date Mr. Miller leaves the station. Report date letter is delivered to Mr. Miller. Deliver immediately

E. S. LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEC - 9 1936

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Pensacola Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

December 8, 1936

Sir

I Respectfully Report that I have this Day Dec 8-36. Delivered to Mr L. E. Hill your Letter Dated Dec. 7. 1936 as Directed

Respectfully
Geo Darby

ESL:LMC
Incl.

October 8, 1936

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

L. E. Miller, First Asst. Keeper, Pensacola Lighthouse, Fla., Charges against

1. In accordance with Bureau's letter of October 5th, relative to the charges preferred against Lewis E. Miller, First Assistant Keeper, Pensacola Light Station, Fla., the following report is submitted:

2. Mr. Miller has performed duty at only one other station, i.e. Sabine Pass Lighthouse from November 19, 1926, to June 3, 1929. There is no record adverse to Mr. Miller with regard to his services at Sabine Pass Light Station.

3. There has been some friction in evidence at Pensacola Light Station between the Keeper and the First Assistant, but nothing has been said other than chance remarks during inspection.

4. It was not deemed pertinent, and therefore the Bureau was not informed that Mrs. Miller has a grown son by a prior marriage whose health, it is claimed, is seriously impaired, and who resides in the quarters at the station. There is inclosed an original undated letter received from Mrs. Miller by this office on September 23rd.

5. So far as the value of Mr. Miller as a lighthouse keeper is concerned, it will be seen that his ten years of service has not resulted in a recommendation for appointment as keeper, and this office would not have recommended his promotion to the position of Keeper of Pensacola Lighthouse if a vacancy had occurred at that station.

6. In accordance with the instructions contained in the letter from the Bureau, the following report is submitted as to the credibility of Keeper Darby and Second Assistant Keeper Hatten:

7. Recommendation for disciplinary action against an employee, especially when it contemplates dismissal, is a very unpleasant duty to perform; therefore the credibility of the testimony of the Keeper and the Second Assistant Keeper was given most careful consideration. Careful reading of the correspondence with Second Assistant Keeper Hatten will indicate that his adverse testimony was not that of a voluntary witness, and there appears to have been a disposition to be somewhat reluctant in the matter.

8. If it is true that Mr. Miller assumes an antagonistic attitude towards the Keeper, and if it is true that Mr. Miller cursed and swore and threatened the Keeper, and, as the preponderance of testimony affirms that this true, and that this office has no reason to believe that George Darby, Keeper, and J. M. Hatten, Second Assistant Keeper, have entered into an agreement to give untruthful testimony against Mr. Miller, it is respectfully submitted that this office is of the opinion that, if conduct of that character is permitted at a station, it will result in impairment of the orderly conduct of the duties at lighthouses.

9. This office has no objection, if the Bureau so decides, to the demotion of Mr. Miller, but will find it difficult to select a position at some station where families of the keepers are not allowed to reside, and where the services of Mr. Miller may not result in a lessening of the efficiency of such a station, which, in all probability, will be a radiobeacon station.

10. The decision of the Bureau in this matter will be awaited.

E. S. LAPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

(COPY-LEC)

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Sir:

In the trouble here at Pensacola Light House which Mr. Darby reported about L. E. Miller would you please try and settle it without dischargeing my husband as we have a sick son who is not able to do anything for his self and is depending on us for medicine and his living and oblige

(Signed) Mrs. L. E. Miller

Pensacola Light House

P.S. I heard Mr. Darby said he would have him discharged. My husband knows nothing of my writing.

(COPY-LEC)

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Pensacola Light House

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

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT - 7 1936
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

October 5, 1936

Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

With reference to the charges against Lewis E. Miller, first assistant keeper at Pensacola Lightstation, and your recommendation of September 28 that he be dismissed from the Service effective at the close of October 10:

It is requested that you advise the Bureau further as to Mr. Miller's behavior prior to the present incident, and particularly as to his behavior at other stations. Also state your opinion as to the credibility of Keeper Darby and Second Assistant Keeper Hatten, and whether you consider the latter in any way influenced by the Keeper in connection with his statement in the matter.

According to the record, Miller entered the Service November 19, 1926, as an assistant keeper at Sabine Pass and was transferred to Pensacola at his own request June 4, 1929. There is nothing in his record in the Bureau to indicate that his services and conduct have been other than satisfactory. In view of his apparent satisfactory service for nearly ten years, therefore, and in the absence of any disciplinary action or deportment requiring special attention, recommendation is requested as to whether sufficient disciplinary in this case would be accomplished by demotion and transfer to another station.

For the Commissioner:

W P Harman
Administrative Assistant

HLM

ESL:LEC
Incls.

September 28, 1936

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

L. E. Miller, First Asst.Keeper, Pensacola Lighthouse, Fla., charges against.

1. Inclosed herewith is letter of September 18, 1936, from George Darby, Keeper of Pensacola Lighthouse, Fla., preferring charges against Lewis E. Miller, First Assistant Keeper; copy of letter of September 19 from this office to Miller, transmitting the charges against him; copy of letter of September 19, 1936, to J. M. Hatten, Second Assistant Keeper, Pensacola Lighthouse, forwarding a copy of the charges preferred by Keeper Darby against First Assistant Keeper Miller, with request for a report whether the statements made by the Keeper were true and correct; letter dated September 21, 1936, from L. E. Miller, First Assistant Keeper, replying to the charges preferred against him by Keeper Darby; copy of letter of September 22, 1936, from J. M. Hatten, Second Assistant Keeper; copy of letter of September 23, 1936, to Mr. Hatten requesting that he specifically reply with regard to certain charges preferred by the Keeper against First Assistant Keeper Miller, and copy of the reply of Second Assistant Keeper Hatten dated September 25.

2. The charges preferred by Keeper Darby against L. E. Miller, First Assistant Keeper, Pensacola Lighthouse, are fully confirmed by the testimony of Mr. J. M. Hatten, Second Assistant Keeper.

3, The charges of abuse, assault and conduct unbecoming a Keeper of the Lighthouse Service having been proven in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, it is recommended that L. E. Miller, First Assistant Keeper, be dismissed from the Service effective at the close of October 10, 1936. Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I, relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations, will not be violated by the action recommended.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

(COPY) (FB)

Lighthouse,
Pensacola, Florida.
September 18th, 1936.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:-

I am obliged to report the conduct of Mr. L. E. Miller, First Assistant Keeper, as I have put up with it as long as I can.

Every time I ask him to do something or speak to him about things he should have done he flies at me and wants to fight. He has his knife and has threatened me twice with it and I got out of his way.

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This man has had trouble heretofore and I kindly refer you to Keeper Broxton at Morgan Point, Alabama.

I respectfully request your careful investigation.

Yours very respectfully,

(SIGNED) George Darby,
Keeper.

(COPY-LEC)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Pensacola Lt.Sta.
Sept. 21st, 1936

Superintendent

Sir:

In regards to your letter this morn of Mr. Darby report of me threatening him with a knife, I have not had a knife on or about my person for three months and for the morning of the 17th I had the water put to the car and ready to put it in but did not know if to put it in the trailor or car he had not told me what to do with it.

I have never refused to do anything in the line of duty he ask me to do and for calling him, Mr. Darby, a God D-- lie, I never use the lords name at all or never use the name bastard. For putting my hand in the keepers collar I have never had my hands on him at all. When he balled me out I told him I was taking to Mr. Hatten. I wasn't even thinking of him.

Yours very respectfully,

(Signed) L. M. Miller
1st Asst.

(COPY-LEC)

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(Signed) L. E. Miller
1st Asst.

RSL-WJB.

September 19, 1936.

L. E. Miller, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Pensacola Light Station,
Fort Barrancas, Florida.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Inclosed herewith is copy of letter dated Sept.18,1936, from George Darby, Keeper, preferring charges against you of abuse, assault and conduct unbecoming a keeper of the Lighthouse Service.

2. In accordance with Civil Service Commission rules you are given three days in which to submit in writing such reply as you may deem fit. If the charges preferred are proven in a degree sufficient to warrant such action recommendation will be made for your discharge from the service.

3. If further report is received that there is any repetition of the offenses charged against you, you will be suspended immediately and steps will be taken to prefer charges against you before a court of competent jurisdiction.

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy for information of George Darby, Keeper, Pensacola Light Station, Fort Barrancas, Fla. You are directed to deliver the original of this letter to L.E.Miller, preferably in the presence of 2nd Asst. Keeper Hatton, and report the date on which this letter was delivered to him.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

(COPY) (FB)

Lighthouse,
Pensacola, Florida.
September 18th, 1936.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SEP 26 1936
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Pensacola
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept. 25, 1936

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans. La.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of Sept. 23, I did hear Mr. Miller say that when he was off of the Station that he would break Mr Darby's neck.

I asked Mr Miller to stop his actions and language, for it would'nt mean anything but trouble, and unable to cause him to loose his job.

After the arrival at the beacon Mr. Miller did curse and use abusive language towards Mr. Darby. I didn't see Mr Miller with his hand on Mr. Darby, as I had my back to Mr. Miller, stooped over the batteries beside Mr Darby and he in a squatting position. I didn't look around until I saw Mr Darby fall backwards & catch on his hands.

Respectfully
Forwarded.

George Darby Keeper

Yours Respectfully
J M. Hatten 2nd asst Kpr.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SEP 29 1936

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Pensacola F S
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 21, 1936

Sir I handed this letter
To my Mate this Morning at 8:30 a.m as Directed
and Would State that Reply to this Report is
In Caret and not True.
Therfore I Would not Sign it

Very Respectfully
George Darby
K & P Q

(COPY-LEC)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Pensacola
Sept. 25, 1936

Supt. of Lighthouses
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Respectfully,

(Signed) J. M. Hatten
2nd Asst.Keeper

Respectfully forwarded
(Signed) George Darby, Keeper

ESL:JK

September 23, 1936.

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Pensacola Lighthouse,
Pensacola, Fla.

(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring to your letter of September 22nd, it is understood from your report that you did hear Mr. L. E. Miller curse Mr. Darby, the Keeper. Did you hear him say that when he was off of the station he would "break Mr. Darby's neck?"

2. Did you plead with Mr. Miller to desist from his language and actions?

3. After arrival at the beacon you stated that Mr. Miller "started the fuss again." Did he again curse and use abusive language towards Mr. Darby? Did you see him place his hands on Mr. Darby, as alleged by the Keeper?

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

Copy for information of George Darby, Keeper, Pensacola Lighthouse, Fort Barrancas, Fla.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
September 23, 1936

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Pensacola Lt. Sta.
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Sept. 22, 1936, 193

Supt. of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir.

In reply to your letter of Sept. 19, in regards to trouble between Kpr. Darby & Mr Miller.

I had been to Ft. Barancas & take my Children to the school bus, & also get the mail. When I came back to the Station Mr Darby & Mr Miller was preparing to go & recharge Cacus Cut Rear Light. All the material that we used in recharging the light, except one Can of water and a sack with the cans of Caustic Soda in was sitting out in front of the Garage by Mr Darby's Car.

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Yours Respectfully.
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Forwarded
George Darby
Keeper

(COPY-LHC)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Pensacola Lt. Sta.
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ESL-WJB

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Fort Barrancas, Florida.
(Through the Keeper)

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(Signed) E. S. Lamphier,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy for information of George Darby, Keeper, Pensacola Light Station, Fort Barrancas, Florida.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

COPY

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
September 19, 1936

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Pensacola Light Station
Fort Barrancas, Florida
(Through the Keeper)

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Superintendent of Lighthouses

(COPY) (VB)

Lighthouse,
Pensacola, Florida.
September 18th, 1936.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

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I respectfully request your careful investigation.

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NEW ORLEANS

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Pensacola L S
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 26, 1936

Sir

In Reply to your letter of Sept. 23-36.
in Regards to the Building of the Cow Barn on the Light house Reservation. by mr Miller 1st asst.
as to When it Was commenced. I do not know Just What Day. But it Was Built during the Week of The 19th. First I know about it Mr miller came to Me for a Piece of Lumber I had. that Was the later Part of the Week. he Was Still Working on it When I Reported it.
The Reason I never Reported it Sooner. I Waited to See if he Would Say Something about it. Then he told me it Was on the army Reserve. I Then found out it Was not. Then I Reported to you.

Very Respectfully
George Warby
Keeper

ESL:FB

September 25, 1936

L. E. Miller, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Pensacola Lighthouse,
Fort Barrancas, Fla.

(Through the Keeper)

1. It is not desired that the Lighthouse Reservation should be used by your wife, her son, or yourself for the purpose of engaging in the milk business. Be guided accordingly.

(SIGNED) E. S. Lanphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of George Darby, Keeper, Pensacola L.H., Fort Barrancas, Fla. (Through the Keeper).

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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SEP 25 1936
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Pensacola Lt Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept. 24, 1936

Superintendent Sir.

In reply to your letter Sept. 24 Mr. Darby told you I built a large cow shed I built a small shed about 300 Ft north of the light house but will have it move by the Evening of the 25th.

For selling milk I have never sold any milk and have nothing to do with the cows as I cant even milk My wife sold a little milk. to a few of her friends to help her sick son out as he is not able to work and every thing she cleared she banked for him as the Dr. told him he could go into a small chicken business next summer I have never received one penny out of the cows or milk-

Yours very respectfully
L E Miller Keeper

Forward
George Beasley
Foreman

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Pensacola Ft Sig.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 25, 1936

Superintendent Sir

The cow barn was down at 8 30 a m & removed this afternoon from the station at 1 40 P.m.

Yours respectfully
I. E. Miller 1st Asst.

Forwarded
Geo. A. Darby
Keeper

ESL:JK

September 23, 1936.

L. E. Miller, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Pensacola Lighthouse,
Fort Barrancas, Fla.

(Through the Keeper)

1. Mr. George Darby, Keeper, states that you are building, or having built, a large cow barn on the northeast side of the station on the Lighthouse reservation. No authority was secured from this office and you will immediately desist and remove the structure or such part of that as may have been erected, reporting to this office when you have done so.

2. It is also reported by Mr. Darby that you are selling milk and that your customers call at the light station for same. You will submit full report in regard to this matter.

(Signed) E. S. LANPHIER,

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of George Darby, Keeper, Pensacola Lighthouse, Fort Barrancas, Fla.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

ESL:JK

September 23, 1936.

George Darby, Keeper,
Pensacola Lighthouse,
Fort Barrancas, Fla.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 21st, stating that Mr. L. E. Miller, 1st Assistant Keeper, was building, or having built, a large cow barn on the northeast side of the station.

2. You are directed to advise this office the date on which this structure, which you reported Mr. Miller is building, or having built, was commenced. You are directed to advise when you received information relative to the proposed building and to state why you did not immediately report same to this office.

3. Mr. Miller has no authority to build, and did not apply to this office for any authority to build, any structure on the Lighthouse Reservation.

4. You will deliver the inclosed letter to Mr. Miller and you will immediately reply, furnishing all the information requested of you in this letter.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Return to Mr. Lanphier's desk

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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SEP 22 1936
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Pensacola Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 21, 1936

Superintendent of Light houses
new orleans La.

Sir

For Yours Information.
I Wish to Report that Mr Miller ist Known
as building or have built a large Cow barn
on the north East Side of the Station, without
Permission. as to My knowledge.
and they use the Station telephone To Sell and
Collect for their Milk.
Mr Miller have been staped from Sellinang Milk
on the Post. But their Customers came to the
Light house and get ther milk just the Same.
They have five or Six Milk Cows here.
that Why it takes So much Watter.
Enclosed Please find a letter from the
adjutant to me.

Yours Very Respectfully
George Dailey
Keeper

SEP 22 1936

HEADQUARTERS HARBOR DEFENSES OF PENSACOLA
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER
FORT BARRANCAS, FLORIDA

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

September 21, 1936

Subject: Sale of Milk on Ft Barrancas Reservation.

To: Keeper, Pensacola Lighthouse, Pensacola, Fla.

1. You are advised that upon the recommendation of the Post Surgeon, which recommendation was based upon a report from the Escambia County Health authorities, these headquarters instructed Mrs L.E. Miller, a resident near the Pensacola Lighthouse, that she was barred from selling milk and milk products on the military reservation, because of having a son residing with her suffering with tuberculosis.

For the Commanding Officer:

M.A. Hatch,
Captain13th C.A.,
Adjutant

RSL:LEC

December 14, 1936

Unforwarded

L. E. Miller, First Assistant Keeper,
Pensacola Light Station
Fort Barrancas, Florida
(Through the Keeper)

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 11, 1936, relative to your dismissal from the Service.

2. The charges against you were given careful consideration and the evidence indicated that the charges of abuse, assault and conduct unbecoming a keeper were proven in a degree sufficient to warrant your dismissal from the Service.

3. The regulations state, in paragraph 91 of "Instructions to Employees, 1927", that if there are countercharges they should be put in a separate letter. Your countercharges should have been embraced in a letter at the time you received the charges preferred against you by the Keeper. This office will give careful consideration, however, to your statements. Mr. Hatten's testimony has been taken in full by this office.

4. The Mr. "Rhine" referred to by you is supposed to be Mr. Tonoy Ryan, who was Second Assistant Keeper at Pensacola Lighthouse from September 8, 1931, to March 11, 1932. The incidents referred to, therefore, happened more than four years ago, and this office will not take the matter up at this time.

5. It appears that you now assert that Mr. Darby was guilty of some kind of misconduct during the period from September 8, 1931, to March 11, 1932, and that you have concealed this alleged misconduct for four years without reporting same.

6. With reference to your statements about the Bell Mercantile Company of Pleasant Grove, you are advised that it is up to you to present any evidence which you may desire from the Bell Mercantile Company, and when such evidence is presented, it will be given consideration. This alleged incident is also evidently in the nature of countercharges which would not have been brought up if the charges had not been preferred against you by the Keeper.

7. Your statement relative to the Keeper's irregular absences from the station is noted, and this office would have been pleased to have received such a report of misconduct on the part of the Keeper at the time it occurred. Even at this late date, the report will be given due consideration, but it will not alter the decision of this office in your case.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of George Darby, Keeper, Pensacola Lighthouse Fort Barrancas, Florida.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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5. It appears that you now assert that Mr. Darby was guilty of some kind of misconduct during the period from September 8, 1931, to March 11, 1932, and that you have concealed this alleged misconduct for four years without reporting same.

6. With reference to your statements about the Bell Mercantile Company of Pleasant Grove, you are advised that it is up to you to present any evidence which you may desire from the Bell Mercantile Company, and when such evidence is presented, it will be given consideration. This alleged incident is also evidently in the nature of countercharges which would not have been brought up if the charges had not been preferred against you by the Keeper.

7. Your statement relative to the Keeper's irregular absences from the station is noted, and this office would have been pleased to have received such a report of misconduct on the part of the Keeper at the time it occurred. Even at this late date, the report will be given due consideration, but it will not alter the decision of this office in your case.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
December 14, 1936

L. E. Miller, First Assistant Keeper,
Pensacola Light Station
Fort Barrancas, Florida
(Through the Keeper)

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 11, 1936, relative to your dismissal from the Service.

2. The charges against you were given careful consideration and the evidence indicated that the charges of abuse, assault and conduct unbecoming a keeper were proven in a degree sufficient to warrant your dismissal from the Service.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEC 14 1936
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT
Pensacola Ft. Fla.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec 11, 1936

Superintendent Sir:-

In regards to Your letter of Dec 7 that I was dismissed from the service Dec. 31- for assault and abuse on the keeper I was never close enough to him at that time to ~~have~~ assault him with a knife as I was 15-ft or better standing talking to Mr Statler at the time it occurred and Mr Statler will say that he never saw me with a knife at all or did not see me with my hands in his collar as I was leaving the beacon at the time I heard the jars rattle.

That was not his first false report to make for he reported in July that we had a summons to court and left the station in charge of some one in the family which was untrue for Mr. Pary or I never had any summons what ever and my family or his was not on the station and Mr Statler was on leave at the time. and thing that he should report he

II

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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lets pass up as Mr. Rhine and Mr Rene found
to drums of light house kerosine in the woods
East of the station and told me I reported it
to him as I thought was my duty he never
made any report on the same but taken me and
hauled it to the station. and in regards to my
trouble with Mr Darby the keeper I have never
had any trouble with any one else that I know
of as I always tried to stay to my self as much
as possible and keep down reports but he
dogged me until he made me say something
back to him and then reported things that
was untrue if he had reported the truth as
it happened I would have had a chance to
stay in the servic but as it is I will make
Preparation to have my property stored on the
31st of Dec.
In regard. to Mr. Darby's conduct you can get
it from the Bell Mercantile company of
Pleasant Grove which is about 3 miles N.W. of

III

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

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IV

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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Respectfully Yours. I. E. Miller.
Witness X Refused to sign.

(COPY-LEC)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Pensacola Lt. Sta.
Dec. 11, 1936

Superintendent

Sir:

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And in regards to my trouble with Mr. Darby, the Keeper, I have never had any trouble with any one else that I know of as I always tried to stay to myself as much as possible and keep down reports but he dogged me until he made me say something back to him and then reported things that was untrue. If he had reported the truth as it happened, I would have a chance to stay in the Service, but as it is I will make preparations to have my property stored on the 31st of Dec.

In regard to Mr. Darby's conduct you can get it from the Bell Merchantile company of Pleasant Grove which is about 3 miles N.W. of the lighthouse. Mr. Oran Bell had an outboard motor stolen from his front porch and put out a $10.00 reward for same. Six months later this motor was found on Mr. Darby's boat. When Mr. Darby was approached by Mr. Bell and requested his motor Mr. Darby stated he ought to have his money back intimating that he had purchased the motor from someone else, but Mr. Bell carried the motor on home and told Mr. Darby he could bring the third party out to his home and get his money as well as by keeping his motor. Mr. Darby has never presented himself or the one he claims to have bought the motor from so as to get the refund on account of the motor. He also reported me for not doing my duty which

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Respectfully yours

(Signed) L. E. Miller

Keeper X refused to sign

(COPY-LEC)

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Pensacola Lt. Sta.
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Kindly have a complete investigation of these charges at the earliest time.

Respectfully yours

(Signed) L. E. Miller

Keeper X refused to sign

Form A-88

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 18 1931
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

April 11, 1931.

M. Lewis E. Miller,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1931 APR 15 PM 3:40

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective April 16, 1931, or upon entrance on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

F. A. DELONG
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1200 per annum
To: $1260 per annum
Service and grade: Field
Appropriation (unit):

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

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Lewis E. Miller, Effective
date of change in pay

April 28, 1931

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter of April 11, 1931, in the case of Lewis E. Miller, who was promoted from the position of Second Assistant Keeper, with pay at the rate of $1200 per annum, to the position of First Assistant Keeper at Pensacola Light Station, Fla., with pay at the rate of $1260 per annum, effective April 16, 1931, or upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is April 16, 1931.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Last
Incl.

April 20, 1931

Lewis R. Miller, Second Asst.Keeper,
Pensacola Light Station,
Fort Barrancas, Florida
(Through the Keeper)

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter of April 11, 1931, advising that your compensation has been changed from $1200 per annum to $1260 per annum, effective April 16, 1931, or upon entrance on duty, by reason of your promotion to the position of First Assistant Keeper.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of George Darby, Keeper, Pensacola Light Station, Fort Barrancas, Fla.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Form 73
Ed. April, 1929
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La. (City) April 6 (Date), 19 31

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion — Legal residence, Florida

Name, Lewis Elward Miller — Proposed salary, $1260 p.a.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Proposed range, $1260-$1620

Location, Pensacola Light Station, Fla. — Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

Effective, April 16, 1931 — {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Former salary, $1200 p.a.

Location, Pensacola Light Station, Fla. — Former range, $1200-$1560

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

Previous incumbent, George Darby — Services to be terminated, about April 15, 1931

Reason, To be promoted.

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, October 29, 1890

Remarks:

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

_____ Secretary, Civil Service District.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses

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 A-38

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 20 1929
NEW ORLEANS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES

May 10, 1929.

1929 MAY 17 AM 11 31

M r. Lewis E. Miller,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective May 16, 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,

[redacted] J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320 per annum.

To: $1200 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

RM

Lewis R. Miller, Effective
date of change in pay.

June 6, 1929

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter of May 10, 1929, in the case of Lewis R. Miller, who was transferred from the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas, with pay at the rate of $1320 per annum, to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Pensacola Light Station, with pay at the rate of $1200 per annum, effective May 16, 1929, or upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay was June 4, 1929.

E. S. LAMPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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

CLASS OF SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES JUN 1929 NEW ORLEANS

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RESPECTFULLY=

W J DOYLE KEEPER.

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LHM
Encl.

May 24, 1929

L. M. Miller, Second Asst. Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter of May 10, 1929, advising that your compensation has been changed from $1320 per annum to $1200 per annum, effective May 16, 1929, or upon an entrance on duty by change of station.

2. You may proceed to Pensacola Light Station after the receipt of this letter, reporting to W. J. Doyle, Keeper.

E. S. LANPHIER,
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of J. J. Olivier, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas. Advise this office the date Mr. Miller leaves the station.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of W. J. Doyle, Keeper, Pensacola Light Station, Fort Barrancas, Fla. You will discontinue the services of the Laborer when Mr. Miller arrives at the station, wiring this office the date of Mr. Miller's arrival.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La. (City) May 6 (Date), 1929

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer — Legal residence, Florida

Name, Lewis E. Miller — Proposed salary, $1200 per annum

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Proposed range, $1200-$1500 per annum

Location, Pensacola Light Station, Fla. — Appropriation, Sals.Kprs.of Lighthouses

Effective, May 16, 1929 — [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty;~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Former salary, $1320 p.a.

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas — Former range, $1320-$1620 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, Frank A. Segree — Services terminated, March 4, 1929

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, October 29, 1890

Remarks: Letter, dated May 4, 1929, from L. E. Miller, accepting this transfer is attached hereto.

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Pass Light Sta., Texas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May, 1929

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.
(Through the Keeper)

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 2, 1929, I wish to state that I desire to be considered for transfer to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Pensacola Light Station, Fla., with pay at the rate of $1200 per annum.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. E. Miller

Second Assistant Keeper

Forwarded:

(Signed) J. J. Olivier

Keeper

LMC

May 2, 1929

L. B. Miller, Second Asst. Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. There is a vacancy in the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Pensacola Light Station, with pay in your case at the rate of $1200 per annum. If you wish to be considered for transfer to this position, you will sign the enclosed letter, forwarding same to this office through the Keeper.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of J. J. Olivier, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

Mr. Lewis E. Miller,

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: $1200

To: $1320

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

REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE

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

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

Commerce
(Department)

Office of Supt., 5th Lighthouse Dist. New Orleans, La.
(Bureau or office) (Place and date)

To Commissioner of Lighthouses
(Head of department or establishment)

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on May 19, 1927.

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

Name Lewis E. Miller

Position Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Salary $1200 per annum

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Station Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas

Date of entrance on duty November 19, 1926

Remarks:

(Signed) Thomas Broxson Keeper
(Signature of immediate superior)

Submitted:

(Head of bureau or office)
Superintendent of Lighthouses

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1732

BSL:LEC

December 14, 1926

Thomas Broxson, Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas

1. Referring to the probationary appointment of Lewis E. Miller as Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station:

2. Inclosed you will find a form on which report is to be made by you in connection with the probationary services of Mr. Miller. If his services have been satisfactory in every respect, the report should be mailed to this office on March 31, 1927. In this case all you need do is sign the form where indicated in pencil.

3. If at any time it should appear that he is not capable of performing his duties, or does not perform them properly, you will submit the report immediately without waiting for the date stated above. In this case you will insert the word "not" in the blank space before the words "been satisfactory" in the second paragraph, and the word "not" in the blank space before the word "Considered" in the following line, stating the reasons under remarks.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Form 206 FILE No. 8

LEC

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

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE ~~INSPECTOR~~ Supt., 8th DISTRICT,

PLACE, New Orleans, La.

DATE, December 6, 1926

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

Port Arthur, Texas

SIR:

Please examine Lewis E. Miller, 2nd Asst.Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas

nativity, American; age, 35; height, 5 feet, 6 inches;

weight, 137 pounds; color of hair, light brown; color of eyes, gray

distinguishing marks, none

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,

Superintendent of Lighthouses ~~Lighthouse Inspector~~.

(Signature of applicant:) (Signed) Lewis E. Miller

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.) Signature of witness: (Sgd.) Thomas Broxson Keeper

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, Relief Station #309, Port Arthur, Texas

DATE, Dec.8th, 1926, 191

To LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,

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

(Signed) E. E. Pate

E.E.Pate, A.A.~~A.~~ Surgeon, *U. S. Public Health Service.*

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

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REPORT OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, Relief Sta.#309, Pt.Arthur, Texas

DATE, Dec.9th, 1926, 191

Name of applicant, Lewis E. Miller

Eyes: Color, Gray; exophthalmus, No

chronic inflammation, No; other anbormality, None

Eyelids: Ptosis, No; condition of conjunctiva on eversion, Normal

other conditions,

Eyesight: Normal

Vision of right eye, without glasses, 20/20; with glasses,

Vision of left eye, without glasses, 20/20; with glasses,

Is applicant partially or wholly color-blind? No

If color-blind, state which color he confuses

Were candidate's eyes tested with lantern, woolen skeins, or both? Woolen skeins

Ears:

Abnormalities, None; shape, Normal

Position, Normal; condition of drums Normal

Evidence of mastoid disease, No

Hearing: (When testing hearing, the eyes and the opposite ear must be closed.)

Distance conversational speech can be heard: Right ear, 30 feet; left ear, 27 feet.

Distance whispered speech can be heard: Right ear, 12 feet; left ear, 10 feet.

Lungs: Normal

Heart: Normal

Defects noted which, in the opinion of the medical examiner, will not materially interfere with the discharge of the duties of light keeper or assistant light keeper:

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REGULATIONS FOR MAKING PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY AND THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 31, 1917

1. Due care will be taken to determine that the person examined is the person named in the blank.

2. Applicants will be examined stripped.

3. Certificates of qualification will not be issued to applicants who have not been successfully vaccinated against smallpox within five years, unless the applicant has had the disease or has two well-marked vaccination scars. Applicants who do not comply with this requirement shall be vaccinated, if willing, by the medical officers of the Public Health Service making the examination. If the applicant has not had typhoid fever or has not been inoculated against it, he should be advised to be so inoculated.

4. Due note should be taken of tumors, ulcers, varicose veins, chronic swellings of the extremities, chronic inflammation and severe deformities of the eyes, eyelids, nose, ears, teeth, palate, fauces, enlargements of the liver and spleen, glandular enlargements, chronic diseases of the heart and lungs, and mental aberration, but the examiner will not certify as disqualified applicants suffering from minor defects which would not materially interfere with the discharge of the duties of keeper or assistant keeper.

5. Applicants suffering from defects which would cause certification as disqualified, but which are curable, should be advised to take proper treatment, and when cured, return for reexamination.

6. Eyesight and color sense will be tested in accordance with paragraph XV, pages 134, 135, Regulations, U. S. Public Health Service, 1913.

7. Hearing will be tested as follows:

(*a*) Place the applicant at one end of the room with the ear to be tested toward the other end of the room; have the applicant insert his moistened index finger into the other ear. The examining surgeon should approach within a few feet of the applicant and pronounce words or phrases and direct the applicant to repeat what he has heard. The surgeon should then gradually recede from the applicant until he ceases to repeat correctly what is spoken to him, and the distance entered on the examination record. The applicant should then face about and the other ear should be similarly tested and recorded.

(*b*) The above technique should be carried out in testing whispered speech, the examiner using residual air in whispering.

(*c*) An applicant must be able to hear conversational speech 20 feet and whispered speech 10 feet.

8. Upon the completion of the examination the result thereof, and in the case of certification of disqualification the reason therefor, will be recorded in the book prepared for the purpose. (Record of Medical Inspection of Seamen, P. H. S. 1956).

9. Any one of the following defects will be sufficient for certification as disqualified, viz: Defective vision (see paragraph 6), color blindness, defective hearing (see paragraph 7), epilepsy, insanity, severe chronic cardiac affections, hernia, fistula in ano, severe varicose veins, gonorrhea, active syphilis, tuberculosis, or any chronic defect which will materially interfere with the discharge of the duties of a keeper or assistant keeper.

ACT OF AUGUST 28, 1916.

"Sec. 5. That hereafter light keepers and assistant light keepers of the Lighthouse Service shall be entitled to medical relief without charge at hospitals and other stations of the Public Health Service under the rules and regulations governing the care of seamen of the merchant marine: *Provided*, That this benefit shall not apply to any keeper or assistant keeper who receives an original appointment after the passage of this Act, unless the applicant passes a physical examination in accordance with the rules approved by the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Treasury."

Physical examinations will be made at first, second, and third class relief stations of the Public Health Service, at quarantine stations except the following: Alexandria, Va.; Newbern, N. C.; Darien, Ga.; Brunswick, Ga.; Bocagrande, Fla.; St. Andrew, Fla.; St. Joseph, Fla.; Port Inglis, Fla.; Pascagoula, Miss.; Redondo, Cal.; Santa Barbara, Cal.; Port Harford, Cal.; Monterey, Cal.; Fort Bragg, Cal.; Coos Bay, Oreg., and at all immigration stations. In the Hawaiian Islands examinations will be made only at the port of Honolulu. Physical examinations can not be made at quarantine stations when ships or persons are undergoing quarantine.

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

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Incl.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
December 6, 1926

Lewis E. Miller, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

Inclosed is a copy of Form 206, "Record of Physical Examination of Light Keeper or Assistant Light Keeper," with application thereon for your examination by an officer of the U.S. Public Health Service.

You are informed that all light keepers and assistants light keepers are required to be examined by the Public Health Service before they become entitled to medical relief without charge at hospitals and stations of the Public Health Service. The examination is also required to determine the employee's physical fitness for the Lighthouse Service.

You are directed to have yourself examined by the most convenient Public Health Service official at first opportunity. Reply to this letter at once, stating when and where you will be examined, and submit request on the proper form for the necessary leave of absence from the station.

Before presenting the application to the doctor, it must be completed by filling in the information in regard to color of hair, color of eyes, and distinguishing marks. You must also sign it where designated "Signature of applicant" and have the Keeper witness your signature. All expense of travel in connection with the examination must be paid by you.

The following is a list showing locations of the Public Health Service Officers.

Apalachicola, Fla.	Call upon Collector of Customs for information.
Pensacola, Fla.	Public Health Service Office.
Mobile, Ala.	U.S. Marine Hospital.
Gulfport, Miss.	Public Health Service Office.
Port Arthur, Tex.	do do
Galveston, Tex.	do do
Port Aransas, Tex.	do do
New Orleans, La.	U.S. Marine Hospital (Office in Custom House)

Return Record of Examination to this office promptly.

Copy to Thomas Broxson, Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station, for
his information,

E. S. Lanphier.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

LMC
Incl.

December 11, 1926

Thomas Broxson, Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas

1. Inclosed herewith is record of physical examination of Lewis M. Miller, Second Assistant Keeper, to be retained by him in connection with medical relief by the Public Health Service. A copy has been made for the files of this office.

E. S. LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Form A-30

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 25, 1926.

Mr. Lewis E. Miller,

LIGHTHOUSES
1926 NOV 8 PM 3 20

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, SUPERINTENDENT, LIGHTHOUSES NOV 11 1926 NEW ORLEANS.

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of One Thousand Two Hundred dollars per annum

effective November 1, 1926, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

Nature of appointment: Probationary.

Civil Service authority: Secretary, Tenth Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Martin L. Boyed.

Legal Residence: Florida.

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Canceled 1/13/29

Form 111

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Lewis E. Miller

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.

(Signed) Lewis E. Miller
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 16th day of November, A. D. 19 26

(Affix official seal here)

S(R.Pope Reese)
E(NOTARY PUBLIC)
A(State at Large)
L(State of Florida)

[4] (*Name*) (Signed) R. Pope Reese

(*Official title*) Notary Public

My commission expires Nov. 9th 1929

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper in the Light-house Service	$1200 p.a.	Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas
Former [5] PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT		

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

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District

New Orleans, La. (Address), November 26, 1926 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on November 19, 1926 (Date)

(Signature, followed by title)
Superintendent of Lighthouses

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
[3] The oath may be taken any time 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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STANDARD FORM NO. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

PERSONAL HISTORY

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

Bureau, division, or office 8th U.S.Lighthouse District (Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas)

1. Name in full Lewis Edward Miller

2. Legal (voting) residence Florida, 3rd Dist. (State and Congressional District) Santa Rosa (County) Town Point (City or town)

3. Where born? Florida (State or foreign country) Bagdad (City or town) When born? Oct.29,1890 (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

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

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

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

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year

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

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

Enlisted ..... Discharged .....

Organization .....

Enlisted ..... Discharged .....

Organization .....

8.

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

9. State special qualifications .....

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

Mrs. L. E. Miller (Name) Wife (Relationship)

Pensacola, Fla. Box 45 (Post office address)

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

(Signed) Lewis E. Miller
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

Oct. 25, 1926 (Date) Present address Box 45, Pensacola, Fla.

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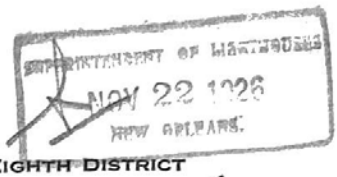
Office of Supt. of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.,
New Orleans, La., November 26, 1926

Reviewed, approved and forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Pass Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

November 19th., 1924

Supt of Light Houses. New orleans La.
Sir:-
Mrs Lewis. E. miller. arrived on this date. for duty at Sabine Pass Light Station.
and all So Relieved mrs. J.M. Kile that was. Employed as Substitute.

Respectfully.

Thomas Broxson
Keeper.

LHC

November 11, 1926

Mr. Lewis E. Miller,
P. O. Box 45,
Pensacola, Fla.

Sir:

1. You are advised that this office is in receipt of your appointment as Keeper in the Lighthouse Service for duty at Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas.

2. You are directed to proceed to Sabine, Texas, reporting to the Keeper of Sabine Pass Light Station.

3. You will subscribe to the inclosed Oath of Office before a Notary Public or other officer authorized to administer oaths and return the completed form to this office without delay.

4. NO PAY CAN BE SENT YOU UNDER THIS APPOINTMENT UNTIL THE OATH OF OFFICE IS RETURNED PROPERLY EXECUTED.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) W. J. Braun
Chief Clerk

Copy to Thomas Broxson, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas. Surrender the attached Certificate of Appointment to Mr. Miller upon his arrival at the station. Advise this office of the time of his arrival.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Chief Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 28 1926
NEW ORLEANS.

October 26, 1926.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

1. In reference to your nomination of October 23 for Louis E. Miller as keeper of Sabine Pass Light Station at $1200 p.a. vice Peter Hingle;

2. The Department informally advises that the last incumbent of this position was Martin L. Boyd, and that accordingly he should be the vice. Please report promptly on this.

T. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

WJB. Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.,
New Orleans, La., October 28, 1926.

Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Martin L. Boyed was the last incumbent of the position referred to above and should be the vice instead of Peter Hingle.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Form 124b—Field
Jan, 1924.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 26 1926
NEW ORLEANS

Lighthouse
(Branch of service or department.)

New Orleans, La
(Name of city.) (State.)

Oct. 24, 1926

DECLARATION OF APPOINTEE.

This form must be executed by the appointee before he enters on duty. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE PROVISIONS OF LAW AS QUOTED ON ATTACHED FORM. False personation in an examination is a criminal offense, and will be prosecuted accordingly. Appointee will retain attached form.

1. State place of birth Bagdad Fla Date of birth Oct. 29, 1890.
(Month, day, and year.)
2. What examination did you take? Keepers of Light house Services
3. Give place and date of examination Pensacola Fla forgotten the exact date
4. To what position have you been offered appointment or actually appointed? Sabine Pass
5. Are any members of your family or relatives (either blood or by marriage) in the U. S. Government Service? Answer "yes" or "no" Yes If so, fill in the following blanks. If additional space is necessary use back of this sheet.

Name	Post-office address. (Give street No., if any.)	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Fredrick Hurd	Pensacola Fla	Position Light house Department or office Keeper	Father in law	Married
		Position Department or office		
		Position Department or office		

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

7. What is your present address (including street and number, city, and State)? Pensacola Fla #45-
How long have you resided at your present address? 31 years
8. Will you inform yourself of and observe the provisions of the civil service law and rules and Executive orders concerning political activity, political coercion, political assessments, use of influence to secure promotion, etc., as quoted on the attached form?

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

(Signature.)

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

If the answer to question 5 includes two or more names, and is not IDENTICAL in every respect with answer to similar question in the application, this form must be submitted for approval before appointment is made.

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

Was photograph of appointee furnished you? ..... If so, is it a correct likeness of the person who executed this form? .....

(Signature.)

This is to be signed by an officer of the department or bureau to which the appointee belongs, not by a notary public, and does not need to be sworn to.

(Official title.)

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(This paper should be returned to the District Secretary when completed.)

Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La. (City.) October 20 (Date.) 19 26

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment

Name, Lewis E. Miller

Legal residence, Florida

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Salary, $1200 p.a. (Rge: $1200-$1440 p.a.)

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas

Appropriation, Sals., Kprs. of L.H.

Effective November 1, 1926 { ~~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, 1st Rating, Asst.L.H. Keeper Percentage, 82.4, Other eligibles considered: Henry M. Campbell, C; John J. Anderson, C.

Previous incumbent, Peter Ringle

Services terminated, May 21, 1926

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government Service, NONE

Date of birth, October 29, 1891.

Remarks: Mr. Miller has had no previous service in any branch of the Department of Commerce. ~~Exhibit~~ There are no keepers in the Service desiring transfer to the above position.

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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LMC
Incl.

October 20, 1926

Mr. Lewis E. Miller,
P. O. Box 45,
Pensacola, Fla.

Sir:

1. You have been selected and nominated for the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas, with pay at the rate of $1200 per annum.

2. You will find inclosed a Personal History sheet which you will fill out in your own handwriting, as directed; also a Declaration of Appointee to be filled out. When you have completed both papers forward them to this office.

3. You will hold yourself in readiness to proceed to the station when ordered, but do not leave until you receive definite instructions from this office to do so. It will probably be about two weeks before your appointment is received from Washington.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy to Thomas Broxson, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas, for his information.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Mr. Joe Donivan,
P. O. Box 826,
Orange, Texas

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 13 1926
8th DIST.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,

New Orleans, La., October 6, 1926

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2nd Asst.Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas, located on the east side of Sabine Pass, just across the river from Sabine, Texas.

(State position, station, and whether station is a light or floating.)

Salary: $1200- per annum.

Quarters: Two rooms of the dwelling are allotted to the 2nd Asst.Keeper.

(State whether or not quarters are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: None

(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

~~Rations: Commutation of rations at the rate of xxxxxxxx per day will be paid in addition to salary stated above.~~

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 30 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This inquiry should **not be considered as an offer** of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

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

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

Respectfully,

E. S. Lamphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

If selected, I can report for duty in 30 days from to-day.

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

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? yes

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

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." yes If yes, state how many 1; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Bud Chadwell	Pass Nat.	Position Asst	Cousin	Married
	Pass	Department or office Light		
		Position		
		Department or office		

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

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) Joe Donivan

Date 10/11/26

(Post-office address) Orange Tex
Box 826

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

DEPARTMENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 8 1926
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DIST.,

Mr. Lewis E. Miller,
P. O. Box 45,
Pensacola, Fla.

New Orleans, La., October 6, 1926

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2nd Asst.Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas, located on the west side of Sabine Pass, just across the river from Sabine, Texas.
(State position, location, and whether station is shore or afloat.)

Salary: $1200 per annum.

Quarters: Two rooms of the dwelling are allotted to the 2nd Asst.Keeper.
(State whether or not quarters are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: None
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

~~**Rations:** Commutation of rations at the rate of per day will be paid in addition to salary stated above.~~

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Respectfully,

E. J. Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

If selected, I can report for duty in 10 days from to-day.

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

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

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

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

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Fredrick Hurd	Pensacola Fla	8th District Position Light house Department or office Steward.	Father in law	Married
	Box 468	Position Department or office		

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

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) L. E. Miller

Date

(Post-office address) Pensacola Fla

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DIST.,

New Orleans, La., October 6, 1926

SENT TO:
Joe Donivan, P.O. Box 826, Orange, Tex.
Albert F. Spangler, Centerville, La.
Jesse M. Block, 231 Fannin St., Beaumont, Tex.
Lewis E. Miller, P.O. Box 45, Pensacola, Fla.

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2nd Asst.Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas, located on the north end of same, just across the river from Sabine, Texas.
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

Salary: $1200 per annum.

Quarters: Two rooms of the dwelling are allotted to the 2nd Asst.Keeper.
(State whether or not quarters are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: None
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Rations: Commutation of rations at the rate of [illegible] per day will be paid in addition to salary stated above.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 30 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This inquiry should **not be considered as an offer** of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

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Respectfully,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

If selected, I can report for duty in.....days from to-day.

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

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

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

.....

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

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

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

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

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(Signature).....

Date.....

(Post-office address).....

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 12 1926
NEW ORLEANS.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES. 8th DIST.,

Albert F. Spangler,
Centerville,
Louisiana

New Orleans, La., October 6, 1926

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2nd Asst.Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas, located on the east side of Sabine Pass, just across the river from Sabine, Texas.

Salary: $1200- per annum.

Quarters: Two rooms of the dwelling are allotted to the 2nd Asst.Keeper.
(State whether or not quarters are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: None
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

~~Rations: Commutation of rations at the rate of ..... per day will be paid in addition to salary stated above.~~

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 30 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This inquiry should **not be considered as an offer** of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

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

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

Respectfully,

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

The following questions should be filled in by applicant: Sorry, but on account of present situation I cannot accept

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

If selected, I can report for duty in ..... days from to-day.

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

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? yes

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

I wish my name to remain on register as an applicant

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." Yes If yes, state how many 2; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Annie Spangler	Centerville La	Position. Light house Department or office. dept.	mother	widow
C. E. Spangler	Morgan City La.	Position. — Department or office.	Uncle	married

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

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

I cannot accept on account of situation which I am confined at present.

(Signature) Albert F. Spangler

Date Oct 11th

(Post-office address) Centerville La.

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Mr. Jesse M. Block,
231 Fannin Street,
Beaumont, Texas

Letter returned by postmaster

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