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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: Olsen, John **DOB:** 1859

Records checked:

Agency: Commerce 6028 Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk positive negative

Agency: Commerce 6029 Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk positive negative

Agency: Old Commerce Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk positive negative

2 poss matches

AND

Agency: Treasury 2189 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive negative

Agency: Treasury 2188 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive negative

Agency: Old Treasury Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive negative

If Negative:

Agency: Treasury SRCs series 1 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive negative

Agency: Treasury SRCs series 2 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive negative

Agency: Treasury SRCs series 3 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive negative

Agency: Coast Guard SRCs Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive negative

If Negative:

Notes: _____

John Olsen

John Olsen

STATE FROM WHICH APPOINTED
Cal.

INACTIVE

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	OFFICE, BUREAU, OR DIVISION	DATE APPOINTED
Keeper, St. George Reef L. Sta., Cal.	$1000 pa	Light-House	Position from Treasury 7-1-'03.
" San Pedro Brkw etc Cal	816. "	"	March 13
" Oakland Har L.S. etc Cal	720. "	"	Jan. 8, 1914
" Oakland Har L.S. etc, Cal. (Change in Rights)	720.	"	Jan. 16. 1915
" " " " " "	#732	"	Jan. 1, 1916
	Died March 20. 1916.		

INACTIVE

(Form No. 71.)

CERTIFICATE OF EXAMINATION OF ACTING LIGHT-HOUSE KEEPER.

I hereby certify that, in accordance with instructions received from the Light-House Board, I have examined Wm. John Olsen, *now Acting* ——— *Keeper at* St. George Reef Cal. *Light-Station, and that I consider* him *competent to perform the duties of the position. I therefore recommend that* he *receive a full appointment in place of the acting appointment* he *now holds.*

1,000

Thomas Perry Comdr. U.S.N.

Inspector 12th *L.-H. Dist.,*

August 16, 1892.

To the Chairman of the L.-H. Board,

Washington, D. C.

Approved, and respectfully forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury, 29 aug 92

Chas Coffin

Naval Secretary

(Ed. 12-20-'86—1,000.)

PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET

NOTE.—This sheet is to be used only in cases of persons transferred to the Department of Commerce and Labor, by operation of law, July 1, 1903.

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 15, 1904.

To the Heads of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce and Labor:

For the purpose of enabling the Department to obtain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are hereby requested to furnish the information called for in Part II of this form, relative to each appointee or employee, now in the service, who was serving in your Bureau June 30, 1903, and was transferred to the Department of Commerce and Labor July 1, 1903, pursuant to the acts of Congress approved February 14, 1903, and March 3, 1903, and to have every such person answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. Officers in charge, subordinate to heads of Bureaus, are expected to review this sheet, after it has been executed, to see that all questions have been answered, and, after doing so, to forward it immediately to the head of the Bureau for transmission to the Department.

Geo. B. Cortelyou

Secretary.

CARDED.

PART I.

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

1. What is your full name? (Do not use initials, but spell out each name and state whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. Example: Mr. John Richard Doe.) Mr. John Olsen

2. How do you write your name on the pay roll? John Olsen

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

Crescent City (City or town.) California (State or Territory.) Del Norte (County.) First (Congressional district.)

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

5. Where were you born? Norway

6. When were you born? February (Month.) 6 (Day.) 1858 (Year.)

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

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

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.

9. How long were you in the civil service of the United States Government prior to July 1, 1903?

11 years, 7 mos.

10. If you were appointed through a civil service examination, state, as near as you recollect, the name and date of the examination. If not so appointed, state how you entered the service. (Examples: "Appointed before position was classified;" or, "By reinstatement;" or, "By transfer from ————," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Appointed before position was classified

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

None

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

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

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

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

14. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service for the Government indicated in your answers to questions 9, 12, and 13.)

Sailor, Light-House Keeper from December 1. 1891.

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

Public School.

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

Carpenter

17. What, if any, civil service examinations have you passed? (State name and date of each, as near as you recollect.)

None. None.

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

Yes.

19. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. July 8, 1904.

Witness: (Signature) John Olsen

P. O. Address: Crescent City.
City or town.

In case signature is by mark.

Number and street.

California.
State or Territory.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded AUG 10 1904, 190

(Signature) W. F. Day

(Official title) Comdr., U. S. N., Inspector 12th L. H. Dist.

PART II.

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

1. State the Bureau or Service, place, and district in which the person who answered the above questions was employed July 1, 1903.

Light-House Service (Bureau or Service.) St. George Ref. Cal. (Place (city, town, or station).) 12th (District.)

2. What position did he hold July 1, 1903? Keeper St. George Ref. Light-Station, Cal.

3. On what date was he appointed to this position? Sept. 1, 1892.

4. How long had he served in the Bureau or Service in which he was employed July 1, 1903?

Since Dec. 1, 1891 = 11 years. 7 mos.

5. What was his salary July 1, 1903? $1000. per annum.

6. From what appropriation was he paid July 1, 1903? Salaries of Keepers of Light-Houses,

7. Was the position he held July 1, 1903, excepted, competitive, or unclassified under the civil service rules?

Competetive.

8. If the position was classified, state the date of classification. May 6. 1896.

9. If the appointee or employee was appointed through examination, state the kind of examination. If not so appointed, state how he entered the position. (Examples: "Appointed before position was classified;" or, "By reinstatement;" or, "By transfer from ————," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Appointed before position was classified.

10. Is the appointee or employee required to give bond? No.

(Signature) M. P. Day

(Official title) Comdr., U. S. N., Inspector 12th L. H. Dist.

Date: AUG 10 1904, 190

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John Akerman

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 12 1909
NO.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

(Read the instructions on the reverse side of this Form before attempting to fill it out.)

1. Bureau Light-House Service. 2. Where employed St.George Reef Light.
3. Name John Olsen. 4. Where born Norway.
5. Age ~~50.~~ 51 6. Position Keeper, St.George Reef Light-Station, Cal.
7. Compensation $1000. pa. 8. When appointed (*a*) December 1, 1891.
9. How appointed (*b*) Prior to Classification.
10. Appointed from { State California. / Congressional District IV. / County San Francisco. } O.R.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified Competitive.
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service Employed 3 years in construction work on St.George Reef Lighthouse.
14. Duties (describe fully) In charge of 1st order light and steam fog-signal. Keep tower and quarters in order. Make minor repairs. Stand watch night and daytime during fog. Care of Gasoline launch and 2 whaleboats. Keep accounts and render reports.
15. Efficiency { Quantity of work (*d*) 10/10 / Quality of work (*e*) Excellent. / Interest manifested in work (*f*) Excellent. } AWARDED
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (*g*) Satisfactory in every respect, a remarkably efficient keeper, equal to any emergency.

CAPTAIN, U. S. N.
NAVAL SECRETARY

June 7, 1909.

Head of Bureau or Office.
Comdr. U. S. N., Inspector 12th L. H. Dist.

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READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

May 10, 1911.

(The parenthetical letters refer to instructions on page 3, which instructions should be read and understood before attempting to fill out the form.)

1. Name John Olsen 2. Age 52 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau of Lighthouses 4. Position Keeper

5. Compensation $1000.p.a. 6. Where employed St.George Reef Light-Station,Cal.

7. When appointed (*a*) Dec.1,1891 8. How appointed (*b*) Prior to Classification.

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified Competitive.

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.

11. Does the employee receive a pension? No If so, state the amount ----

12. Other Government service Employed in construction of St.George Reef Light-Station three years.

13. Duties (describe fully) In charge of 1st order light and steam fog signal. Keep tower and quarters in order. Make minor repairs. Stand watch night and daytime during fog. Care of Gasoline launch and two whale boats. Keep accounts and render reports.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? Yes. If so, state them Cabinet maker by trade, Expert boatman, handy with all kinds of tools, engines, etc.

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	100/100 Excellent	2	200
Quality of work	100 Excellent	3	300
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	100	3	300
Attendance	100	2	200
Total		10	1000
Average percentage			100

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16. In the following form state the number of days of annual leave, sick leave, and leave without pay taken in each of the years 1908, 1909, and 1910:

1908.			1909.			1910.		
Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

17. Is this employee a purely routine employee, or does he manifest interest, not only in his own work but also in the work of the office or bureau as a whole, to the extent of overtime work or voluntary efforts by suggestion or otherwise to add to its efficiency? (Answer fully.) Takes particular interest in all lighthouse matters. First-class man in all respects.

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) Fair equivalent.

If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be. -----

19. Is this employee superannuated? No If so, what percentage of salary is unearned? ----

20. Remarks: (*e*)

The official who is primarily responsible for the statements herein submitted will sign here—

W. A. Moffett

Ccrdr. U.S.N. Inspector 18th L.H.Dist.

The official who approves the statements thus submitted will sign here—

W. A. Moffett

Ccrdr. U.S.N. Inspector 18th L.H.Dist.

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H. T. Patterson

Chief of Bureau or Office.

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Form 73 **ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE**

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

HWR-CHT

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., February 4 1913, 191

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES FEB 10 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR
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THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Transfer of

Name, John Olsen Ef 100.

Legal residence, California

Position, Keeper

Salary, $816 per annum

Title of appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

Location, San Pedro Breakwater Lightstation, California. and San Pedro Bay Lights,

Effective ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. February 16 1913

Former position, Keeper

Former salary, $1000 per annum

Location, St. George Reef Lightstation, California.

Rank in list of eligibles,

Rating,

Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

Letters of declination inclosed, Vice New position — auth. D. L. Dec 27. 1912

Previous incumbent, Thomas J. Brown

Services terminated, March 6 1913 or sooner

Reason, Temporary appointment to Temp. position pending selection permanent keeper

Remarks: This transfer, involving a reduction in Mr. Olsen's compensation, is made in accordance with the inclosed request.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION APPOINTMENT WRITTEN FEB 13 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Rhodes.

Inspector

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One Inclosure

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

FEB 10 1913

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

2-12-13

J. Conway

Acting Commissioner

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

C.H.T.

LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR 18 DIST. JAN. 25 1913 SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

JAN 25 1913

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES FEB 10 1913 DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

St. George Reef Light-Station
January 3, 1913.

The Light-House Inspector,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of December 16, 1912 in which you request to be informed if I desire to be transferred to Keeper of the new station at San Pedro Breakwater, California, with pay at the rate of $816 per annum.

I accept, and desire, the transfer even at the reduced salary, although it is rather discourage to serve for less pay after 21 years service on one of the most isolated station on the Pacific Coast.

Awaiting further instruction.

Very respectfully,
John Olsen.
Keeper.

NW

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

February 13, 1913.

Mr. John Olsen,

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 Eight Hundred and Sixteen dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from keeper at $1000 per annum.)

CARDED.

CHANGE REPORTED
MAR 1913
O. S. COMMISSION.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADERWOOD

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: California.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION.
REPORTED
FEB 13 1913
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
MAR 13 1913
DEPT. OF COMMERCE
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MAR 18 1913
DEPT. OF COMMERCE

I, John Olsen 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.

☞ John Olsen
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 18th day of February, A. D. 1913

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) G A Webb

(Official title) Notary Public.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Keeper	$816 per annum	San Pedro Breakwater Lightstation, Cal.
Former[5] Keeper	$1000 per annum	St. George Reef Lightstation, Cal.

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

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Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 18th District

San Francisco, Cal. (Address), March 7, 1913. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on March 7, 1913. (Date)

CARDED.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Department of Commerce ~~and Labor~~

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Washington

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December 8, 1913.

WROTE U. S. COMMISSION
WROTE BUREAU
DEC 8 1913

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
DEC 9 1913
DEPT OF COMMERCE

The Assistant Secretary:

Attached hereto is letter dated the 26th ultimo from the Inspector of the Eighteenth Lighthouse District in regard to the investigation made by that officer of certain trouble among the keepers of San Pedro Breakwater Light Station, California. It will be noted from the Inspector's letter that the matter is one requiring disciplinary action and it is believed that the recommendations made by the Bureau in its communication of the 4th instant in connection therewith are proper under the circumstances.

Referring to the Bureau's statement in regard to the procedure to be followed in the proposed reduction of John Olsen from the position of keeper of San Pedro Breakwater Light Station, California, at $816 per annum, to that of keeper of Oakland Harbor Light Station and Oakland Harbor South Jetty Light, California, at $720 per annum, it seems in doubt whether the same procedure should be followed as in the case of a removal, i.e., that Olsen should be furnished a statement of reasons for his proposed reduction and that he be given an opportunity to reply in writing before final action is taken by the Department. The matter has been taken up informally with Dr. Chapman of the Civil Service Commission who was unwilling to make a definite statement and was apparently un-

decided whether or not in this particular case the same procedure should be followed in reduction of grade or compensation for delinquency or misconduct as in cases of removal. It is therefore suggested that the matter be taken up formally with the Commission and that the Bureau be advised that action on its recommendations for the exchange transfers of John Olsen and George D. Jeffrey will be held in abeyance until it is determined what course shall be followed in regard to Mr. Olsen's case.

Geo. W. Kanady

APPROVED:

E. F. Arnett

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

Dec 6, 1913

The action proposed in the attached communication, if approved, will create one TEMPORARY. additional position.

Designation.	Salary.
2nd Asst. Keeper	$ 552.72
Period not exc 30 days	
During suspension of the regular 2nd Asst. Keeper	

Chief of Appointment Division.

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San Pedro Bkwr. Lt.Sta.
Trouble among keepers.

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

November 26, 1913.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. A report of trouble among the keepers at the San Pedro Breakwater Light Station was received recently, and on the 23d inst. the Inspector made an investigation at the station at which time the following facts were ascertained.

2. At 9 a.m. on November 13th, Keeper Olsen and ~~Second~~ First Assistant Keeper Peterson went to San Pedro in the station launch. After landing the keeper, Peterson proceeded with the launch to attend to the beacon lights in the channel, and at 3 p.m. returned to the San Pedro Water Front to take on board provisions for the light station. In loading these supplies from a plank at a temporary landing, Peterson lost his footing and fell overboard, striking his head against the launch and sustaining a severe scalp wound which required several stitches, and which necessitated his remaining at the local hospital temporarily. Before turning in at the hospital, Peterson found Keeper Olsen, notifying him of his accident and of the fact that he would be unable to return to the station that night. Keeper Olsen should have returned to the station with the station launch by 5 p.m., for the purpose of taking the working party then engaged at the station, ashore, but it appears that he forgot this duty until 5:30 p.m., at which time he employed a launch at his own expense and intercepted the members of the working party who were walking ashore on the breakwater, and took them to the landing.

3. At 12:30 a.m. on November 14th, Keeper Olsen returned to the station with the station launch in an intoxicated condition, as he himself admits, and is charged by Second Asst. Hughes, who was in charge at the station. The testimony shows that Hughes descended from the watch-room upon the arrival of the launch, and became involved in a controversy with the keeper as to the proper manner of securing the launch. After considerable abusive language on each side, Olsen proceeded up the gangway where he was struck a heavy blow on the head by Hughes who used a piece of 2 x 3 scantling as a club. The keeper was knocked down and badly injured, his head and face being severely cut and his eye damaged to some extent. After some time he recovered sufficiently to proceed in the launch to San Pedro Water Front where he spent the night with a friend on board another launch. At 7:30 a.m. the following morning he took the working party to the light station in the station launch, returning from there to the police station where he had his wounds dressed and a number of stitches taken in his scalp. The 1st asst. keeper had returned to the station with the working party that morning. The keeper remained on shore all of that day, and returned to the station on Saturday morning, the 15th inst., since which time he has not been on shore.

4. There has been no trouble among the keepers since that above referred to, and the work at the station is again going on as usual.

5. Second Asst. Hughes has had trouble at the Farallon Light Station and at Pigeon Point Light Station, where he served before being assigned to the San Pedro Breakwater Light Station, and the keepers at both of those stations charge that he is insane at times by reason of his violent temper. He has served ten years in the navy, and I find

upon examining his papers that he was discharged upon the recommendation of a naval medical board which found him incapacitated for further duty by reason of neurasthenia contracted in the line of duty.

6. Considering the fact that Hughes, by his own testimony, assaulted the keeper while he (the keeper) was in an intoxicated condition, in a manner that might have caused his death, I suspended him from duty at the close of the 23d inst., and instructed him to proceed on shore and await further advices. It is recommended that he be discharged for the good of the service.

7. Keeper Olsen has a record of long and faithful service at the St. George Reef Light Station, but since going to the San Pedro station I find that he has been intoxicated a number of times upon his return to duty, and with the approval of the Bureau, it is intended to transfer him to the Oakland Harbor Light Station, and to transfer Mr. George D. Jeffries as keeper of the San Pedro Braakwater Light Station. The keeper at the Oakland Harbor Light Station at present has a salary of $750 per annum, but in the revised schedule adopted by the old Lighthouse Board, it was provided that when a new keeper went to the station, the pay would be at the rate of $720 per annum. In view of Keeper Olsen's previous good record, and his long service, it is recommended that his salary as keeper of the Oakland Harbor Light Station be authorized at the rate of $756 per annum.

~~as at present.~~

8. Investigation at the San Pedro Breakwater Light Station developed the fact that all of the keepers at that station have been in the habit of keeping liquor on the station, and in view of the trouble that had

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arisen, instructions were given that in future no distilled or malt liquors of any kind should be brought to the station.

Mr. Lazarus Marovich, Skilled Laborer, has been temporarily assigned to duty at the station, pending the Bureau's action in regard to the recommended discharge of 2nd Asst. Hughes.

Note memo
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WROTE BUREAU.
WROTE C. & COMMISSION
DEC 8 1913

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DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
DEC 9 1913
DEP'T OF COMMERCE

Rhodes.

HRW-McC.
One inclosure.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
December 4, 1913.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information. The Bureau believes that some drastic action should be taken against keeper Olsen and that the action recommended by the Inspector to be taken against Hughes is too drastic. In view of the fact that Olsen, knowing that the first assistant keeper had been injured and would not be at the station during the night, returned to the station at 12:30 a. m. on November 14, 1913, in an intoxicated condition, after having intercepted the members of the working party and taken them ashore, the Bureau recommends that he be transferred and demoted to the position of keeper of Oakland Harbor Light Station, etc., California, at $720 per annum, the rate of pay authorized for the position by the Equalization of Pay Report of 1908. Attention is here invited to the fact that since his transfer to the San Pedro Breakwater Light Station, Olsen has been intoxicated a number of times upon his return to duty. It is further recommended that the Department authorize the Bureau to severely reprimand him and warn him that should it again come to the attention of the Bureau and the Department that he returned to duty in an intoxicated condition, steps will be taken against him with a view to his dismissal from the service.

Kpr
John Olsen
Transfer agreed
B.J. 12/4/13

In view of the fact that the controversy between the keeper and second assistant keeper was probably caused by the intoxication of the keeper, the Bureau recommends that the Department authorize the suspension of Hughes for a period of thirty days, beginning November 24, 1913, and that the Bureau be authorized to write him a severe letter of reprimand and warn him that should his conduct again be the subject of a complaint from the Inspector, more drastic action will be taken in his case.

Philip Hughes
2nd A.K. 552

It is further recommended that the additional position of second assistant keeper of San Pedro Breakwater Light Station and San Pedro Bay Lights, Cal., at $552 per annum, be authorized for a period not to exceed 30 days and that the Department authorize the assignment of Frederick J. Porteous to duty in that position, effective Dec. 5, 1913. A nomination in the case of Porteous will be submitted when received.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Secretary Chief

It is the understanding of the Bureau, after informal communication with the Civil Service Commission, that section 6 of the act making appropriation for the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1913, supersedes paragraph 2, Rule XII, of the Civil Service Rules, and that the procedure in the case of Olsen, in order to effect his reduction, may be limited simply to the filing, with the order of reduction, of a statement of the reasons for which the reduction was recommended, and that a statement of the reasons need not be furnished to a person so reduced, unless he requests them.

It appears to the Bureau that there are no papers in this case in addition to the Inspector's letter, but in order to verify this assumption, the Inspector has been requested to forward any other papers in the case he may have. If any are received, the Bureau will transmit them to the Department.

Inclosed is copy of telegram of December 2, 1913, from the Eighteenth Inspector, relative to the temporary appointment of Porteous.

G. P. Putnam

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Form 73

NOMINATION

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LIGHT DEC 1 1913 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., November 26, 1913. 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer of

Name, John Olsen $1,200

Legal residence, California

Position, Keeper

**720

Salary, ~~$750~~ per annum

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION DEC 19 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE

Location, Oakland Harbor Light Station and Oakland Harbor South Jetty Light, Cal.

Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective January 1, 1914.

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

APPOINTMENTS DEC 5 1913 4,200

Former position, Keeper

Former salary, $816 per annum

Location, San Pedro Breakwater Light Station and San Pedro Bay Lights, Cal.

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

Previous incumbent, George D. Jeffrey Services terminated, about December 31, 1913

Reason, Transfer requested

Relatives in Government Service, None

Remarks: This transfer, involving a reduction in Mr. Olsen's compensation, is made in accordance with the recommendation contained in special letter from this office of November 26, 1913.

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

Rhodes.
Inspector

Secretary. Civil Service District.

**Changed in Bureau

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

December 4, 1913.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

See Bureau indorsement of December 4, 1913, on Inspector's letter of Nov. 26, 1913.

12-6-13

Acting Commissioner

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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December 9, 1913.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

For the reasons set forth in the Eighteenth Inspector's letter of the 26th ultimo, and in accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 4th instant, the Department has authorized the suspension of Philip Hughes, second assistant keeper of San Pedro Breakwater Light Station and San Pedro Bay Lights, California, at $552 per annum, for a period of 30 days, effective beginning November 24, 1913, and has directed the Bureau to address him a severe letter of reprimand and warn him that should his conduct again be the subject of a complaint from the Inspector, more drastic action will be taken.

In accordance with the Bureau's further recommendation, the Department has authorized the temporary position of additional second assistant keeper of the above-mentioned station, at $552 per annum, for a period not to exceed 30 days, and has assigned thereto Frederick J. Porteous as incumbent, effective December 8, 1913, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

The Department has noted the Bureau's statement in regard to the reduction of John Olsen from the position of keeper of the above-mentioned station to that of keeper of Oakland Harbor Light

Station and Oakland Harbor South Jetty Light, California, and has to advise that the matter has been taken up with the Civil Service Commission and that action on the Bureau's recommendations in the cases of Mr. Olsen and George D. Jeffrey will be held in abeyance pending a decision as to what course is to be followed.

By direction of the Secretary:

SIGNED) T. J. FITZGERALD

Acting Chief Clerk.

December 9, 1913.

Gentlemen:

The Department is in receipt of a communication from the Bureau of Lighthouses, under date of the 4th instant, recommending that, by reason of misconduct and as a disciplinary measure, Mr. John Olsen, keeper of San Pedro Breakwater Light Station, California, at $816 per annum, be transferred and demoted to the position of keeper of Oakland Harbor Light Station and Oakland Harbor South Jetty Light, California, at $720 per annum. The Bureau transmitted with its communication a detailed statement from the Inspector of the Eighteenth Lighthouse District founded upon a personal investigation made by that officer of Mr. Olsen's conduct. The Bureau stated that it had been informally advised by an officer of the Commission that in cases of this character the method of procedure could be limited to the filing, withthe order for such reduction, of a statement of the reasons therefor. It has been the understanding of the Department, however, that in cases of reduction in grade or compensation for delinquency or misconduct the same procedure should be followed as in cases of removal, that is, that the person whose reduction is contemplated shall have notice of the same and of any charges preferred against him, and be furnished with a copy thereof and also be allowed a reasonable

time for personally answering the same in writing and furnishing affidavits in support thereof.

The Department will therefore be pleased to be advised whether the procedure recommended by the Bureau may be followed in Mr. Olsen's case; also whether any reductions in grade or compensation for delinquency or misconduct, when personally investigated by the highest officer in the district, may be made without compliance with such part of section 2 of Rule XII as requires that the person affected shall be furnished with a statement of reasons and be allowed a reasonable time for personally answering the same in writing; it being understood, however, that if this procedure is omitted a statement of reasons for the reduction will always be filed.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. C. SWEET
GEO. C. HAVENNER
Chief Clerk.

The Civil Service Commission.

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COMMISSIONERS
JOHN A. McILHENNY
PRESIDENT
CHARLES M. GALLOWAY
HERMON W. CRAVEN

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

CHIEF CLERK
DEC 18 1913

December 16, 1913.

WROTE BUREAU
DEC 17 1913

APPOINTMENTS
DEC 18 1913

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce.

Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of the Department's letter of December 9, stating that a communication has been received from the Bureau of Lighthouses recommending that by reason of misconduct and as a disciplinary measure Mr. John Olsen, keeper of San Pedro Breakwater Light Station, California, at $816 per annum be transferred and demoted to the position of keeper of Oakland Harbor Light Station and Oakland Harbor South Jetty Light, California, at $720 per annum. The Bureau transmitted with its communication a detailed statement from the inspector of the Eighteenth Lighthouse District founded upon a personal investigation made by that officer of Mr. Olsen's conduct. The Department requests to be advised whether the procedure recommended by the Department may be followed in Mr. Olsen's case and also whether any reductions in grade or compensation for delinquency or misconduct, when personally investigated by the highest officer in the district, may be made without compliance with such part of section 2 of Rule XII as requires that the person affected shall be furnished with a statement of reasons and be allowed a reasonable time for personally answering the same in writing, the reasons for the reduction simply to be filed.

Section 2 of Civil Service Rule XII, after providing the procedure to be followed in removals, provides further that:--

> The above procedure shall be followed in like manner in any reduction in grade or compensation for delinquency or misconduct, but the procedure may be limited to the filing of a statement of reasons with the order for reduction if the reduction is for administrative reasons only.

The Commission is of the view that this part of section of Rule XII, being contrary to section 6 of the act of August 24, 1912, (37 Stat. 555), which provides simply for the filing in the records of the proper department or office of "the reasons for reduction in rank or compensation", is revoked by the statute and is no longer in effect. Therefore, Mr. Olsen's reduction, if not made because of his political or religious opinions or affiliations in violation of section 2 of Civil Service Rule I, may be effected without other proceeding than the filing of a statement in the records of your Department showing the reasons for his reduction in grade and compensation.

By direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully,

John C. McKinney

President.

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December 19, 1913.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to its letter of the 9th instant and the Bureau's communication of the 4th instant, in regard to the demotion of John Olsen from the position of keeper of San Pedro Breakwater Light Station and San Pedro Bay Lights, California, at $816 per annum, to that of keeper of Oakland Harbor Light Station and Oakland Harbor South Jetty Light, California, at $720 per annum, the Department has to state that it is in receipt of a letter from the Civil Service Commission which is in part as follows:

> "Section 2 of Civil Service Rule XII, after providing the procedure to be followed in removals, provides further that:--
>
> > The above procedure shall be followed in like manner in any reduction in grade or compensation for delinquency or misconduct, but the procedure may be limited to the filing of a statement of reasons with the order for reduction if the reduction is for administrative reasons only.
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> "The Commission is of the view that this part of Section of Rule XII, being contrary to section 6 of the act of August 24, 1912, (37 Stat. 555), which provides simply for the filing in the records of the proper department pr office of 'the reasons for reduction in rank or compensation', is revoked by the statute and is no longer in effect. Therefore, Mr. Olsen's reduction, if not made because of his political or religious opinions or affiliations in violation of section 2 of Civil Service Rule I, may be effected without other proceeding than the filing of a statement in the records of your Department showing the reasons for his reduction in grade and compensation."

From the foregoing it would appear that the statement of reasons furnished by the Eighteenth Inspector in his letter of the 26th ultimo is sufficient to effect Mr. Olsen's reduction and he has accordingly been transferred to the position of keeper of Oakland Harbor Light Station and Oakland Harbor South Jetty Light, California, at $720 per annum, effective on the date he enters on duty therein.

The transfer of Mr. Olsen makes it possible for the Department to act on the nomination for the transfer of George D. Jeffrey and he has accordingly been given an appointment as keeper of San Pedro Breakwater Light Station and San Pedro Bay Lights, California, at $816 per annum, effective on the date he enters on duty therein.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) GEO. C. HAVENNER

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

December 17, 1913.

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APPOINTMENTS
DEC 19
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Subject: John Olsen, charges.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information, attention being invited to next to last paragraph of Bureau indorsement of December 4, 1913, in the cases of Olsen and Hughes, keepers of San Pedro Breakwater Light Station.

G. R. Putnam

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

John Olsen,
charges.

December 9th, 1913.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. Reference Bureau letter of December 4th, relative to trouble among the keepers at the San Pedro Breakwater Light Station.

2. No written report was submitted relative to the trouble at this station. On November 14th, Second Assistant Hughes telegraphed to this office requesting an investigation, and a copy of his telegram is inclosed for the Bureau's information, together with a copy of a letter from the Inspector to Mr. Wm. Wilson, Chief Clerk, who was then en route on the Tender MADRONO to San Pedro Breakwater Light Station. Mr. Wilson reported verbally to the Inspector at San Diego on November 20th, in regard to the matter; and, as previously reported, the Inspector arrived at the station on the 23d of November for a further investigation. All the charges and statements, except the telegram above referred to, were verbal.

3. The Inspector went very thoroughly into this matter, interviewing each keeper in turn, and there can be no doubt that the report of the trouble, made on November 26th, is in all respects true.

Rhodes.

LIGHT
DEC15 1913
HOUSES

Copy of telegram to
accompany Inspector's
letter of Dec. 9/13
re - John Olsen, charges.

San Pedro, Calif. Nov. 14th, 1913.

Lighthouse Inspector

18th Dist., San Francisco, Calif.

Respectfully request investigation immediately there will be no written report forwarded by me

Philip Hughes.

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Y

To accompany Inspector's
letter of Dec. 9th, 1913
re - John Olsen, charges.

CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

November 14th, 1913

Mr. Wm. Wilson,

Chief Clerk,

Tender MADRONO.

A telegram received this date from Philip Hughes, Second Asst. Keeper at San Pedro Breakwater Light Station, indicates that there is some trouble among the keepers at that station. Unless otherwise instructed by the time of your arrival at that station, you should ascertain the nature of this trouble, and investigate it as far as possible, being prepared to submit a report in regard to the matter to the Inspector upon the tender's arrival in San Diego.

Rhodes.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

December 19, 1913.

Mr. John Olsen,

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 Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from keeper at $816 per annum.)

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED DEC 29 1913 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: George D. Jeffrey.

Legal Residence: California.

CHANGE REPORTED JAN 1914 U. S. COMMISSION.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Per

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES JAN 15 1914

CHIEF JAN 20 1914

I, John Olsen

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.

APPOINTMENTS JAN 21 1914

☞ John Olsen.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 8th day of January, A. D. 1914

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) M. C. Sullivan

My Commission Expires Feb. 11, 1917 (Official title) Notary Public

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Keeper	$720 per annum	Oakland Harbor Light Station and Oakland Harbor South Jetty Light, Cal.
Former[5] Keeper	$816 per annum	San Pedro Breakwater Light Station and San Pedro Bay Lights, Cal.

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 18th District

San Francisco, Cal. (Address), January 9, 1914 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on January 8, 1914 (Date)

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CARDED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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CHIEF CLERK JAN 8 1914 APPOINTMENT JAN 6 1914

Reprimand. December 29, 1913.

Mr. John Olsen,
Keeper, San Pedro Breakwater Light
Station and San Pedro Bay Lights, Cal.
Through Lighthouse Inspector, San Francisco, Cal.

Referring to the investigation made by the Lighthouse Inspector at the San Pedro, etc., Light Station, California, on November 23, 1913.

The Bureau regrets to learn that you returned to the station at 12:30 a. m., November 14, 1913, in an intoxicated condition, it appearing that you knew the first assistant keeper of the station had been injured and would not be at the station during the night. It is also noted that since your transfer to the San Pedro, etc., Light Station, you have been intoxicated a number of times upon returning to duty. Attention is invited to the paragraph headed "Use of intoxicants and drugs," page 140 of the General Instructions, 1911, and you are reprimanded for your violation of the Instructions in question. You are further warned that should it again come to the attention of the Bureau that you returned to duty in an intoxicated condition, steps will be taken against you with a view to your dismissal from the service.

The fact that you have been reprimanded will be noted on the records of the Department, this office, and those of the Inspector as part of your official history.

(Signed) G. L. Putnam
Commissioner.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
DEC 29 1913

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

CIRCULAR LETTER No. 396.

Reductions, procedure. January 5, 1914.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTORS:

The Bureau quotes below part of Civil Service Commission letter of December 16, 1913, in regard to the procedure to be followed in cases of reduction, for your information, guidance, and files:

> "Section 2 of Civil Service Rule XII, after providing the procedure to be followed in removals, provides further that:-
>
> The above procedure shall be followed in like manner in any reduction in grade or compensation for delinquency or misconduct, but the procedure may be limited to the filing of a statement of reasons with the order for reduction if the reduction is for administrative reasons only.
>
> "The Commission is of the view that this part of section of Rule XII, being contrary to section 6 of the act of August 24, 1912, (37 Stat. 555), which provides simply for the filing in the records of the proper department or office of 'the reasons for reduction in rank or compensation,' is revoked by the statute and is no longer in effect. Therefore, Mr. * * * reduction, if not made because of his political or religious opinions or affiliations in violation of section 2 of Civil Service Rule 1, may be effected without other proceeding than the filing of a statement in the records of your Department showing the reasons for his reduction in grade and compensation."

In all such cases give the reasons in full for the action recommended, and state that approval of the recommendation will not be in violation of section 2 of Civil Service Rule 1.

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The employee referred to, a keeper, was transferred and reduced for returning to duty in an intoxicated condition and dereliction of duty.

Reductions
Salaries
Compensation

G. R. Putnam

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January 7, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

For the reasons set forth in the Eighteenth Inspector's letlet of the 21st ultimo, and in accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 4th instant, the Department has changed the designation of the positions of keeper and assistant keeper of Oakland Harbor Light Station, and Oakland Harbor South Jetty Light, California, to keeper and assistant keeper of Oakland Harbor light Station, Oakland Harbor South Jetty, and San Antonio Creek Lights, California, without change in the rates of pay, effective on a date later to be determined and reported to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

(Signed) Geo. C. Havenner

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Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

LIGHT DEC26 1914 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT.

San Francisco, Cal., December 21 1914

CHIEF CLERK JAN 6 1915 191 5

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and enter upon duty at his new station on or about January 15 1915.

Name, John Olsen

Position, Keeper $720

From Oakland Harbor Light Station and Oakland Harbor South Jetty Light, Cal.

To Oakland Harbor Lightstation, Oakland Harbor South Jetty and San Antonio Creek Lights, Cal.

APPOINTMENTS WASH. D.C. JAN 5 1915 9153

Previous incumbent, Himself

Services terminated, about Jany 15 1915

Reason, Change in designation of station.

Auth D.T. Jan 7. 1915

Rhodes.

Inspector

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

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

January 4, 1915.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

In this connection attention is invited to Bureau recommendation of today in regard to this matter.

H.B. Bowerman

Acting Commissioner.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 27 1915

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., December 20, 1915, 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK DEC 29 1915

Action recommended, Appointment of

Name, John Olsen — Legal residence, California

Position, Keeper — Salary, $732 per annum

Location, Oakland Harbor Light Station, Oakland Harbor South Jetty and San Antonio Creek Lights, Cal. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

APPOINTMENTS DEC 29 1915

Former position, Same — Former salary, $720 per annum

Location, Same

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

Previous incumbent, Himself — Services terminated, -----

Reason, -----

D. L. DEC 16 1915

Members of family in Government Service, None

Remarks: Increase in compensation recommended to comply with pay schedule approved by Bureau telegram of December 17, 1915. It is believed this nominee is deserving of the increase by reason of his efficiency.

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

Rhodes.

Inspector

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 28 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

J. Conway
Acting Commissioner

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1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

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CHIEF CLERK JAN 29 1916

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, John Olsen

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.

☞ John Olsen
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to. (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 20th day of January, A. D. 1916

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) A. A. Hoyer.

(Official title) NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Keeper	$732 per annum	Oakland Harbor Light Station, Oakland Harbor South Jetty and San Antonio Creek Lights, Cal.
Former [5] do	$720 per annum	do do

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 18th District

San Francisco, Cal., (Address), January 21, 1916 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on January 1, 1916 (Date)

CARDED.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES MAR 27 1916

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ACKNOWLEDGED APR 1916 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

CHIEF CLERK MAR 31 1916

APPOINTMENTS MAR 31 1916

Keeper John Olsen:
deceased.

March 21, 1916

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

1. Confirming telegram of this date the Bureau is advised of the accidental death of John Olsen, Keeper of Oakland Harbor Lightstation, California, which occurred about 6 P.M., March 20, 1916, at the Western Pacific Mole, Oakland, Cal. Inclosed is a clipping from the San Francisco Chronicle of this date.

2. At the time of the accident the Assistant Keeper was across the creek in his boat attending to the beacon lights, and reports the facts substantially as given in the news item.

3. The Bureau is further informed that Mr Olsen had not exceeded his accrued leave at the time of his death.

Rhodes.

Inspector

Inclosure

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAR 28 1916

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

G R Putnam

Commissioner.

A.R.E.

San Francisco Chronicle
March 21, 1916.

Jump Falls Short; Lightkeeper Killed

John Olsen Makes Fatal Attempt to Board Moving Ferryboat

John Olsen, 52 years old, a light-house-keeper employed by the Government on Oakland creek, arrived at the Western Pacific ferry slip at the Oakland estuary a moment after the ferry-boat Jeffrey had cast off.

Making a leap for the boat from the slip apron, Olsen missed just far enough to fall and strike his head on the end of the boat and drop into the water.

The boat was stopped and Olsen was picked up and brought across the bay, but died before he could be brought to the Harbor Hospital.

No. 204
Ed. 1-13-15—1,000,000

April 1, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Eighteenth Inspector's letter of the 21st ultimo, forwarded by the Bureau on the 28th ultimo, reporting the death, on March 20, 1916, of John Olsen, keeper of Oakland Harbor Light Station, Oakland Harbor South Jetty Light, and San Antonio Creek Lights, California, at $732 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) W. S. GILCHRIST

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED APR - 1 1916 ★ DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CHANGE REPORTED MAR 1916 U. S. LIGHTHOUSE COMMISSION

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: Olsen, John **DOB:** 1859

Records checked:

Agency: Commerce 6028 Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk positive negative

Agency: Commerce 6029 Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk positive negative

Agency: Old Commerce Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk positive negative

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AND

Agency: Treasury 2189 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive negative

Agency: Treasury 2188 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive negative

Agency: Old Treasury Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive negative

If Negative:

Agency: Treasury SRCs series 1 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive negative

Agency: Treasury SRCs series 2 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive negative

Agency: Treasury SRCs series 3 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive negative

Agency: Coast Guard SRCs Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive negative

If Negative:

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: Olsen, John **DOB:** 1859

Records checked:

Agency: Commerce 6028 Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk positive
negative

Agency: Commerce 6029 Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk positive
negative

Agency: Old Commerce Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk positive 2 poss matches
negative

AND

Agency: Treasury 2189 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive
negative

Agency: Treasury 2188 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive
negative

Agency: Old Treasury Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive
negative

If Negative:

Agency: Treasury SRCs series 1 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive
negative

Agency: Treasury SRCs series 2 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive
negative

Agency: Treasury SRCs series 3 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive
negative

Agency: Coast Guard SRCs Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive
negative

If Negative:

Notes: _____

Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

HWR-CHT

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES FEB 10 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

San Francisco, Cal., February 4 1913 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Trancfer of

Name, **John Olsen** Legal residence, **California**

Position, **Keeper** Salary, **$816 per annum**

Title of appropriation, **Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Location, **San Pedro Breakwater Lightstation, California.**

Effective **February 16 1913** {[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper Former salary, **$1000 per annum**

Location, **St.George Reef Lightstation, California.**

Rank in list of eligibles, Rating, Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, Thomas J. Brown Services terminated, **March 6 1913 or sooner**

Reason, **Temporary appointment pending selection permanent keeper**

Remarks: This transfer, involving a reduction in Mr.Olsen's compensation, is made in accordance with the inclosed request.

Rhodes.
Inspector

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one Inclosure

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

FEB 10 1913

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

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Acting Commissioner

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

February 13, 1913.

Mr. John Olsen,

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 ~~Eight Hundred and Sixteen~~ dollars per ~~annum~~,

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

(By transfer from keeper at $1000 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: California.

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EOD March 7, 1913.

HRW-McC.

John Olsen,
charges.

December 4, 1913.

Lighthouse Inspector, San Francisco, Cal.

Referring to your recommendation of November 26, 1913, in regard to trouble among the keepers at the San Pedro Breakwater Light Station, and the investigation made at that station by you.

Submit statement as to whether the report of trouble was verbal or in writing and, if in writing, submit the report. If any charges were filed in writing against the keeper by the second assistant keeper, or vice versa, submit those charges, or copies thereof, to the Bureau. If there are any other material papers in this case, it is requested that those papers, or copies thereof, be furnished the Bureau.

The above request is made in order that the Bureau or the Department may have on its files all material papers in this case, or copies thereof, and in future cases it is suggested that you submit such papers in the first instance.

You will be advised in due time of the action taken by the Department in this case.

Acting Commissioner.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
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San Pedro Bkwr. Lt.Sta.
Trouble among keepers.

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

November 26, 1913.

18th Sec'd paper
clips agnst Hughes
JC 12/2

The Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. A report of trouble among the keepers at the San Pedro Breakwater Light Station was received recently, and on the 23d inst. the Inspector made an investigation at the station at which time the following facts were ascertained.

2. At 9 a.m. on November 13th, Keeper Olsen and ~~Second~~ Assistant Keeper Peterson went to San Pedro in the station launch. After landing the keeper, Peterson proceeded with the launch to attend to the beacon lights in the channel, and at 3 p.m. returned to the San Pedro Water Front to take on board provisions for the light station. In loading these supplies from a plank at a temporary landing, Peterson lost his footing and fell overboard, striking his head against the launch and sustaining a severe scalp wound which required several stitches, and which necessitated his remaining at the local hospital temporarily. Before turning in at the hospital, Peterson found Keeper Olsen, notifying him of his accident and of the fact that he would be unable to return to the station that night. Keeper Olsen should have returned to the station with the station launch by 5 p.m., for the purpose of taking the working party then engaged at the station ashore, but it appears that he forgot this duty until 5:30 p.m., at which time he employed a launch at his own expense and intercepted the members of the working party who were walking ashore on the breakwater, and took them to the landing.

3. At 12:30 a.m. on November 14th, Keeper Olson returned to the station with the station launch in an intoxicated condition, as he himself admits, and is charged by Second Asst. Hughes, who was in charge at the station. The testimony shows that Hughes descended from the watch-room upon the arrival of the launch, and became involved in a controversy with the keeper as to the proper manner of securing the launch. After considerable abusive language on each side, Olsen proceeded up the gangway where he was struck a heavy blow on the head by Hughes who used a piece of 2 x 3 scantling as a club. The keeper was knocked down and badly injured, his head and face being severely cut and his eye damaged to some extent. After some time he recovered sufficiently to proceed in the launch to San Pedro Water Front where he spent the night with a friend on board another launch. At 7:30 a.m. the following morning he took the working party to the light station in the station launch, returning from there to the police station where he had his wounds dressed and a number of stitches taken in his scalp. The 1st asst. keeper had returned to the station with the working party that morning. The keeper remained on shore all of that day, and returned to the station on Saturday morning, the 15th inst., since which time he has not been on shore.

4. There has been no trouble among the keepers since that above referred to, and the work at the station is again going on as usual.

5. Second Asst. Hughes has had trouble at the Farallon Light Station and at Pigeon Point Light Station, where he served before being assigned to the San Pedro Breakwater Light Station, and the keepers at both of those stations charge that he is insane at times by reason of his violent temper. He has served ten years in the navy, and I find

upon examining his papers that he was discharged upon the recommendation of a naval medical board which found him incapacitated for further duty by reason of neurasthenia contracted in the line of duty.

6. Considering the fact that Hughes, by his own testimony, assaulted the keeper while he (the keeper) was in an intoxicated condition, in a manner that might have caused his death, I suspended him from duty at the close of the 23d inst., and instructed him to proceed on shore and await further advices. It is recommended that he be discharged for the good of the service.

7. Keeper Olsen has a record of long and faithful service at the St. George Reef Light Station, but since going to the San Pedro station I find that he has been intoxicated a number of times upon his return to duty, and with the approval of the Bureau, it is intended to transfer him to the Oakland Harbor Light Station, and to transfer Mr. George D. Jeffries as keeper of the San Pedro Breakwater Light Station. The keeper at the Oakland Harbor Light Station at present has a salary of $750 per annum, but in the revised schedule adopted by the old Lighthouse Board, it was provided that when a new keeper went to the station, the pay would be at the rate of $720 per annum. In view of Keeper Olsen's previous good record, and his long service, it is recommended that his salary as keeper of the Oakland Harbor Light Station be authorized at the rate of $756 per annum. ~~as at present.~~

8. Investigation at the San Pedro Breakwater Light Station developed the fact that all of the keepers at that station have been in the habit of keeping liquor on the station, and in view of the trouble that had

arisen, instructions were given that in future no distilled or malt liquors of any kind should be brought to the station.

9. Mr. Lazarus Marovich, Skilled Laborer, has been temporarily assigned to duty at the station, pending the Bureau's action in regard to the recommended discharge of 2nd Asst. Hughes.

Rhodes.

HRW-McC.
One inclosure.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
December 4, 1913.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information. The Bureau believes that some drastic action should be taken against keeper Olsen and that the action recommended by the Inspector to be taken against Hughes is too drastic. In view of the fact that Olsen, knowing that the first assistant keeper had been injured and would not be at the station during the night, returned to the station at 1:30 a. m. on November 14, 1913, in an intoxicated condition, after having intercepted the members of the working party and taken them ashore, the Bureau recommends that he be transferred and demoted to the position of keeper of Oakland Harbor Light Station, etc., California, at $720 per annum, the rate of pay authorized for the position by the Equalization of Pay Report of 1908. Attention is here invited to the fact that since his transfer to the San Pedro Breakwater Light Station, Olsen has been intoxicated a number of times upon his return to duty. It is further recommended that the Department authorize the Bureau to severely reprimand him and warn him that should it again come to the attention of the Bureau and the Department that he has returned to duty in an intoxicated condition, steps will be taken against him with a view to his dismissal from the service.

In view of the fact that the controversy between the keeper and second assistant keeper was probably caused by the intoxication of the keeper, the Bureau recommends that the Department authorize the suspension of Hughes for a period of thirty days, beginning November 24, 1913, and that the Bureau be authorized to write him a severe letter of reprimand and warn him that should his conduct again be the subject of a complaint from the Inspector, more drastic action will be taken in his case.

It is further recommended that the additional position of second assistant keeper of San Pedro Breakwater Light Station and San Pedro Bay Lights, Cal., at $552 per annum, be authorized for a period not to exceed 30 days and that the Department authorize the assignment of Frederick J. Porteous to duty in that position, effective Dec. 5, 1913. A nomination in the case of Porteous will be submitted when received.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

It is the understanding of the Bureau, after informal communication with the Civil Service Commission, that section 6 of the act making appropriation for the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1913, supersedes paragraph 2, Rule XII, of the Civil Service Rules, and that the procedure in the case of Olsen, in order to effect his reduction, may be limited simply to the filing, with the order of reduction, of a statement of the reasons for which the reduction was recommended, and that a statement of the reasons need not be furnished to a person so reduced, unless he requests them.

It appears to the Bureau that there are no papers in this case in addition to the Inspector's letter, but in order to verify this assumption, the Inspector has been requested to forward any other papers in the case he may have. If any are received, the Bureau will transmit them to the Department.

Inclosed is copy of telegram of December 2, 1913, from the Eighteenth Inspector, relative to the temporary appointment of Porteous.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
DEC 15 1913
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John Olsen,
charges.

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

December 9th, 1913.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. Reference Bureau letter of December 4th, relative to trouble among the keepers at the San Pedro Breakwater Light Station.

2. No written report was submitted relative to the trouble at this station. On November 14th, Second Assistant Hughes telegraphed to this office requesting an investigation, and a copy of his telegram is inclosed for the Bureau's information, together with a copy of a letter from the Inspector to Mr. Wm. Wilson, Chief Clerk, who was then en route on the Tender MADRONO to San Pedro Breakwater Light Station. Mr. Wilson reported verbally to the Inspector at San Diego on November 20th, in regard to the matter; and, as previously reported, the Inspector arrived at the station on the 23d of November for a further investigation. All the charges and statements, except the telegram above referred to, were verbal.

3. The Inspector went very thoroughly into this matter, interviewing each keeper in turn, and there can be no doubt that the report of the trouble, made on November 20th, is in all respects true.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

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To accompany Inspector's
letter of Dec. 9th, 1913
re - John Olsen, charges.

November 14th, 1913.

Mr. Wm. Wilson,

Chief Clerk,

Tender MDRONO.

A telegram received this date from Philip Hughes, Second Asst. Keeper at San Pedro Breakwater Light Station, indicates that there is some trouble among the keepers at that station. Unless otherwise instructed by the time of your arrival at that station, you should ascertain the nature of this trouble, and investigate it as far as possible, being prepared to submit a report in regard to the matter to the Inspector upon the tender's arrival in San Diego.

Rhodes.

Copy of telegram to
accompany Inspector's
letter of Dec. 9/13
re - John Olsen, charges.

San Pedro, Calif. Nov. 14th, 1913.

Lighthouse Inspector

18th Dist., San Francisco, Calif.

Respectfully request investigation immediately there will be no written report forwarded by me

Philip Hughes.

December 17, 1913.

Subject: John Olsen, charges.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information, attention being invited to next to last paragraph of Bureau indorsement of December 4, 1913, in the cases of Olsen and Hughes, keepers of San Pedro Breakwater Light Station.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE [redacted]

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK

WASHINGTON

12/29/13 Reprimand to Olsen copy to Dept 1/5/14 18th no. 396 Circ. letter to all Inspectors

December 19, 1913.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to its letter of the 9th instant and the Bureau's communication of the 4th instant, in regard to the demotion of John Olsen from the position of keeper of San Pedro Breakwater Light Station and San Pedro Bay Lights, California, at $816 per annum, to that of keeper of Oakland Harbor Light Station and Oakland Harbor South Jetty Light, California, at $720 per annum, the Department has to state that it is in receipt of a letter from the Civil Service Commission dated Dec. 16, 1913, which is in part as follows:

> "Section 2 of Civil Service Rule XII, after providing the procedure to be followed in removals, provides further that:--
>
> > The above procedure shall be followed in like manner in any reduction in grade or compensation for delinquency or misconduct, but the procedure may be limited to the filing of a statement of reasons with the order for reduction if the reduction is for administrative reasons only.
>
> "The Commission is of the view that this part of section of Rule XII, being contrary to section 6 of the act of August 24, 1912, (37 Stat. 555), which provides simply for the filing in the records of the proper department or office of 'the reasons for reduction in rank or compensation', is revoked by the statute and is no longer in effect. Therefore, Mr. Olsen's reduction, if not made because of his political or religious opinions or affiliations in violation of section 2 of Civil Service Rule I, may be effected without other proceeding than the filing of a statement in the records of your Department showing the reasons for his reduction in grade and compensation."

Quote

XXXX Do not give name. JC/2

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From the foregoing it would appear that the statement of reasons furnished by the Eighteenth Inspector in his letter of the 26th ultimo is sufficient to effect Mr. Olsen's reduction and he has accordingly been transferred to the position of keeper of Oakland Harbor Light Station and Oakland Harbor South Jetty Light, California, at $720 per annum, effective on the date he enters on duty therein.

The transfer of Mr. Olsen makes it possible for the Department to act on the nomination for the transfer of George D. Jeffrey and he has accordingly been given an appointment as keeper of San Pedro Breakwater Light Station and San Pedro Bay Lights, California, at $816 per annum, effective on the date he enters on duty therein.

By direction of the Secretary:

Ted C. Hammer

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.

DEC 23 1913

Copy

To Lighthouse Inspector, San Francisco, Cal.

for his information, guidance, and files of office. The Bureau believes that the part played by Olsen in this matter warrants his reduction to $720 per annum, the rate of pay authorized for the position of keeper of Oakland Harbor Light Station, etc., by the equalization report.

Assistant Commissioner

HRW-McC.

Reprimand. December 29, 1913.

Mr. John Olsen,
Keeper, San Pedro Breakwater Light
Station and San Pedro Bay Lights, Cal.
Through Light ouse Inspector, San Francisco, Cal.

Referring to the investigation made by the Lighthouse Inspector at the San Pedro, etc., Light Station, California, on November 23, 1913.

The Bureau regrets to learn that you returned to the station at 12:30 a. m., November 14, 1913, in an intoxicated condition, it appearing that you knew the first assistant keeper of the station had been injured and would not be at the station during the night. It is also noted that since your transfer to the San Pedro, etc., Light Station, you have been intoxicated a number of times upon returning to duty. Attention is invited to the paragraph headed "Use of intoxicants and drugs," page 140 of the General Instructions, 1911, and you are reprimanded for your violation of the Instructions in question. You are further warned that should it again come to the attention of the Bureau that you returned to duty in an intoxicated condition, steps will be taken against you with a view to your dismissal from the service.

The fact that you have been reprimanded will be noted on the records of the Bureau and of this office, and those of the Inspector as part of your official history.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
DEC 29 1913

Copy Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
DEC 29 1913

San Francisco Cal

Copy To Lighthouse Inspector ..... Commissioner.
for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner:

Chief Clerk

Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT DEC 1 1913 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., (City.) November 26, 1913. (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer of

Name, John Olsen

Position, Keeper

Location, Oakland Harbor Light Station and Oakland Harbor South Jetty Light, Cal.

Effective January 1, 1914.

Legal residence, California

Salary, **$720 per annum

Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

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

Former position, Keeper

Former salary, $816 per annum

Location, San Pedro Breakwater Light Station and San Pedro Bay Lights, Cal.

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

Previous incumbent, George D. Jeffrey Services terminated, about December 31, 1913

Reason, Transfer

Relatives in Government Service, None

Remarks: This transfer, involving a reduction in Mr. Olsen's compensation, is made in accordance with the recommendation contained in special letter from this office of November 26, 1913.

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

Rhodes
Inspector

Secretary, Civil Service District.

**Changed in Bureau

HRW-McC.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

December 4, 1913.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

See Bureau indorsement of December 4, 1913, on Inspector's letter of Nov. 26, 1913.

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Acting Commissioner

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

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COPY.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

Office of the Chief Clerk.

Washington, December 19, 1913.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to its letter of the 9th instant and the Bureau's communication of the 4th instant, in regard to the demotion of John Olsen from the position of keeper of San Pedro Breakwater Light Station and San Pedro Bay Lights, California, at $816 per annum, to that of keeper of Oakland Harbor Light Station and Oakland Harbor South Jetty Light, California, at $720 per annum, the Department has to state that it is in receipt of a letter from the Civil Service Commission which is in part as follows:

"Section 2 of Civil Service Rule XII, after providing the procedure to be followed in removals, provides further that:-

> The above procedure shall be followed in like manner in any reduction in grade or compensation for delinquency or misconduct, but the procedure may be limited to the filing of a statement of reasons with the order for reduction if the reduction is for administrative reasons only.

"The Commission is of the view that this part of section of Rule XII, being contrary to section 6 of the act of August 24, 1912, (37 Stat. 555), which provides simply for the filing in the records of the proper department or office of 'the reasons for reduction in rank or compensation', is revoked by the statute and is no longer in effect. Therefore, Mr. Olsen's reduction, if not made because of his political or religious opinions or affiliations in violation of section 2 of Civil Service Rule 1, may be effected without other proceeding than the filing of a statement in the records of your Department showing the reasons for his reduction in grade and compensation".

From the foregoing it would appear that the statement of Reasons furnished by the Eighteenth Inspector in his letter of the 26th ultimo is sufficient to effect Mr. Olsen's reduction and he has

accordingly been transferred to the position of keeper of Oakland Harbor Light Station and Oakland Harbor South Jetty Light, California, at $720 per annum, effective on the date he enters on duty therein.

The transfer of Mr. Olsen makes it possible for the Department to act on the nomination for the transfer of George D. Jeffrey and he has accordingly been given an appointment as keeper of San Pedro Breakwater Light Station and San Pedro Bay Lights, California, at $816 per annum, effective on the date he enters on duty therein.

By direction of the Secretary:

(Signed) Geo. C. Havenner.

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT DEC 26 1914 LIGHTHOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT.

San Francisco, Cal., December 21 1914 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and enter upon duty at his new station on or about January 15 1915.

Name, John Olsen Position, Keeper

From Oakland Harbor Light Station and Oakland Harbor South Jetty Light, Cal. To Oakland Harbor Lightstation, Oakland Harbor South Jetty and San Antonio Creek Lights, Cal.

Previous incumbent, Himself

Services terminated, about Jany 15 1915 Reason, Change in designation of station.

Rhodes.
Inspector

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

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

McC.

January 4, 1915.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

In this connection attention is invited to Bureau recommendation of today in regard to this matter.

H B D
Acting Commissioner.

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

HWR-CHT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT.

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San Francisco, Cal., December 21 1914 , 191

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Previous incumbent, Himself

Services terminated, about Jany 15 1915

Reason, Change in designation of station.

H. W. Rhodes

Inspector

San Francisco, Cal., January 16, 1915 , 191

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with January 16, 1915

H. W. Rhodes

Inspector

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

JAN 22 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

See Department letter of January 7, 1915, authorizing change in the designation of this position.

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Acting Commissioner.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 12 1909
NO.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

(Read the instructions on the reverse side of this Form before attempting to fill it out.)

1. Bureau Light-House Service. 2. Where employed St.George Reef Light.
3. Name John Olsen. 4. Where born Norway.
5. Age ~~50~~ 51 6. Position Keeper, St.George Reef Light-Station, Cal.
7. Compensation $1000. pa. 8. When appointed (*a*) December 1, 1891.
9. How appointed (*b*) Prior to Classification.
10. Appointed from — State California. Congressional District IV. County San Francisco.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified Competitive.
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service Employed 3 years in construction work on St.George Reef Lighthouse.
14. Duties (describe fully) In charge of 1st order light and steam fog-signal. Keep tower and quarters in order. Make minor repairs. Stand watch night and daytime during fog. Care of Gasoline launch and 2 whaleboats. Keep accounts and render reports.
15. Efficiency — Quantity of work (*d*) 10/10. Quality of work (*e*) Excellent. Interest manifested in work (*f*) Excellent.
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (*g*) Satisfactory in every respect, a remarkably efficient keeper, equal to any emergency.

W G Muse

Head of Bureau or Office.
Comdr U. S. N., Inspector 12th L. H. Dist.

June 7, 1909.

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READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

May 10, 1911.

(The parenthetical letters refer to instructions on page 3, which instructions should be read and understood before attempting to fill out the form.)

1. Name John Olsen 2. Age 52 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau of Lighthouses 4. Position Keeper

5. Compensation $1000.p.a. 6. Where employed St.George Reef Light-Station,Cal.

7. When appointed (*a*) Dec.1,1891 8. How appointed (*b*) Prior to Classification.

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified Competitive.

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.

11. Does the employee receive a pension? No If so, state the amount ----

12. Other Government service Employed in construction of St.George Reef Light-Station three years.

13. Duties (describe fully) In charge of 1st order light and steam fog signal. Keep tower and quarters in order. Make minor repairs. Stand watch night and daytime during fog. Care of Gasoline launch and two whale boats. Keep accounts and render reports.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? Yes. If so, state them Cabinet maker by trade, Expert boatman, handy with all kinds of tools, engines, etc.

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	100/100 Excellent	2	200
Quality of work	100	3	300
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	100 Excellent	3	300
Attendance	100	2	200
Total		10	1000
Average percentage			100

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16. In the following form state the number of days of annual leave, sick leave, and leave without pay taken in each of the years 1908, 1909, and 1910:

	1908.		1909.			1910.		
Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.
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17. Is this employee a purely routine employee, or does he manifest interest, not only in his own work but also in the work of the office or bureau as a whole, to the extent of overtime work or voluntary efforts by suggestion or otherwise to add to its efficiency? (Answer fully.) Takes particular interest in all lighthouse matters. First-class man in all respects.

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) Fair equivalent.

If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be. ----

19. Is this employee superannuated? No If so, what percentage of salary is unearned? ----

20. Remarks: (*e*)

The official who is primarily responsible for the statements herein submitted will sign here—

W. A. Moffett

Cmdr. U.S.N. Inspector 18th L.H.Dist.

The official who approves the statements thus submitted will sign here—

W. A. Moffett

Cmdr. U.S.N. Inspector 18th L.H.Dist.

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Chief of Bureau or Office.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

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Attendance	100	2	200
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Average percentage			100

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT.

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 27 1915

San Francisco, Cal., December 20, 1915, 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Appointment of

Name, John Olsen — Legal residence, California

Position, Keeper — Salary, $732 per annum

Location, Oakland Harbor Light Station, Oakland Harbor South Jetty and San Antonio Creek Lights, Cal. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

Former position, Same — Former salary, $720 per annum

Location, Same

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

Previous incumbent, Himself — Services terminated, -----

Reason, -----

Members of family in Government Service, None

Remarks: Increase in compensation recommended to comply with pay schedule approved by Bureau telegram of December 17, 1915. It is believed this nominee is deserving of the increase by reason of his efficiency.

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

Rhodes.

Secretary, Civil Service District. Inspector

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 28 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

TELEGRAM

3/24/16 rec'd 4 p.m.
8 WU. GS. 28 Paid G. R.

DX: San Francisco, Cal., March 21, 1916.

Lighthouse Commissioner,
Washington.

Olsen, keeper Oakland Harbor, accidentally drowned twentieth. No friends or relatives claim body. Request authority defray burial expenses one hundred dollars if found necessary.

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Lighthouse Inspector San Francisco Cal.

subject
Burial expenses Olsen approved, Regulations paragraph four eighty three

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COMMISSIONER

Sent Department 4:38 P.M. 3/21/16.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

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

March 21, 1916

Keeper John Olsen:
deceased.

Rec adv Dept. Seems to have
in his own fault. O. was a
long time @ St Geo Rf, where he
had good record, then to San Pedro
when new lt. ho. was built, but
took to drinking & was demoted
@ Mar 27

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

1. Confirming telegram of this date the Bureau is advised of the accidental death of John Olsen, Keeper of Oakland Harbor Lightstation, California, which occurred about 6 P.M., March 20, 1916, at the Western Pacific Mole, Oakland, Cal. Inclosed is a clipping from the San Francisco Chronicle of this date.

2. At the time of the accident the Assistant Keeper was across the creek in his boat attending to the beacon lights, and reports the facts substantially as given in the news item.

3. The Bureau is further informed that Mr Olsen had not exceeded his accrued leave at the time of his death.

RHODES

Inspector

Inclosure

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAR 28 1916

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Commissioner.

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John Olsen,
death.

March 28, 1916.

Lighthouse Inspector, San Francisco, Cal.

Referring to your telegram of March 21, 1916, and letter of same date in regard to the death on March 20, 1916, of John Olsen.

Report whether the case of Olsen is one which comes within the purview of the workmen's compensation act, and, if so, whether there are any beneficiaries. See Regulations 1914, par. 481.

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Acting Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 1, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Eighteenth Inspector's letter of the 21st ultimo, forwarded by the Bureau on the 28th ultimo, reporting the death, on March 20, 1916, of John Olsen, keeper of Oakland Harbor Light Station, Oakland Harbor South Jetty Light, and San Antonio Creek Lights, California, at $732 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

W. S. Gilchrist
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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