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REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Anderson, Kraig	
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
kraiga@gmail.com	858-357-5100

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

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Pendell, John, L.		1897 NY

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service:

- ☐ Air Force
- ☐ Army Air Corps
- ☐ Army Air Force
- ☐ Army
- ☐ Marine Corps
- ☐ Navy
- ☐ Coast Guard
- ☐ Unknown

Type of Rank:

- ☐ Enlisted
- ☐ Officer
- ☐ Unknown

Service Period (Check all that apply):

- ☐ 1939 & Prior
- ☐ 1940 - 1950
- ☐ 1950 & After

Date & Place of Death: 1979 ME

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

CIVILIAN SERVICE

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Lighthouse Service (ME)	1928	1938
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
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Other Identifying Information (Maiden Name, Job Title, etc.)

Researcher Signature: Kraig Anderson

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: PENDELL, JOHN L. **DOB:** 1/1/1897, NY

SOUNDEX: P534

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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Agency: Treasury 2189	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
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Notes: DOS: 1928 TO 1938; DOD: 1/1/1979, ME; LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE, ME

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

John L. Pendell (Name) Me. (Legal Residence)

STATUS

11—8940

DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION (1st L.H. Dist.)	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper	Prob.	1320	L.H. At Large	Sept. 24, 1928
"	Trans.	1200	" 2-Bush 2d L.H. Me.	Oct. 4, 1928
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	1260	" " "	JAN 1 1931
"	Transfer	1500	L.H. Halfway Rock L.S.	Nov. 1, 1932
"	Prom.	1560	" — " "	9-1-34
"	Trans.	1260	" Boon Island	June 1, 1936
	RESIGNED CLOSE OF	Aug. 15, 1936 (WOP)		

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JOHN L. PENDELL

JOHN L. PENDELL

Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1928 SEP 6 AM 9

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, First DISTRICT,

Portland, Maine (City) August 30, 1928. (Date) 19....

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Name, John L PenDell

Position, Additional Keeper

Location, General Duty, 1st LH District

Effective, September 11, 1928

Legal residence, Maine

Proposed salary, $1320 per annum

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

Appropriation, Sals., Kprs., etc.

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

Former position, New appointee

Location, ------

Former salary, ----

Former range, ----

Rank on eligible list, 1st Rating, Percentage, 91.6, Other eligibles considered:
Chester N Mitchell (A); Truman M. Lathrop (A).

Previous incumbent, Earle B Ashby

Reason, Promotion

Services terminated, September 10, 1928

Members of family in Government service, ---

Date of birth, February 4, 1897

Remarks:

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, SEP 4 1928, 19.....

E L Reynolds
Secretary, 1st Civil Service District.

C. E. Sherman
C. E. SHERMAN
Superintendent

COPY TO Bur. of Lighthouses (Through Secy. 1st CS Dist.)

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON
SEP 13 1928

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

FIRST MAIL

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

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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RLC:MMF

Washington, D. C., September 19, 1928.

Lighthouse Superintendent, Portland, Maine.

Appointments smith and pendell approved

BOWERMAN

CONFIRMATION:

Clifton A. Smith
John L. Pendell

Form 73

JCW:GFL

LIGHTHOUSES 1928 SEP 25 PM 3:52

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, FIRST DISTRICT,

Portland, Maine, September 24, 1928. , 19
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, TRANSFER

Name, John L. PenDell

Position, Assistant Keeper

Location, Two-Bush Island LH, Me.

Effective, October 1, 1928,

Former position, Additional Keeper

Location, General duty, 1st District

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

Legal residence, Maine

Proposed salary, $1200. p.a. (with quarters) Bureau

Proposed range, $1200 to $1500.

Appropriation, Sals.,Kprs.

[1] the second day of October, 1928, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former salary, $1320. p.a. (without quarters) Bur.

Former range, $1320. to $1620.

Previous incumbent, Myron L. Wilson

Services terminated, about Sept. 30, 1928

Reason, This day recommended transfer Assistant Keeper, Moose Peak LH, Me.

Members of family in Government service, ----

Date of birth, ----

Remarks: This transfer is agreeable to Mr. PenDell, who stated over telephone this day that he desired this transfer.

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

C. E. Sherman

DIRECT.
Secretary, Civil Service District.

C. E. SHERMAN
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 26 1928

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Supt.
Asst. LH Engr.
Jun Engr
Chief Clerk
1st Clerk
2nd Clerk
3rd Clerk
Messenger
Portland S.H.
Isle 1st Depot

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 3 1932
1ST DIST. PORTLAND, MAINE

FIRST DISTRICT

Two Bush Isl Lt.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 2, 1932

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Portland, Maine.

Sir:

I respectfully request that I be considered for transfer to Halfway Rock to fill the impending vacancy.

Respectfully yours
John L. Dunbell.
Assist. Keeper.

L Hamm
Keeper

Form 73

NOMINATION

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Enclosure

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, First DISTRICT,

Portland, Maine, August 3, 1932, 19
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, TRANSFER, INVOLVING INCREASE IN SALARY.

Name, John L PenDell

Position, 2nd Asst. Keeper

Location, Halfway Rock LH., Me.

Effective, September 1, 1932 [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Legal residence, Maine

Proposed salary, $1560 p.a.

Proposed range, $1500-$1860 p.a.

Appropriation, Sals., Kprs.,etc.

Former position, Asst. Keeper

Location, Two Bush Island LH., Me.

Former salary, $1260 p.a.

Former range, $1200-$1560 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, H A Ball / (Lt.#1400) $1560 p.a. Services terminated, August 31, 1932

Reason, Recommended for transfer to 2nd Asst. Keeper, Matinicus Rock LH., Me.

Members of family in Government service, ---

Date of birth, ---

Remarks: Necessary to fill this position in order to properly safeguard life and Government property. ~~PenDell's request for transfer is herewith.~~

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

(DIRECT)
Secretary, Civil Service District.

C. E. SHERMAN
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 20, 1932

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, attention being invited to justification form hereto attached.

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Justification for Filling Vacancy under Authority
of the Act approved June 30, 1932.

Bureau or Office: Lighthouse Service-First District, Portland, Me.

Position: 2nd Assistant Keeper

John L. Pendell
vice H. A. Ball

Compensation: $1560 per annum (Range $1500-1860)

Location: Halfway Rock Lighthouse, Me.

Appropriation: Sals., Kprs., etc. of Lighthouses

Date of Vacancy: ~~September 1, 1932~~ Transfer of incumbent pending

Justification: This is an important light and fog signal station twelve miles from its shore base at which none but the three keepers reside. They must stand ready to operate the fog signal at any time night or day, and the light must be attended all night long. Two keepers cannot operate this station so that the light and fog signal will function unfailingly, and should either fail to function the loss of a vessel worth many thousands of dollars and many lives might result.

It is proposed to fill this position by transferring the assistant keeper from Two Bush Island Lightstation, whose position it will also be necessary to fill and in connection with which separate justification form is submitted.

Approved by:

Secretary of Commerce.

Recommended by:

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

September 20, 1932

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Portland, Me.

In reference to your nomination of July 28 for the promotion of Alvah Robinson from 2nd to 1st assistant keeper at Matinicus Rock showing the actual date of entrance on duty as September 1:

It is considered that such a promotion could not be treated as an emergency when the resulting vacancy is not likewise filled for the reason that such action provides no additional help at the station. Therefore your nomination has been amended to show the effective date as "September 1, 1932, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty", and it is requested that Robinson and other employees affected be considered on detail at present pay until Department approval is obtained.

In the case of John L. PenDell, recommended for transfer from assistant keeper at Two Bush Island at $1260 ($1200-1560 plus $240 for quarters) to 2nd assistant keeper at Halfway Rock at $1560 ($1500-1860), the Bureau has amended the proposed pay to $1500 per annum in accordance with the last paragraph of circular letter No. 358 dated August 12, 1932.

For the Commissioner:

H-M

Chief of Personnel Division

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES
1932 OCT 14 PM 3:15

October 8, 1932.

Mr. John L. Penbell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty (change of station and duties).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1260 per annum.

To: $1500 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT OF [redacted]SES
PORTLAND, ME.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1932 NOV - 3 AM 10:04
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
PORTLAND, ME.

November 1, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department's Notice of Change in Salary, dated October 8, 1932, in the case of John L PenDell, Keeper, this district, whereby his salary was changed from $1260 to $1500 per annum:

2. The effective date of the above change is November 1, 1932.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

G F LAURITZEN
Chief Clerk

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for signature
NOV 3 1932

For the Commissioner:

Acting Chief, Personnel Division.

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November 8,1932

The Secretary,
Federal Radio Commission,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your communication of October 27,1932, in regard to the transfer to Halfway Rock Lighthouse amateur station licensed to John L. PenDell:

This Service has no objection to the transfer of this station to Halfway Rock Lighthouse, Maine, and the application for same is returned.

Yours very truly,

F.P.DILLON.
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Inclosure.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, ME.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1933 JUN - 5 - AM 10: 13

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
PORTLAND, ME.

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Enclosure

June 3, 1933

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Treasurer of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith is transmitted power of attorney for the collection of checks drawn on the Treasurer of the United States, Treasury Form 6569, executed by John L PenDell , an employee of this district, in favor of his wife, Mrs. Jessie M. PenDell.

Respectfully,

GEORGE F LAURITZEN
Special Disbursing Agent 81-132

TWO COPIES TO BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES VIA SUPT.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

Thomas Sampson

THOMAS SAMPSON
Assistant Superintendent

Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, First DISTRICT.

Portland, Maine (City), August 25, 1934 (Date), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, PROMOTION — Legal residence, Maine

Name, John L PenDell — Proposed salary, $1560 p.a.

Position, 1st Asst. Keeper — Proposed range, $1560-$1920.

Location, Halfway Rock LH., Me. — Appropriation, $60 qrs. Sals., Kprs., etc.

Effective, September 1, 1934 — [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, 2nd Asst. Keeper — Former salary, $1500 p.a.

Location, same — Former range, $1500-$1860

Rank on eligible list, — Rating, — Percentage, — $60 qrs., Other eligibles considered:

Previous incumbent and his pay, Arthur S Strout (Lt.#1399) $1620 p.a. — Services terminated, August 31, 1934.

Reason, Recommended for promotion to position of Keeper.

#2480

Members of family in Government service, ---

Date of birth, ---

Remarks: This position is included on "Schedule of Replacements to Fill Vacant Positions" forwarded concurrently.

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

(DIRECT)

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Brush
BRUSH
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

August 27, 1934

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Request for authority for the promotion involved is contained in the accompanying schedule of replacements to fill vacant positions.

W. P. HARMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, ME.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1934 AUG 27

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
PORTLAND, ME.

August 25, 1934

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SCHEDULE OF REPLACEMENTS TO FILL VACANT POSITIONS.

Designation	Date of Vacancy	Location (Station or vessel)	Salary and Range	Reason for separation of last incumbent.
Keeper	Oct. 1, 1934	Spring Point Ledge LH., Me.	$1620 ($1560-$1920)	To be compulsory retired.
Keeper	Aug. 5, 1934	Halfway Rock LH., Me.	$1740 ($1740-$2100)	Died
* 1st Asst. Keeper	Sept. 1, 1934	do.	$1560 $1560-$1920)	To be transferred to above position ~~vice incumbent.~~
* 2nd Asst. Keeper	Sept. 1, 1934	do.	$1500 ($1500-$1860)	To be transferred to above position vice incumbent.

*Dependent upon approval of recommendations for transfers.

ccb.
CHARLES C BRUSH
Superintendent

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES

1934 SEP 10 PM 10 11

August 21, 1934.

Mr. John L. PenDell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective September 1, 1934, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty (change in duties).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1500 per annum.

To: $1560 per annum.

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Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, ME.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1934 SEP 24 AM 8:41

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
PORTLAND, ME.

CP

September 20, 1934

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to Department Form A-38, dated August 21, 1934, in the case of John L PenDell, 2nd Asst. Keeper, Halfway Rock Lighthouse, Maine, at a salary of $1500 per annum, whereby he was promoted to 1st Assistant Keeper of that station at a salary of $1560 per annum:

The effective date of the above change is September 1, 1934.

Brush
BRUSH
Superintendent.

SEP 26 1934

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

For the Commissioner,

Chief, Personnel Division

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, ME.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1934 NOV - 12 - AM 9:18

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
PORTLAND, ME.

November 10, 1934.

copy to Asst 11/12

John L PenDell, 1st Asst. Keeper, Halfway Rock LH., Me.
(Via Keeper)

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 21, received November 5, 1934, reporting that a fixed light was displayed from 5.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. on October 20, 1934, for the reason, as stated, that you "neglected to disengage weight rest" and the fact was not noticed by you until you went to service the light at 10 p.m.

Your failure to start the lens revolving apparatus operating is inexcusable and your failure to observe the fact that you had not done so sometime between 4.50 p.m. (when the sun set) and 5.30 p.m. is not understandable, it being assumed that you spent at least a part of this time in the lantern. Your attention is directed to Article 142 of "Instructions to Employees, 1927", which states: "Watches shall be stood in such place and manner as to give continuous and the best possible attention to the light and the fog signal when in operation." Through your failure to observe the fact that the lens-revolving apparatus was not in operation until 10 p.m. it is quite evident that your watch during the period from 5.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. was not stood in a place nor in a manner so as to give continuous and the best possible attention to the light.

Your failure in this case constitutes inattention to and neglect of duty. You should understand that the strictest attention to duty is required on the part of a light keeper owing to the serious danger to life and property which might result from inattention or neglect of duty, and you are hereby cautioned that drastic disciplinary action will be taken in the case of a repetition of such inattention and neglect.

The fact that you have been disciplined in this matter will be made a part of your official history.

Brush

BRUSH
Superintendent

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
November 13, 1934.

TWO COPIES FOR BUREAU.

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

Chief, Personnel Division.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
South PORTLAND, MAINE.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1935 MAY - 13 - AM 9:08

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
South PORTLAND, MAINE

May 10, 1935

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

John L. PenDell, 1st Asst. Keeper, Halfway Rock LH., Me.
Superintendent's letter of caution dated November 10, 1934

Pursuant to provisions of article 440 of Regulations the Bureau is advised that the services of the above-named employee have been satisfactory since cautioned on November 10, 1934.

No further action in this matter is believed necessary.

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BRUSH
Superintendent

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
May 14, 1935.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information, attention being invited to Bureau indorsement of November 13, 1934 on the above mentioned letter of caution.

For the Commissioner:

Chief, Personnel Division.

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May 10, 1935

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

John L. PenDell, 1st Asst. Keeper, Halfway Rock LH., Me.
Superintendent's letter of caution dated November 10, 1934

Pursuant to provisions of article 440 of Regulations the Bureau is advised that the services of the above-named employee have been satisfactory since cautioned on November 10, 1934.

No further action in this matter is believed necessary.

BRUSH
Superintendent

Form 73

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1936 MAY 19 PM 2 31

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, First DISTRICT,

South Portland, Maine (City), May 18 (Date), 1936.

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Enclosure

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, TRANSFER INVOLVING REDUCTION IN SALARY.

Name, John L PenDell

Position, 1st Assistant Keeper

Location, Boon Island LH., Me.

Effective, June 1, 1936

Legal residence, Maine

Proposed salary, $1260 p. a. (plus Qtrs. at $240 p. a.)

Proposed range, $1260-$1620 p.a.

Appropriation, Sals., Kprs., etc.

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

Former position, 1st Asst. Keeper

Location, Halfway Rock LH., Me.

Former salary, $1560 p. a. (Qtrs. at $60 p. a.)

Former range, $1560-$1920 p. a.

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

(LT.#1370)

Previous incumbent and his pay, Benjamin Stockbridge $1260 p. a. Services terminated, about May 31, 1936

Reason, Transfer and promotion to Keeper, Ram Island LH., Me., recommended May 15, 1936.

Members of family in Government service, --

Date of birth, ---

Remarks: Request for above transfer is herewith enclosed.

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

(DIRECT)

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

G. BRUSH
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAY 20 1936

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1936 MAY 13 PM 2 31

First District

Halfway Rock Light Sta.

May 11, 1936.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

South Portland, Maine.

Sir:

I respectfully request transfer to any station with family quarters, in the position of assistant keeper.

(SGD) JOHN L PENDELL

First Assist. Keeper

(SGD) A S STROUT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 27, 1936.

Mr. John L. PenDell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty (change of station).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

W. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1560 per annum

To: $1260 per annum

Service and grade: Field

Appropriation (unit):

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

36 JUN 3 AM 8 18

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
South
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

June 1, 1936

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to Department Form A-38, dated May 27, 1936, in the case of John L PenDell, 1st Assistant Keeper, Halfway Rock Lighthouse, Maine, at $1560 per annum, whereby he was transferred to the position of 1st Assistant Keeper, Boon Island Lighthouse, Maine; at a salary of $1260 per annum:

The effective date of the above change is June 1, 1936.

G. BRUSH
Superintendent

JUN - 3 1936

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

For the Commissioner,

Chief, Personnel Division

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
259 HIGH STREET
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 7 8 40 AM '36

August 5, 1936

Commissioner of Lighthouses

Pursuant to instructions contained in Article 438 of "Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, 1927," the Bureau is advised that John L. PenDell, First Assistant Keeper, Boon Island Light Station, Maine, has been suspended from duty without pay and allowances for a period not to exceed 90 days from August 2, 1936, pending decision on charges which have been preferred against him for violation of Article 88 of "Instructions to Employees, 1927." Copy of charges is herewith.

BRUSH
Superintendent

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
August 6, 1936.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information. Further report and recommendation will be duly submitted to the Department.

For the Commissioner:

W.P.Herman
Administrative Assistant

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
259 HIGH STREET
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

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August 4, 1936

John L. PenDell, 1st Asst. Keeper, Boon Island LH., Me.
R. F. D. No. 1
Limerick, Maine

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2. You will be given three days in which to submit such statement as you may desire to make in reply to these charges. If you do not care to make any statement, so report in writing.

3. You are hereby suspended from duty without pay and allowances for a period not to exceed 90 days pending the decision of the Secretary of Commerce in the case.

BRUSH
Superintendent

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

August 10, 1936

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Commissioner of Lighthouses

John L. PenDell, 1st Assistant Keeper, Boon Island Light-Station, Maine--Charges.
District letter August 5, 1936, advising of Mr. PenDell's suspension.

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BRUSH
Superintendent

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GEL:SWA

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
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COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, ME.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Limerick, Me.
Aug. 7, 1936.

Supt. of Lighthouses
1st District
South Portland, Me.

FIRST DISTRICT

Open Island Lt. Stn.
(STATION, DEPOT, OR VESSEL)

Aug. 1, 1936

Sir:

You have erroneously accused me of desertion and leaving the station on August 1, 1936, which is another error of yours.

I had and have no intention of deserting as you state. Furthermore I left the station Sunday, Aug. 2, at 3 PM and not on Aug. 1.

My resignation takes effect at the expiration of the 90 days suspension. That gives the Lighthouse Service 90 days notice instead of the required 30 days notice.

(SGD) JOHN L. PEN DELL, 1st Assist.

How long since has Mrs. Tracy or anyone else not connected with the service had the right to open official mail or other mail for that matter?

When Mr. Smith returned to the station today, he handed me four (4) official letters, all of them opened before Mr. Smith received them. Mr. Smith states that Mr. Tracy was not at home, so how could he have opened them? Who did open them? This is not the first time.

Furthermore, when Mr. Tracy leaves the slip on leave or is in the hospital with myself or others in charge of the station, what right has he to open the mail?

How do we know that some mail isn't accidentally held up, which needs our immediate attention?

I for one will not except responsibility under these conditions.

Should you care to answer this letter, to me personally, address the envelope to:

Limerick, Maine
R. F. D. #1

as I'm going on one year leave of absence without pay beginning Aug. 2, 1936.

With all respect to you and the service, I am

(SGD) JOHN L. PEN DELL, 1st Assist.

Acting Keeper

(COPY--SWA)

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
INTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, ME.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FIRST DISTRICT

Boon Island Lt. Sta.
(STATION, DEPOT, OR VESSEL)

Aug. 1, 1936

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,

Portland, Maine.

Sir:

I submit the following with all respect.

I am making a complaint.

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Acting Keeper

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION ~~OR DEATH~~

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, First DISTRICT,

259 High St., South Portland, Maine, August 10, 1936

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted the resignation, in duplicate, of the following-named employee:

Name, John L. PenDell — Position, 1st Assistant Keeper

Legal residence, Maine — Station, Boon Island Light Station

Salary, $1260.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation { ~~with~~ / without } prejudice is recommended effective at the close of August 15, 1936.

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

REMARKS: (In case of death, if person had 25 years or more of service, give name, degree of relationship, and address of next of kin.)

Attention is invited to district letter, forwarded herewith, in regard the acceptance of PenDell's resignation without prejudice. As he left the station without authority in the afternoon of August 2nd, he will be considered as on leave without pay from August 3-15, inclusive.

CHARLES C. BRUSH *Superintendent of Lighthouses.*

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending the acceptance of resignation without prejudice effective at the close of August 15, the Bureau concurring with the view of the Superintendent in his inclosed report of Aug. 10 in the matter. The Bureau is also requesting the Superintendent to investigate Mr. PenDell's statements with regard to the method of handling the station's mail.

For the Commissioner:

Administrative Assistant.

Aug. 13, 1936.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
South Portland, Me.

In Reference to your recommendation of Aug. 10 for the acceptance of the resignation of Keeper John J. PenDell without prejudice, the Bureau has submitted this to the Department with recommendation for favorable action.

As to paragraph 4 of your letter in the matter, nomination to fill the vacancy should be submitted as promptly as feasible for your office to do so. It appears to the Bureau that your office should follow up the questions as to the method of handling the mail of the station, and especially that if mail is opened by other than the addresse that the circumstances be duly noted. It is understood that the last sentence of paragraph 1 of your letter covers this point.

For the Commissioner:

Administrative Assistant.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

August 15, 1936

Commissioner of Lighthouses

Referring to last two sentences of Bureau letter of August 13th in regard the handling of mail at Boon Island Light Station, Maine, the Bureau is correct in assuming that the district has taken steps to investigate this matter.

Charles E. Tracy, the Keeper at Boon Island Light Station, is now confined in the Marine Hospital at Portland, Maine, and may be there indefinitely. The official mail was obtained by Mrs. Tracy from the post office box in York Harbor, Maine, and opened to see if it was of a nature that should be sent to Mr. Tracy at the hospital or sent out to the station for the attention of the First Assistant Keeper. I can see no harm in this under the circumstances as apparently no delay was incurred but rather to the contrary.

Mr. PenDell's complaint was actuated more by exaggerated ego than by a desire to cooperate with the keeper, and his behavior during the past six months, both at Boon Island Light Station and his former station at Halfway Rock, has led this office to doubt as to his being entirely sane.

G. BRUSH
Superintendent

Form A-32

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 18, 1936.

Mr. John L. PenDell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department has accepted, without prejudice, your resignation from the position designated below, effective at the close of business on August 15, 1936.

Bureau ..... Lighthouses.

Position ..... Keeper.

Allocation .....

Salary ..... $1260 per annum.

Station ..... Field.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

February 15, 1937

Mr. John L. PenDell,
P O Box 43,
South Portland, Me.

Noted
WRK 2/17

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th instant, addressed to the Commissioner of Lighthouses at Washington, D. C., has been referred to this office for reply.

Due to the circumstances preceding and actuating your resignation from this Service, of which you are aware, this office is not disposed to consider you for reinstatement at the present time.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

Respectfully,

THOMAS F. SAMPSON
Assistant Superintendent

Copy for Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

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August 16, 1937

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

8/19/37 Ind to 1st

John L. PenDell.
Request for reinstatement.

1. Herewith is letter of August 14, 1937, from the above-named former employee, making application for reinstatement. Mr. PenDell was formerly first assistant keeper, Boon Island Lighthouse, Maine, and his resignation was accepted without prejudice, effective at the close of business on August 15, 1936.

2. In view of the circumstances preceding his resignation, as stated in district letter of August 10, 1936, this office is not disposed to recommend Mr. PenDell for reinstatement at this time as there would be no particular advantage to the Government by doing so, but as his letter is addressed to the Commissioner, it was thought best to forward it for the Bureau's information and action.

SAMPSON
Acting Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON August 19, 1937

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, South Portland, Maine. In view of the last sentence in paragraph 2 in the Superintendent's letter of August 10, 1936, that PenDell apparently did not understand the seriousness of his action and that he apologized for it, it appears that he might be given consideration along with other eligibles, but not preference over those equally qualified, in connection with future vacancies.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman,
Administrative Assistant

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So. Portland, Me.,
P. O. Box 43,
Aug. 14, 1937.

To:

Commissioner of Lighthouses
Dept. of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Through:

Supt. of Lighthouses
First District
South Portland, Me.

Sirs:

I resigned from the Lighthouse Service and my resignation was excepted without prejudicie to take effect August 15, 1936.

I would like to be reinstated.

Will you please send me the application forms?

Yours truly,

(SGD) JOHN L. PENDELL

JAMES C. OLIVER
FIRST DISTRICT [illegible]INE
239 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

COMMITTEES:
MERCHANT MARINE AND FISHERIES
WORLD WAR VETERANS' LEGISLATION
IRRIGATION AND RECLAMATION

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

L. ALEX PIERSON
SECRETARY
[illegible] MARION LECLAIR
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Register
Personnel
See me.
Branch &
Prepare
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LIGHTHOUSES

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August 25,1937

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

My dear Mr. King: 8/30/37 ans.

Would you be good enough to advise me as to the status of one John L.PenDell So.Portland,Maine,an employee for some years of the Lighthouse Serice,with regards the possibility to his re-employment. Mr. PenDell seems somewhat confused as to whether it would be necessary for him to be re-examined for re-employment as well as just whom would be the final authority so far as recommendations are concerned.

Any information covering these points that you can supply will be appreciated.

Very sincerely,

J. C. Oliver

James C.Oliver,M.C.

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sent for temporary duty. This was not only embarrasing but
dangerous to say the least.
There are too many other better men available and
out of work today to fool with a man like Randell.

CEB

Mr Rendell's resignation was requested and was accepted without prejudice.

There were some extenuating circumstances which led the Supt to be lenient in the matter and not press the charges feeling that to do so would perhaps bar him from being accepted in some other branch of the Govt service, where responsibility would not be a requisite.

As far as this service is concerned Mr Rendell cannot be trusted to give that attention to responsible duty requisite for the constant operation of aids to navigation and if he is reinstated his record in the 7th District should be available to the appointing officer. He failed at Halfway Rock, ~~was fired again at~~ Brown Island where he proved a miserable failure as the record will show. He deserted his post without warning, went ashore ostensibly on a years leave of absence without permission, and left a large and important off shore station in the sole charge of the second asst keeper, who was but a very recent appointee. Word of this came to the supt on Sunday so that it was not until some time in the early part of the ensuing week before a relief man could be landed on the station. There was no regular relief available at the time and a laborer had to be sent for temporary duty. This was not only embarrassing but dangerous to say the least.

(was disciplined by letter and transferred to)

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CEB

August 30, 1937

Hon. James C. Oliver
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Oliver:

As your letter of August 25 seeks information as to whether John L. PenDell, former keeper in the District of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, South Portland, Maine, should try to reenter this Service by reinstatement or through civil service examination, it appears pertinent to review a bit of his service history.

The record shows that Mr. PenDell was cautioned on November 10, 1934, for neglect of duty in that he failed to properly operate the light at Halfway Rock Light Station for a period of about four and one-half hours on the night of October 20, 1934. On August 2, 1936, when he was in responsible charge of an offshore station during the absence of the principal keeper on account of illness, Mr. PenDell left the station without prior authority and advised the district office by letter that he was going on a year's leave of absence. For this desertion of post of duty, charges were preferred against him with a view to his dismissal from the Service; however, before final action in the matter had been taken, Mr. PenDell appeared at the district office and pleaded ignorance of the instructions and regulations with regard to such matters, claiming he did not realize that his action amounted to desertion of post of duty. Whether Mr. PenDell's statement was true is conjecture; but as he was willing to separate himself from the Service voluntarily, the charges were dropped and he was permitted to resign.

The attendance of a light station is an important duty; it requires personnel who are dependable and loyal, and who can understand and assume responsibility. The failure of a keeper through inattention to duty or desertion to properly operate the aids to navigation in his charge endangers the lives and property of those dependent upon the efficient functioning of those facilities.

Mr. PenDell's record is not one to inspire confidence in his dependability. In order to propose his reinstatement as keeper, it would be necessary to give him preference over eligibles on the register and to state that he was preferred over such eligibles on the basis of his previous record. This Service would not be justified in making such a statement. However, if through subsequent examination Mr. PenDell's name should be restored to the register and certified to this Service by the Civil Service Commission in connection with filling vacancies, he would of course receive due consideration along with other eligibles in accordance with civil service rules.

Very truly yours,

H.D. King,
Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

Form A-32

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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Sir:

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Position ..... Keeper.

Allocation .....

Salary ..... $1260 per annum.

Station ..... Vield.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION ~~OR DEATH~~

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, First DISTRICT.

259 High St., South Portland, Maine, August 10 1936

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted the resignation, in duplicate, of the following-named employee:

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Legal residence, Maine — Station, Boon Island Light Station

Salary, $1260.00 per annum

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

REMARKS: (In case of death, if person had 25 years or more of service, give name, degree of relationship, and address of next of kin.)

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CHARLES C. BRUSH *Superintendent of Lighthouses.*

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WASHINGTON

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W P Harman
Administrative Assistant.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

August 10, 1936

Commissioner of Lighthouses

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BRUSH
Superintendent

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

August 4, 1936

John L. PenDell, 1st Asst. Keeper, Boon Island LH., Me.
R. F. D. No. 1
Limerick, Maine

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Specification:--That you did on Saturday, August 1, 1936, leave and desert the station, when in charge of same during the absence due to illness of the principal keeper, with the intention of absenting yourself for a considerable period, as expressed in your letter of August 1, to wit: "I am going on one year leave of absence without pay beginning Aug. 2, 1936." Said absence was without the knowledge, authority, or consent of this office or of any of your official superiors.

2. You will be given three days in which to submit such statement as you may desire to make in reply to these charges. If you do not care to make any statement, so report in writing.

3. You are hereby suspended from duty without pay and allowances for a period not to exceed 90 days pending the decision of the Secretary of Commerce in the case.

BRUSH
Superintendent

(COPY--SWA)

Limerick, Me.
Aug. 7, 1936.

Supt. of Lighthouses
1st District
South Portland, Me.

Sir:

You have erroneously accused me of desertion and leaving the station on August 1, 1936, which is another error of yours.

I had and have no intention of deserting as you state. Furthermore I left the station Sunday, Aug. 2, at 3 PM and not on Aug. 1.

My resignation takes effect at the expiration of the 90 days suspension. That gives the Lighthouse Service 90 days notice instead of the required 30 days notice.

(SGD) JOHN L. PEN DELL, 1st Assist.

(COPY--SWA)

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, ME.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FIRST DISTRICT

Boon Island Lt. Sta.
(STATION, DEPOT, OR VESSEL)

Aug. 1, 1936

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Portland, Maine.

Sir:

I submit the following with all respect.

I am making a complaint.

How long since has Mrs. Tracy or anyone else not connected with the service had the right to open official mail or other mail for that matter?

When Mr. Smith returned to the station today, he handed me four (4) official letters, all of them opened before Mr. Smith received them. Mr. Smith states that Mr. Tracy was not at home, so how could he have opened them? Who did open them? This is not the first time.

Furthermore, when Mr. Tracy leaves the slip on leave or is in the hospital with myself or others in charge of the station, what right has he to open the mail?

How do we know that some mail isn't accidentally held up, which needs our immediate attention?

I for one will not except responsibility under those conditions.

Should you care to answer this letter, to me personally, address the envelope to:

Limerick, Maine
R. F. D. #1

as I'm going on one year leave of absence without pay beginning Aug. 2, 1936.

With all respect to you and the service, I am

(SGD) JOHN L. PEN DELL, 1st Assist.

Acting Keeper

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
259 HIGH STREET
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE
OFFICE HOURS 8 TO 3:30 E.S.T.
SATURDAYS 8 TO 12

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Encl.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

August 5, 1936

Commissioner of Lighthouses

Pursuant to instructions contained in Article 438 of "Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, 1927," the Bureau is advised that John L. PenDell, First Assistant Keeper, Boon Island Light Station, Maine, has been suspended from duty without pay and allowances for a period not to exceed 90 days from August 2, 1936, pending decision on charges which have been preferred against him for violation of Article 88 of "Instructions to Employees, 1927." Copy of charges is herewith.

BRUSH
Superintendent

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
August 6, 1936.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information. Further report and recommendation will be duly submitted to the Department.

For the Commissioner:

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant

Action O. K.

Adm. Asst. to Secy.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
259 HIGH STREET
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

August 4, 1936

John L. PenDell, 1st Asst. Keeper, Boon Island LH., Me.
R. F. D. No. 1
Limerick, Maine

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 91 of "Instructions to Employees of the United States Lighthouse Service," 1927, the following charges are preferred against you:

Charge:--Violation of Article 88 of "Instructions to Employees," reading:

"88. Notice of resignation required.--(a) Any person who leaves the service without due notice, or offers his resignation and leaves the service without action thereon on such short notice as to cause embarrassment to the service, shall be recommended for dismissal unless he can give satisfactory reasons for his action. Superintendents shall submit proper report and recommendation in such cases.

"(b) Desertion from duty at light stations, vessels, or other critical duty in the Lighthouse Service shall be punished with dismissal, regardless of length of service, and persons so dismissed shall not be reemployed (435)."

Specification:--That you did on Saturday, August 1, 1936, leave and desert the station, when in charge of same during the absence due to illness of the principal keeper, with the intention of absenting yourself for a considerable period, as expressed in your letter of August 1, to wit: "I am going on one year leave of absence without pay beginning Aug. 2, 1936." Said absence was without the knowledge, authority, or consent of this office or of any of your official superiors.

2. You will be given three days in which to submit such statement as you may desire to make in reply to these charges. If you do not care to make any statement, so report in writing.

3. You are hereby suspended from duty without pay and allowances for a period not to exceed 90 days pending the decision of the Secretary of Commerce in the case.

BRUSH
Superintendent

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
South PORTLAND, ME.

OFFICE HOURS 8 TO 3:30 E.S.T.
SATURDAYS 8 TO 12

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSES

1936 JUN 3 AM 8 18

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
South PORTLAND, ME.

June 1, 1936

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN - 4 1936
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to Department Form A-38, dated May 27, 1936, in the case of John L PenDell, 1st Assistant Keeper, Halfway Rock Lighthouse, Maine, at $1560 per annum, whereby he was transferred to the position of 1st Assistant Keeper, Boon Island Lighthouse, Maine; at a salary of $1260 per annum:

The effective date of the above change is June 1, 1936.

BRUSH
Superintendent

JUN - 3 1936

Transmitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

For the Commissioner,

Chief, Personnel Division

ENTERED ON COMPLETION OF PERSONNEL JOURNAL
Date 5/31/36

CARDED

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

May 27, 1936.

Mr. John L. Pendell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty (change of station).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

[illegible] GARDNER MAY 28 1936

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1560 per annum

To: $1260 per annum

Service and grade: Field

Appropriation (unit):

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSES
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 21 1936
APPOINTMENT
DIVISION

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, First DISTRICT.

1936 MAY 21 AM 10 08

South Portland, Maine (City), May 18 (Date), 1936.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 27 1936
APPOINTMENT
DIVISION

Action recommended, TRANSFER INVOLVING REDUCTION IN SALARY. Legal residence, Maine

Name, John L PenDell — Proposed salary, $1260 p. a. (plus Qtrs. at $240 p. a.)

Position, (1st Assistant) Keeper — Proposed range, $1260-$1620 p.a.

Location, Boon Island LH., Me. — Appropriation, Sals., Kprs., etc.

Effective, June 1, 1936 — [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, (1st Asst.) Keeper — Former salary, $1560 p. a. (Qtrs. at $60 p. a.) Above $1620

Location, Halfway Rock LH., Me. — Former range, $1560-$1920 p. a.

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

(LT.#1370)

Previous incumbent and his pay, Benjamin Stockbridge, $1260 p. a. Services terminated, about May 31, 1936

Reason, Transfer and promotion to Keeper, Ram Island LH., Me., recommended May 15, 1936.

Members of family in Government service, --

Date of birth, ---

Remarks: Request for above transfer is herewith enclosed.

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

(DIRECT)

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Brush

BRUSH
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAY 20 1936

5/21/36

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Action O. K.

Chief Clerk

W R Harman

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

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Supt.
Asst Supt.
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Depot Keeper
2d Clerk
3d Clerk
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5th Clerk
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
1ST DISTRICT
MAY 15 1936
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

FIRST DISTRICT

Halfway Rock Light Sta.
(STATION, DEPOT, OR VESSEL)

May 11, 1936, 193

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,

South Portland, Maine.

Sir:

I respectfully request transfer to any station with family quarters, in the position of assistant keeper.

John L. Tinkell

First Assist. Keeper

A. S. Strout

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
South PORTLAND, MAINE.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 15 1935
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
South PORTLAND, MAINE

1935 MAY 13 AM 9:08

May 10, 1935

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

John L. PenDell, 1st Asst. Keeper, Halfway Rock LH., Me.
Superintendent's letter of caution dated November 10, 1934

Pursuant to provisions of article 440 of Regulations the Bureau is advised that the services of the above-named employee have been satisfactory since cautioned on November 10, 1934.

No further action in this matter is believed necessary.

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BRUSH
Superintendent

CHIEF CLERK
1935 MAY 14 PM 2:27
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
May 14, 1935.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information, attention being invited to Bureau indorsement of November 13, 1934 on the above mentioned letter of caution.

For the Commissioner:

Noted
Hms

CARDED

R. E. Gross
Chief, Personnel Division.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, ME.

GFL:CP

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NOV 14 1934
APPOINTMENT
DIVISION

1934 NOV - 12 - AM 9 : 18

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
PORTLAND, ME.

1934 NOV 14 AM 10 : 11

November 10, 1934

CHIEF CLERK

John L PenDell, 1st Asst. Keeper, Halfway Rock LH., Me.
(Via Keeper)

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 21, received November 5, 1934, reporting that a fixed light was displayed from 5.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. on October 20, 1934, for the reason, as stated, that you "neglected to disengage weight rest" and the fact was not noticed by you until you went to service the light at 10 p.m.

Your failure to start the lens revolving apparatus operating is inexcusable and your failure to observe the fact that you had not done so sometime between 4.50 p.m. (when the sun set) and 5.30 p.m. is not understandable, it being assumed that you spent at least a part of this time in the lantern. Your attention is directed to Article 142 of "Instructions to Employees, 1927", which states: "Watches shall be stood in such place and manner as to give continuous and the best possible attention to the light and the fog signal when in operation." Through your failure to observe the fact that the lens-revolving apparatus was not in operation until 10 p.m. it is quite evident that your watch during the period from 5.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. was not stood in a place nor in a manner so as to give continuous and the best possible attention to the light.

Your failure in this case constitutes inattention to and neglect of duty. You should understand that the strictest attention to duty is required on the part of a light keeper owing to the serious danger to life and property which might result from inattention or neglect of duty, and you are hereby cautioned that drastic disciplinary action will be taken in the case of a repetition of such inattention and neglect.

The fact that you have been disciplined in this matter will be made a part of your official history.

CARDED

C. B.
BUSH
Superintendent

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
November 13, 1934.

TWO COPIES FOR BUREAU.

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

Chief, Personnel Division.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, ME.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
PORTLAND, ME.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
1934 SEP 26 PM 1:45
CHIEF CLERK

LIGHTHOUSES
1934 SEP 24 AM 9:41

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 27 1934
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

September 20, 1934

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to Department Form A-38, dated August 21, 1934, in the case of John L PenDell, 2nd Asst. Keeper, Halfway Rock Lighthouse, Maine, at a salary of $1500 per annum, whereby he was promoted to 1st Assistant Keeper of that station at a salary of $1560 per annum:

The effective date of the above change is September 1, 1934.

Brush
BRUSH
Superintendent

ENTERED ON COMPLETION
OF PERSONNEL JOURNAL
Date 9/30/34

SEP 26 1934

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

For the Commissioner,

Chief, Personnel Division

CARDED

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

August 21, 1934.

Mr. John L. PenDell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective September 1, 1934, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty (change in duties).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

SEP 19 1934

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1500 per annum.

To: $1560 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, First DISTRICT,

Portland, Maine (City), August 25, 1934 (Date), 19

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AUG 28 1934 APPOINTMENT DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AUG 21 1934 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, PROMOTION — Legal residence, Maine

Name, John L PenDell — Proposed salary, $1560 p.a.

Position, 1st Asst. Keeper — Proposed range, $1560-$1920. $60 qrs.

Location, Halfway Rock LH., Me. — Appropriation, Sals., Kprs., etc.

Effective, September 1, 1934 — [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, 2nd Asst. Keeper — Former salary, $1500 p.a.

Location, same — Former range, $1500-$1860 $60 qrs.

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

(Lt.#1399)

Previous incumbent and his pay, Arthur S Strout $1620 p.a. Services terminated, August 31, 1934.

Reason, Recommended for promotion to position of Keeper.

Members of family in Government service, ---

Date of birth, ---

Remarks: This position is included on "Schedule of Replacements to Fill Vacant Positions" forwarded concurrently.

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN SEP 18 1934 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

(DIRECT)

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Brush
BRUSH
Superintendent

THIS IS A CIVIL SERVICE POSITION

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

August 27, 1934

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Request for authority for the promotion involved is contained in the accompanying schedule of replacements to fill vacant positions.

Action O. K.
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Adm. Asst. to Secy

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Journal 91
Cert. 9/14/34
MVB

W P Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, ME.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
1932 NOV - 4 - AM 9 : 59
CHIEF CLERK

1932 NOV - 3 - AM 10 :
LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NOV - 4 1932
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
PORTLAND, ME.

To Dept.

November 1, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department's Notice of Change in Salary, dated October 8, 1932, in the case of John L PenDell, Keeper, this district, whereby his salary was changed from $1260 to $1500 per annum:

2. The effective date of the above change is November 1, 1932.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

CARDED

G F LAURITZEN
Chief Clerk

ENTERED ON COMPLETION
OF PERSONNEL JOURNAL
Date 11-11-'32

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
NOV 3 - 1932

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

For the Commissioner:

Acting Chief, Personnel Division.

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

October 8, 1932.

Mr. John L. Pendell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty (change of station and duties).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER. Oct 14 1932

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1260 per annum.

To: $1500 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, First DISTRICT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SEP 21 1932 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Portland, Maine, August 3, 1932
(City) (Date)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SEP 27 1932 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

To fill pending vacancy.

Action recommended, TRANSFER, INVOLVING INCREASE IN SALARY.

Name, John L PenDell Eod 9/22/24. Eod.

Position, (2nd Asst.) Keeper

Location, Halfway Rock LH., Me.

Effective, September 1, 1932

Legal residence, Maine

Proposed salary, $1500 p.a.

no quarters.

Proposed range, $1500-$1860 p.a.

Appropriation, Sals., Kprs., etc.

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

Former position, (Asst.) Keeper

Location, Two Bush Island LH., Me.

Former salary, $1260 p.a.*

Former range, $1200-$1560 p.a.

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

* Gross Sal this station $1500 acct. using govt. quarters (240)

Previous incumbent and his pay, H A Ball / (Lt.#1400) award $1560 p.a.

Services terminated, August 31, 1932

Reason, Recommended for transfer to 2nd Asst. Keeper, Matinicus Rock LH., Me.

Recom. trans. herewith.

Members of family in Government service, ---

Date of birth, ---

Remarks: Necessary to fill this position in order to properly safeguard life and Government property. ~~PenDell's request for transfer is herewith.~~

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

(DIRECT)
Secretary, Civil Service District.

C. E. SHERMAN
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 20, 1932

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, attention being invited to justification form hereto attached.

File 786/13 # 211

Approved by Pres. 10/8

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN OCT 13 1932 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Action O. K.

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Adm. Asst. to Secy

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply

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Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

December 29, 1930

M. John L. PenDell

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 1, 1931.

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1200

To: $1260

Service and grade: Range $1200-1560

Appropriation (unit): Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

1st District.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
FEB 26 1929
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
(Department)

Office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, First Dist., Portland, Me. February 21, 1929
(Bureau or office) (Place and date)

To Secretary of Commerce
(Chief of Appointment Division)
(Head of department or establishment)

1929 FEB 26 AM 10 51
CHIEF CLERK

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on March 21, 1929.

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

Name John L PenDell

Position Assistant Keeper

Salary $1200 per annum

Appropriation Sals., Kprs., etc.

Station Two Bush Island Lighthouse, Maine

Date of entrance on duty September 22, 1928

Remarks:

FEB 25 1929

C. E. SHERMAN
(Signature of immediate superior)
Superintendent

Submitted:

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses
(Head of bureau or office)

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, ME.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

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CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT 17 1928
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
PORTLAND, ME.

1928 OCT 17 AM 10 32

October 11, 1928

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department's Notice of Change in Salary, dated September 28, 1928, in the case of John L PenDell, Keeper, this district, whereby his salary was changed from $1320 to $1200 per annum:

2. The effective date of the above change is October 4, 1928.

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Sherman

SHERMAN
Superintendent
Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.

OCT 16 1928

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

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Finance
Law & Prop.
Adm. Assist.
Dep. Commr.
Commissioner

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

PERSONAL HISTORY

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

1928 OCT 1 AM 9 5

SUPT. of LIGHTHOUSES,
FIRST DISTRICT,
SEP 22 1928
PORTLAND, MAINE.

OCT 2 1928
APPOINTMENT

Bureau, division, or office DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE ; First District

1. Name in full John Lewis PenDell

2. Legal (voting) residence Livingston (State and Congressional District) York (County) Maine (City or town)

3. Where born? New York (State or foreign country) Binghamton (City or town) When born? Feb 4 1897 (Month—Day—Year)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8.

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

9. State special qualifications Seaman Boatman
repaired marine gas engines, Painter

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

Mrs John L PenDell (Name) Wife (Relationship)
West Buxton Me. R.F.D. #1 (Post office address)

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

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

Sept 22 1928 (Date)

Present address West Buxton, Me. R.D. #1

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. of LIGHTHOUSES, FIRST DISTRICT, SEP 22 1928 PORTLAND, MAINE.

CHIEF CLERK 1928 OCT 2 AM 10 32

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OCT 2 1928 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

I, ✓John L PenDell

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 L PenDell
(Appointee signs here)

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[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 22nd day of September, A. D. 1928.

(Affix official seal here)

CARDED

[4] (Name) James C. Dooley

(Official title) CHIEF CLERK FIRST LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT

My commission expires _____

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Additional Keeper	$1320 per annum	General Duty, 1st LH District
Former[5] New appointee		

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

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, First District

Portland, Maine (Address), September 22, 1928. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on ✓September 22, 1928. (Date)

C. E. Sherman

C. E. SHERMAN, Superintendent
(Signature, followed by title)

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

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

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

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a superintendent of lighthouses or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of superintendent of lighthouses and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.

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

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

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—944

Form A-30

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 14, 1928.

Mr John L. PenDell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Thirteen Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum

effective upon entrance on duty.

2035

Nature of appointment: Probationary.

Civil Service authority: Secretary, First Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

SEP 26 1928

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Earle E. Ashby.

Legal Residence: Maine.

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Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1928 SEP 6 AM 9 17

CHIEF CLERK
1928 SEP 14 AM 10 21

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, First - DISTRICT,

Portland, Maine (City) August 30, 1928. (Date) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT ✓ Legal residence, Maine ✓

Name, John L PenDell ✓ Proposed salary, $1320 per annum ✓

Position, Additional Keeper ✓ Proposed range, $1320-$1620 p.a. ✓

Location, General Duty, 1st LH District Appropriation, Sals., Kprs., etc. ✓

Effective, September 11, 1928 ✓ [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, New appointee ✓ Former salary, ----

Location, ------ Former range, ----

Rank on eligible list, 1st ✓ Rating, Percentage, 91.6 ✓, Other eligibles considered:
Chester N Mitchell (A); Truman M. Lathrop (A).

Previous incumbent, Earle B Ashby ✓ Services terminated, September 10, 1928

Reason, Promotion ✓

Members of family in Government service, ----

Date of birth, February 4, 1897 ✓

Remarks:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ACTION TAKEN SEP 25 1928 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, SEP 4 1928, 19

E. L. Reynolds
Secretary, 1st *Civil Service District.*

C. E. Sherman
C. E. SHERMAN
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 13 1928

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Action O. K.

Chief Clerk

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

11—2314

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

September 28, 1928.

Mr. John L. Pendell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective October 1, 1928, or upon entrance on duty (By change of Station).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

OCT 5 1928

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320 per annum.

To: $1200 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED 2052 OCT 6 1928 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

Form 73

JCW:GFL

LIGHTHOUSES 1928 SEP 25 PM 3 52

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, FIRST DISTRICT.

SEP 28 1928 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Portland, Maine, September 24, 1928. 19
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, TRANSFER ✓ to fill vacancy

Name, John L. PenDell ✓

Position, Assistant Keeper ✓

Location, Two-Bush Island LH, Me. ✓

Effective, October 1, 1928, ✓

Legal residence, Maine ✓

Proposed salary, $1200. p.a. (with quarters) ✓ Bureau

Proposed range, $1200 to $1500.

Appropriation, Sals.,Kprs. ✓

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

Former position, Additional Keeper ✓

Location, General duty, 1st District ✓

Former salary, $1320. p.a. (without quarters) ✓ Bureau

Former range, $1320. to $1620.

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

Previous incumbent, Myron L. Wilson ✓ Services terminated, about Sept. 30, 1928 ✓

Reason, This day recommended transfer Assistant Keeper, Moose Peak LH, Me. ✓

Members of family in Government service, ----

Date of birth, ----

Remarks: This transfer is agreeable to Mr. PenDell, who stated over telephone this day that he desired this transfer. ✓

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

DIRECT. ✓
Secretary, Civil Service District.

C. E. SHERMAN
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 26 1928

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN OCT - 4 1928 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

9-28-28

Chief Clerk

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

11—2314

C/o to YA4, Clerk RZ, 11/16/79

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Type of Case C5P

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: PENDELL, JOHN L. **DOB:** 1/1/1897, NY

SOUNDEX: P534

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

AND C/o

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:

CMRS:	Area:	positive	negative
ARCIS:	Area:	positive	negative

Consol Negative Box, b1619 Soundex: PS34

Notes: **DOS: 1928 TO 1938; DOD: 1/1/1979, ME; LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE, ME**

GFL:SWA
Encl.

September 9, 1938

District Manager, 1st US Civil Service District
Federal Building
Boston, Massachusetts

Sir:

Your form 1800a covering John L. PenDell, an applicant for the position of assistant light keeper, is returned herewith. In lieu of executing this form the following statement is submitted:

Mr. PenDell was employed as seaman on the Lighthouse Tender Hibiscus from May 14, 1927, to September 21, 1928, when he left of his own accord to accept appointment to the position of additional keeper, entering on duty in the latter position on September 22, 1928. Mr. PenDell was transferred to the position of Assistant Keeper, Two Bush Island Light Station, Maine, on October 4, 1928, and was transferred to the position of Second Assistant Keeper, Halfway Rock Light Station, Maine, November 1, 1932. On September 1, 1934, he was promoted to the position of First Assistant Keeper.

On November 10, 1934, he was cautioned for inattention to and neglect of duty for failing to start lens revolving apparatus when the light was lighted on October 20.

On June 1, 1936, he was transferred to the position of First Assistant Keeper, Boon Island Light Station, Maine. On August 4, 1936, charges were preferred against him for leaving the station with the intention of going on one year's leave of absence, without the authority of the Superintendent. He was suspended for ninety days from August 2, 1936, pending decision on the charges. In view of certain family conditions called to the attention of this office by Mr. PenDell at that time, the charges were dropped and he was allowed to resign without prejudice effective at the close of August 15, 1936.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

Respectfully,

GEORGE F. LAURITZEN
Chief Clerk

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Supt.
Asst. Supt.
Chief Clerk
Asst. L. H. Engr.
1st Clerk
Sr. Prin. Elec.
Depot Keeper
2d Clerk
3d Clerk
4th Clerk
5th Clerk
Hibiscus
Ilex
Corres. File.
Engrg. File.

August 30, 1937

Hon. James C. Oliver
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Oliver:

As your letter of August 25 seeks information as to whether John L. PenDell, former keeper in the District of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, South Portland, Maine, should try to reenter this Service by reinstatement or through civil service examination, it appears pertinent to review a bit of his service history.

The record shows that Mr. PenDell was cautioned on November 10, 1934, for neglect of duty in that he failed to properly operate the light at Halfway Rock Light Station for a period of about four and one-half hours on the night of October 20, 1934. On August 2, 1936, when he was in responsible charge of an offshore station during the absence of the principal keeper on account of illness, Mr. PenDell left the station without prior authority and advised the district office by letter that he was going on a year's leave of absence. For this desertion of post of duty, charges were preferred against him with a view to his dismissal from the Service; however, before final action in the matter had been taken, Mr. PenDell appeared at the district office and pleaded ignorance of the instructions and regulations with regard to such matters, claiming he did not realize that his action amounted to desertion of post of duty. Whether Mr. PenDell's statement was true is conjecture; but as he was willing to separate himself from the Service voluntarily, the charges were dropped and he was permitted to resign.

The attendance of a light station is an important duty; it requires personnel who are dependable and loyal, and who can understand and assume responsibility. The failure of a keeper through inattention to duty or desertion to properly operate the aids to navigation in his charge endangers the lives and property of those dependent upon the efficient functioning of those facilities.

Mr. PenDell's record is not one to inspire confidence in his dependability. In order to propose his reinstatement as keeper, it would be necessary to give him preference over eligibles on the register and to state that he was preferred over such eligibles on the basis of his previous record. This Service would not be justified in making such a statement. However, if through subsequent examination Mr. PenDell's name should be restored to the register and certified to this Service by the Civil Service Commission in connection with filling vacancies, he would of course receive due consideration along with other eligibles in accordance with civil service rules.

Very truly yours,

H.D. King,
Commissioner of Lighthouses

hlm/see

EJD:SWA

HOLD

August 23, 1937

Mr. John L. PenDell
P. O. Box 43
South Portland, Maine

Sir:

Referring to your letter of August 14th to the Commissioner of Lighthouses through this office requesting application forms for your reinstatement, you are advised that this matter was taken up with the Commissioner and it was decided that your reinstatement might be considered if it was found that you were more qualified for any vacancy than persons appearing on the eligible register.

In the event of a vacancy for which it is believed that you are qualified, consideration will then be given to your reinstatement.

Respectfully,

THOMAS SAMPSON
Acting Supt. of Lighthouses

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
259 HIGH STREET
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
1ST DISTRICT
AUG 2 1937
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

Supt.
Asst. Supt.
Chief Clerk
Asst. L. H. Engr.
1st Clerk
Sr. Rad. Elec.
Depot Keeper
2d Clerk
3d Clerk
4th Clerk
5th Clerk
Hibiscus
Nex
Corres. File
Engrg. File

GFL:CP
Enclosure

LIGHTHOUSES
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August 16, 1937

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

John L. PenDell.
Request for reinstatement.

1. Herewith is letter of August 14, 1937, from the above-named former employee, making application for reinstatement. Mr. PenDell was formerly first assistant keeper, Boon Island Lighthouse, Maine, and his resignation was accepted without prejudice, effective at the close of business on August 15, 1936.

2. In view of the circumstances preceding his resignation, as stated in district letter of August 10, 1936, this office is not disposed to recommend Mr. PenDell for reinstatement at this time as there would be no particular advantage to the Government by doing so, but as his letter is addressed to the Commissioner, it was thought best to forward it for the Bureau's information and action.

SAMPSON
Acting Superintendent

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON August 19, 1937

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, South Portland, Maine. In view of the last sentence in paragraph 2 of the Superintendent's letter of August 10, 1936, that PenDell apparently did not understand the seriousness of his action and that he apologized for it, it appears that he might be given consideration along with other eligibles, but not preference over those equally qualified, in connection with future vacancies.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman,
Administrative Assistant

hlm/see

Supt.
Asst. Supt.
Chief Clerk
Asst. L. H. Engr.
1st Clerk
Sr. Rad. Elec.
Depot Keeper
2d Clerk
3d Clerk
4th Clerk
5th Clerk
Hibiscus
Corres. File
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So. Portland, Me.,
P.O. Box 43.
Aug. 14, 1937.

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
1ST DISTRICT
AUG 16 1937
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

To:-
Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Dept. of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.
Through:-
Supt. of Lighthouses,
First District
South Portland, Me.

Sirs:-

I resigned from the light-house service and my resignation was accepted without prejudice to take effect August 15, 1936.

I would like to be reinstated.

Will you please send me the application forms?

Yours truly,
John L. Pendell

GFL:CP

February 15, 1937

Mr. John L. PenDell,
P O Box 43,
South Portland, Me.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th instant, addressed to the Commissioner of Lighthouses at Washington, D. C., has been referred to this office for reply.

Due to the circumstances preceding and actuating your resignation from this Service, of which you are aware, this office is not disposed to consider you for reinstatement at the present time.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

Respectfully,

THOMAS SAMPSON
Assistant Superintendent

Copy for Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Radio Engr.
Depot Keepe
2d Clerk
3d Clerk
4th Clerk
5th Clerk
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Engville

LIGHTHOUSES

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Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

So. Portland, Me.
Feb. 8, 1937

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
1ST DISTRICT
FEB 15 1937
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

Sir:-

On August 15, 1936 my resignation from the Lighthouse Service, 1st Dist. was excepted without prejudice. I would like to be considered for reinstatement in either the First or Second Districts.

Respectfully submitted
John L. Pendell

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
February 12, 1937.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, South Portland, Maine, for reply direct.

For the Commissioner:

W.P.Harman
W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant.

CP
Enclosure

August 21, 1936

John L PenDell,
R.F.D.#1,
Limerick, Me.

Herewith enclosed is acceptance of your resignation from the Lighthouse Service, this district, effective as of at the close of August 15, 1936.

Check for your services rendered on August 1 and 2 will be forwarded later.

G.B.
BRUSH
Superintendent

Form A-32

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 18, 1936.

M. John L. PenDell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department has accepted, without prejudice, your resignation from the position designated below, effective at the close of business on August 15, 1936.

Bureau ..... Lighthouses.

Position ..... Keeper.

Allocation .....

Salary ..... $1260 per annum.

Station ..... Field.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Aug. 13, 1936.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
South Portland, Me.

In Reference to your recommendation of Aug. 10 for the acceptance of the resignation of Keeper John J. PenDell without prejudice, the Bureau has submitted this to the Department with recommendation for favorable action.

As to paragraph 4 of your letter in the matter, nomination to fill the vacancy should be submitted as promptly as feasible for your office to do so. It appears to the Bureau that your office should follow up the questions as to the method of handling the mail of the station, and especially that if mail is opened by other than the addresse that the circumstances be duly noted. It is understood that the last sentence of paragraph 1 of your letter covers this point.

For the Commissioner:

Administrative Assistant.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
1ST DISTRICT
AUG 15 1936
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

Form 93
EJD:SWA

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, First DISTRICT,

259 High St., South Portland, Maine, August 10, 1936

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted the resignation, in duplicate, of the following-named employee:

Name, John L. PenDell — Position, 1st Assistant Keeper

Legal residence, Maine — Station, Boon Island Light Station

Salary, $1260.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation { ~~with~~ / without } prejudice is recommended effective at the close of August 15, 1936.

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

REMARKS: (In case of death, if person had 25 years or more of service, give name, degree of relationship, and address of next of kin.)

Attention is invited to district letter, forwarded herewith, in regard the acceptance of PenDell's resignation without prejudice. As he left the station without authority in the afternoon of August 2nd, he will be considered as on leave without pay from August 3-15, inclusive.

CEG.

~~CHARLES C. BUSH~~

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce,

GFL:SWA
Encls.

August 10, 1936

Commissioner of Lighthouses

John L. PenDell, 1st Assistant Keeper, Boon Island Light-Station, Maine--Charges.
District letter August 5, 1936, advising of Mr. PenDell's suspension.

1. Herewith is copy of district letter of August 4, 1936, preferring charges against Mr. PenDell and copy of his letter of August 7 replying to said charges and tendering his resignation effective as of the date of expiration of the period of his suspension. There is also enclosed copy of his letter of August 1, received prior to the date the charges were preferred, in which he expressed his intention of going home on one year's leave of absence without pay. The other matter mentioned in this letter will be taken care of by this office in the usual course.

2. Although there can be no doubt that Mr. PenDell is guilty of the violation of Instructions to Employees, as charged, he appeared in this office on Saturday, August 8, and stated that he left the station on August 2 at 3:00 p. m. (erroneously reported by the second assistant keeper or misunderstood by the office over the 'phone to be August 1) via a fishing boat with the understanding that Mr. Tracy, the principal keeper, would be back on the station on Monday, August 3. He stated he had been so advised by Mrs. Tracy verbally, who also told the same thing to Mr. Smith, the second assistant keeper. He further stated that personal family affairs required his presence at his home, and he did not regard his action as desertion. I consider that Mr. PenDell, perhaps under an emotional strain, evidently put his personal affairs above everything else on this occasion. I do not think he understood the seriousness of his action, as he was very sorry for it and said he did not look at the matter in the proper light and apologized for his action.

3. Inasmuch as Mr. PenDell is only a 1st assistant keeper, and was acting as keeper in the absence of the principal keeper due to illness, and as he had not previously held responsible positions, I believe that consideration should be given to this fact and that a certain amount of leniency should be exercised in this case, and therefore recommend that the charges be filed without further action and that Mr. PenDell's resignation be accepted without prejudice, but effective at the close of August 15, 1936, in order that prompt steps may be taken to fill the vacancy.

4. Due to the fact that the principal keeper has not as yet returned to the station and as both additional keepers of the district are assigned to stations from which it is not possible

to release them at present, a depot laborer has been temporarily assigned to the station, and action in this matter is therefore desired at the earliest possible date in order that it be not necessary to recommend a temporary additional position of first assistant keeper. Article 423 (b) and (c) of Regulations is cited in this connection. Mr. John J. Bonneau, laborer employed at Portland Lighthouse Depot at 67¢ per hour was assigned to Boon Island Light Station, effective August 3, 1936. The probable duration of his assignment will depend upon the amount of time required for action in this matter.

5. Form 93 is forwarded herewith in triplicate.

G. G.
BRUSH
Superintendent

Supt.
Asst Supt.
Chief Clerk
1st Clerk
Jun. Engr.
Radio Engr.
Depot Keeper
2d Clerk
3d Clerk
4th Clerk
5th Clerk
Hibiscus
Rex
Corres. file
Engr. file

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Limerick, Me.
Aug 7, 1936.

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
1ST DISTRICT
AUG 8 - 1936
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

Supt. of Lighthouses -
1st District
Portland, Me.

Sir -

You have erroneously accused me of desertion and leaving the station on Aug. 1, 1936 which is another error of yours.

I had and have no intention of deserting as you state. Furthermore I left the station sunday Aug. 2, at 3 P.M. and not on Aug. 1.

My resignation takes effect at the expiration of the 90 days suspension. That gives the Lighthouse Service 90 days notice instead of the required 30 days notice.

John L. PenDell 1st Asst

(over)

GFL:SWA
Encl.

August 5, 1936

Commissioner of Lighthouses

Pursuant to instructions contained in Article 438 of "Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, 1927," the Bureau is advised that John L. PenDell, First Assistant Keeper, Boon Island Light Station, Maine, has been suspended from duty without pay and allowances for a period not to exceed 90 days from August 2, 1936, pending decision on charges which have been preferred against him for violation of Article 88 of "Instructions to Employees, 1927." Copy of charges is herewith.

G. BRUSH
Superintendent

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
259 HIGH STREET
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GFL:FEA

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

August 4, 1936

John L. Pendell, 1st Asst. Keeper, Bonn Island Ml., Me.
R. F. D. No. 1
Limerick, Maine

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 91 of "Instructions to Employees of the United States Lighthouse Service," 1927, the following charges are preferred against you:

Charge:--Violation of Article 83 of "Instructions to Employees," reading:

"83. Notice of resignation required.--(a) Any person who leaves the service without due notice, or offers his resignation and leaves the service without action thereon on such short notice as to cause embarrassment to the service, shall be recommended for dismissal unless he can give satisfactory reasons for his action. Superintendents shall submit proper report and recommendation in such cases.

"(b) Desertion from duty at light stations, vessels, or other critical duty in the Lighthouse Service shall be punished with dismissal, regardless of length of service, and persons so dismissed shall not be reemployed (435)."

Specification:--That you did on Saturday, August 1, 1936, leave and desert the station, upon in charge of same during the absence due to illness of the principal keeper, with the intention of absenting yourself for a considerable period, as expressed in your letter of August 1, to wit: "I am going on one year leave of absence without pay beginning Aug. 2, 1936." Said absence was without the knowledge, authority, or consent of this office or of any of your official superiors.

2. You will be given three days in which to submit such statement as you may desire to make in reply to these charges. If you do not care to make any statement, so report in writing.

3. You are hereby suspended from duty without pay and allowances for a period not to exceed 90 days pending the decision of the Secretary of Commerce in the case.

BRUSH
Superintendent

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
259 HIGH STREET
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CFL:GSA

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

August 4, 1936

John L. Pombal, 1st Asst. Keeper, Dom Island Lt., Me.
R. F. D. No. 1
Limerick, Maine

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 9A of "Instructions to Employees of the United States Lighthouse Service," 1927, the following charges are preferred against you:

Charge:--Violation of Article 88 of "Instructions to Employees," reading:

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Specification:--That you did on Saturday, August 1, 1936, leave and desert the station, when in charge of same during the absence due to illness of the principal keeper, with the intention of absenting yourself for a considerable period, as expressed in your letter of August 1, to wit: "I am going on one year leave of absence without pay beginning Aug. 2, 1936." Said absence was without the knowledge, authority, or consent of this office or of any of your official superiors.

2. You will be given three days in which to submit such statement as you may desire to make in reply to these charges. If you do not care to make any statement, so report in writing.

3. You are hereby suspended from duty without pay and allowances for a period not to exceed 90 days pending the decision of the Secretary of Commerce in the case.

[illegible]
Superintendent

GSL:EWA

Mailed at Portland P.O. 11:30 a.m. 8/4/36

August 4, 1936

John L. Penbell, 1st Asst. Keeper, Boon Island Ltl., Me.
R. F. D. No. 1
Limerick, Maine

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 92 of "Instructions to Employees of the United States Lighthouse Service," 1927, the following charges are preferred against you:

Charge:--Violation of Article 88 of "Instructions to Employees," reading:

"88. Notice of resignation required.--(a) Any person who leaves the service without due notice, or offers his resignation and leaves the service without action thereon on such short notice as to cause embarrassment to the service, shall be recommended for dismissal unless he can give satisfactory reasons for his action. Superintendents shall submit proper report and recommendation in such cases.

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G. B.
[illegible]
Superintendent

Asst. Supt.
Chief Clerk
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2d Clerk
3d Clerk
4th Clerk
5th Clerk
Hibiscus
Hax
Corres. file
Engr. file

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Rec'd Dell
mail at Egg
Rock Aug 8 1936
mail

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
1ST DISTRICT
AUG 3 - 1936
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE
FIRST DISTRICT

Boon Island Lt Sta.
(STATION, DEPOT, OR VESSEL)

Aug 1, 1936

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Portland, Maine.

Sir: I submit the following with all respect. I am making a complaint.

How long since, has Mrs. Tracy or anyone else not connected with the service had the right to open official mail or other mail for that matter?

When Mr. Smith returned to the station today, he handed me four (4) official letters, all of them opened before Mr. Smith received them. Mr. Smith states that Mr. Tracy was not at home, so how could he have opened them? Who did open them? This is not the first time.

Furthermore, when Mr. Tracy leaves the slip on leave or is in the hospital with myself or others in charge of the station, what right has he to open the mail?

How do we know that some mail

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
1ST DISTRICT
AUG 3 - 1936
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

FIRST DISTRICT

Boon Island Lt Sta
(STATION, DEPOT, OR VESSEL)

~~193~~

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Portland, Maine.

~~Sir:~~ isn't accidentally held up, which needs our immediate attention?

I for one will not except responsibility under those conditions.

Should you care to answer this letter, to me personally, address the envelope to:—

Limerick, Maine.
R.F.D #1

as I'm going on one year leave of absence without pay beginning Aug. 2, 1936.

With all respect to you and the service, I am

John L. Pendell 1st Asst
Acting Keeper.

th

CP

South

June 1, 1936

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to Department Form A-38, dated May 27, 1936, in the case of John L PenDell, 1st Assistant Keeper, Halfway Rock Lighthouse, Maine, at $1560 per annum, whereby he was transferred to the position of 1st Assistant Keeper, Boon Island Lighthouse, Maine, at a salary of $1260 per annum:

The effective date of the above change is June 1, 1936.

BRUSH
Superintendent

COPY TO J L PenDell (via Keeper) Boon Island LH., Me. for his information.

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
1ST DISTRICT
JUL 1 1936
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

May 27, 1936.

Mr. John L. PenDell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty (change of station).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

[illegible]

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1560 per annum

To: $1260 per annum

Service and grade: Field

Appropriation (unit):

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CP

May 18, 1936

Keeper, Boon Island Lighthouse, Me.
(Via C. O. Tender HIBISCUSO

John L PenDell, 1st Assistant Keeper at Halfway Rock Lighthouse, Maine has been recommended for transfer to the position of 1st Asst. Keeper at your station, effective June 1, 1936, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Mr. PenDell will be landed at your station in a few days.

G. BRUSH
Superintendent

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, First DISTRICT.

South Portland, Maine (City), May 18 (Date), 1936.

GP
Enclosure

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, TRANSFER INVOLVING REDUCTION IN SALARY.

Name, John L PenDell

Position, 1st Assistant Keeper

Location, Boon Island LH., Me.

Effective, June 1, 1936 [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Legal residence, Maine

Proposed salary, $1260 p. a. (plus Qtrs. at $240 p. a.)

Proposed range, $1260-$1620 p.a.

Appropriation, Sals., Kprs., etc.

Former position, 1st Asst. Keeper

Location, Halfway Rock LH., Me.

Former salary, $1560 p. a. (Qtrs. at $60 p. a.)

Former range, $1560-$1920 p. a.

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Benjamin Stockbridge $1260 p. a. Services terminated, about May 31, 1936

Reason, Transfer and promotion to Keeper, Ram Island LH., Me., recommended May 15, 1936.

Members of family in Government service, ---

Date of birth, ----

Remarks: Request for above transfer is herewith enclosed.

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

(DIRECT)

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BRUSH
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

11—2314

Supt.
Asst Supt.
Chief Clerk
1st Clerk
Jun. Engr.
Radio Engr.
Depot Keeper
2d Clerk
3d Clerk
4th Clerk
5th Clerk
Hibiscus
Ilex
Corres. file
Engr. file

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
1ST DISTRICT
MAY 15 1936
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

FIRST DISTRICT

Halfway Rock Light Sta.
(STATION, DEPOT, OR VESSEL)

May 11, 1936, 193

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,
South Portland, Maine.

Sir:

I respectfully request transfer to any station with family quarters, in the position of assistant keeper.

John L. Dunbar
First Assist. Keeper

A. S. Strout

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
1ST DISTRICT
MAY 15 1936
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE
FIRST DISTRICT

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Corres. file
Engr. file

OK - 1st asst at Boon Island replacing Stackhouse
CEB

Halfway Rock Light Sta.
(STATION, DEPOT, OR VESSEL)

May 11, 1936, 193

Pendell placed acceptable May 16. '36.
CEB

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,

Portland, Maine.

Sir:

The reason I request transfer is my mind will be more contented. I have my wife and a baby only (5) five months old and of late my mind is on my family considerably.

At a station with family quarters, I would have my family with me and my mind would be on my work.

In the past I resorted to Amateur Radio to take my mind off the family, where as at a station with family quarters, I would not want Amateur Radio.

Respectfully,

John L. Pendell

First Assist. Keeper.

A. S. Stout

Supt.
Asst Supt.
Chief Clerk
1st Clerk
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Radio Engr.
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2d Clerk
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Hibiscus
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Engr. Hlp

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
1ST DISTRICT
MAY 15 1936
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE
FIRST DISTRICT

Halfway Rock Light Sta.
(STATION, DEPOT, OR VESSEL)

May 15, 1936, 193

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,

South Portland, Maine.

Sir:

I respectfully request that my salary check, in the future be forwarded to the following address :-

Limerick, Maine.

R.F.D. #1. % E.C. Moulton.

A. S. Stout

Respectfully, John L. Pendell, 1st. Assist.

South

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South

May 2, 1936

Mr. J. L. PenDell, 1st Asst. Keeper
Halfway Rock Light Station, Maine
(Via Keeper)

You are requested to come to the office to see me at your first opportunity. It is not necessary to make a special trip for the purpose, however.

B.
BRUSH
Superintendent

South

SWA

South

May 2, 1936

Keeper, Halfway Rock Light Station, Maine

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 28, regarding conduct of the first assistant keeper at your station, and you are advised that the matter will receive consideration after a conference with Mr. PenDell.

BRUSH
Superintendent

Chief Clerk
1st Clerk
Jun. Engr.
Radio Engr.
Depot Keeper
2d Clerk
3d Clerk
4th Clerk
5th Clerk
Hibiscus
Ilex
Engr. files

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
1ST DISTRICT
APR 30 1936
FIRST DISTRICT SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

Halfway Rock
(STATION, DEPOT, OR VESSEL)

April 28, 1936

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Portland, Maine.

Sir:

I regret that I am compelled to bring the following to your attention; but if a commendable degree of efficiency is to be maintained at this station, wholehearted co-operation and loyalty must be given by the entire personell; therefor, I feel that some action must be taken on the conduct of the 1st. Assistant.

His interests, which are entirely alien to his station and obligations, cause him to have a tendence th neglect his duties and shirk his responsibilities, indifference in his methods, greatly retard upkeep work, as it often has to be completed by others, laxity in vigilance to light and fog signal; which is apt to have disasterous results; is caused by his attention to personal interests, these and his ready submission to minor or imaginary ailments, has had a demoralizing effect on the 2nd. Assistant; whose faithfulness and loyalty had been beyond reproach.

Mr. PenDell has been on this station since Oct. 28 1932, he has been given every consideration, by the former keeper and myself, but his interests are just not here.

As a desire to be with his family, seems to be a contributing factor to his conduct, I would suggest, for the betterment of the service; that he be transferred to some station with family quarters.

May it be understood, that this is forwarded without prejudice or malice, but for the furtherance of efficiency.

Respectfully submitted

A. S. Strout Keeper.

Form 207
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
CP

(SEE INSTRUCTIONS [illegible] REGULATIONS ON BACK)

APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT OF SICK OR DISABLED EMPLOYEES IN THE LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, First District.

259 High St., South Portland, Maine.
(Place)

April 24, 1936., 19

To the Medical Officer in Charge,

U. S. Public Health Service,
US Marine Hospital No. 16,
Portland, Maine.

Sir:

The bearer, John L. PenDell,
(Name and title of applicant for medical relief)
is a beneficiary of the U. S. Public Health Service:

1. An officer or member of the crew of a vessel belonging to the Lighthouse Service (including lightship), i. e., the --
(Name of vessel)

or—

2. A light keeper or an assistant light keeper on duty at Halfway Rock LH., Me.
(Name of station)

You are requested to examine this applicant and to furnish him with such medical relief as may be required. The signature and description of the applicant appear below.

Signature of employee to be examined .....

.....

Nativity American Age 39 years. Height 5 feet 7 inches.

Color of eyes Gray Color of hair Brown

Distinguishing marks .....

*Date of original appointment in the Lighthouse Service May 14, 1927

†Date of certificate by the Public Health Service that person named passed physical examination, Sept. 22, 19 28.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

Kindly submit report as to your findings and the condition of Mr. PenDell.

THOMAS SAMPSON
(Title of officer signing request)
Assistant Superintendent

*Fill in only if person to be examined is a light keeper or assistant light keeper.
†Fill in only in case of light keeper or assistant light keeper when the date of original appointment in the Lighthouse Service is subsequent to August 27, 1916.

(OVER)

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Form 207
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CP

(SEE INSTRUCTIONS AND REGULATIONS ON BACK)

APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT OF SICK OR DISABLED EMPLOYEES IN THE LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, First District.

South Portland, Maine.
(Place)

October 18, 1935., 19

To the Medical Officer in Charge,

U. S. Public Health Service,
US Marine Hospital No. 16,
Portland, Maine.

Sir:

The bearer, John L. PenDell,
(Name and title of applicant for medical relief)
is a beneficiary of the U. S. Public Health Service:

1. An officer or member of the crew of a vessel belonging to the Lighthouse Service (including lightship), i. e., the ____
(Name of vessel)

or—

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(Name of station)

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Nativity American Age 38 years. Height 5 feet 7 inches.

Color of eyes Gray Color of hair Brown

Distinguishing marks

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†Date of certificate by the Public Health Service that person named passed physical examination, Sept. 22, 1928.

CHARLES C. BRUSH
(Title of officer signing request)
Superintendent of Lighthouses

*Fill in only if person to be examined is a light keeper or assistant light keeper.
†Fill in only in case of light keeper or assistant light keeper when the date of original appointment in the Lighthouse Service is subsequent to August 27, 1916.

(OVER)

11—3002

Supt.
Asst. Engr.
Clerk
1st Clerk
Jun. Engr.
2nd Clerk
3rd Clerk
4th Clerk
Messenger
Portland S. H.
L. D 1st Depot
Hibiscus
Ilex
Files

1934 DIST. PORTLAND, MAINE

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arrived duck at station at 12.30 P.M. Nov. 21 via Fleet

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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FIRST DISTRICT

Halfway Rock
(STATION, DEPOT, OR VESSEL)

Dec 1, 1934

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,

Portland, Maine.

Sir: As ordered by letter of Nov. 14 '34 1st Asst. Keeper, Pen Dell reported to Portland Lighthouse Depot, Nov. 19 '34.

Respectfully submitted

Arthur L Stout

Keeper.

GFL:CP

November 14, 1934

John L PenDell,
R.F.D./2,
Limerick, Me.

You are ordered to report to Portland Lighthouse Depot, South Portland, Maine, at the earliest possible date, for the purpose of cleaning up station liberty boat to get it ready for storage for winter.

The time so employed will be credited to your leave.

BRUSH
Superintendent

COPIES TO:

Keeper, Halfway Rock LH., Me.
Depot Keeper, Portland Depot.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

GFL:CP

November 10, 1934

John L PenDell, 1st Asst. Keeper, Halfway Rock LH., Me.
(Via Keeper)

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 21, received November 5, 1934, reporting that a fixed light was displayed from 5.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. on October 20, 1934, for the reason, as stated, that you "neglected to disengage weight rest" and the fact was not noticed by you until you went to service the light at 10 p.m.

Your failure to start the lens revolving apparatus operating is inexcusable and your failure to observe the fact that you had not done so sometime between 4.50 p.m. (when the sun set) and 5.30 p.m. is not understandable, it being assumed that you spent at least a part of this time in the lantern. Your attention is directed to Article 142 of "Instructions to Employees, 1927", which states: "Watches shall be stood in such place and manner as to give continuous and the best possible attention to the light and the fog signal when in operation." Through your failure to observe the fact that the lens-revolving apparatus was not in operation until 10 p.m. it is quite evident that your watch during the period from 5.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. was not stood in a place nor in a manner so as to give continuous and the best possible attention to the light.

Your failure in this case constitutes inattention to and neglect of duty. You should understand that the strictest attention to duty is required on the part of a light keeper owing to the serious danger to life and property which might result from inattention or neglect of duty, and you are hereby cautioned that drastic disciplinary action will be taken in the case of a repetition of such inattention and neglect.

The fact that you have been disciplined in this matter will be made a part of your official history.

B.
BRUSH
Superintendent

COPY TO Keeper for station files.

TWO COPIES FOR BUREAU.

Clerk
Messenger
Portland S. H.
L. D 1st Depot
Hibiscus
Call-up
Files

FIRST DISTRICT

Halfway Rock
(STATION, DEPOT, OR VESSEL)

Oct. 21, 1934

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,

Portland, Maine.

Sir:

There was a fixed light at this station from 5:30 P.M. to 10 P.M. on Oct. 20. 1934.

The reason for said fixed light is: I neglected to disengage weight rest. It was not noticed by me until I went to service the light at 10 P.M.

Showers a false light.

This is a serious matter & should be cautioned against re occurrence. Will such carelessness will subject Service to severe criticism as well as urge court of inquiry in serious accident.

J. S. Strout. Keeper.

John L. Pendell, 1st Assist. Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

CP

September 20, 1934

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to Department Form A-38, dated August 21, 1934, in the case of John L PenDell, 2nd Asst. Keeper, Halfway Rock Lighthouse, Maine, at a salary of $1500 per annum, whereby he was promoted to 1st Assistant Keeper of that station at a salary of $1560 per annum:

The effective date of the above change is September 1, 1934.

G.
BRUSH
Superintendent

COPY TO Keeper, ~~in Charge,~~ Halfway Rock LH., Me., for station files. Mr. PenDell's notice of change in salary covering his promotion from $1500 to $1560 per annum is herewith.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 21, 1934.

Mr. John L. PenDell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective September 1, 1934, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty (change in duties).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER
Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1500 per annum.

To: $1560 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

(Strike out the clause which does not apply.)

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NOMINATION

CFL:CP

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, First DISTRICT,

Portland, Maine (City), August 25, 1934 (Date), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

HOLD Call-up slip

Action recommended, PROMOTION — Legal residence, Maine

Name, John L PenDell — Proposed salary, $1560 p.a.

Position, 1st Asst. Keeper — Proposed range, $1560-$1920.

Location, Halfway Rock LH., Me. — Appropriation, Sals., Kprs., etc.

Effective, September 1, 1934 — [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, 2nd Asst. Keeper — Former salary, $1500 p.a.

Location, same — Former range, $1500-$1860

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Arthur S Strout $1620 p.a. — Services terminated, August 31, 1934.

Reason, Recommended for promotion to position of Keeper.

Members of family in Government service, —

Date of birth, —

Remarks: This position is included on "Schedule of Replacements to Fill Vacant Positions" forwarded concurrently.

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

(DIRECT) BRUSH

Secretary, Civil Service District. Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

11—2314

August 25, 1934

John L PenDell, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Halfway Rock LH., Me.
(Via Keeper in Charge)

You have this day been recommended ~~for~~ the position of 1st Assistant Keeper, Halfway Rock Lighthouse, Maine, vice A S Strout, to be promoted to the position of Keeper, effective September 1, 1934, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty, at a salary of $1560 per annum.

Further information will be given when notification of Department action on recommendation has been received.

C. BRUSH
Superintendent

COPY FOR STATION FILES.

STATEMENT OF WITNESSES

[The statement of witness should tell just what the witness saw personally, or, if he did not see the injury occur, just what he knows about it and when and by whom the information was given him.]

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 5
1934

On or about 5.45 P.M. March 4 1934
Mr Pendell reported to me, that he had slipped
on tower stairs, while returning from lighting 3.0 R
lamps, and complained of pain in right hip
later while applying iodine to bruised part I
noticed slight contusion thereon.

Signed this 24 day of March, 1934

Arthur S Stout.
(Signature of witness)

Signed this ..... day of ....., 19....

(Signature of witness)

STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT MEDICAL OFFICER OR PHYSICIAN WHO FIRST EXAMINED CASE

I CERTIFY that .....
(Name of employee)
on ....., 19....., at .....m., and ..... was given first-aid treatment, or examined,
(Was or was not)
disability will be ..... disabled for work. Probable length of
on ..... In my opinion disability ..... due to injury
(Was or was not)
....., 19.....

Nature of injury as found on examination .....

REPORT OF INJURY

GFL:CP

Enclosure

March 19, 1934

Keeper, Halfway Rock Lighthouse, Me.

1. Referring to report of injury to John L PenDell, it is requested that Mr. Strout execute the first statement of witness on the reverse of enclosed blank form C. A. 2 and return it promptly. Mr. Strout to state how he came to know of the injury, giving a full statement of his knowledge whether from observation or Mr. PenDell's verbal report.

2. It is noted you are using obsolete forms. There are herewith small supplies of forms C. A. 1, 2 and 3. Destroy any on hand of an earlier issue than these.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

LAURITZEN
Chief Clerk

REPORT OF INJURY

[To be submitted to the UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, Washington, D. C., through official channels, as soon as practicable after any injury to a civil employee of the United States sustained while in the performance of duty which results in any loss of time or in any medical treatment.]

Place of employment.

1. Department Commerce [War, Navy, etc.] 2. Bureau or office Light House [Engineer, Navigation, etc.]
3. Place of employment Halfway Rock Lt Station [Arsenal, Navy Yard, etc.], [City.] Me [State.]
4. Reporting office Portland Maine [Location of reporting office or division headquarters.]
5. Name of superintendent or foreman in charge when injury occurred

The injured employee.

6. Name of injured employee John L. Pen Dell [Give full name in full.] 7. Age 37 8. Sex Male
9. Home address R F D 1, West Burton [Street and number.], [City or town.], Me [State.]
10. Married, ~~single, widowed.~~ [Cross out two words.] 11. Speak English? Yes 12. If not, what language?
13. Was the injury reported to the official superior within 48 hours from time of injury? Yes
14. Was the injury caused by:
    (a) Willful misconduct of the employee? No
    (b) Intention of employee to bring about the injury or death of himself or another? No
    (c) Employee's intoxication? No.
    [If any answers to these questions are made in the affirmative, the reporting officer should make an additional statement giving the reason for his conclusion and forward same with this report.]
15. Occupation and division Assistant Keeper [Give both, as laborer, hull division; helper, machine shop, etc.] 16. Was employee doing his regular work? Yes If not, what work?
17. How long employed at present work? 5 1/2 years
18. How long at present work in this establishment? 1 1/2 years
19. Rate of pay, $1500.00 per annum and subsistence valued at $ per
20. Employee begins work at 8 AM & 4 P [Hour, a. m. or p. m.] m. 21. Day's work terminates 12 M & 10 A [Hour, a. m. or p. m.] m.
22. Hours worked per day 13 23. Days worked per week 7
24. Date employee stopped work ✓; day of week ✓; hour of day [a. m. or p. m.] m.
25. Date employee's pay stopped ✓; day of week ✓; hour of day [a. m. or p. m.] m.

The injury.

26. Date of injury March 4 27. Day of week Sunday 28. Hour of day 5.30 P [a. m. or p. m.] m.
29. Place where injury occurred Halfway Rock Lt Station [Give exact location, as name or number of building and division, etc.]
30. Name of machine, tool, or appliance in connection with which injury occurred
    (a) By what kind of power driven? ✓ (b) Hand feed or mechanical? ✓
    (c) Part on which injury occurred Tower stairs
    (d) Was an improved safeguard in use at time of injury? ✓
    If not, is it possible to provide such safeguard? ✓
    (e) Was the machine, tool, or appliance out of order or ill-suited for the work? ✓
    (f) Was employee instructed as to its use? ✓
31. Describe in full how the injury occurred
    Slipped on tower stairs
32. State part of body injured and nature and extent of injury, marking upon chart on reverse of this report the site of injury Right hip
33. Did injury cause loss of any member or part of member? No If so, describe exactly

Medical attendance.

34. Was medical attendance provided? No 35. How soon after injury? ✓
36. Name and address of physician None
37. To what hospital was employee sent? None
    Location
38. If not sent to hospital, where sent? Employee continued duty
39. Was transportation furnished at Government expense? ✓
40. What is the probable length of disability?
    [If injured employee has already returned to work, give date and hour.]

General.

41. Names and addresses of witnesses to injury None
42. Was employee injured while in performance of duty? Yes If not, give detailed statement
43. Was the injury caused under circumstances creating a liability upon some person other than the United States to pay damages therefor? No
    [If so, a detailed statement should be forwarded with this report.]

Signed this 14 day of March, 1934.

Arthur S. Stroud
[Signature of reporting officer.]

at Halfway Rock Lt Sta

1st Asst Keeper
[Title]

9—585

[OVER]

Supt
Asso. Engr.
Chief Clerk
1st Clerk
Jun.
2nd Clerk
3rd Clerk
4th Clerk
Messenger
Portland S. H.
L. D. 1st Depot
Hibiscus
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Calluna
Fuca

NOTICE OF INJURY

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 30
1934

LEAVE THIS SPACE BLANK

(To be submitted to the official superior for transmission with the report of injury, C. A. 2, to the United States Employees' Compensation Commission by every employee injured in the performance of his duty, or some one on his behalf, within forty-eight hours after the injury. This notice shall be given by delivering it personally to the official superior or by depositing it in the mail properly stamped and addressed to the official superior.)

Portland (City or town.), Maine (State.)

45 Customhouse Wharf (Street and number.)

March 14 (Date of this notice.), 1934

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I was injured in the performance of my duties on March 4 (Date.), 1934

Sunday (Day of week.), 5 30 (Hour, a. m. or p. m.) m.

1. The injury occurred at Halfway Rock Light Station (Give name of navy yard, arsenal, or post office, etc., where injury occurred.)

in the following manner: Slipped on stairs while coming down the stairs.

2. Cause of injury A fall down the stairs

3. Nature of injury Bruised hips

4. Was this injury caused by your—

(a) Willful misconduct? No

(b) Intention to bring about the injury or death of yourself or of another? No

(c) Intoxication? No

5. Names of witnesses to injury:

None

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS AWS-C

June 6, 1933

Mr. George F. Lauritzen,
Special Disbursing Agent,
Lighthouse Service,
Office of Superintendent, 1st District,
Portland, Me.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the following described papers, as indicated by (X):

(X) Power of attorney-

Grantor: John L. PenDell

Attorney in fact: Mrs. Jessie M. PenDell

( ) Court certificate-

Showing appointment of

As ( ) Executor ( ) Administrator ( ) Guardian ( ) Trustee

( ) Documentary evidence as follows:

The above described papers have been recorded in this office.

Respectfully,

W. A. JULIAN
~~W. O. WOODS~~

Treasurer.

BHC:ml
AC-136

CP
Enclosure

June 3, 1933

Treasurer of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith is transmitted power of attorney for the collection of checks drawn on the Treasurer of the United States, Treasury Form 6569, executed by John L PenDell , an employee of this district, in favor of his wife, Mrs. Jessie M. PenDell.

Respectfully,

GEORGE F LAUNITZEN
Special Disbursing Agent 81-132

TWO COPIES TO BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES VIA SUPT.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

THOMAS SAMPSON
Assistant Superintendent

GFL:CP
Enclosure

May 9, 1933

John L Pendell, 2nd Asst. Keeper, Halway Rock (via Keeper)
Stephen Percy, Seaman, Lightship #90 (via Master)

Referring to conversation with the disbursing officer of the district relative to endorsement of your pay checks by your wife, there is herewith a form of power of attorney which you should execute and acknowledge before a notary public or other officer authorized by law to take acknowledgements of deeds, and return to this office.

A second copy of the blank is enclosed in case you desire to have your wife have a copy.

SHERMAN
Superintendent

CP

November 1, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department's Notice of Change in Salary, dated October 8, 1932, in the case of John L PenDell, Keeper, this district, whereby his salary was changed from $1260 to $1500 per annum:

2. The effective date of the above change is November 1, 1932.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

G F LAURITZEN
Chief Clerk

COPY TO J L PenDell, 2nd Asst. Keeper, Halfway Rock LH (Via Keeper)

COPY - CP

DEPARTMENT [redacted]MMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

First District

Two Bush Island

Oct. 28, 1932.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,

Portland, Maine.

Sir:

Respectfully inform you Mr. F. C. Batty, 1st Asst. Keeper arrived on Oct. 26 at 3.30 P.M.

Mr. J L Penbell, 1st Asst. Keeper, left on Oct. 28 at 8 A.M. owing to heavy sea was unable to leave on specified date.

Respectfully,

(SGD) L MANN, Keeper

2522E

November 8,1932

The Secretary,
Federal Radio Commission,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your communication of October 27,1932, in regard to the transfer to Halfway Rock Lighthouse amateur station licensed to John L. PenDell:

This Service has no objection to the transfer of this station to Halfway Rock Lighthouse, Maine, and the application for same is returned.

Yours very truly,

F.P.DILLON.
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

C.
Inclosure.

Copy to 1st

GFL:CP
Enclosure

November 5, 1932

2nd Endorsement

1. Returned to Burgau. This office has no objection to the transfer of this station to Halfway Rock Lighthouse, Maine, and it is recommended that approval be indicated.

2. Application is returned herewith.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

G F LAURITZEN
Chief Clerk

COPY - CP 2522E

FEDERAL RADIO COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 27, 1932.

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

Dear Sir:

By letter of January 21, 1932 your assent was given to the location of an amateur station at the Two Bush Island Lighthouse, which was accordingly licensed to John L. PenDell with the call W 1 D N A.

Enclosed is an application of October 6 by the licensee seeking to obtain modification of the license so as to locate the station at the Halfway Rock Lighthouse.

Would such a change meet with your approval?

Very truly yours,

(SGD) JAMES W. BALDWIN,
Secretary.

Enclosure

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
NOV 1 1932

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Portland, Maine, for investigation and return with report and recommendation.

F. P. DILLON

Acting Commissioner.

Supt.
Asso. Ltl-Engr.
Jun Engr
Chief Clerk
1st Clerk
2nd Clerk
3rd Clerk
Messenger
Portland S.H.
L D and Depot

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES
1932 OCT - 14 - PM 3:15

October 8, 1932.

Mr. John L. Pendell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty (change of station and duties).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1260 per annum.

To: $1500 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

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COPY - CP

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 20, 1932.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Portland, Me.

In reference to your nomination of July 28 for the promotion of Alvah Robinson from 2nd to 1st assistant keeper at Matinicus Rock showing the actual date of entrance on duty as September 1:

It is considered that such a promotion could not be treated as an emergency when the resulting vacancy is not likewise filled for the reason that such action provides no additional help at the station. Therefore your nomination has been amended to show the effective date as "September 1, 1932, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty", and it is requested that Robinson and other employees affected be considered on detail at present pay until Department approval is obtained.

In the case of John L. PenDell, recommended for transfer from assistant keeper at Two Bush Island at $1260 ($1200-1560 plus $240 for quarters) to 2nd assistant keeper at Halfway Rock at $1560 ($1500-1860), the Bureau has amended the proposed pay to $1500 per annum in accordance with the last paragraph of circular letter No. 358 dated August 12, 1932.

For the Commissioner:

(SGD) R. J. GROSS

Chief of Personnel Division

ORIGINAL FILED IN ALVAH ROBINSON'S PERSONAL JACKET.

Form 73

CP
Enclosure

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

First

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, ---------- DISTRICT.

Portland, Maine, August 3, 1932.
(City) (Date), 19---

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, TRANSFER, INVOLVING INCREASE IN SALARY.

Name, John L PenDell

Position, 2nd Asst. Keeper

Location, Halfway Rock LH., Me.

Effective, September 1, 1932 [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Legal residence, Maine

Proposed salary, $1560 p.a.

Proposed range, $1500-$1860 p.a.

Appropriation, Sals., Kprs.,etc.

Former position, Asst. Keeper

Location, Two Bush Island LH., Me.

Former salary, $1260 p.a.

Former range, $1200-$1560 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, H A Ball $1560 p.a. Services terminated, August 31, 1932

Reason, Recommended for transfer to 2nd Asst. Keeper, Matinicus Rock LH., Me.

Members of family in Government service, ***

Date of birth, ***

Remarks: Necessary to fill this position in order to properly safeguard life and Government property. PenDell's request for transfer is herewith.

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

(DIRECT)

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

C. E. SHERMAN
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

11—2314

Supt.
Asst. Lt House Engr.
Jun Engr.
Chief Clerk
1st Clerk
2nd Clerk
3rd Clerk
Messenger
Portland S.H.
L D 1st Depot

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES AUG 3 1932 FIRST DISTRICT

FIRST DISTRICT

Two Bush Ch. Lt.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 2, 1932

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Portland, Maine.

Sir:

I respectfully request that I be considered for transfer to Halfway Rock to fill the impending vacancy.

Respectfully yours,
John L. Kendall,
Assist. Keeper.

L Quam
Keeper

Rec. transfer: L.K. @ $1260 (1200-1560) to 2 AK @ $1560 (1500-1860), vice Ball (salary $1560), 1/8. Sept. 1 next.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Justification for Filling Vacancy under Authority
of the Act approved June 30, 1932.

Bureau or Office: Lighthouse Service-First District, Portland, Me.

Position: 2nd Assistant Keeper

Compensation: $1560 per annum

Location: Halfway Rock Lighthouse, Me.

Appropriation: Sals., Expns., etc.

Date of Vacancy: September 1, 1932

Justification: This is an important light and fog signal station twelve miles from its shore base at which none but the three keepers reside. They must stand ready to operate the fog signal at any time night or day, and the light must be attended all night long. Two keepers cannot operate this station so that the light and fog signal will function unfailingly, and should either fail to function the loss of a vessel worth many thousands of dollars and many lives might result.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Office _____



Report of Employees' Marital Status and Dependents

1. Name of Employee John Levering Pendell
   (First) (Middle) (Last)
2. Address Spruce Head, Me. c/o Two Bushels Lt. Sta.
3. Married or Single Married
4. If married, do you reside with husband or wife? Yes
5. If married, and question (4) is answered no, give date since which you have not resided with husband or wife. _____
6. Is your husband or wife employed by the Federal Government or the District of Columbia? (If answered "Yes," give department or branch of District Government.) no
7. Number of persons who derive their principal support from you. 1
8. Enter below information specified concerning each dependent included in your answer to question 7. _____

Name of Dependent	Relationship (if any)	Age	Address	How long Dependent?
Jessie M. Pendell	Wife	28	Same as #2	10 years

9. Are you (a) An honorably discharged soldier, sailor, or marine? No
   (b) Widow of such _____
   (c) The wife of an injured soldier, sailor, or marine, who himself is not qualified for government service _____

I certify that the answers to the foregoing questions are true.

John L. Pendell

NOTE: A misstatement or withholding of the information called for above will constitute grounds for dismissal.

CP

May 26, 1932

Keeper, Two Bush Island LH., Me.

It is noted from final report on Form 76 in the case of Assistant Keeper PenDell, this date received, covering leave of absence from May 19 to 23, inclusive, that he was away four days and 6 hours.

See that no absences hereafter (where no substitute is provided) exceed four days, in accordance with District Circular Letter No. 134, dated December 10, 1931.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

SAMPSON
Assistant Superintendent

CBS:CP

Enclosure

January 19, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In reference to Bureau's endorsement on copy of letter sent to The Director, Radio Division, Department of Commerce, dated January 15, 1932, in connection with application of John L PenDell for an amateur radio station license:

As there is no objection to PenDell obtaining this license by this office, it is recommended that same be issued providing it is in accordance with the Regulations of the Federal Radio Commission. It is not considered that the obtaining of this license will in any way interfere with PenDell's duties.

Application is herewith returned.

C. E. SHERMAN
Superintendent.

AND FILE NO.

Supt.
Asso. Ast. Engr.
Jun. Engr.
Chief Clerk
1st. Clerk
2nd. Clerk
3rd. Clerk
Messenger
Property
Out of Dept.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
JAN 19 1932
1ST DIST. PORTLAND, MAINE

January 15, 1932.

The Director,
Radio Division,
Dept. of Commerce:

Referring to the application of John L. PenDell inclosed with your letter of January 12:

You are advised that this application is being forwarded to the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Portland, Maine, for recommendation, and on its return to the Bureau will be forwarded to you with its recommendation.

For the Commissioner:

H. D. King
Deputy Commissioner of Lighthouses.

JLP:MGS

Copy to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Portland, Maine. The attached "Application for Amateur Radio Station License", form 5B is inclosed for your recommendations. It is understood, of course, that the approval of such a license will in no way interfere with the keeper's duties and that no use will be made of Lighthouse Service frequencies for communication or other purposes. Return the application to the Bureau with your recommendation.

Incl.

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

SUPT. of LIGHTHOUSES.
1ST DISTRICT.
JAN 0 1931
PORTLAND, MAINE.

December 29, 1930

Mr. John L. PenDell

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 1, 1931.

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1200

To: $1260

Service and grade: Range $1200-1560

Appropriation (unit): Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

1st District.

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

CP

REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
(Department)

Office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, First Dist., Portland, Me. February 21, 1929
(Bureau or office) (Place and date)

To Secretary of Commerce
(Head of department or establishment)
(Chief of Appointment Division)

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on March 21, 1929.

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

Name John L PenDell

Position Assistant Keeper

Salary $1200 per annum

Appropriation Sals., Kprs., etc.

Station Two Bush Island Lighthouse, Maine

Date of entrance on duty September 22, 1928

Remarks:

Submitted:

C. E. SHERMAN
(Signature of immediate superior)
Superintendent

(Head of bureau or office)

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CP

October 11, 1928

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department's Notice of Change in Salary, dated September 28, 1928, in the case of John L PenDell, Keeper, this district, whereby his salary was changed from $1320 to $1200 per annum:

2. The effective date of the above change is October 4, 1928.

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SHERMAN
Superintendent

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COPY TO Pendell, Two Bush Island LH for his information
(Through Keeper)

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES
1928 OCT 6 PM 2

September 23, 1928.

Ext

Mr. John L. Pendell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective October 1, 1928, or upon entrance on duty (By change of Station). (Two Bush Isl.)

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

W. T. GARDNER,
Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320 per annum.

To: $1200 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):
(Vice M. L. Wilson)

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

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

John L. Sandell
(Name.)

Additional Keeper
(Position.)

Lighthouse Service
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

Date, Sept. 22, 1928.

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

Form A-39

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
FIRST DISTRICT
SEP 28 1928
PORTLAND, MAINE.

September 14, 1928.

Mr. John L. PenDell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES
1928 SEP 27 AM 10 30

Sir:

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

Keeper (Additional)

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Thirteen Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum

effective upon entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Probationary.

Civil Service authority: Secretary, First Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field. E. O. D. 9/22/28

Vice: Earle B. Ashby.

Legal Residence: Maine.

11-8657

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

PERSONAL HISTORY

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

Bureau, division, or office DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE ; First District

1. Name in full John Levering PenDell

2. Legal (voting) residence Limington (State and Congressional District) York (County) Maine (City or town)

3. Where born? New York (State or foreign country) Binghamton (City or town) When born? Feb. 4, 1897. (Month—Day—Year)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Organization .....

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

Organization .....

8.

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

9. State special qualifications Seaman, boatman, repaired marine gas engines, painter

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

Mrs. Joh L PenDell (Name) Wife (Relationship)

West Buxton, Me. R.F.D. #1 (Post office address)

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

(SGD) JOHN L PenDell
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

Sept 22, 1928. (Date)

Present address West Buxton, Me., RD #1

10—1659 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Service Card forwarded Sec. 1st C G S Dist., 10/16/28

COPY TO J L PENDELL FOR HIS PERSONAL FILES. COPY TO KEEPER, TWO BUSH ISL. FOR FILES OF STATION. ORIG. FOR OFFICE FILES. 9/25/28.

Form 206 FILE No. 8

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

CP

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

SUPT. of LIGHTHOUSES, FIRST DISTRICT, SEP 24 1928 PORTLAND, MAINE.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, First DISTRICT,

PLACE, Portland, Maine.

DATE, September 22, 1928., 19

To the MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Dr. A F Stuart, AA Surgeon,
Customhouse, Portland, Me.

SIR:

Please examine John L Pendell

nativity, American; age, 31; height, 5' ~~7~~ feet, 7 inches;

weight, 131 pounds; color of hair, Brown; color of eyes, Gray

distinguishing marks,

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

When the examination has been completed the findings should be recorded on this blank and the blank returned to the applicant.

Respectfully,

C. E. Sherman

C. E. SHERMAN
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

(Signature of applicant:) John L Pendell

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.)

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, Portland Me

DATE, Sept 22, 1928

To SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.

SIR: This certifies that I have this day examined the eyesight, hearing, and physical condition of John L Pendell, and find him physically ~~disqualified~~ qualified* in accordance with rules approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce, respecting the treatment by the Public Health Service of light keepers and assistant light keepers of the Lighthouse Service pursuant to the Act of Congress approved August 28, 1916.

He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.

A F Stuart

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

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

11—5909

REPORT OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, Portland Me

DATE, Sept 28, 1908

Name of applicant, John A Pendell

Eyes: Color, Gray; exophthalmus, None

chronic inflammation, None; other abnormality, None

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

other conditions, Normal

Eyesight:

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

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

Is applicant partially or wholly color-blind? No

If color-blind, state which color he confuses None

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

Ears:

Abnormalities, None; shape, Normal

Position, Normal; condition of drums Normal

Evidence of mastoid disease,

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

Distance conversational speech can be heard: Right ear, 40 feet; left ear, 40 feet.

Distance whispered speech can be heard: Right ear, 20 feet; left ear, 20 feet.

Lungs: Normal

Heart: Normal

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

11—5999

Reasons for certification of disqualification: .....

PLACE FOR SEAL
OF THE
U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH
SERVICE.

(Signature of applicant:) John L. Ferrell

(To be signed in the presence of the medical examiner.)

11—5999