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REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Flynn, Kylie	10136655
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
knfgnb@umsystem.edu	217-440-1332

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
Perry, Samuel L.	*	1895 Portugal or South America

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:

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)	
Lighthouse Service (MA)	
From: 1927	To: 1931
(Agency & Location)	
From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	
From:	To:

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

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Researcher Signature: (Day of appointment)

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Additional Researchers:
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: C-00055818 49

Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s):

Remarks: Please check for POB

Submitted to Arch Search 4/26/25 KFH

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SCREENING NOTES

- ☐ Reviewed and Nothing Removed
- ☐ _____ Items Removed and User Informed

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- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

CMRS CASE #: C-0005581849 .

Employee Name: PERRY, SAMUEL L. . **DOB:** 1895, PORTUGAL OR SOUTH AMERICA .

SOUNDEX: P600

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

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
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CHELSEA, MASS.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSES
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.

October 31, 1928

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Subject: Samuel Perry, 1st Asst. Keeper, Minots Ledge LH, excess leave.

1. The keepers of the above station are granted 120 days shore leave for a calendar year, which is taken in ten-day periods each month. During this leave they take care of the shore station and the Cohasset Harbor Lights (maintained from April 1 to December 1, each year). Although considered on leave, they are actually on duty, and must request special permission to leave the shore station for any periods over six hours.

2. Samuel Perry, 1st assistant at this station, was brought ashore on August 25th and a major operation performed on him, which incapacitated him for duty until October 4th, at which time he took up his duties at the shore station and returned to the tower on October 14th; the period from October 4th to 14th still being considered as leave. When Perry returned to the tower on October 14th he had taken ten days leave in excess of that due him to the end of the calendar year, and as he will probably come ashore again in November and December, excess leave will be about 30 days.

3. As this excess leave was caused by illness and owing to the peculiar method of leave granted keepers at this station, it is recommended that excess leave be waived in this case.

Superintendent.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
November 3, 1928.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner

Nov. 15, 1928
Regulation governing excess leave waived: NOV 19 1928
(Signed) E. W. Libbey
Acting Asst. Secretary.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 2d Supt.

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

Bureau No. Lh-1328 *Sheet No.* 2(b)43

Space reserved for the use of the Board

1. Perry (Surname) Samuel (Given name) (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field station Minots Ledge Light Station
   (b) Subdivision Second District
   (c) City or town Cohasset State Mass.
6. Pay roll title Light Keeper
7. Customary office title 1st Assistant Keeper
8. Present administrative allocation $1500-1600
9. Present gross rate of pay $ 1620.00
10. Deduction for allowances $ 720.00
11. Net rate paid in cash $ 1380.00

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

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

14. If any special equipment or a bond is required by law or regulation to be furnished at the employee's expense, state kind and annual cost Uniform - $75.00

15. (a) Regular hours of work: From No regular hours m. to m. (b) How many hours per week excluding unusual or irregular overtime work?
Summer Winter (c) If not a full time and all-the-year-round position, state number of hours per day;
number of days per { week / month / year } (d) If certain hours of availability for duty, outside of regular working hours, are required, state hours and type of such duty

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

17. (a) Does the employee in any way direct or supervise other employees? No No (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering)
Except that he has charge of the station during the authorized absence of the principal keeper. (c) How many?

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

19. (a) Is the employee in any way directed, supervised, or instructed, or his work reviewed? Yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering.)
Supervised and reviewed to see work is done right.

20. What is the name, official position, and sheet number of the employee's immediate superior? Per F. Tornberg - Keeper Sheet No. 2(b)47

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

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

Other education (describe):

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

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

Percentage of working time	
35%	Taking care of light beacon and fog signal between sunset and sunrise.
25%	Daily cleaning of the lenses and polish of the brass. Polish floors, clean windows, dust every room daily. Paint, whitewash and take care of books.
40%	Shore liberty - take care boats and visit harbor lights daily. Take care of all Government property to see if it is kept in good order. Paint house, boathouse and boats Scrape floors and varnish Paint harbor lights

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

S. Perry
(Signature of Employee)

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

This man claims that uniform costs $75.00 annually. It is believed that this is an overestimation as $50.00 would amply cover this item. His statement in item No. 23 is correct.

26. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? 10 months

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

September 29, 1928 (Date) — Edward J. Curran (Signature of Preparing Officer) — Chief Clerk. (Title)

28. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ---------- In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $1380 to $1620

September 29, 1928 (Date) — Geo. E. Eaton (Signature of head of field office or station) — Superintendent. (Title)

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OCT -8 1928 (Date), 1928 — J. S. CONWAY (Signature of head of bureau or his representative) — Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses. (Title)

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.

March 28, 1930

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Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. On November 11, 1927, Samuel Perry entered on duty as 2nd Asst. Keeper, Minots Ledge Light Station, and was promoted April 1, 1928, to 1st Asst. Keeper, which position he holds at the present time.

2. Although the principal keeper, Per F. Tornberg, from time to time, has reported Perry's services as being entirely satisfactory, insofar as performing his official duties is concered, there is an apparent ill feeling existing between these two men which at times threatens to disturb proper order at the light station. The difficulty seems to be due chiefly to the fact that Perry is a negro. On this account Perry appears to labor under the impression that the keeper has but little or no regard for him.

3. At various times, while on liberty, both keepers have visited this office and bared their grievances which, being of a personal and not serious nature, the Superintendent has been able to straighten out, at least for the time being.

4. On January 27, 1930, Keeper Tornberg, in company with E. S. Figureido (the party having contract for furnishing transportation of keepers to and from Minots Ledge tower) visited this office and stated that upon arrival at the tower on the afternoon of January 26, for the purpose of relieving Perry, the entrance door was closed and, in language unbecoming a Government employee, Perry, the 1st Asst. in charge, refused him entrance. The statements made by the keeper were corroborated by boatman Figureido, who also repeated obscene remarks which he claimed were made by Perry, who was standing on the gallery near the top of the tower - a height of about 72 feet.

5. Upon receipt of this information Perry was directed, by letter from this office, to forward reply to certain charges made against him and to advise why said charges should not be considered cause for his dismissal from the Service. Several days later Perry appeared personally at this office and gave his oral version of the above incident, stating that on account of the low condition of the tide and the sea, it was impossible for the keeper to land at the tower and that on his word of honor he positively did not make the remarks of which he had been accusedd by the keeper and boatman; in fact, it was impossible to carry on any conversation on account of the distance of the boat from the tower and the condition of the wind.

6. Commencing to go into detail on other matters, which were of a personal and not official nature, between himself and the keeper, Perry was directed to forward at once in writing his reply to the charges in the Superintendent's letter and to confine his remarks to the subject at hand. It is understood that upon leaving this office Perry, who incidentally is a World War veteran, brought this matter to the attention of the Local Federal Employees' Union, who have interested themselves to the extent of securing affidavits from certain interested parties, including one from boatman Figureido.

7. In Figureido's affidavit, copy of which is attached together with copies of other pertinent correspondence, it will be noted that this man on oath contradicts the statements originally made by him in the Superintendent's office and claims that these statements were untrue and made only at the Keeper's request. It would appear from Figureido's affidavit that the Keeper conspired against Perry with a view to having charges preferred against him for insubordination, etc., which would lead to his dismissal; although the keeper in his sworn letter of March 19, copy attached, confirms his original statements.

8. It is further understood that since the above incident, when instructed by the keeper, Perry has refused to perform certain official duties at the light station, and at slight provocation telephones the Federal Employees' Union, advising that he is being imposed upon.

9. As there appears to be a question as to what actually occurred on January 26, the matter is respectfully referred to the Bureau for consideration with recommendation that the Bureau forward letter to the keeper, severely reprimanding him for his lack of discipline at his station as well as his continual nagging of his 1st Assistant. It is recommended, also, that letter of reprimand be forwarded Perry for his failure to obey official orders given by the keeper. It is the intention of this office to transfer one of these men to another station in the district as soon as suitable vacancy occurs. also Y

Eaton

EATON
Superintendent.

Copy ok to keeper + 2nd copy

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Concur APN 3/31

O.K. Y

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.

January 28, 1930

Samuel Perry,
1st Asst. Keeper, Minots Ledge Light Station:
(Through the Keeper).

1. This office has been informed that on January 26, 1930, the regular schedule date for relieving keepers at Minots Ledge Light Station, it was impossible, on account of adverse weather, for the keeper to make the trip to the tower on that morning. Upon communicating by telephone with the keeper, it is understood, you were advised that as soon as conditions were more favorable the keeper would proceed to the tower and relieve you.

2. At 4.40 p.m., the same day, the keeper was furnished transportation to the tower by E. S. Figuerido, the party with whom this office has a contract for furnishing such transportation, and upon arrival at the tower all doors were found closed and in language unbecoming a government employee you refused to allow the keeper to enter the tower by refusing to open the entrance doors and from the gallery you shouted obscene and profane language to the occupants of the boat below.

3. This action on your part is in direct violation of Article 5 of the Instructions to Employees, Lighthouse Service.

4. You are directed to forward immediately to this office any reply you desire to make to the following:

a. Why you disobeyed the keeper's orders by refusing him entrance to the tower.

b. Why the expense of the additional trip to the tower should not be charged against you.

c. Why the foregoing should not be considered as cause for your dismissal from the Lighthouse Service.

Eaton

Superintendent.

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SECOND DISTRICT

Minots Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Feb. 27, 1930, 192

Chelsea, Mass.

Sir:

a. Did not disobey keeper's orders.

b. The weather was adverse for the trip anyway, a landing at the light could not be affected, it was therefore necessary for the keeper to go back to shore.

c. Because there was no violating service rules by me.

Respectfully,

/s/ S. Perry, 1st Asst. Keeper.

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SECOND DISTRICT

Minots Light Station
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March 19, 1930, 192

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Chelsea, Mass.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of March 10th about relief of 1st asst. Perry at the tower on Jan. 26th.

Jan. 26th was the regular day for changing watches at the tower. It is our usual custom to make these changes as early as possible, weather permitting. On this particular day at 7.30 a.m. the wind was strong NW and the temp about 18° F. At about 3 p.m. 1st asst. Perry called me to the telephone to find out why I didn't relieve him. When I told him that the boatman refused to go out on account of the cold 1st asst. Perry flew into a rage and accused me of wilfully neglecting my duty to relieve him when his time was up at the tower. At 4 p.m. the boatman notified me he was ready to take me to the tower. We arrived there at 4.40 p.m. The temp was 28°F, the wind was light NW, the sea was light chop and the tide was 1½ hr. on the coming, giving the boat an opportunity to get within one boat length of the tower. Everything was favorable for a landing. We got within two or three boat lengths of the tower. 1st Asst Perry was then preparing to light up. No boom was out for a landing. (There was no excuse for not having things ready as sub keeper notified him that we were on our way to the tower). The doors to the tower was shut. I asked him to come down and get ready to change. He answered me by saying "You can't

come up here, I have locked the doors." Then began the tirad of indecent language, unworthy of a government employee to use. All this was directed at us in the boat from where he was standing on the parapet near the door.

Respectfully,

/s/ F. F. Tornberg

Keeper.

I hereby swear the above facts to be true.

/s/ P. F. Tornberg

Before me this 20th day of March 1930

Herbert C. Corliss

Notary Public

(SEAL)

My commission expires Aug. 4, 1933

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I, Emanuel S. Figuerido of Cohasset in the County of Norfolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts on oath depose and say that I am an American citizen and for two years I have had a contract with the United States Government to transport government employees attached to Minot's Ledge Light Station from the Land Station to the Light Station. That in connection with this work I have come in contact with Samuel Perry, Esquire who is also an employee at Minot's Ledge Light Station. Also, I have come in contact with Mr. P. F. Tornberg, also an employee of the government at said Minot's Ledge Light Station.

On January 26, 1930 in the late afternoon I conveyed Mr. Tornberg in my motor boat from the Land Station, and approached the Light Station. It was low tide and because of low tide we could not land at the Light Station. As a matter of fact we did not come nearer the Light Station than twenty yards. As we approached the Light Station I saw Mr. Perry up in the gallery of the Light Station. From the base of the light to the gallery of the light is approximately one hundred and fourteen feet. On that particular day it was about fifteen above zero. The wind was blowing and with the motor of the boat in action it was impossible for Mr. Tornberg or myself to hear anything that Mr. Perry might have said, When he was in the gallery of the Light Station. The door of the Light Station is about forty feet from the base. That was closed as is natural for it to be closed during the Winter months. Mr. Tornberg and I returned to land, and he said that he was dissatisfied with Mr. Perry; that he did not want to work with a colored man, and that he was going to the superintendent's office the following day and make a complaint against Mr. Perry saying that he refused to open the entrance

Note Tower is only 85 ft high from Base.

door, and also that Mr. Perry used obscene and profane language. Mr. Tornberg asked me to go with him to the office of the superintendent and say that Mr. Perry refused to open the door and used obscene and profane language. I agreed with Mr. Tornberg that I would do this. I went to the office of the superintendent at Chelsea with Mr. Tornberg and interviewed Superintendent Eaton. I made a statement that Mr. Perry refused to open the door and also used obscene and profane language. These statements are untrue. Because of the distance from the motor boat to the gallery of the Light Station, even if Mr. Perry used obscene language we could not have heard it, and couldnot have heard him shout a refusal to open the entrance door.

I regret having made my first statement to superintendent Eaton, because it is untrue.

Signed at Boston this 5th day of February, 1930

/s/ Emanuel S. Figuerido.

April 8, 1930.

Samuel Perry, 1st Assistant Keeper,
Minots Ledge Light Station, Mass.
(Thru Supt. of Lighthouses, Chelsea, Mass.)

After careful consideration of a report submitted by the Superintendent regarding the lack of discipline at your station, you are hereby reprimanded for failure to carry out orders promptly and cautioned that you are expected at all times to observe the official orders of your superior and not to permit your personal relations with the keeper to interfere with your duties to the detriment of the work of the Service.

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Copy for 2nd Supt.

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files

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Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Second DISTRICT,

Chelsea, Mass., (City) October 16, 1930 (Date),

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer, with reduction in salary

Name, Samuel Perry

Position, Assistant Keeper

Location, Plymouth Light Station

Effective, October 16, 1930

Legal residence, Massachusetts

Proposed salary, $1260 per annum

Proposed range, $1260-~~1560~~ 1620

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

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

Oct 2nd - 21. 30

Former position, 1st Assistant Keeper

Location, Minots Ledge Light Station

Former salary, $1380 per annum

Former range, $1380-~~1680~~ 1740

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

Previous incumbent, Tom Small - (LT. #1899) Services terminated, October 15, 1930

Reason, Transferred to Minots Ledge Light Station.

Members of family in Government service, None

Date of birth, January 15, 1894

Remarks: A letter from Mr. Perry indicating his desire for transfer to this position, which involves a reduction in pay, is enclosed. Action recommended is not in violation of Section 2, Civil Service Rule I. Mr. Perry entered on duty prior to receipt of Department authority as this case was considered an emergency involving the protection of life and property. Quarters are provided at this station for families of keepers.

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

Direct

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Incl.

October 21, 1930.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved., the Bureau concurring with the Superintendent in his statements under "remarks" above. Inclosed is a letter from Mr. Perry expressing his willingness to accept this position.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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DEPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 23 1930
2nd DIST. CHELSEA, MASS.

October 21, 1930.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Chelsea, Massachusetts.

Your forms 73 of October 16, recommending an exchange in the positions of Keepers Samuel Perry and Tom Small, effective October 16.

These nominations have been submitted to the Department this date and Department action on them will be duly referred to your office. In view of the fact that the recommended transfer for Mr. Small is in accordance with Department letter of September 23, copy of which was referred to your office on or about September 24, and that Mr. Perry by letter of August 28 expressed his willingness to accept the transfer proposed in his case, the Bureau can not understand why it was not practicable to submit these recommendations in time to obtain Department approval before they were effected. Your report is accordingly requested in this matter.

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Office of Superintendent, Second District,
Chelsea, Mass., October 24th, 1930.

1. Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses with report that it was not practicable to submit the above recommendations in time to obtain Department approval before they were effected as on account previous plans of the tenders as well as adverse weather conditions it was impossible to state any approximate date for the transfers.

EATON,
Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1930 DEC 10 PM

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.

December 9, 1930

Commissioner of Lighthouses

Subject: Samuel Perry, Assistant Keeper.

1. The attention of the Bureau is invited to the case of the above man who is employed at the present time at Plymouth Light Station in this district.

2. On September 24 this office was advised by the Chief of the Cohasset Police Department that said department had arrested Perry on a charge of Assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to kill. The case was continued until November 22, 1930, for disposition, and Perry was held in $5,000 bail for his appearance on the latter date.

3. On December 8, 1930, the office was again advised through the office of the Clerk of the District Court, Quincy, Massachusetts, that on November 22, 1930, the case came to trial, which resulted in the court ordering the above charge to be amended to Assault with a dangerous weapon, and a fine of twenty-five dollars imposed. It is understood that Perry paid the fine and the case was closed.

4. While the above assault was not committed against an employee connected with this Service, this office has on several previous occasions been informally advised that this man, who is a negro, has carried on his person dangerous weapons, similar to the above, while on duty, and at various times in a frenzied manner has threatened to assault another employee at the light station.

5. Although there has been no serious outcome to this man's periodical fits of anger and his services as a keeper are otherwise satisfactory, the matter is presented for the Bureau's decision as to whether or not it is deemed for the good of the Service and the safety of other employees to allow this man to remain in the Service.

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Geo. E. Eaton
Superintendent

December 16, 1930.

Subject: Samuel Perry, Assistant Keeper.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Chelsea, Mass. it being noted that Perry was reprimanded in April, 1930 for his conduct at Minots Ledge Light Station. It is suggested that you consider the present matter further with a view to bringing charges against Perry looking toward his dismissal if the present circumstances seem to warrant drastic action.

W. P. HARMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.

January 13th, 1931.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Samuel Perry, Assistant Keeper, Plymouth Light Station, charges preferred.

1. Forwarded herewith is copy of charges preferred by this office against the above keeper together with his reply to same, for the Bureau's action and with recommendation that he be dismissed from the Service as an undesirable person, effective at the close of January 31, 1931.

2. While the charges made by a local court against Perry, following his arrest by the Quincy Police on September 24, 1930, were amended from "Assault with a dangerous weapon with Intent to Kill" to "Assault with a dangerous weapon" as stated in attached correspondence and as per District's letter to the Bureau dated December 9, 1930, containing full report on this particular case, the Superintendent does not conscientiously consider this man to be wholly normal nor does he care to be responsible for a repetition of this offense if committed against an employee in this district, which it is believed is most likely to occur at any time. It is further believed that to continue Mr. Perry in the Service would impare the District's standard of discipline as well as the morale of the Service.

3. As the Bureau has been previously advised, Perry is subject to frequent fits of anger at which times he has threatened bodily harm to his associates. In this connection there is attached hereto a sworn statement from the Keeper, Minots Ledge Light Station at which station Perry formerly served as 1st Assistant Keeper.

4. For the reasons stated, the action as per paragraph one, above, is recommended for the best interests of the Service and it is respectfully requested that the Bureau take early action on same.

EATON,
Superintendent.

Incl.
RC:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., January 19, 1931.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with a copy of the Superintendent's letter of December 9, 1930. The Bureau concurs with the Superintendent's views, as to its being inadvisable to continue Mr. Perry in the Service, and his dismissal is therefore recommended as indicated in paragraph 1. Leave in excess of the accrued rate has not been taken.

G. R. PUTNAM,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
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COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

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February 4, 1931.

Memorandum:

1. The secretary to Representative McCormack of Massachusetts telephoned in regard to the case of Samuel Perry who is said to be a war veteran totally disabled and now employed at Gurnet Light, Plymouth, Mass. It is stated that Perry has been notified of his discharge from the Service.

2. Representative McCormack requests that if this be the case his discharge be held up until the matter can be further investigated. Requests advice as to action taken. Telephone 768 Capitol.

GRP

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

GRP:ORM

Phoned Rep McCormack
the requested to be advised
of effective date of dismissal
so that reply could be made
attached

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
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EFFECTIVE DATE KEEPER PERRY DISMISSAL CLOSE OF FEBURARY THREE PERIOD SEE DISTRICT LETTER THIS DATE REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO PAY FOR SERVICES FROM FEBURARY ONE IN VIEW OF DEPARTMENTS NOTICE STATING JANURARY THIRTY ONE AS EFFECTIVE DATE . 172504

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.

February 4th, 1931.

Mr. Thomas M. Burke,
c/o Mr. James Vahey,
Room 1107, No. 18 Tremont Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Sir:

1. Referring to telephone conversation of this date with the writer, the following regulation for the Lighthouse Service is quoted below for your information, in connection with the dismissal of Mr. Samuel Perry:

> 439. Charges Against Employees. (a) No person in the classified civil service of the United States shall be removed therefrom except for such cause as will promote the efficiency of said service and for reasons given in writing, and the person whose removal is sought shall have notice of the same and of any charges preferred against him, and be furnished with a copy thereof, and also be allowed a reasonable time for personally answering the same in writing and furnishing affidavits in support thereof, if desired; but no examination of witnesses nor any trial or hearing shall be required except in the discretion of the officer making the removal; and copies of charges, notice of hearing, answer, reasons for removal, and of the order of removal shall be made a part of the records of the proper department or office, as shall also the reasons for reduction in rank or compensation; and copies of the same shall be furnished to the person affected upon request, and the Civil Service Commission also shall, upon request, be furnished copies of the same. (Act August 24, 1912, sec. 6, 37 Stat. 555.)

2. In view of the fact that the above regulation has in all respects been complied with and the charges of conduct preferred against Mr. Perry, rendering him unfit for further Government service, having been substantiated in a degree sufficient to warrant the action taken, his dismissal is believed to be fully justified and recommendation for a hearing in this case will not be made by this office.

Respectfully,

GEE

GEO. E. EATON,
Superintendent.

out

February 12, 1931.

SUBJECT: Letter of February 9 from J. Frank Neal forwarding letter of February 7 from Samuel Perry re his resignation in the 2nd Lighthouse District.

Referred to 2nd Superintendent for report and return.

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF
Incls.

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Copy

Department of Commerce
Lighthouse Service

Second District

Gurnet Light Sta.
Feb. 7, 1931.

To the Commissioner
of Lighthouses

Sir:

I wish to resign from Lighthouse Service effected January 31, 1931.

Respectfully,

(Sgd.) Samuel Perry

Witness: J. Frank Neal.

Edward J. Beatty Post of Canton No. 2[redacted]

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SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES FEB 16 1931 2nd DIST. CHELSEA, MASS.

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Post Headquarters

In Replying Refer to J.Frank Neal, Vice Commander.

4 Neponset Street

Canton, Mass. Feb. 9, 1931

LIGHTHOUSES 1931 FEB 17 PM 3-39

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

Dear Sir:

RE: SAMUEL PERRY - Gurnett Light Station, 2d District.

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The above captioned veteran has received his dismissal from the service in a letter from the Department of Commerce thru the Chief of the Apointment Division, effective as of Jan. 31, 1931, letter being dated Jan.27,1931.

Mr. Perry is a veteran of the recent World War, and is a member of our Post, and consequently he has requested us to write the Department forwarding to you his Resignation, which is enclosed herewith, effective as of Jan. 31st,1931, with the request that same be accepted in lieu of a dismissal.

You will readily see that this will enable Comrade Perry to at least apply for other government employment. This he intends to do, but outside of the lighthouse service itself.

We have talked with Capt.George E.Eaton,Department of Commerce, Chelsea,Mass, Lighthouse Service Division, and this arrangement has his recommendation.

If the enclosed Resignation can be accepted and acknowledged, it will satisfy all concerned.

Respectfully yours,

J.Frank Neal

J. Frank Neal,
Vice Commander.

JFN/M

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Lighthouses
WASHINGTON

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February 12, 1931

SUBJECT: Letter of February 9 from J. Frank Neal forwarding letter of February 7 from Samuel Perry re his resignation in the 2nd Lighthouse District.

Referred to 2nd Superintendent for report and return.

/sgd/ W. P. Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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Incls.

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Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Chelsea, Mass., Feb. 16, 1931.

Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. The writer of the enclosed letter, Mr. J. Frank Neal, Vice Commander of Post 24, Canton, Mass., called the Superintendent on the telephone regarding the letter that he was forwarding to the Bureau on Perry's behalf and asked if I had any objections.

2. He was told over the telephone that Perry had already been dismissed by the Department, but that the Superintendent would not object to his resignation being accepted in lieu of his dismissal provided that the Bureau and the Department had no objections to the same. It was also stated that I would not consider his resignation if he was again to apply for a position as lighthouse keeper in this or any other district, as I did not believe him to be a proper person to be placed in charge in any way of a lighthouse or be responsible for its operation. Mr. Neal replied that Perry did not intend to apply for reinstatement in the Lighthouse Service. It may be possible that this man may be fitted for some other work.

Dept approved Bu pres for dismissal (slipped) which was made effective close of Feb 3. Sug to Dept with pres that Bu be authorized to advise correspondent not deemed in interest of service to alter the action taken in this case.

Geo. E. Eaton
Superintendent.

RFV/LC

February 20, 1931.

Secretary of Commerce:

1. There is herewith inclosed a copy of a letter from J. Frank Neal, Vice Commander of the American Legion Post at Canton, Mass., in which Mr. Neal requests that the resignation of Samuel Perry be accepted in lieu of his separation by dismissal. There is also inclosed Mr. Perry's ~~second~~ resignation and a copy of the Superintendent's indorsement in the matter dated February 16.

2. The records show that Samuel Perry was dismissed from the position of assistant lighthouse keeper in the 2nd District, effective at the close of February 3, 1931, the Department having approved Bureau recommendation of January 19, 1931, to this effect, to which attention is invited. It is the Bureau's view that Mr. Perry was unsuited for the position of lighthouse keeper and that his dismissal as approved by the Department was entirely warranted, although the Bureau would have no objection to amending the record to show that his separation was effected by resignation rather than by dismissal in the event the Department considers such action desirable in the present instance. In the event Mr. Perry's resignation is accepted, it is recommended that it be made effective at the close of February 3 and that it be accepted not without prejudice.

3. Upon receipt of the Department's advice in the matter the Bureau will communicate further with Mr. Neal.

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF
Incls.

Noted & approved
by DC.

3/7/31 let Neal copy 2d

LIGHTHOUSES

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March 4, 1931

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Reference is made to the bureau's letter of February 20, transmitting the resignation of Samuel Perry, who was dismissed January 31, from the position of keeper in the Second Lighthouse District, and stating that the bureau would have no objections to amending the records to show separation by resignation but not without prejudice.

The status of an employee who is dismissed does not differ materially from that of an employee whose resignation is accepted with prejudice, since both cases are subjected to the same inquiry by the Civil Service Commission should reinstatement be proposed or application filed for examination. It, therefore, seems evident that acceptance of Mr. Perry's resignation with prejudice would result in no appreciable advantage to him. Moreover, the Department is of the opinion that amending the records as suggested would be unwarranted in view of the circumstances resulting in his dismissal.

By direction of the Secretary:

Send to Neal
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EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

D:T

March 7, 1931.

Mr. J. Frank Neal,
4 Neponset St.,
Canton, Mass.

Dear Sir:

1. In further reference to your letter of February 9 requesting that consideration be given to accepting the resignation of former Lighthouse Keeper Samuel Perry in lieu of his separation by dismissal:

2. You are respectfully informed that the records indicate that Mr. Perry's dismissal was in consequence of his being considered unsuited for the position of lighthouse keeper on account of his violent disposition, he having threatened bodily harm to his associates. It is also noted that on November 22, 1930, Mr. Perry was fined $25 in a court on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. Under the circumstances it is not considered in the interest of the Service to amend the record of the action taken in his case.

Respectfully,

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF

Copy to 2nd Supt.

JOHN W. McCORMACK
12th District Massachusetts

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EUGENE T. KINNALY
SECRETARY

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C. 3d April, 1931.

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
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2nd DIST. CHELSEA, MASS.

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LIGHTHOUSES
1931 APR 13 AM 10 09

George R. Putnam, Esq.,
Bureau of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

4/14/31 ans & copy 2d

My dear Commissioner:

I have been requested to interest myself in the case of Samuel Perry, 32 Cedar St., Roxbury, Mass., who was employed at the Cohasset Minor's light Station, Massachusetts. He was discharged Jan. 31, 1931 because of some difficulty he had with a fellow worker, so I am informed.

I understand he was paid upto Feb. 4th, although he states he is entitled to one month's pay.

The purpose of this letter is to request that you kindly look into the pay account of Mr. Perry, advising me whether or not he is entitled to any additional compensation.

This was done & Dept declined

Will you also kindly consider the question of allowing Mr. Perry to resign, rather than have the records appear that he was discharged?

I am interested in Mr. Perry and would like to help him. I might add that he is a veteran.

Thanking you in advance for whatever attention you give this request, and hoping to receive an early report in the matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

John W. McCormack

P.S. The friend of mine who interested me in this case is of the opinion Mr. Perry was "framed" to get him away from Cohasset because he is colored.

J.W.McC.

April 7, 1931.

Hon. John W. McCormack,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCormack:

1. In reference to your letter of April 3 in the interest of Mr. Samuel Perry, 32 Cedar St., Roxbury, Mass., former lighthouse keeper in this Service:

2. You are respectfully informed that this matter is being investigated and that you will be further advised in regard thereto at an early date.

Very truly yours,

G. R. PUTNAM,
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF

McCormack's letter sent 2d for sig & return.

April 7, 1931.

SUBJECT: Hon. John W. McCormack's letter of April 3 to Bureau re pay due Samuel Perry, 32 Cedar St., Roxbury, Mass., and allowing Perry to resign instead of being discharged from the Service.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Chelsea, Mass., for report and return.

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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IN REPLYING ADDRESS
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON April 7, 1931.

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4/14/31 Ltr to McCormack w copy 2d ind

SUBJECT: Hon. John W. McCormack's letter of April 3 to Bureau re pay due Samuel Perry, 32 Cedar St., Roxbury, Mass., and allowing Perry to resign instead of being discharged from the Service.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Chelsea, Mass., for report and return.

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Office of Superintendent, 2nd District,
Chelsea, Mass., April 10th, 1931.

Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. In regard to paragraph two of Congressman McCormack's attached letter. Department notice of Perry's dismissal gave as the effective date January 31, 1931. However, as said notice was not received at this office until February 3, and Perry still being on duty, Bureau authority was requested in district's letter of February 4, to pay this man to the close of February 3. To date this authority has not been received and Perry has not been paid for his services from February 1 to 3, inclusive. Through oversight this matter was not followed up with the Bureau, however, if telegraphic approval is now given, check will immediately be forwarded.

2. It is not understood why this man should state he is entitled to one month's pay having received his January check and only serving three days in February; also, his accrued leave to the time of his actual dismissal (Feb. 3), with the exception of one day, having been taken.

3. Contrary to the opinion of Congressman McCormack's friend that Mr. Perry was "framed" to get him away from Cohasset because he is colored, the Bureau is advised that recommendation was made by this office covering this man's dismissal in view of the fact that on September 24, 1930, Perry was arrested by the

Cohasset Police Department on a charge of "Assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to kill". This charge was made in the Quincy Court on September 25, 1930, and Perry was held in $5000 bail for his appearance on November 22, 1930. When his case came up in said Court on the latter date the complaint was ordered amended to "Assault with a dangerous weapon" and a fine of $25 imposed.

4. The above was not the only offense of this nature committed by Perry. A sworn statement on file at this office shows that this man while at a light station in this district had frequent fits of frenzied anger and threatened his associates.

5. Recommendation for this man's dismissal was therefore made in consequence of his being considered unsuited for the position of lighthouse keeper on account of his violent disposition, and his having threatened bodily harm to his associates.

6. It might also be stated that Mr. Perry was not serving at Minots Ledge Light Station at Cohasset, at the time of his dismissal, he having been transferred at his own request some months previous to another station in the district.

7. In regard to consideration being given to accepting the resignation of this man in lieu of his separation by dismissal, it is not considered in the interest of the Service to amend the record of the action already taken in this case.

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EATON,
Superintendent.

April 14, 1931.

Hon. John W. McCormack,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCormack:

1. In further reference to your letter of April 3 in the interest of Mr. Samuel Perry, 32 Cedar St., Roxbury, Mass., former lighthouse keeper:

2. You are respectfully informed that Mr. Perry was separated from this Service, effective at the close of February 3, 1931, in consequence of charges duly preferred against him arising out of his conviction in a court on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

3. On previous occasions Mr. Perry had threatened his fellow employees, and it was considered unsafe to continue him in the Service. Under the circumstances it is not considered that it would be consistent with the interest of the Service to amend the record as to the manner of his separation from the Service.

4. With regard to pay due Mr. Perry, the record indicates that he is still due pay for the period February 1 to February 3, 1931, inclusive, and immediate steps are being taken to pay him for this period. He is not due any more pay on account of leave. The record also indicates that very careful consideration was given to the matter of Mr. Perry's separation and that the action taken was altogether on the basis of the facts stated above.

Very truly yours,

G. R. PUTNAM
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Chelsea, Mass., for information and with request that a copy of your letter of February 4, requesting authority to pay Perry to the close of February 3 be submitted to the Bureau, there being no record of its receipt. In this connection, however, it is suggested that consideration be given to returning Mr. Perry's notice of dismissal for amendment of the effective date from the close of January 31 to the close of February 3. In the event this is impracticable for any reason, recommendation should be submitted that Perry's employment be authorized from February 1 to February 3, inclusive, together with the reasons therefor.

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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CONFIRMATION

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.

February 4, 1931.

Message sent via Airways Radio Station
Feb. 4, 1931 5:20 P.M.
To: LIGHTHOUSE COMMISSIONER, WASHINGTON.

EFFECTIVE DATE KEEPER PERRY'S DISMISSAL CLOSE OF FEBRUARY THREE. SEE DISTRICT'S LETTER THIS DATE REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO PAY FOR SERVICES FROM FEBRUARY ONE IN VIEW OF DEPARTMENT NOTICE STATING JANUARY THIRTY FIRST AS EFFECTIVE DATE. EATON.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

(Signed) CURRAN
Chief Clerk

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.

February 4, 1931.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Samuel Perry, former Assistant Keeper, Plymouth Light Station.

Reference: Department Notice of dismissal, dated January 27, effective at the close of business on January 31, 1931.

The Bureau is advised that the above notice of dismissal was not received in this office until February 3, on which date Mr. Perry was notified of same. Authority is therefore requested to pay him for services from February 1 to 3, inclusive.

(Signed) EATON,
Superintendent.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.

APRIL 22, 1931

Commissioner of Lighthouses

Subject: Effective date dismissal of SamuelPerry, former Assistant Keeper, Plymouth Light Station, Mass.

Reference: Bureau's endorsement copy of letter to Hon. John W. McCormack, April 14, 1931.

1. As requested in Bureau's endorsement above referred to there is attached hereto a copy of District's letter of February 4, requesting authority to pay Perry to the close of February 3, in view of the fact that Department notice of his dismissal giving the effective date as January 31, 1931, wasnot received at this office until February 3. Also attached is copy of District's radiogram of February 4, which was sent in response to Bureau's telegram of the same date requesting information as to the effective date of Perry's dismissal.

2. Effort was made to obtain the original Department notice referred to which had been forwarded to Perry so that it might be returned, together with the duplicate on file at this office, in order that amendment of the effective date be made. However, Perry states that he has lost the notice.

3. In view of the above, authority is again requested to cover Perry's employment from February 1 to 3, inclusive, for the reason already stated.

4. Upon receipt of the above authority, check in payment of the three days' services will immediately be forwarded to Perry.

Geo. E. Eaton
Superintendent.

April 29, 1931.

Secretary of Commerce:

1. In reference to Bureau recommendation of January 19, 1931, for the dismissal of Samuel Perry, Assistant Keeper of Plymouth Light Station in the 2nd Lighthouse District, and to Department notice advising Mr. Perry of his dismissal, effective at the close of January 31, 1931:

2. The Superintendent advises the Bureau that this notice of dismissal was not received in his office until February 3 and that accordingly Mr. Perry's separation was not effected until the close of February 3, 1931. In order that Mr. Perry may be paid for the three days in February, it is recommended that his employment be authorized from February 1 to 3, inclusive. The Superintendent advises that he endeavored to have the original notice of dismissal returned for amendment, but that Mr. Perry advises that he has lost the notice.

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Samuel Perry (Name) — Mass (Legal Residence)

STATUS

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DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION 20. L.H. List	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper	Pro B.	1200	L.H. Minots Ledge L.S.	Nov 11, 1927.
"	Prom.	1260	" " " "	Apr. 1, 1928.
"	COMPENSATION Act. May 28, 1928.	1380	" " " "	JUL 1 1928
"	Transfer	1260	" Plymouth L.S.	Oct 16, 1930
	Dismissed - Close ~~June 30, 1931.~~			
	Amended Dismissed Close February 2, 1931			

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

January 27, 1931.

AMENDED. date of effect

Mr. Samuel Perry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Charges of conduct rendering you unfit for further Government service having been preferred against you and substantiated in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of keeper at $1260 per annum in the Second Lighthouse District, effective at the close of business on February 3, 1931.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

MAY - 8 1931

F. A. DELONG

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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April 29, 1931.

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Secretary of Commerce:

1. In reference to Bureau recommendation of January 19, 1931, for the dismissal of Samuel Perry, Assistant Keeper of Plymouth Light Station in the 2nd Lighthouse District, and to Department notice advising Mr. Perry of his dismissal, effective at the close of January 31, 1931:

2. The Superintendent advises the Bureau that this notice of dismissal was not received in his office until February 3 and that accordingly Mr. Perry's separation was not effected until the close of February 3, 1931. In order that Mr. Perry may be paid for the three days in February, it is recommended that his employment be authorized from February 1 to 3, inclusive. The Superintendent advises that he endeavored to have the original notice of dismissal returned for amendment, but that Mr. Perry advises that he has lost the notice.

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W. P. Harman

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Chief Clerk

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

March 4, 1931.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Reference is made to the bureau's letter of February 20, transmitting the resignation of Samuel Perry, who was dismissed January 31, from the position of keeper in the Second Lighthouse District, and stating that the bureau would have no objections to amending the records to show separation by resignation but not without prejudice.

The status of an employee who is dismissed does not differ materially from that of an employee whose resignation is accepted with prejudice, since both cases are subjected to the same inquiry by the Civil Service Commission should reinstatement be proposed or application filed for examination. It, therefore, seems evident that acceptance of Mr. Perry's resignation with prejudice would result in no appreciable advantage to him. Moreover, the Department is of the opinion that amending the records as suggested would be unwarranted in view of the circumstances resulting in his dismissal.

By direction of the Secretary:

EDW. J. GARDNER

MAR 5 - 1931

Chief of Appointment Division.

Endorsed

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CHIEF CLERK

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAR 3 - 1931
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

March 2, 1931.

Memorandum for Mr. Libbey

The attached letter from the Bureau of Lighthouses recommends that the Department rescind its previous action in dismissing Samuel Perry formerly employed as keeper and, in lieu thereof, accept his resignation but not without prejudice.

Perry was dismissed at the close of business January 31, 1931, because of conduct rendering him unfit for further government service, the Second Superintendent having reported that he had been arrested and fined $25 for assault with a dangerous weapon. The Superintendent stated that while the assault was not committed against an employee of the Lighthouse Service, he had on several previous occasions been advised informally that Perry carried on his person dangerous weapons while on duty and at various times had threatened to assault another employee at the light station. The Superintendent also stated that he did not consider Perry to be wholly normal and that his continuance in the service would impair the standard of discipline maintained in his district as well as the morale of the service.

It appears from the attached correspondence that Perry is a member of the American Legion and that J. Frank Neal, Vice Commander of the local post at Canton, Massachusetts, requested the Commissioner of Lighthouses to accept Perry's resignation in lieu of dismissal in order to enable him to obtain government employment other than in the Lighthouse Service. The Second Superintendent stated, under date of February 12, that he had advised Mr. Neal that he had no objections to accepting Perry's resignation if agreeable to the bureau and the Department but would not consider his reinstatement as keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

Acceptance of Perry's resignation with prejudice will not place him in a more favorable position than he is now in by reason of his dismissal since in either case he could not be reinstated or reexamined within one year. That being the case, this office is of the opinion that the action proposed by the bureau would be futile and would entail a modification of the Department's prior action which, under the circumstances, would be unwarranted. It is therefore suggested that the bureau's recommendation be disapproved and that no further action be taken by the Department in the premises.

Faucett

APPROVED:
~~As recommended by the bureau~~
As recommended by the Appointment Division

E. W. Libbey
Chief Clerk.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON February 20, 1931.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
FEB 24 1931
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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Secretary of Commerce:

1. There is herewith inclosed a copy of a letter from J. Frank Neal, Vice Commander of the American Legion Post at Canton, Mass., in which Mr. Neal requests that the resignation of Samuel Perry be accepted in lieu of his separation by dismissal. There is also inclosed Mr. Perry's ~~second~~ resignation and a copy of the Superintendent's indorsement in the matter dated February 16.

2. The records show that Samuel Perry was dismissed from the position of assistant lighthouse keeper in the 2nd District, effective at the close of February 3, 1931, the Department having approved Bureau recommendation of January 19, 1931, to this effect, to which attention is invited. It is the Bureau's view that Mr. Perry was unsuited for the position of lighthouse keeper and that his dismissal as approved by the Department was entirely warranted, although the Bureau would have no objection to amending the record to show that his separation was effected by resignation rather than by dismissal in the event the Department considers such action desirable in the present instance. In the event Mr. Perry's resignation is accepted, it is recommended that it be made effective at the close of February 3 and that it be accepted not without prejudice.

3. Upon receipt of the Department's advice in the matter the Bureau will communicate further with Mr. Neal.

W P Harman

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF
Incls.

Copy

Department of Commerce
Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington

February 12, 1931

SUBJECT: Letter of February 9 from J. Frank Neal forwarding letter of February 7 from Samuel Perry re his resignation in the 2nd Lighthouse District.

Referred to 2nd Superintendent for report and return.

(Sgd.) W. P. Harman,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF
Incls.

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Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Chelsea, Mass., Feb. 16, 1931.

Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. The writer of the enclosed letter, Mr. J. Frank Neal, Vice Commander of Post 24, Canton, Mass., called the Superintendent on the telephone regarding the letter that he was forwarding to the Bureau on Perry's behalf and asked if I had any objections.

2. He was told over the telephone that Perry had already been dismissed by the Department, but that the Superintendent would not object to his resignation being accepted in lieu of his dismissal provided that the Bureau and the Department had no objections to the same. It was also stated that I would not consider his resignation if he was again to apply for a position as lighthouse keeper in this or any other district, as I did not believe him to be a proper person to be placed in charge in any way of a lighthouse or be responsible for its operation. Mr. Neal replied that Perry did not intend to apply for reinstatement in the Lighthouse Service. It may be possible that this may may be fitted for some other work.

(Sgd.) Geo. E. Eaton,
Superintendent.

Copy

Edward J. Beatty Post of Canton No. 24

Post Headquarters
In replying refer to J. Frank Neal, Vice Commander,
Neponset St.

Canton, Mass. Feb. 9, 1931.

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

Dear Sir: Re: SAMUEL PERRY - Gurnett Light Station, 2d District

The above captioned veteran has received his dismissal from the service in a letter from the Department of Commerce thru the Chief of the Appointment Division, effective as of January 31, 1931, letter being dated January 27, 1931.

Mr. Perry is a veteran of the recent World War, and is a member of our Post, and consequently he has requested us to write the Department forwarding to you his Resignation, which is enclosed herewith, effective as of January 31st, 1931, with the request that same be accepted in lieu of a dismissal.

You will readily see that this will enable Comrade Perry to at least apply for other government employment. This he intends to do, but outside of the lighthouse service itself.

We have talked with Capt. George E.Eaton, Department of Commerce, Chelsea, Mass., Lighthouse Service Division, and this arrangement has his recommendation.

If the enclosed Resignation can be accepted and acknowledged, it will satisfy all concerned.

Respectfully yours,

(Sgd.) J. Frank Neal,
Vice Commander.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHELSEA, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE

1931 FEB 12 AM 9:29

SECOND DISTRICT

To the commissioner
of Lighthouses

Gunnet Light Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb. 7, 1931.

Sir:-

I wish to resigned from from Lighthouse service, affected Jan 31, 1931.

Respectfully
Samuel Perry

Witness:- Frank Neal

January 27, 1931.

Mr. Samuel Perry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Charges of conduct rendering you unfit for further Government service having been preferred against you and substantiated in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of keeper at $1260 per annum in the Second Lighthouse District, effective at the close of business on January 31, 1931.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

EDW. J. GARDNER JAN 31 1931

Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JAN 22 1931 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.

January 13th, 1931.

Approx 3 yrs service

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

12600

CHIEF CLERK 1931 JAN 21 PM 2 43

Subject: Samuel Perry, Assistant Keeper, Plymouth Light Station, charges preferred.

1. Forwarded herewith is copy of charges preferred by this office against the above keeper together with his reply to same, for the Bureau's action and with recommendation that he be dismissed from the Service as an undesirable person, effective at the close of January 31, 1931.

2. While the charges made by a local court against Perry, following his arrest by the Quincy Police on September 24, 1930, were amended from "Assault with a dangerous weapon with Intent to Kill" to "Assault with a dangerous weapon" as stated in attached correspondence and as per District's letter to the Bureau dated December 9, 1930, containing full report on this particular case, the Superintendent does not conscientiously consider this man to be wholly normal nor does he care to be responsible for a repetition of this offense if committed against an employee in this district, which it is believed is most likely to occur at any time. It is further believed that to continue Mr. Perry in the Service would impare the District's standard of discipline as well as the morale of the Service.

3. As the Bureau has been previously advised, Perry is subject to frequent fits of anger at which times he has threatened bodily harm to his associates. In this connection there is attached hereto a sworn statement from the Keeper, Minots Ledge Light Station at which station Perry formerly served as 1st Assistant Keeper.

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4. For the reasons stated, the action as per paragraph one, above, is recommended for the best interests of the Service and it is respectfully requested that the Bureau take early action on same.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JAN 29 1931 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

EATON,
Superintendent.

Incl.
RG:EMF

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., January 19, 1931.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with a copy of the Superintendent's letter of December 9, 1930. The Bureau concurs with the Superintendent's views, as to its being inadvisable to continue Mr. Perry in the Service, and his dismissal is therefore recommended as indicated in paragraph 1. Leave in excess of the accrued rate has not been taken.

Action O. K.

Chief Clerk

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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CHELSEA, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SECOND DISTRICT

Gurnet Lighthouse
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

January 2, 1931. ~~1932~~

Rec'd 4-J Jan 5 1931 Dist. Office Supt. of Lighthouses 2nd Dist. Chelsea, Mass.

LIGHTHOUSES 1931 JAN 14 PM 3·41

Supt. George E. Eaton,
Dept. Commerce, Lighthouse Service,
37 Marginal St., Chelsea, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your communication of December 26, 1930 relative to a charge preferred against me and in reply would say that on September 26, 1930 I made a report on the matter to the following effect:

"On March 3, 1930 a man by the name of Antoine S. Figuriedo, Jr. living at Cohasset, requested of me a loan of $50.00 to help him out of his financial difficulties. He had made this request several times before and finally my wife, Mrs. Perry, made him a loan of that amount and he signed a paper which reads to the following effect:

'March 3 1930
To whom this may concern from this day I borrow $50.00. fifty dollars from Mrs. Perry. I am Mr. T. Figuerido Agreement between me and Mrs. Perry
I promise to pay Mrs. Perry July 1, 1930
Antoine S. Figuriedo Jr." Boat No C3346

Some time after the first of July, he not having paid it, at my wife's request, I asked him for it and received promises, none of which were kept. Several requests were made of him to pay it, and on Sept. 24 upon starting upon my shore leave I went to his mother's home, which was about one mile from where he lived. I had spoken to them before about the matter and they promised to get him to pay it, and I went for the purpose of finding out what success they had met with.

I entered his mother's home and was talking with her about the matter when he came in, unexpectedly to me and apparently to his mother also. I had heard before going there that he had stated to various people that because he owed me $50.00 I was talking about him in the town, and when he came in and saw me talking to his mother and heard me mention about the $50 that he still owed my wife he became very angry and stated that he would pay me when he got good and ready, using oaths at the time, and stating that he had made the mistake in borrowing from a nigger in the first place, and if he had borrowed from a white man there would have been nothing said about it. I told him that my understanding was that a nigger was a mean, low person and

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January 2, 1931 ~~,19XX~~

the way he acted I thought he was a nigger and I wasn't.

He then grabbed up a piece of iron that looked like a pipe and told me that he would knock my head off with it and for me to get out of the house, and advanced at me with the iron raised. I then took my sheath knife out of the holder and I said to him, "You see that. If you hit me with that bar I will cut your throat." I then put my knife back in the sheath and instead of it grabbed another piece of pipe similar to his which was standing in the corner by two rifles that he had there, and prepared to defend myself. He then calmed down a bit and said he would pay me $25 in a week's time. I said "All right if you do, that will be all right," and after a few more words of no importance I left and went to my home.

About an hour later I got a telephone message that apparently came from the Police Station. A man who said he was a police officer asked me if I had some trouble with this fellow, Antoine Figuriedo, and asked me to come to the Station House and tell him about it. I went down and told them what I have stated above. The Chief, Pelletier, was there and he questioned me about the knife and wanted to know if I had it with me and I said it was at home, and he wanted to know if he could get it, and I said I would get it, and he said "No," that he would rather get it and for me to let him have my keys so that he could get into the house and get it, which I did. He got the keys and went to my house and returned with the knife. After some further talk I started home and he said I could not go, that I was under arrest.

I was bailed out and the next day went to the Quincy Court where the case was tried. Antoine Figuriedo, his mother and myself were the only persons who testified. Figuriedo said that he had known me for about 2 or 3 years, admitting that he had borrowed the money and still owed it; that about 8.20 A.M. on the morning of the 24th he came to his mother's house to get some boots and that he went in with his hands in his pocket and that I was hollering and he told me to calm down. He said that I then replied Pelletier (meaning the Cohasset Chief of Police) told me to kill Figuriedo, that Figuriedo was no good anyway; that I then said I would kill him before the week was over and I would let the law take its course and that if his mother wasn't there I would kill him; that I took the knife from my belt and held it within 3 or 4 inches of his throat and that his mother got in between us. He further testified that he said he offered to pay me $5 per week and changed it to $25 in one week and that I said that was satisfactory and put the knife back, and went home.

He didn't claim at any time that he was struck by me with a

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Gurnet Lighthouse
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January 2, 1931, ~~1927~~

Supt. George E. Eaton--3.

knife or anything else, or that any blow was passed by anybody.
His mother testified practically to the same effect. There was nobody else present at the time.
After the hearing the Judge said he would continue the case to the 22nf of November and would then see what the situation was. There was no finding of guilty or not guilty in the matter.
The affair didn't take place in his home; the statements which he and his mother made at the trial that I had quoted Pelletier as telling me to kill him are untrue, and neither did I hold the knife near his throat. I did nothing more than show it to him and made the remark as above stated. Mrs. Figuriedo didn't get in between us but merely calmed us both down.
No blow was struck and no claim made that any blow was struck by anybody whatsoever, and there was no disturbance as it all occurred indoors in the kitchen of Figuriedo's mother's home."

Since that time, as your communication states, the Judge of the District Court of E. Norfolk at Quincy disposed of the case as you have indicated, stating at the time that as there was no blow struck, and he was satisfied there was no intent as alleged, he would find me guilty of assault with a dangerous weapon and a fine of $25 was imposed.

I reiterate that the foregoing account given by me as to what took place is true and I submit that the difference between the charge as made and the finding of the court, with the size of the penalty imposed, is in part a corroboration as to the degree of seriousness of the affair.

There was great provocation and the unfortunate part of it is that it occurred under such circumstances, being indoors, as to prevent my having any dis-interested witness as to what occurred.

Respectfully yours,

Samuel [illegible]

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CHELSEA, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Chelsea, mass.

SECOND DISTRICT
Minots Light Shore Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec 27, 1920

Sir: In answer to your letter of Dec 23 about Mr. Perry, 1st asst. formerly of minots Light.

My visits to the office were not for the express purpose of complaining about Mr. Perry, but to acquaint you with the fact, while I was there on other business, that he was a very dangerous man to work with because of frequent fits of frenzied anger on the slightest provocation. He threatened to assult me in the presence of Mr. Rogers now of Graves Light, but not with a weapon. On another occasion when in altercation with another keeper he had a clasp knife exposed and near at hand. At his own request I asked for a transfer for him and I mentioned that it would be the best thing for the Station. I also expressed my sentiments that some day he might commit a criminal act.

I can truthfully say that his actions, when in one of these fits, was not of a sane man.

Then personally appeared P. F. Tornberg and made oath before me that the above statement is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Roscoe H. Tisdale
Notary Public.

Respectfully,
P. F. Tornberg,
Keeper.

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LIGHTHOUSES
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December 26, 1930

REGISTERED MAIL

Samuel Perry,
Assistant Keeper, Plymouth Lighthouse,
(Through the Keeper)

Subject: Charges.

1. The following charge ispreferred against you and you will be allowed a period of four days in order that you may fully answer this charge and show reason why you should not be dismissed as a person unfit for the Lighthouse Service:

On September 24, 1930, you were arrested by the Cohasset Police Department on a charge of "Assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to kill". This charge was made in the Quincy Court on September 25, 1930, and you were held in $5000 bail for your appearance on November 22, 1930. When your case came up in said Court on the latter date the complaint was ordered amended to "Assault with a dangerous weapon" and a fine of $25 imposed.

2. Your reply to the above charge must relate specifically to the subject at hand.

/signed/ Geo. E. Eaton
Superintendent

Copy

Department of Commerce
Lighthouse Service

Office of Superintendent, 2d District
Chelsea, Mass.

December 9, 1930.

Commissioner of Lighthouses

Subject: Samuel Perry, Assistant Keeper.

1. The attention of the Bureau is invited to the case of the above man who is employed at the present time at Plymouth Light Station in this district.

2. On September 24 this office was advised by the Chief of the Cohasset Police Department that said department had arrested Perry on a charge of Assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to kill. The case was continued until November 22, 1930, for disposition, and Perry was held in $5,000 bail for his appearance on the latter date.

3. On December 8, 1930, the office was again advised through the office of the Clerk of the District Court. Quincy, Massachusetts, that on November 22, 1930, the case came to trial, which resulted in the court ordering the above charge to be amended to Assault with a dangerous weapon, and a fine of twenty-five dollars imposed. It is understood that Perry paid the fine and the case was closed.

4. While the above assault was not committed against an employee connected with this Service, this office has on several previous occasions been informally advised that this man, who is a negro, has carried on his person dangerous weapons, similar to the above, while on duty, and at various times in a frenzied manner has threatened to assault another employee at the light station.

5. Although there has been no serious outcome to this man's periodical fits of anger and his services as a keeper are otherwise satisfactory, the matter is presented for the Bureau's decision as to whether or not it is deemed for the good of the Service and the safety of other employees to allow this man to remain in the Service.

(Sgd.) Geo. E. Eaton, Superintendent.

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

October 16, 1930.

Mr. Samuel Perry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective October 16, 1930 (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,

OCT 28 1930

F. A. DELONG

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1380 per annum.

To: $1260 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

CARDED

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1930 OCT 18 PM 12 40

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Second DISTRICT

CHIEF CLERK
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OCT 22 1930

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Chelsea, Mass., October 16, 1930
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer, with reduction in salary — Legal residence, Massachusetts

Name, Samuel Perry

(Request) DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OCT 27 1930 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Position, (Assistant) Keeper — Proposed salary, $1260 per annum

Location, Plymouth Light Station — Proposed range, $1260-~~1560~~ 1620

Effective, October 16, 1930 — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

{[1] the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or~~ ~~a date thereafter on which he enters on duty~~.

Former position, (1st Assistant) Keeper — Former salary, $1380 per annum

Location, Minots Ledge Light Station — Former range, $1380-~~1680~~ 1740

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

Previous incumbent, Tom Small - (LT #1339) 1320 — Services terminated, October 15, 1930

Reason, Transferred to Minots Ledge Light Station. (auth D.H. 9/23/30, file of Tom Small).

Members of family in Government service, None

Date of birth, January 15, 1894

Remarks: A letter from Mr. Perry indicating his desire for transfer to this position, which involves a reduction in pay, is enclosed. Action recommended is not in violation of Section 2, Civil Service Rule I. Mr. Perry entered on duty prior to receipt of Department authority as this case was considered an emergency involving the protection of life and property. Quarters are provided at this station for families of keepers.

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

Direct

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Eaton

Superintendent.

10-22-30

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Incl.

October 21, 1930.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, the Bureau concurring with the Superintendent in his statements under "remarks" above. Inclosed is a letter from Mr. Perry expressing his willingness to accept this position.

Action O. K.

Chief Clerk

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN OCT 27 1930 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

W P Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHT HOUSE SERVICE

1930 OCT 18

Supt. ✓
1st Asst. Supt.
Asst. Supt.
Draftsman
Junior Engr.
1st Clerk
2nd Clerk
3rd Clerk
4th Clerk
5th Clerk
Messenger
Depot Engr.

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SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
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2nd DIST. CHELSEA, MASS.

SECOND DISTRICT

Minots Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 28, 1930

Supt. of Lighthouse.

Sir.

I am willing to accept Gurnet Lighthouse.

Repectfully.

S. Peary

1st asst Keeper

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APR 10 1930
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

April 8, 1930.

Samuel Perry, 1st Assistant Keeper,
Minots Ledge Light Station, Mass.
(Thru Supt. of Lighthouses, Chelsea, Mass.)

After careful consideration of a report submitted by the Superintendent regarding the lack of discipline at your station, you are hereby reprimanded for failure to carry out orders promptly and cautioned that you are expected at all times to observe the official orders of your superior and not to permit your personal relations with the keeper to interfere with your duties to the detriment of the work of the Service.

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.

October 31, 1928

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CHIEF CLERK

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Subject: Samuel Perry, 1st Asst. Keeper, Minots Ledge LH, excess leave.

1. The keepers of the above station are granted 120 days shore leave for a calendar year, which is taken in ten-day periods each month. During this leave they take care of the shore station and the Cohasset Harbor Lights (maintained from April 1 to December 1, each year). Although considered on leave, they are actually on duty, and must request special permission to leave the shore station for any periods over six hours.

2. Samuel Perry, 1st assistant at this station, was brought ashore on August 25th and a major operation performed on him, which incapacitated him for duty until October 4th, at which time he took up his duties at the shore station and returned to the tower on October 14th; the period from October 4th to 14th still being considered as leave. When Perry returned to the tower on October 14th he had taken ten days leave in excess of that due him to the end of the calendar year, and as he will probably come ashore again in November and December, excess leave will be about 30 days.

3. As this excess leave was caused by illness and owing to the peculiar method of leave granted keepers at this station, it is recommended that excess leave be waived in this case.

Superintendent.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
November 3, 1928.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner

Nov. 15, 1928.
Regulation governing excess leave waived;

Acting Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

Mr. Samuel Perry,

Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1200

To: $1320

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE.
(This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service.)

CHIEF CLERK
1928 APR 13 PM 3 51

Lighthouse Service, 2nd Dist.,
(Bureau)

Chelsea, Mass., April 11, 1928.
(Date)

The Secretary of Commerce,
(The Chief of Appointment Division):

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on May 10, 1928.

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

Name Samuel Perry

Position Keeper (1st Assistant)

Salary $1260 per annum

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Station Minots Ledge Light Station

Date of entrance on duty November 11, 1927.

Remarks:

_____
(Signature of immediate superior.)

SUBMITTED:
For and in the absence of the Superintendent.
_____
(~~Head of Bureau or Office.~~)
Chief Clerk.

(*If unsatisfactory, recommendation for discontinuance under the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil service rule VII, should immediately be forwarded to the Department.)

SUBMITTED: APR 12 1928

J. F. Conway
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

March 22, 1928.

Mr. Samuel Perry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective April 1, 1928.

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

MAR 26 1928
EDW. J. GARDNER,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1200 per annum.

To: $1260 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

First Civil Service District
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Second DISTRICT,

Chelsea, Mass., (City.) March 16, (Date.) 19 28

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion To fill Vac. Durng Prob.

Name, Samuel Perry — Legal residence, Massachusetts

Position, (1st Assistant) Keeper — Salary, $1260 per annum (1260-1620)

Location, Minots Ledge Light Station, Mass. — Appropriation, ~~Salaries,~~ Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective April 1, 1928. — {'the actual date of entrance on duty, or ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~

Former position, 2nd Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $1200 per annum ($1200-1560)

Location, Minots Ledge Light Station, Mass.

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

Previous incumbent, Calvin B. Beal 1260 — Services terminated, February 29, 1928.

Reason, Resigned.

Members of family in Government Service, None

Date of birth, January 15, 1894.

Remarks: Although Mr. Perry is serving under six months probation, having entered on duty November 11, 1927, it is recommended that the above promotion be approved as Mr. Perry is considered a capable employee and the only one available for the position at this time.

Selection regular, subject to ~~the action of the~~

U. S. Civil Service Commission, MAR 19 1928, 19

Respectfully forwarded. Mr. Perry equally within reach for probational appointment at $1260 per annum as at $1200 per annum at time of original certification.

C. A. Nolan
Acting Acting Secretary, First Civil Service District.

Geo. E. Eaton
Superintendent.

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CHIEF CLERK

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAR 21 1928

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Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Action O. K.
Chief Clerk

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NOV 19 1927
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

PERSONAL HISTORY

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

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
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Bureau, division, or office Dept. of Commerce Lighthouse Service

1. Name in full Samuel Perry.

2. Legal (voting) residence Mass. Suffolk Boston
(State and Congressional District) (County) (City or town)

3. Where born? Portugal Cape Verde Is. When born? Jan. 15 1894
(State or foreign country) (City or town) (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien naturalized

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 √ B

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 Apr. 24 1918 Discharged March 10 1919

Organization Co. M. 367 Infantry

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 ____

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

Mrs. Delphina E. Perry (Name) wife (Relationship)

24 Braddock Park Boston Mass. (Post office address)

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

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

Nov. 11. 1927 (Date)

Present address 24 Braddock Park Boston

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Standard Form No. 8
(Approved by the President, May 22, 1925)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NOV 19 1927
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

OATH OF OFFICE

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes of the United States

Commerce
(Department or Establishment)

Lighthouse Service, 2nd District
(Bureau or Office)

I, Samuel Perry, do
(Name in full, printed or typed)

solemnly swear (or affirm) 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.

Samuel Perry
(Signature of Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of November, A. D. 1927

at Cohasset, Massachusetts
(City or place) (State)

[SEAL]

CARDED

August F. B. Peterson
Notary Public

NOTE.—If the oath is taken before a Notary Public the date of expiration of his commission should be shown.

Position to which appointed 2nd Assistant Keeper, Minots Ledge Light Station

Date of entrance on duty November 11, 1927.

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Form A-30

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 15, 1927.

Mr. Samuel Perry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of One Thousand Two Hundred dollars per annum

effective November 11, 1927.

Nature of appointment: Probationary.

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

Classification allocation:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED 1745 NOV 26 1927 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

NOV 19 1927

EDW. J. GARDNER,

C Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Ralph E. Lewis.

Legal Residence: Massachusetts.

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NOMINATION

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Second DISTRICT,

Chelsea, Mass., (City.) November 10 (Date.) 1927

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NOV 15 1927 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment

Name, Samuel Perry

Legal residence, Massachusetts

Position, (2nd Assistant) Keeper

Salary, $1200 per annum ($1200-1560)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NOV 15 1927

Location, Minots Ledge Light Station, Mass.

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective November 11, 1927.

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

Former position, New appointee

Former salary, --

Location, --

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Asst. Light-house Keeper Percentage, 90.5 (Inc.10 for M.P.), Other eligibles considered:

F.M. Freitas, C;
J.Gilmour, D; W.E.Wheeler, C.

Previous incumbent, Ralph E. Lewis 1200 Services terminated, October 31, 1927.

Reason, Resigned Oct-31/27.

Members of family in Government Service, None

Date of birth, January 15, 1894.

Remarks: Mr. Perry appeared at this office and gave clear record as to previous employment. He has had no previous Government Civil Service. Mr. Perry served in the U. S. Army from April 26, 1918 to March 10, 1919. He entered on duty prior to receipt of Department authority as this case was considered an emergency involving the protection of life and property. Quarters are provided at this station for families of keepers.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, NOV 11 1927, 19

C A Nolan

C. A. Nolan
Acting Secretary, First Civil Service District.

Geo E Eaton
Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON November 14, 1927.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Action O. K.

Chief Clerk

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

8/11-15-27

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

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