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Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Flynn, Kylie	
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
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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
Polous, Andrew, P.		1898 FL

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: 1972 FL

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Kylie

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (FL)	From: 1918	To: 1925
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
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Other Identifying Information (Maiden Name, Job Title, etc.)

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March 24, 1925

A. P. Polous,
P. O. Box 424,
Apalachicola, Fla.

Sir:

1. Replying to your letter of March 19th, you are advised that it is not contemplated that the Superintendent will make a trip to or in the vicinity of Apalachicola in the immediate future.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

First Assistant Superintendent

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 23 1925
NEW ORLEANS.

Apalachicola, Fla. March 19, 1925

Box 414

Hon. E. S. Lamphier,

Superintendant of Lighthouses,

New Orleans, La.

Dear sir:-

I would ~~thank~~ thank you very much to advise me when you expect to be in Apalachicola again as I wish to have an interview with you just as soon as an oppertunity offers. There are some matters that I should like to discuss with you relative to myself as well as matters that I think you should know effecting the service and which can be laid before you verbally in a more thorough and satisfactory manner than can be done by correspondence.

Thankin you in advance for an early reply,

I am yours very truly,

C P Palacios

After 5 days, return to

C. B. Palaus

Box #4

APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA.



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Hon. E. S. Sampsier.

Supt. of Lighthouses,

New Orleans, La.

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WJB.
BY REGISTERED MAIL.

February 13, 1925.

Andrew P. Polous, Asst.Keeper,
Cape San Blas Light Station,
Apalachicola, Florida.

1. Charges of insubordination and neglect of duty having been preferred against you and established in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department has dismissed you from the position of Asst.Keeper at Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., effective at the close of January 19, 1925, as per letter of Feb. 10, 1925, enclosed herewith.

2. Check in payment of your services for the period January 1st - 19th inclusive, is also enclosed.

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy for information and guidance of Louis Buras, Keeper, Cape San Blas Light Station, Apalachicola, Florida.

E. S. LAMPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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February 4, 1925.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of January 26, 1925, the Department has approved the Eighth Superintendent's action in suspending Mr. Andrew P. Polous, Keeper of San Blas Light Station, Apalachicola, Florida, from duty pending the disposition of charges of neglect of duty preferred against him.

By direction of the Secretary:

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

AP/JL

FEB 5 - 1925
Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to ..... Supt.

Be guided accordingly.

G P O

ESL:LEC
Incls.

A. P. Polous, Asst.Kpr.
Cape San Blas L.S.,Fla.,
Charges against

January 24, 1925

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Attention is invited to Bureau's letter of December 2, 1924 reprimanding A. P. Polous, Assistant Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., relative to the report of this office as to the unsatisfactory conditions at Cape San Blas Light Station and neglect of duty in properly maintaining the light, and advising Mr. Polous that, unless a decided improvement was shown in his services, more drastic disciplinary action would be imposed.

2. Inclosed herewith is copy of letter of January 10, 1925, from this office to A. P. Polous, Assistant Keeper, preferring charges against him of neglect of duty and insubordination, based on the report of the Keeper, together with Mr. Polous' reply dated January 14th.

3. The statement in Mr. Polous' letter that the Superintendent stated there would be no objection to the keeper or himself spending a day or a night away from the station not oftener then once each week is untrue. Upon my last visit to the station, the former keeper and Mr. Polous, the assistant keeper, were severely reprimanded, and anything that was said by the Superintendent was very far from the statement alleged by Mr. Polous. Upon my return to New Orleans, a letter of caution was addressed to the former keeper and Mr. A. P. Polous, under date of August 20, 1924, copy inclosed.

4. Difficulty has been experienced in having this station maintained to the proper standard, and this office has been more than patient with the former keeper because of his long service. The Assistant Keeper, Mr. A. P. Polous, has never shown the proper spirit towards the maintenance of the station and one of the matters on which the Superintendent had occasion to reprimand him on the last inspection was his expressed reluctance to perform certain work about the station.

5. Inclosed herewith is copy of letter of January 13, 1925, to A. P. Polous preferring additional charges of neglect of duty against him based on letter of January 8th from the keeper; and, in view of his continued neglect of duty and his failure to cooperate with the keeper in the proper maintenance of the station, Mr. Polous was suspended from duty pending decision upon the charges preferred against him. Reply of A. P. Polous, dated January 21, 1925, is inclosed herewith. He admits failing to wind the clockwork when he went on duty, and the other statements in his letter are simply considered an evasion of the charges made by the keeper.

6. This office is convinced that it will be impossible to maintain Cape San Blas Light Station properly with the services of Mr. A. P. Polous

as assistant keeper, and is of the opinion that the charges of neglect of duty and insubordination have been proven in a degree sufficient to warrant his dismissal, and it is recommended that Mr. A. P. Polous, Assistant Keeper, Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., be dismissed effective at the close of January 19, 1925, the date on which he was suspended from duty by this office.

7. The Civil Service rule regarding political and religious opinions will not be violated by this action.

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

E. S. K.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

REGISTERED MAIL. January 10, 1925

A. P. Polous, Asst. Keeper,
Cape San Blas Light Station,
Apalachicola, Fla.
(Through the Keeper)

1. The Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Louis Buras, reports, under date of January 5, 1925, that you informed him that the Superintendent had told you that you could leave the station any time you liked and return when you felt like it. If you made any such statement, it was false.

2. The Keeper also reports that you asked him for permission to leave the station on the evening of January 3rd and that he granted you six hours and told you to be sure and return in that time. The Keeper reports that you left the station at 3:30 P.M., January 3rd, and that, with the spirit of showing him that you would do as you liked, you did not return to the station until 3:30 A.M. of January 4th.

3. Upon my last inspection of the station, I severely reprimanded and cautioned you and the former keeper relative to the unsatisfactory services rendered by both you and the former keeper. You have also been reprimanded by the Commissioner of Lighthouses by letter dated December 2, 1924, in which you were advised that you had been delinquent in the performance of your duties and that, unless a decided improvement was shown in your service, more drastic disciplinary action would be imposed.

4. Charges of neglect of duty and insubordination are hereby preferred against you based on the report of the Keeper, as you are advised in this letter, with a view to recommending your dismissal from the Service, if the charges are sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action.

5. In accordance with the rules of the Civil Service, you are hereby given three days in which to submit such reply as you may see fit. In the meantime, you are cautioned to obey the regulations as to leave of absence and as to your conduct in all other matters.

(Signed) H. S. Leighter
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy to Louis Buras, Keeper, Cape San Blas L.S. for his information. Hand the inclosed letter to A.P.Polous, Asst.Keeper, advising this office when you have donesso and the actual date of so doing.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

(COPY-LEC)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Cape San Blas
Apalachicola, Fla., January 14, 1925

To the Superintendent of Light houses,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:-

I respectfully beg leave to reply to the charges of neglect and insubordination preferred against me in your letter of January 10th which was handed me by the Keeper on the evening of January 13th as follows:-

Replying to the first paragraph of your letter I did not inform the Keeper that the Superintendent had told me that I could leave the station at any time I liked and return when I felt like it. I did state to him in effect that the Superintendent had indicated that on account of the conditions prevailing at this station that there would be no objection to either the Keeper or myself spending a day or night away from the station not oftener than once each week. I do not know just what my words were but this is in effect what I said and I had reference to the statement made by Mr. Robinson, First Assistant Superintendent on the occasion of the inspection by him of this station. I did not understand by this or intend to convey the impression to the Keeper tnat I as Assistant Keeper could leave the station and return at will.

Answering the second charge of your letter, I admit that I was away from the station longer than six hours on the occasion referred to but the fact is I left at 4:30 P.M. of January 3rd instead of 3:30 P.M. I went to Apalachicola for mail and supplies on the evening of January 3rd and hired an automobile and driver to carry me there and bring me back. You are probably familiar with the fact that Money Bayou breaks through the beach to the Gulf in wet weather and at times becomes impassable. At this time the Bayou was open and running across the beach but could be crossed without difficulty at low tide. At high tide it was dangerous to cross. I made the trip and returned as far as the Bayou within the time limit but the tide was high and the driver of the car would not cross until it had fallen. I had supplies which I had purchased and which I could not carry from there to the light house station and I thought it would be no serious violation for me to wait the short time until the tide fell enough to make the Bayou passable instead of wading out and walking the several miles from there to the station.

I feel that the charges against me arise out of the fact that the Keeper who has recently taken charge here is very zealous in the rigid enforcement of rules and regulations pertaining to the station and in an effort to enforce such rules rigidly he has not made allowance for circumstances over which I had no control. I have not intentionally been neglectful of any duty or guilty of any insubordination and it is my purpose so long as I continue in the light house service to perform my duty to the best of my ability and to abide by the rules and regulations as nearly as I possibly can.

Prior to the time Mr. Bruis took charge as Keeper the strict observance of the six hour leave of absence had not been enforced for the reason that we get our mail and supplies at Apalachicola which 28.4 miles from the station and a part of the road follows the beach and at times, especially at high tide is hardly passable and six hours is not sufficient time to make the trip with certainty. I understand, however, that if I can not secure any longer leave I must return with that time and the violation referred to was because of conditions which I had not foreseen and could not avoid.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) A. P Polous

Assistant Keeper

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

ESL:LEC

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

C O P Y

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
August 20, 1924

A. P. Polous, Asst. Keeper.
Cape San Blas Light Station,
Apalachicola, Florida
(Through the Keeper)

1. At an inspection of Cape San Blas Light Station, on August 14th, the results of your services were found unsatisfactory. The condition of the station was generally unsatisfactory and the condition of the dwelling occupied by you indicated no better standard than the remainder of the station.

2. You are cautioned that a decided improvement in your services is expected.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

(COPY-LEC)

Apalachicola, Fla., January 21st, 1925

Hon, E.S.Lamphier,

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 13th with copy of letter of Keeper of Cane San Blas Light Station received was delivered to me on the 19th inst and same has been noted.

Replying to same I beg to say that the light was out on the morning of the 8th as reported and for the time reported. The clock was not wound up at 8:30 P.M. as we had no regular time for winding it and when the clock stopped I found the clock cord twisted and worked with it for some time trying to, and thinking, I could get it in working order again.

When I found I could not do this by myself I left to get the Keeper and on my way to the Keepers house I left the board walk to respond to an act of nature and afterwards proceeded to his house. I called at his house for him and received no response and returned to the Lighthouse where I found the Keeper.

On my return to the tower the Keeper asked me what the trouble was and I told him the Clock cord was twisted and that I had been trying to get it streight was the reason I had not been to call him on time and that I had just returned from his house.

Trusting this report of what happened is satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) A. P. Polous

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August 20, 1924

A. P. Polous, Asst. Keeper.
Cape San Blas Light Station,
Apalachicola, Florida
(Through the Keeper)

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Superintendent of Lighthouses

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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Incl.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

REGISTERED MAIL

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
January 19, 1925

A. P. Polous, Asst. Keeper,
Cape San Blas Light Station,
Apalachicola, Florida
(Through the Keeper)

1. Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of letter of January 8th from the Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station again preferring charges of neglect of duty against you. In view of the previous charges preferred and the inclosure, from which it appears that there is no possibility of securing an improvement in your conduct as Assistant Keeper, you are hereby suspended from duty effective upon receipt of this letter pending decision on the charges preferred against you.

2. Immediately upon the receipt of this letter, you will leave the station advising this office of your post office address to which advice as to the final decision of the charges against you will be forwarded.

3. Suspension shall be with lawful pay and allowances if you are exonerated of the charges or if they are not found to be sufficiently substantiated to justify suspension without pay and allowances; and shall be without pay and allowances if they are sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action.

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy forwarded to Commissioner of Lighthouses, recommending approval of suspension effective at the close of January 19, 1925, Polous having left the station on the evening of January 19th.

E. S. LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

(COPY - LRC)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Cape San Blas Light Sta.
January 8th, 1925

Superintendent of Lighthouses

New Orleans La

Sir:

This is to report that the light was stopped on the morning of the 8th from 12:20 A.M. to 1:20 A.M. on account of the first asst. did not go and wind up at 8:30 P.M. on the 7th and did not call me at 12 P.M. He was on first watch on the 7th and he did not give any reason why he did not call me or why he did not go and wind the clock up.

I remain

Respectfully,

(Signed) Louis Duras,

Keeper

ESL:LWC

A.P.Polous,Asst.Kpr.,
Cape San Blas L.S.,Fla.,
Charges against

January 24, 1925

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. In connection with the reply to charges by A. P. Polous, dated January 21, 1925, which has this day been transmitted in a separate letter, it is desired to state that a letter has been received from Mr. Polous with the reply of January 21st stating that he handed the reply to Mr. L. Buras, Keeper, who returned it to him for mailing to this office in a sealed addressed envelope.

2. Mr. Polous states that he opened the letter and found that there was no signature by Mr. Buras and that it evidently had been torn off after having been written. In view of the fact that Mr. Polous admits having opened official sealed mail, addressed to this office, it is uncertain as to whether or not the letter was signed by Mr. Buras, therefore no action is being taken on the letter from Polous reporting that Buras had signed the letter and then tore off his signature. This would not affect the charges and a letter will be addressed to Mr. Buras in regard to the matter to-day.

K.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

ESL:LEC

January 24, 1924

L. Bures, Keeper,
Cape San Blas Light Station,
Apalachicola, Fla.

1. A. P. Polous writes this office that he handed his last reply, which reply was dated January 21st, to charges of this office to you for signature; that you returned the reply to him in a sealed addressed envelope to this office; that he opened the envelope and found that you had evidently signed his letter on the lower lefthand corner, then tore off your signature.

2. You are advised that the forwarding of a letter from a subordinate employee by a superior employee is a formality and does not constitute an approval of what is stated in the letter forwarded. In such cases you simply write on the letter "Forwarded" and sign your name.

3. Report to this office whether or not you signed the letter of January 21st to this office by Mr. Polous, which you sealed in an envelope addressed to this office, and whether after signing you tore your signature off. When the letter was handed to you by Mr. Polous to forward to this office you should have forwarded it yourself, that is you should have mailed it yourself and should not have returned it to Polous.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JAN 24 1925
NEW ORLEANS.

Apalachicola, Fla. January 22nd, 1925.

Hon. E.L. Lamphier,
Superintendant of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.
Sir:-

I enclose herewith statement of my answer to charges of ~~xxxxxx~~ Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station.

I beg to advise this answer was carried to Cape San Blas and presented to the Keeper for his signature. He carried it to his house and brought it back in an envelope (sealed) and stated that he had signed it. I opened the envelope and found that he had evidently signed it and changed his mind about it and had tourn off the corner bearing his signature. I also enclose the envelope which he had addressed and sealed.

In as much as it is in this condition I am forwarding it just as I found it on opening the envelope on my arrival here. I might add that it just happened that I opened the envelope in the presence of disinterested parties who canverify the above statement.

Very respectfully,

A P Polous.

EP:LEC
Incl.

A.P.Polous

January 20, 1925

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to indorsement, forwarded this date, on copy of additional charges of neglect of duty preferred against A. P. Polous, Assistant Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., dated January 13th, reporting effective date of his suspension, attached is copy of letter from this office, dated January 10th, preferring charges of neglect of duty and insubordination against Mr. Polous, to which no reply has been received up to date.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
January 13, 1925

REGISTERED MAIL.

Louis Buras, Keeper,
Cape San Blas Light Station,
Apalachicola, Florida

1. Inclosed herewith you will find letter dated this date preferring charges against A. P. Polous, Assistant Keeper, and suspending him from duty effective on the date on which you deliver the letter to him.

2. Before delivering this letter, you will make arrangements for the employment of a laborer or temporary assistant keeper, with pay at the rate of $900 per annum. This person must be an American citizen, over eighteen years of age and able to read and write. You will have the person employed fill out the inclosed Personal History Sheet and return same to this office promptly with the report of the last day of service of Andrew Polous and the date of entrance on duty of the person employed in the temporary position. If, for instance, the letter of suspension is delivered to Polous on the 17th and he leaves the station on the 17th, the person relieving him will be paid from the 18th or the succeeding day.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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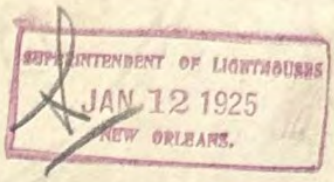
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape San Blas Light Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

January 8th, 1925.

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans. La.

Sir

this is to report that the Light was stoped on the morning of the 8th from 12.20 am to 1.20 am. On a count of the first asst did not go and wind up at 8.30 pm on the 7th and did not call me at 12 m. he was on first watch on the 7th and he did not give any reason why he did not call me one why he did not go and wind the clock up.

I Remain Respectfully.
Louis Bucas
Keper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape San Blas Light sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

January 16th, 1925.

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans. La.

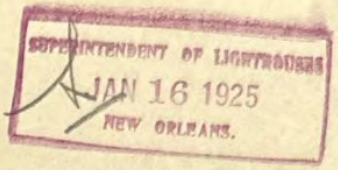
Sir.

the asst Keeper. A. P. Palous reported to me that the Light was working bad on his watch from 11.30 p.m. on the 15th to 12. m. and he had to change reflectors and the Light was out ten minutes. from 12. M. to 12.10. am. on the 16th

I remain. Respectfully.
Louis Burns.
Keeper.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape San Blas Light Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

January 14th, 1925

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
New Orleans. La.

Sir.

I handed Mr. A. P. Polous his letter on the 13th at 4.10. Pm. 1925. and he is going up to Apalachicola. to day. the 14th to answer to the charges. made against him.

I Remain Respectfully.
Louis Burns.
Keeper.

ESL:LEC
Incls.

January 10, 1925

Louis Duras, Keeper,
Cape San Blas Light Station,
Apalachicola, Fla.

1. Replying to your letter of January 5th, you are advised that the rules for leave at Cape San Blas Light Station are no different from those in force at any other station and if Assistant Keeper Polous stated that the Superintendent told the keepers at Cape San Blas that they could leave the station whenever they desired, he, Polous, made a false statement.

2. Inclosed herewith you will find letter containing charges preferred against Polous with a view to his dismissal. In the event that Polous should leave the station before he is dismissed, you will take steps to secure a temporary assistant and advise this office by telegraph and letter, furnishing the following information in your telegram: Full name; date of birth; place of birth. The person you select should be an American citizen over 18 years of age. There is inclosed a Personal History sheet to be filled out by the new man in case it is necessary for you to hire one.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

ESL:LEC

January 6, 1925

A. P. Polous, Assistant Keeper,
Cape San Blas Light Station,
Apalachicola, Florida
(Through the Keeper)

1. The Keeper, Louis Buras, reports that the light stopped revolving and showed as a fixed light for one hour from 1:30 A.M. to 2:30 A.M. on December 31st. and that the reason for this was that you failed to call the Keeper at midnight afterwards stating that your reason for not calling him was that you were so sick that it was impossible to do so.

2. It appears that you would understand that, if the Keeper was not called, and you were compelled to leave the light, it was only a question of time when it would become extinguished and while this office is not aware of the extent of your sickness, you are advised that, if you were not entirely incapacitated, it was your duty to struggle to the Keeper's dwelling and call him.

3. You are directed to submit reply to the report of the Keeper.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy to Louis Buras, Keeper, Cape San Blas Light Station, Apalachicola, Florida, for his information.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JAN 5 1925
NEW ORLEANS.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape San Blas Light sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

December 31st, 1924

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
New Orleans. La.

Sir

this is to report that the light stoped revolving for one hour. from 1.30. Am. to 2.30. Am. on the 30th the reason for this is that the Asst Keeper. A. P. Robbins. failed to call me at 12. m. he was on first watch on the 30th he said the reason for not calling me was that he was taken so sick that he could not call me.

I remain Respectfully.
Louis Bucas.
Keeper.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JAN 15 1925
NEW ORLEANS.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape San Blas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

January 12th, 1925

To the Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans La.

Throught the Keeper.

Sir. In reply to Youre Letter of January 6th 1925 I will truthfuly say that the Keeper reported to me that the Light was a fixed Light Beteen 1.30 am and 2.30 am the night of December 31th about eleven O. Clock in the night I become mighty Hungry and I thought that I would go get a little something to eat so I went in and there was only some Turnip Greens Cooked in an Aluminum sauce pan and set on the stove until the Greens become pluom Cald so I took from the sauce pan Enith a fue of the Greens not living it a thought that they might bee Poison by the Aluminum sauce pan. whitch they was. I was recenetly entirely incapacitated Compell to give up to a Cramp whitch forced me to the floor and there I staid for some time not knowing eny thing and when I come to my mind I was so sick on my stumic that I didnot now what to do and every thing was turning around and around so I managed to struggle to the Kitchen

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door where I could vormont in a fue minutes afterwards I Jet releaf enough that I looked toward the Light and I saw that it was revolving all right and I made an efforets to get to the Kepers dwelling which I did so Between 1.30 am and 2. O clock am. And two or three different times before I Could get an answer and the reply of his wife was that he has Jone to the Light.

C. P. Palous.
Asst. Keper

Le Baros.
Keper.

RSL:LEC

December 9, 1924

A. P. Polous, Asst. Keeper,
Cape San Blas Light Station,
Apalachicola, Florida
(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring to charges preferred against you on September 18, 1924, and your reply thereto, the charges having been sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, there is transmitted herewith letter from the Bureau, dated December 2, 1924, cautioning you that more drastic disciplinary action will be imposed unless a more decided improvement is shown in your services.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy forwarded to W. J Knickmeyer, Keeper, Cape San Blas Light Station, Apalachicola, Fla., for his information.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO. 20-EK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 5 1924
NEW ORLEANS

December 2, 1924.

A. P. Polous, Assistant Keeper,
Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla.,
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.).

The Bureau is in receipt of a report from the Superintendent with regard to the unsatisfactory conditions at your station and neglect of duty in properly maintaining the light. It is noted that you were specially cautioned by the Superintendent on August 20, 1924. After careful consideration of the matter the Bureau considers that you have been delinquent in the performance of your duties and you are, therefore, reprimanded and advised that unless a decided improvement is shown in your services a more drastic disciplinary action will be imposed.

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

COPY to 8th. The Department has approved your recommendation of November 6 in the cases of Keepers Nickmeyer and Polous, and it is requested that you make further report in the case of these employees at the end of six months. See Bureau indorsement on Department letter of November 15.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JAN 7 1925
NEW ORLEANS.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape San Blas Light Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

January 5th, 1925.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I am writeing to find out if this station has any diferent rules on leave of absence, for the Asst Keep. here seemes to think I am over doing on his leaveing this station. for he said that the Superintendent told him and the former keep. that they could leave this station any time they liked and returned when they felt like it. for he asked to go off on ~~urgent business~~ at 3:30 PM on the Evening of the (at 3:30 PM) 3rd of this month. & I granted him six hours and told him to be sure and get back in that time. so he showed me he would do as he liked about it And did not returned to station untill the 4th at 3:30 AM.

I remain Respectfully.
Louis Bruce.
Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JAN 17 1925
NEW ORLEANS.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape San Blas Light Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

January 15th, 1925.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
New Orleans. La.

Sir.

I am not signing A. P. Palous Charges. for the reason is that he is making some false statements in it and I do not think I shuld O.K. it.

I remain Respectfully
Louis Burns.
Keeper.

Form A-21

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 14 1924
NEW ORLEANS.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
1924 APR 11 PM 2 54

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 7, 1924.

Mr. Andrew P. Polous,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 660 per annum to $ 720 per annum, effective January 24, 1924 (including $60 per annum longevity pay).

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

11—8074

8th

C

Capt. San Blas.

WJB.

April 17, 1924.

A. P. Polous, Asst. Keeper,
Cape San Blas Light Station,
Apalachicola, Florida.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated April 7, 1924, advising you that your salary as Keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $660 to $720 per annum, to include longevity pay at the rate of $60 per annum for five years' continuous service, effective from January 24, 1924.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Chief Clerk.

Carded

WJB.

A. P. Polous, Keeper,
longevity.

April 4, 1924.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Bureau letter of November 18, 1918, relative to reclassification of pay, and to paragraph 4 thereof, regarding longevity:

2. The Bureau is informed that Andrew P. Polous, Assistant Keeper, Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., completed five years of continuous service at the close of March 25, 1924. It is therefore recommended that his pay be increased from $660 per annum to $720 per annum, to include the longevity allowance of $60 per annum, effective beginning March 26, 1924.

L. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 20 1923
NEW ORLEANS.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape San Blas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 16, 1923

Lt Hht House Superintendent.
New Orleans. La.
Through the Insp.

Dear Sir Your letter of March the 9 received and will say that the report that Mr. S. D. Lanham made was not true and that I have not seen him in about one year and I had no such talk with him and the report is not true.

A P Paloues.
Asst Keeper

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

(COPY)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 16 1923
NEW ORLEANS.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

March 13, 1923.

Hon. Duncan U. Fletcher,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Fletcher:

1. Referring to your note of March 9, 1923, inclosing a letter from Mr. S. D. Lawhon, Panacea, Fla., relative to his discontinuance as a keeper in the Lighthouse Service, and also a copy of your letter to him:

2. I beg to refer to my letter of February 14, 1922, on this subject, which followed a careful consideration of this case, since which time no additional facts have been brought to light. You were then advised that Mr. Lawhon's services were discontinued at the close of his probationary period in accordance with Civil Service Rules, this action having been necessary because of demonstrated unfitness of this employee for the position of keeper. Mr. Lawhon has heretofore also been advised that it was not deemed in the interest of the Lighthouse Service to reinstate him to duty.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) L. R. Putnam

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Incls.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 8th Supt. Inclosed are copies of correspondence referred to above from Senator Fletcher.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 16 1923
NEW ORLEANS.

(COPY) EK

United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.,
March 9, 1923.

Respectfully referred to the Commissioner of Lighthouses:
Please note inclosures, and advise me relative to complaint made therein.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Duncan U. Fletcher.

(COPY) EK

SUPERINTENDENT
MAR 16 1923
NEW ORLEANS.

Panacea, Fla.
March 6, 1923.

Hon. D. U. Fletcher,
U. S. Senator,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

On Feb. 10th, 1922, I accepted a position in the Light-house Service, having previously taken Civil Service examination, and made high marks and was duely appointed at Washington, D.C.

I took my wife and 4 little girls and moved to the Light-house, I found there a yound lad, scarcely grown, had just married, and has been in the service only about a year, and has since been demoted and transferred.

During my stay at this place I never saw any of the Light-house officials, in fact I have never seen any of them.

My conduct there was good, my service could not be excelled, and I have never heard one word against my service. July 10, 1922, I received a letter from the Superintendent of Lighthouses, advising what to do in the future relative to some building, etc., and on the same date I received a telegram from him discharging me from the Service and I have been continuously trying to find out the cause for such actions, I was never discharged before in my life. I have held positions of trust, I was never intoxicated, and have always been a gentleman and I feel that I have been mistreated, injured, and humiliated for no cause, and absolutely in violation of Civil Service Rules and I am making this last appeal, asking that you will please go into this matter, and ascertain the cause for such actions, as you understand according to Civil Service Rules, I am entitled to know.

Thanking you in advance for your able assistance.

I am Yours truly,
(Signed) S. D. Lawhon.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 16 1923
NEW ORLEANS.

(COPY)EK

March 9, 1923.

Mr. S. D. Lawhon,
Panacea, Florida.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the sixth has been received.

If you were serving a probational (6 months) appointment, your services could have been discontinued without the necessity of filing charges against you. If, on the other hand, you were regularly appointed, after having served for six months, you were entitled to receive a copy of the charges and be given an opportunity to answer in writing.

I will request the Commissioner to consider you complaint and advise me fully.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Duncan U. Fletcher.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 6 1923
NEW ORLEANS.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape San Blas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 2, 1923

To the Light House Superintendent
New orleans La

Sir Your Letter of Mrch 27 Recived and Will Say that Our SD Lawhorn Report is Got true for Any asst Keper Has Got Left station a Lone and Each Keper Sign His own Watch Light Will Got Run all Night With out Winding at Mid Night over flow Hafter Be filled 3 times a Night and Watch all through the Night I all Ways try to Kep a Good Light

W J Knickmeyer
Keper

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 14 1923
NEW ORLEANS.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Carrabelle River Beacons
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Carrabelle Fla, 3-12-23., 191

U.S.Light House Superintendant

New Orleans La,

Sir,

Yours Of the 9th Rec, and in ans to this man Lwhorn report First there is absoluty not a word of truth in it, he in a bad shape with his Mind,,, last year he had to be discharged from the police force in Apalachicola,, and a short time after that he killed a man in Waukulla Co,, and in the early part of last year I had to put him out of my Office, and he has been mad with me every,Since,,,,

As to John Allen he has never tended the lights at any time, I have hired his boat a number a times and others to carry Me out in rough weather,,,, Hoping this will be this explanation will be satisfactory,,,,,

Very Resptfully

C. W. Withers Keeper

Carrabelle River Lights,

EP:LEC

March 9, 1923

W. J. Knickmeyer, Keeper,
Cape San Blas Light Station,
Apalachicola, Florida

1. Mr. S. D. Lawhon of Panacea, Fla., at one time probationary assistant keeper at Cape St. George Light Station, reports to this office, under date of February 23rd, that he estimates you do not average staying at your light one night out of the week. Mr. Lawhon also states that he has seen you and your assistant both in Apalachicola at once spending the night and that maybe the assistant would leave town at daybreak and return to the light some time in the afternoon.

2. Mr. Lawhon further states that your assistant told him that you were gone sometimes until there was anywhere from three to fifteen blank spaces on the watch book for you to sign, and that this has been going on for years and years.

3. A copy of this letter letter is inclosed herewith directing your assistant keeper to state whether or not it is true.

L.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

EP:EC
Incl.

March 9, 1923

Andrew P. Polous, Asst. Keeper,
Cape San Blas Light Station,
Apalachicola, Florida
(Through the Keeper)

1. Inclosed find copy of a letter written to W. J. Knickmeyer, Keeper, Cape San Blas Light Station.

2. You are directed to submit report through the keeper as to the truth or falsity of the statements made by Mr. Lawhon.

L.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

EP-WJB.

March 9th,1923.

C. T. Wathen, Keeper,
Carrabelle Riv.Range Lights,
Carrabelle, Florida.

1. Mr. S. D. Lawhon, of Panacea, Fla., who formerly held probationary appointment as Asst.Keeper at Cape St.George Light Station, advises this office in a letter dated Feb. 23rd, 1923, that you do not care for the lights in your charge and that you have a "sub-contractor" by the name of John Allen attending the lights, to whom you pay $5.00 a week, and that you do not pretend to go to the lights at all. Also that this has been going on for years.

2. You are directed to submit reply to this office to the statements made by Mr. Lawhon.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Panacea Fla
2/23-23

Mr E.S. Laughlin
Neworleans La

My Dear Sir

Replying to your
letter of Feb 10-1923
First-I dont to say you
Misconstrue my letter of Feb 4
it was not my intention
to try to get you to reopen
the case. as the case has
never been open.
And all I know is that-you
discharged me by Telegram
from the light-house Service
and you did so without
any True cause. And in
doing so you were back

dated Some of the proceedings
you have done Wrong &
and you know it- you
over Stepped your authority
in discharging me and
you refuse to tell me
why you did so. you
are simply ashamed to
tell it- that withstanding
the civil Service rules
~~is~~ in the case, you claim
to be the case is that I
shall have a full Statement
of reason from the appointing officer and you admit
in your letter of Feb 10th
that- you did- this you
self. So this Laughter

You have discharged me
What for? You have never
seen me. None of your
representatives ever came
around while I was there
Your Statment That my Service
was not good is not true,
Now Then Mr Laughlin at
This late date because I cite
you to a case where an
other Keeper was Kicked
out of the Service by you
Without a trial or Chance
You Say it - Confirms your
Opinion as to My usefulness
What I Said Concerning This
Keeper in This Case

Regardless Of What yours
Opinion May be
It is the Gods truth
just the Same.
I Supose this will Reconfirm
your opinion. But Listen
Here is. Mr. M. McIntyre
Keeper Cape St Blass.
Who I Should estimate
does not average Staying
at his Light-one Night out
of the Week. I have seen
him and his assistant
both in Apalachicola 35
Miles from the Light-both
at once Spending the
Night-Maybe the assistant

Wanted leave out of Town
about day, break down
on the road get to the
Light-some time in
the P.M. the assistant-
has told me that Mr
Hunt Keeper is gone some
time until there is any
where from 3 to 15- Leak
places on the Watch book
for him to Sign this
has been going on
for years & years and a
steady thing. and there
is Mr Hunt Keeper
has the Whole front
of his person cleared

With Merrit - Medals
good Service and
efficiency Stars Set —
That is Light house
Service

That is C. T. Walton
Keeper at Carrabelle That
has had a Subcontractor
by the Name of John Allen
attending his Lights & been
told he Every pay him three dollars
a week and Walton has not
and dont pretend to go to
his lights at all This has
been going on for years
That is Light House Service
I Wayne Heard Living
in Sight of Two Light Houses

And Ten beacon Lights
for the last Twelve Years
and I can Safely Say an
inspection has not visited
these Lights ons an average
of once in 2 years. is This
Light-house Service?
is That complying with
Light-house rules?
You Sit back in Heroeus
feeling your importance
and Greatness discharge me
by Wire from the Since
Service with out a cause
and after you find out That
I Wuld Do. Know what is the
trouble You advise my
Conduct was Just Good

There is no telling what
you have Written the
Light-House Com- at
Washington

Your Request
S. S. Lowhan

Copy of this Given with
your Letter of Feb 15th 1923
To Light House Com-
Through U.S. Senator Fletcher

EP-WJB.

February 10,1923.

Mr. S. D. Lawhon,
Panacea, Florida.

Sir:

1. Your letter of February 4th, 1923, has been received.

2. You were serving under a probationary appointment for six months and your services having been found unsatisfactory were discontinued at the expiration of the six months. This office decided the matter upon its merits and will not re-open the case.

3. Your letter of Feb. 4th, in which you proceed to vilify another keeper in the Service who had nothing to do with your separation from the Service in any manner, shape or form, confirms the opinion of this office that you are unfit for duty in the Light-house Service.

Respectfully,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Personally

Panacea Fla

Feb 4 1923

Mr. E. S. Lanphier

Neworleans La

My Dear Sir

July 10th 1923

You discharged me by telegram from the Light-house Service. Since I have tried in vain to acertain the cause for you taking this action. It is the purpose of this letter to make a personal appeal to You for this information as I Was never discharged before in my life. I have all ways been

Strictly honist- Was never
intoxicated in my life.
And all way obtained
promotions at every place
I have worked.
I have worried a great deal
about the Slap in the face
You gave me.
And really I do not know
but what I have a black
eye with the U.S. Civil
Service com-
And I believe that Some
put up Job was done to
me You never came to the
Station while I was there
You have never seen me-

And you did not treat me
right about this matter
listen. regardless of what you
think, I am going to tell
you this. and I know it to
be the truth. and this keeper
is a good friend to me
but in one case a keeper
had his assistant discharged
Compelling a girl to sign
a false affidavit
the assistant in turn charged
him with having and
operating a Still on the
Station. and when the Federal
officers went to make the search
the keepers son took the Still

over the front fence While
the Keeper talked to the Officers
at the back gate
and they failed to find it
Hence the Guilty Was retained
the innocent discharged,
and the worst part of this case
Was the Keeper Was not only
Stilling whiskey but
Was guilty of what he had
accused the assisland of
and is Still guilty of it
right now and every
body knows it.
Mr Langhirr My Conduct
Was not bad at Cole St George
the only thing I can imagine

Was I did not and could not
treat him with the respect
I should the keeper in charge
for he was not intitled to
any respect he was nothing
in this world but a that
did not have the ability
to tell a man what to
do Why Mr Laughier I have
never in all my life
seen any thing like him
My children could not go
out to play or I could not
step out of the house with
out finding him flat
of his back behind some
of those sandhills arranging

him Self by ~~engaging~~ engaging
in Sexual abuse
It is not in me to be malig
but I Want You to know
what Sort of a Superior I
had. I truly hope I Will
get to see You Some day
I Want to have a talk
With You. Mr Laughlin.
Want You please Sir advise
me Why You discharged me
Cant You drop that Sternness
Which is the ~~policy~~ of
the Government and give
me a chance to Say Guilty
or not Guilty
dont forget that my Self

My Wife and 4 litten girls has been hurt- disopainted humiliated and laughed at by an unjust act and I Think You Should recansidder This matter giving me a fair deal I Would be glad to hear from You

I am Yours Truly
S.D. Lawhon
Farmers assistant
Keller
C/o St George L.S.

P.S.

(COPY)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
FEB 16 1922
NEW ORLEANS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JEH- Replying address Commissioner of Lighthouses

and refer to date of this letter and file No.

February 14, 1922.

Hon. Duncan U. Fletcher,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Fletcher:

1. Referring to your letter of February 3, 1922, inclosing letter from S. E. Teague, Apalachicola, Fla., on behalf of Shellie D. Lawhon, formerly a keeper in the Lighthouse Service:

2. You are respectfully informed that Mr. Lawhon was probationally appointed as keeper in the Lighthouse Service and assigned to duty at Cape Saint George Light Station, Fla. In view of the unwillingness shown by Mr. Lawhon to carry out the orders of the keeper in charge of the station, and of his demonstrated unfitness for the position of keeper, his services were discontinued at the close of his probationary period, in accordance with Civil Service Rules, and according to the records charges were not preferred against him, as such procedure is not required by Civil Service rules in the case of probationary appointees. Mr. Lawhon has heretofore been advised, by authority of the Assistant Secretary of Commerce, that it is not deemed in the interest of the Lighthouse Service to restore him to duty.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) H. R. Putnam
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Inclosures.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 8th Supt. Inclosed are copies of the above-mentioned correspondence.

(COPY)EK

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
FEB 16 1922
NEW ORLEANS.

UNITED STATED SENATE
Committee on Banking and Currency

February 3, 1922.

Hon. George E. Chamberlain, Commissioner,
Bureau of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

Please note attached letter from Mr. S. E. Teague, Apalachicola, Florida, concerning the case of Shellie D. Lawhon, and direct that the desired information be furnished to me.

Thanking you in advance.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Duncan U. Fletcher.

Incl.

(COPY)EK

APALACHICOLA STATE BANK
Apalachicola, Fla.

Jan. 31, 1922.

Hon. D. U. Fletcher,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing you in behalf of Mr. Shellie D. Lawhon, formerly assistant keeper of Cape St. George Light Station.

For some reason Mr. Lawhon's services as assistant keeper were discontinued on July 11, 1921.

I am writing you to see if you can get me copy of the charges presented against him, I understand that he is entitled to this, and he has asked the Department several times, and as yet has no results.

If you can get copy of the charges and send me, I am sure it will be very much appreciated by all of Mr. Lawhon's friends.

With personal regards.

I am yours truly,

(Signed) S. E. Teague.

(COPY)

In replying address Commissioner of Lighthouses and refer to date of this letter and file No.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 15 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

December 13, 1921.

Mr. S. D. Lawhon,
Apalachicola, Fla.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 3, 1921, in regard to the termination of your services as keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

J. S. Conway

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Inclosure

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to----8th----Supt. Inclosed is copy of Lawhon's letter of December 3.

In replying address
Commissioner of Lighthouses

and refer to date of this letter and file No.
JEH/VR
Inclosure.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

(COPY)

Dec. 7, 1921

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 12 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

Mr. S.D. Lawhon,
Apalachicola, Fla.

Dear Sir:-

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 18, 1921, relative to your separation from the Lighthouse Service, etc.

2. Letter of July 7, 1921, which accompanied your above-mentioned letter is inclosed as requested.

Respectfully,

(Signed)
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 8th Supt.

Apalachicola, Fla.,
December 3, 1921.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 8 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

Copy

Commissioners of Light Houses,
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

1. Your letter of Nov. 28, 1921, File No. JEH/HOL has been received, relative to my separation from the Light House Service.

2. In reply, I beg to say that my six months probationally appointment expired, July 10, 1921, and I did not receive my notice from the Department of Commerce, until July 24, 1921.

3. Sec. C, Rule 7, reads ***** of and when, after full and fair trial during this period, the conduct or capacity of the probationer be not satisfactory to the appointing officer, the probationer shall be so notified in writing, with a full statement of reasons, and this notice shall terminate his service. His retention in the service beyond this probationary period, confirms his absolute appointment.

4. Now, I know it is not for anything I have done that my services were discontinued, but it was a put up job by other parties, who had an interest in the matter, and ~~xxxx~~ selfish interest; and under the rules and the contract of appointment to which I was employed, I contend for a copy of the charges, which caused me so much damage and disappointment. I truly hope that you will not put me to further trouble and expense in the effort to get justice.

5. I have a wife and four small children, and I have been kicked out of the Civil Service, by a telegram signed "Lamphier" without even so much as an explanation, or reason, as provided.

6. In plain words, some big lie was written to the Superintendent of Light Houses, and he discharged me by telegram, and as you know, he had not the authority to discharge or discontinue my Service.

7. In making this my last and direct appeal, I hope you will give me what is justly and legally mine.

8. Thanking you in advance for a kind consideration, I am.

Respectfully.

S. D. Lawhon,
Apalachicola, Fla

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In replying address
Commissioner of Lighthouses

and refer to date of this letter
and file No.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOU.
NOV 28 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

November 23, 1921.

Mr. S. D. Lawhon,
Apalachicola, Fla.

Dear Sir:

1. Referring again to your letter of October 28, 1921, relative to your separation from the position of keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

2. You are respectfully informed that your services as keeper having proved unsatisfactory they were discontinued by the Secretary of Commerce at the close of your probationary period in accordance with Civil Service rules.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. R. Putnam
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

Apalachicola, Fla.,
November 18, 1921.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 28 1921
NEW ORLEANS

Commissioner, Lighthouses,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

1. Your letter of October 28th, 1921, HOL EK, is at hand. With referene to my separation from the light house service, in which you advise that I will be further informed in regards thereto, at an early date.

2. I am enclosing a letter from the Superintendent of Lighthouses, under date of July 7, 1921, which I would be glad to have the further consideration of the department.

3. My explanation of his letter is as follows:- First I did refused to sign applications for absences on Sundays and holidays, my reason for refusing t totdo so, was Par. 104-105 & 106, In Rule Book it is stated that Sundays and Holidays are not charged against the annual leave allowance of the keepers, and on the back of Form 76, the application blank, is stated that it is not to be prepared for absences that is not chargeable against the annual leave.

4. Par. 3, of the letter enclosed, is a matter where the station filed same to be direct, and I promptly took it to the Keeper and he would not accept it, stating if the office had sent it to me, to keep it until they advised me what to do with it. Later I mailed the envelope it came in, back to the Superintendent.

5. Par. 5 of this letter. I wish to say that during the last four months, I tayed at this station, the keeper never sent me anywhere. I went to town by permission, always after supplies and mail, and then had to sign up leave of absence applications. On one occasion I went to town and the keeper telephoned me to spend the night in order to bring over a beacon lamp next morning, which I did, paying the drayage myself.

6. Went from town to beacon. Was all day installing this lamp on structure, and was compelled to sign leave of absence for every hour, which I did not mind, only that it was not in good faith on the part of the Keeper in charge.

7. In comclusion of this letter, I want to say that I have been mistreated and I desire the public should know the reason why I was treated in this manner, and regardless of whether or not I am re-instated to duty, I want a statement of reasons, as provided for by Sec. 7, Rule 7 of the Laws and Regulations of the Civil Service Commission.

8. Hoping to hear from you soon, and thanking you in advance for same, I am.

Respectfully.

L/el

In replying address
Commissioner of Lighthouses

and refer to date of this letter
and file No. JEH: Hol.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 25 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

November 23, 1921.

Hon. Park Trammell,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

1. Referring again to your letter of October 29, 1921, in regard to the discontinuance of the services of S. D. Lawhon as keeper in the Light-house Service.

2. You are respectfully informed that Mr. Lawhon's services as keeper having proved unsatisfactory they were discontinued by the Secretary of Commerce at the expiration of his probationary period, in accordance with Civil Service rules.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) G. R. Putnam

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 8th Supt.

ESL:LEC

November 8, 1921

SUBJECT: Letter of October 28, 1921, from S. D. Lawhon, Apalachicola, Fla., to the Bureau, referred to this office by indorsement of November 4, 1921, for report and return, and letter of October 19, 1921, from Senator Park Trammell relative to S. D. Lawhon. Both communications referred to in this subject are returned herewith to The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Beg to invite the attention of the Bureau to the report from this office of June 30, 1921, recommending "that the services of S. D. Lawhon, Assistant Keeper, serving under probationary appointment, the probationary period to end July 10th be discontinued.....," and to report of September 13, 1921, in which the matter of Mr. Lawhon's unfitness for the position of assistant keeper was fully reported upon.

2. It is desired to state that the Bureau, in its letter of October 11, 1921, to Mr. Lawhon refers to his dismissal from the position of keeper, but, as a matter of fact, the Department, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph C, Section 1 of Civil Service Rule VIII, discontinued Mr. Lawhon's services and he was not dismissed. The action taken, based upon the reasons given, were exactly in accordance with Civil Service rules and regulations and nothing further can be done than to advise Senator Trammell relative to the facts as reported in recommendation of June 30, 1921, and the detailed report in indorsement from this office dated September 13, 1921.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Com. Light Houses,
Washington D. C.

Gentlemen

Yours has been recd- File No. H.O.L. E.K. and I have writen Hon. Park Trammell U.S. Senator from Florida asking him to appeal to you in my behalf. In this matter I feel that I have been mistreated.

I intered the Service in good faith and never heard of a word complaint against me. I have never been discharged before in life. I am a man with a family and I am a gentleman and the reason for my discharge as stated that I had shown an unwillingness to carry out the orders of the Keeper is positively untrue. I believe that I was reported by parties outside of the lighthouse Service. Anyway I am intitled to know the reasons. I am a poor man and can not demand an investigation but according to laws of the Civil Service Commission I am intitled to a trial and for your information I wish to say that I am not the only employee that has been discharged from the lighthouse Service on false reports. But I am the only one I have heard of that was discharged for reasons unknown. I feel that the public is intitle to know why I was discharged and I againminsist that the charges against me be made in writing. I am intitle to this information by the Laws & regulation of your own Commission and why is it you are not willing to comply with your own agreement?

Please reply to this and give this matter a reconsideration.

I am

Yours truly,

(Signed) S. D. Lawhon

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
Nov. 4, 1921

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.
for report and return.

J. S. Conway
Acting Commissioner

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UNITED STATES SENATE
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U. S. Lighthouse Commissioner,

Department of Commerce,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am advised that on July 10th 1921 Mr. S. D. Lawhon, who was Assistant Eighthouse Keeper at Cape St George, Florida, was discharged. Mr. Lawhon advises me that he has never been able to ascertain the grounds upon which he was discharged. He feels that he should have an opportunity to put in his defense against any charges that may have been made. This seems but a fair proposition. Will you kindly advise me as to the grounds upon which he was removed.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Park Trammell

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
Nov 2, 1921

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.
for report and return. See previous papers.

J. S. Conway
Acting Commissioner

replying address
Commissioner of Lighthouses

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 17 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

October 11, 1921.

Mr. S. D. Lawhon,
Apalachicola, Fla.

Dear Sir:

1. Referring again to your letters of August 26, and September 15, 1921, relative to your dismissal from the position of keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

2. You are respectfully informed that after careful consideration and by direction of the Department, it is not deemed in the interest of the Lighthouse Service to restore you to duty.

3. The correspondence accompanying your above-mentioned letter of August 26, is inclosed as requested.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. E. Putnam
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 8th Dist.

Apalachicola Fla
Oct- 8th 1921

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 10 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

No action

Supt. Light. Houses.
New Orleans La-

Sir

In taking this matter up with the Commissioners at Washington desire to say to you. That. I am only Struggling for a trial. as I feel confident could I get a trial I would be reinstated this has a. put-up. job. on me. and if you will look into it you will find it- to be the case.

I have never been discharged before or since. from any position and I ask you to look over my letter to the Commissioners and and will you not admit that Civil Service Rules has not lined up too in my case? On Jan. 10th I. has. a line a rule book at Cape St George and I lined up to it as near as possible and if you will give me a trial or a chance. I can explain to you

Satisfaction any thing that may
have been written you.
as to my unfitness for the light house
service You are wrong in your opinion
there is no man in your service
that is any better fitted than I am
and I have ask is a trial
You will remember that I do
not know why I have been
discharged

Yours truly —
S P Lawson

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 10 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

OFFICE

Sheriff Franklin County

D. S. HOSE, SHERIFF

Apalachicola, Fla.

Sept. 15th 1921.

RE: HOl Sept. 6th 1921.

Commissioners of Lighthouses,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of Sept. 6th duly to hand, and in reply, I thank you for your promptness in taking this matter up in your department for adjustment.

In addition to the information given in my previous letters, I wish to call your attention to the fact that I did not recognize the dismissal by telegram dated July 9th 1921, addressed to the operator and signed LAMPHIER, and I reported back to the lighthouse station for duty, and did not receive any official communication until July 14th 1921, four days after the termination of my six months probationary term of appointment.

Your especial attention is hereby further called to the fact that on the back of my certificate of appointment, is printed a copy of Civil Service Rules; Paragraph "C", Section 1, Civil Service Rule VII, reading in part, as follows: "If, and when, after full and fair trial during this period, the conduct or capacity of the probationer be not satisfactory to the appointing officer, the probationer shall be so notified in Writing, with a full statement of reasons, and this notice shall terminate his service". Therefore, as this notice in writing was not received until July 24th 1921, (and then not with a full statement of reasons), I believe that the foregoing Civil Service Rule has not been complied with in this case.

Thanking you for giving this letter your usual prompt attention,

I remain

Yours very truly

S D Lawton

5. Enclosed in the letter of August 25th, 1921, to this office, a copy of which Lawhon sent to the Bureau and which is returned herewith, were two affidavits, one dated June 9, 1921, of two persons having seen the Cape St. George Light Station boat in Apalachicola Bay on the night of June 1st, and the other dated July 18th, 1921, accusing W. A. Roberts, Sr., of having stolen Lighthouse lumber. It is not understood why Mr. Lawhon held back these affidavits. One of them does not mean anything to this office but the other relative to the theft of lumber was forwarded by this office Sept. 9th, 1921, to the United States Attorney at Pensacola, Fla., requesting that Official to take appropriate action in the matter. It is hardly necessary to state that as Mr. Lawhon was aware in January and February that Lighthouse Service lumber was being stolen it was his duty to report the matter and not wait until he had been separated from the Service before doing so.

6. It is recommended that Mr. Lawhon be advised that the action taken in discontinuing his services is final and that the case will not be re-opened. He is unfit for duty and the more he writes the more it is made apparent.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington

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inclosures.

September 6, 1921.

Subject: Letter, August 26, 1921, from S. D. Lawhon, Apalachicola, Fla., relative his dismissal from the Lighthouse Service.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orlean , La., for report and return.

(Signed) J. S. Conway,

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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Office of the Superintendent of Light ouses, 8th Dist
New Orleans, La., September 13th, 1921.

Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. The opinion of this office expressed in letter of June 30, 1921, that S. D. Lawhon, Assistant Keeper serving under probati nary appointment had given sufficient evidence of his unfitness for the position, has been further confirmed by the correspondence since his service under the probationary appointment were discontinued. He has proven conclusively to this office that he is of an extremely suspicious nature and a trouble maker. He had never, until the letter of Aug.25th reported anybody for hauling beef in the Lighthouse boat and the persons mentioned in his letter of August 25th as having conspired aginst him have never submitted any reports of any nature to this office.

2. He seems to be obsessed with the idea of his own importance and that all those with whom he came in contact were conspiring to secure his separation from the service, which so far as this office is aware has no foundation in fact.

3. On August 25th there were received from Lawhon official mail addressed to this office, one a letter of June 19, 1921, from the Keeper, the other a letter of June 18, 1921, from Lawhon himself to this office, addressed through the keeper, another of June 19, 1921, from Lawhon to this office, addressed through the Keeper with an unsigned memorandum in Lawhon's handwriting as follows: "This mail I neglected to mail while in the service for we were expecting any time".

4. It will be noted that the unsigned memo. does not convey any connected thought and further confirmas the opinion of this office that Mr. Lawhon is suffering with a mental aberration of some kind. Enclosed is a copy of letter written him on August 27th, acknowledging the mail in question.

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Apalachicola, Florida, August 26th, 1921

Lighthouse Commissioners,
Washington, D.C.

Rec. to 8th for report without acknowledgment
J.E.H.
9/13/21

Gentlemen:

You will please find enclosed herewith copies of two letters from the undersigned to the Hon. E. S. Lamphier, Supt. of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., and his reply to the letter of August 10th, 1921... and other enclosures, (Rec.also pertaining to my discharge as Assistant Light House Keeper at Cape St. George, Florida, and also two letters of commendation from prominent people in Apalachicola...all of which papers you will please return to me when you are through with same. (ackg to keep (him quiet till (8th reports (PC 9/3

I have never been given an opportunity to answer the charges made against me by those enemies who for selfish gain, and for enmity because I reported them for hauling beef with the Government's boat, and which reports I am convinced caused me to uloose the position as Assistant Light House Keeper, and I am ready and anxious and willing to answer any charge against me, and as an honorable American citizen, I think that I should not be turned out of a position without a chance to answer the charge of charges, as even a negro in this land of freedom, is given a hearing and a chance to prove his innocence, tho he be even accused of the worst crime of tragedy. (Rec.ack. (to 8th (JSC (Sept.6

Must I retreat defeated, ruined, abused, misused, jobless, injured, mistreated, slandered, lied about by those whom I had the manhood and courage to report for a willful wrong against my Government, without even a chance to answer the charge of charges?

I appeal to your sense of fairness and Ameican Justice, and ask you to see that the charge or charges made against me, causing the loss of the position on which I depended for the support of my family, be made in writing against me, so that I may answer same, and if I cannot prove same to be absolutely faulse, then I will humbly submit to the loss of the position for which I made such a sacrifise to get, and in which during my entire six months of service, I never heard a single complaint against me or my work.

Thanking you for looking into this matter in behalf of a humble fellow citizen who honestly believes that he has been treated unfairly, without a man's chance to defend himself, I am Honorable Sirs,

Very truly yours,

(Signed) S. D. Lawhon

TERMS OF COURT.

TALLAHASSEE—Second Mon[illegible] in January.
PENSACOLA—First Mondays in May and November.
MARIANNA—First Monday in April.
GAINESVILLE—Second Mondays in June and December.

Department of Justice.

OFFICE OF

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY,

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 16 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

Pensacola, Fla. Sept. 14, 1921.

Department of Commerce,

Light House Service,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

This office begs to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Sept. 9th, 1921, enclosing an affidavit made by one S. D. Lawhorn of Apalachicola, Fla., dated July 18th, 1921, concerning the Cape St. George Lighthouse Station, in Franklin County, Florida.

Respectfully,

H. E. Hoffman

Assistant United States Attorney.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 12 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

Apalachicola Fla
Sept. 9th 1921

Supt Light-Houses -
New Orleans La -

Sir

Replying to Yours of 7th & 7th
And will Say
the reason I did not report Roberts
Sooner for Stealing Lumber
Was Told- Other imployees of the
light House Service Knew this
fact. I took Mr. J. M. Galloway
and Showed him one Wagon load
While there Was Two Other ~~loads~~ Lots
Mr Galloway did not See
there is plenty evidence to guarentee
a Court Conviction of Roberts Jr & Sr
With a Service at the Station You
Will likely find a good deal more
of this Lumber gone Than You might

Thick. As Roberts done lots of Carpenter Work here in town With Lumber he claimed to have picked up on the Island
2. Refering to your Statment that None of the parties mentioned in my letter ever reported me I have reason to believe that they engineered the game Whether or not they Signed or not. I have had Freinds trying to find out Why I Was sent out of the Service With out Any charges or Reason that I Could understand. I am guessing. And I have never had anything to Shock or hurt my feelings like this did And Sir- if you Will Send me those charges I Will Let Some body behind the bars

You are in La- I am in Fla
But I Know I have done Nothing
~~to~~ that would justify you in
throwing me out like you
did. And that Boy you had as Keeper
down at the light is Not fit to be
in charge of any thing in fact he
is not Mentally balanced. The Public
Will agree With this Statement
When he became Keeper there was more
Convent of Criticism in this Neighbor
hood than I ever heard Concerning
any one thing. And he did not
With in him Self Conduct the Offense
against me
I Want you to See him I Want
you to have a Talk With him
and take a good look at him
in the day time
if you do not agree With me in
What I Say I Will be Surprised
Yours truly S D Lawhon

EP:LBC

Incl.

September 9, 1921

United States Attorney,
Pensacola,
Florida

Sir:

1. The inclosed affidavit was received in this office on August 31, 1921, from Mr. S. D. Lawhon, Apalachicola, Fla.

2. If it is found that the allegations of this man are substantiated, it is requested that you take necessary action in the premises.

Respectfully,

Superintendent of Lighthouses

State of Florida,
Franklin County.

Personally appeared before the undersigned authority, H. W. Johnston, County Judge in and for said county and State, Murdock Newell and Lid Cooper who being duly sworn, depose and say each for himself that on the night of June Ist, A. D., I92I, at 9.I5 o'clock they saw passing in Apalachicola bay Cape St. George light-house boat heading East.

Lid Cooper
Murdock Newell

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of June, A. D., I92I

H W Johnston
County Judge.

The above was Wm Roberts Sr. and Bob. Knickmyre going 12 miles up the island to drive cattle

S D Lawhon

This is one trip but there has been many others like it

(COPY - LEG)
State of Florida

Franklin County, S. S.

The undersigned, S. D. Lawhon, after being duly sworn, deposes and says on oath as follows, towit:-

That during the months of January and February, 1921, while the working party were engaged on the wharf and walks on and about Cape St. George Light Station, in Franklin County, Florida, repairing and over-hauling the said Wharf and walks, W. A. Roberts Sr., was engaged in hauling lumber for the said working party to repair the same; that during the time the said W A. Roberts, Sr., was so engaged in the said hauling, he, the said Roberts, did from time to time, take off and from some of the loads of lumber he was then and there so hauling, certain parts of said lumber, towit, some 2x 8; 2 x 10; 6 x 6, and other lumber, and did the same hide, conceal and not deliver the same to the said working party for their use thereof;

That thereafter, after learning of the said actions of the said Roberts, as aforesaid, this affiant and one C. J. Raiford did go to the place where the said Roberts had stopped while so hauling the said Lumber, and did then and there discover and find the said lumber so left by the said Roberts, the same being the lumber so taken off of the loads of lumber so hauled and not delivered to the said working party as aforesaid; that W. A. Roberts, Jr., and W. A. Roberts, Sr., did, on the 17th day of February, 1921, go to get, and take away the said lumber herein mentioned, and did then and there take and haul the same away for their own use, the same being then and there the property of the Government of the United States.

(Signed) S. D. Lawhon
Affiant

S(CIRCUIT COURT)
E(FRANKLIN) Taken, subscribed and sworn to
A(COUNTY) before me this 18 day of July, 1921
L(FLORIDA)

(Signed) W. R. Dodd
Clerk, Circuit Court

(COPY - LEC)

State of Florida

Franklin County

Personally appeared before the undersigned authority H. W. Johnston, County Judge in and for said county and State, Murdock Newell and Lid Cooper who being duly sworn, depose and say each for himself that on the night of June 1st, A. D., 1921, at 9:15 o'clock they saw passing in Apalachicola Bay Cape St. George light-house boat heading East.

(Signed) Lid Cooper
(Signed) Murdock Newell

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of June, A. D., 1921

(Signed) H. W. Johnston

County Judge

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The above was W. A. Roberts, Sr. and Bob Knickmyre going 12 miles up the Island to drive cattle.

(Signed) S. D. Lawhon

This is one trip but there has been many others like it

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September 7, 1921

S. D. Lawhon,
Apalachicola,
Florida

1. Your letter of August 25th, with its inclosures, received. This office notes that you subscribed to an affidavit on July 18, 1921, accusing W. A. Roberts, Sr., of stealing lumber belonging to the Lighthouse Service. It is regretted that you saw fit to delay forwarding the affidavit.

2. This office has transmitted your affidavit to the U. S. Attorney with request that he take proper action in the matter. No doubt you will be called upon by the U. S. Attorney to substantiate the accusations made by you.

3. With reference to your letter of August 25th, you are advised that the people whom you report in that letter as having conspired to make various reports against you have never submitted any reports to this office.

K.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 31 1921
NEW ORLEANS

Apalachicola, Florida, August 25th, 1921.

Hon. E.S. Lamphier, Supt.of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.
Honorable Sir:

Answering your letter of the 13th instant, beg to say that in my discharge as Assistant Keeper at Cape St. George Light Sta., Florida, you have listened to false reports of enemies who lied on me at the "Eleventh Hour" when they knew that I would not have time to reply before the termination of my six months probationary period--even if I were given a chance to reply, which chance has not been given; and these enemies made the said false reports, not only to do me an un-repairable injury, but to promote their own selfish and unholy interest, and to cover up their own black deeds which I had the manhood and courage to report.

I reported the brother of W.M.Knickmyre, Light House Keeper at Cape St. Blast, whose name is Bob Knickmyre, and W.A.Roberts Sr.,for using the Government's boat for hauling beef; and I believe that these three men then conspired with Elis Barber and George Wakefield to have Mrs. Joe Porter make false reports against me.

Elis Barber is Mrs. Joe Porter's son-in-law, and George Wakefield is her nephew; and it is my conviction that the said Mrs, Joe Porter made these reports for the purpose of getting lighthouse positions for the said Barber and Wakefield.

Therefore, this conspiring trio--W.M.Knickmyre, Bob Knickmyre and W.A.Roberts Sr, knew the right key to unlock the selfish interest of the said Mrs. Joe Porter, and she, it seems, easily fell to the conspiracy.

In yours of the 13th instant, you say as far as your office is concerned, the incident is closed; and your decision against me is final, and in your listening to false reports of my enemies--without giving me a man's chance to defend my name and honor, you have not only done a great and un-speakable injustice to the husband of a defenseless and faithful wife and the father of four helpless and dependable children, but you have turned a poor man away from his well-earned position, out into the world of unemployment, jobless and without means--to fight against poverty in hard struggle for bread for his wife and four children.

While you sit at ease in the lap of luxury, with every protection thrown around you by the best and strongest government in the world, you and yours with three meals plus the luxuries of life, I must walk the streets in vain for work--to try to get a crust of bread for my wife and four children--which crust your well-fed children would throw to the dogs.

I am just a poor, humble citizen of an icolated small town in an undeveloped community, with no pull, influence or money; and you are an official of the U.S.Government with authority, power and pull; and therefore in my weakness and helplessness I must submit to your decision--tho it be unjust and founded on false reports. No pen can describe nor tongue can tell the great injustice and the injury which you have thrust upon me; and if you knew that I gave up a good position and declined taking another (which are now both filled), to accept the government appointment, you would even then only realize a small portion of such injury and injustice, and the sacrifice which I made to accept the said government appointment.

I am going to try to forgive you in your decision, for the sake of my undying love and respect for the flag of my country of which you are an official, but honorable Sir, these facts will haunt you to your dying day; and one poor, jobless fellow-man and his wife and four children will remember the injustice--even tho they have the grace to forgive.

Very truly yours (the under dog),

S.W.Lawhon

~~This~~ the reason I did not report
this sooner. is. I am like all ~~the~~
man kind I hated to do it-
owning to its nature
the amt - of this lumber
was Something over 300 feet
concealed in three different
places

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 31 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

Apalachicola Fla
Aug 29th 1921

Supt- Light-Houses
New Orleans La

Sir

Replying to Yours of the 27th inst- beg to Say, I Can not See where the fact that I neglected to mail mail that was my own proposition Caused or Showed Any Any effect on the Fitness or Unfitness of my Service

2nd Hamm if I Done Wrong I assure you it Was a matter of ignorance On my part.

3 If there Has any Papers of this matter I did not Sign. Which Should Have been Signed by me. I Will gladly Sign if you Will return

Yours Truly S D Faucher

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

WJB.

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

August 27th, 1921.

Mr. S. D. Lawhon,
Apalachicola, Florida.

Sir:

1. Official mail addressed to this office, some of it signed by the then Keeper of Cape St.George Light Station, during June and July, was received in this office in an envelope bearing your return address, and with some unsigned memoranda in your handwriting.

2. The fact that you did not forward this official mail at the time it was current ~~[illegible]~~ confirms the opinion of this office as to your unfitness for employment in the Lighthouse Service. The personal letter addressed to you by G. M. Galloway, which you also forwarded, is herewith returned.

Respectfully,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 25 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

Later The Keeper brings me a
letter from Town from Mr Galoway
You will note it has been opened
by means of Sharp instrument,
and resealed. as it contained no
information I received it

S L Lawhon
Apalachicola
Fla





Supt Light Houses
New Orleans
La

This is mail I neglected to
mail while in the Service
for we were expecting any
time.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 25 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape St Geo. L. S.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 19th, 1921

Supt - of Light-houses,
New Orleans,
La.

Sir,

Mr S.D. Lawhon has two letters enclosed which he ask me to sign and I refused for the following reasons, the one to you about going to Apa- one day and returning the next day, the other is to Mr G.M. Galloway trying to get evidence against me to correspond with his past Charges, as his letters are without foundation and are so often they are getting tiresome.

W A Roberts Jr Keeper

(Through the Keeper)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 25 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

Cape St. Ives, L. A.
June 18, 1921

Supt of Light Houses.
New Orleans. La.

Sir- I will again refere to the Keepers. Feb. Report, which did not occure to me at the time, but the Keeper, his wife, Mr Gallaway and all the working party, left the Station, Sat. Feb. 5th and did not return, until monday the 7th

Mr Gallaway also knows that he took the ~~#~~ Light House boat himself in the morning of the 17th and the Keeper following in the P.M. on his Fathers boat.

I would be glad if you would take this matter up with Mr Gallaway, he and his party will bear out my statements.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 25 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

Since Mr Roberts has moved the watch book from the Tower, I suppose he has intends to try to frame me out false.

L D Lawhon
Assistant Keeper.

(Through the Keeper)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 25 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

Cape St Geo L. S.
June 19, 1921.

Supt 8th Light Houses.
New Orleans, La.

Sir—

I went to Lowe in the afternoon of June 8th for supplies. On arriving in Lowe I found all business closed, and Mr Roberts told me over the phone I'd better spend the night than make 2 trips, which I did and early next morning I went to Depot, got Beacon Lamp, paid drayage .50¢ Mr Silvia assisted me, I went direct from Lowe to Beacon structure, west of here and installed it before returning to the Station, which took until 2 oclock P.M. June 9. As Mr Roberts contends, I signed the request for one days leave of

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 25 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

absence. I do not care anything about the loss of the annual leave of absence, but ~~it~~ I dont believe it is right to charge this, and others like it, to me.

S D Lawhon
Asst Keeper.

Aug 24, 1921

During the 7 months Mr Roberts was asst Keeper, at Cape St Ises, Mr Silva informs me, he got only one leave of absence, During this time, he spent 93 nights ~~in~~ away from the Station, made 2 trips to Pensacola, spending five days, each trip.

~~Thorough Keeper~~)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 25 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

Cape St Geo L S.
July 4th, 1921

Supt Of Light Houses,
New Orleans, La.

Sir,

I am fowarding back to you, request for one days leave of absence, which came to me direct. I offered it to mr Roberts, for file, and he advised me to keep it, if it had been sent to me. I know it was intended for him and was sent to me through a mistake.

Find inclosed envelope.

S D Lawhon
Assistant Keeper

ESL:LEC
Incls.

August 13, 1921

Mr. S. D. Lawhon,
Apalachicola,
Florida.

Sir:

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letters of July 30th and August 10, 1921.

2. Answering the question in your letter of July 30, 1921. In view of the fact that your services were not found satisfactory during the probationary period, recommendation for reinstatement at the present time will not be considered.

3. Referring to the letter of August 10th relative to Section C of Rule 7, your interpretation of that section is not correct. The words "full and fair trial" do not mean an examination or trial in the sense to which you refer to it, it means that after the person selected for appointment has been given a full and fair trial as to his conduct or capacity in the position to which appointed, and is then found unsatisfactory to the appointing officer, the probationer is notified of the termination of his services.

4. In view of your reference to Civil Service rule, your attention is invited to the notes of the Civil Service Commission under Section 1 of Rule 12, in the first paragraph of which notes it is stated: "and a probationer may be separated from the Service at any time during or at the expiration of the probationary period without further formality than written notification setting forth the reasons in full."

5. You are further advised that your case has received the consideration of the Department of Commerce and has been proceeded with strictly in accordance with laws and regulations of the Civil Service Commission, and, so far as this office is concerned, the incident is considered closed.

6. The two inclosures contained in your letter of July 30, 1921, are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

K.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA August 10 th, 1921.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 13 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

Hon. E.S.Lanphier, Superintent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.
Honorable Sir:

I am not satisfied with the way in which I was discharged from the Federal Government's service as Assistant Keeper at Cape St. George Light Station, Florida for the following reasons:

1. I was not discharged according to Paragraph (c) of Section 1 of Civil-service rule V11---in-as-much as I was never given any trial at all, much less a "fair trial", and I have never been notified with "a full statement of reasons, as required of the aforesaid civil-service rule;

2. I am convinced that I am the victem of some vicious enemies comprising an envious clique making false reports at the eleventh hour of my term, and giving me no time to answer same before the expiration of my six months period--even if I had been given " a fair trial";

3. During practically the entire six months of my service, I have never heard of a complaint or any dissatisfaction, at all times I tried to do my full duty with loyalty and promptitude, and the reasons for my discharge as stated by Chief of AppointmentDivision Hon. Clifford Hastings, as to my having shone "an unwillingness to carry out the orders of the Keeper and have shone sufficient evidence of unfitness,"are too vague, brief and indefinate to be considered a "full statement of reasons" as required in Paragraph (c) of Section 1 of Civil-Service Rule V11; and nowhere in the entire procedure of my discharge, was I given a "full and fair trial"as required by the aforesaid Paragraph (c) of Section 1 of Civil-Service Rule V11--or any trial whatsoever.

Now, Mr. Lanphier, as an American citizen and as one of your well meaning and law-abiding fellow men who honestly and sincerely believes that he has been wronged, I hereby insist that I be given a "full and fair" trial according to Paragraph (c) of Section 1 of Cicil-Service Rule V11, and if after this earnest appeal for justice, you fail to give me this "full and fair trial"to which I am absolutely entitled, I am inclined to send a copy of this letter to those of the United States senate and congress from Florida, together with an appeal from my friends, whom I believe will help me get a "full and fair trial" as aforesaid.

Awaiting your prompt reply, thanking you in advance for same, appealing to your sense of fairness and justice, I am , honorable Sir,

Very truly yours,

S.D.Lawhon,
Former Assistant Keeper,
Cape St. George Lighthouse.

S D Lawhon
Former Asst Keeper
Cape St George L.S -

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 1 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

Apalachicola Fla
July 30 1921

Supt- Light- Houses
New Orleans La

Sir,—
Yours of 27th to hand. And I hope you will not considder it impotence on my part. for Writing again but I have two questions I want to ask You then are as follows.
First- Under the Circumstances in my Case. is There Any Provision made by the Civil Service Rules. Where in I May be reinstated?
Second. Would you And the department Considder or Recognize a Petition Signed by Nine Tenths of the Citizens Of this County asking That I be reinstated? Yours Truly
~~I am Your Comrade~~, S. S. Lawhon
Former Asst Keeper
Cape St. George L.S.

EP:LEC

August 3, 1921

Mrs. S. D. Lawhon,
Apalachicola,
Florida

Madam:

1. Your letter of July 29th making further reference to the matter of discontinuance of your husband's services has been received. This office has advised your husband fully on this matter and the incident is now considered closed.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Respectfully,

F. A. M.

First Assistant Superintendent

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUL 30 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

Apalachicola Fla.
July 29. 1921.

Supt of Light Houses.
New Orleans. La.

Sir;—

Your letter of 25th Inst has been rec'd. Please pardon me for annoying you with another letter, but in view of the fact that this is a matter where my husbands honesty and integrity is involved, and that we have been seriously injured having given up all other interest, to go into the Light House service. and as I see it, you have caused a black line to be drawn against him, that will forever prohibit him from obtaining employ-

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUL 30 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

ment in any branch of the civil service, in the United States. Discharged by telegram for some reason or cause he is not aware of, but has a reason to believe that it was some charge sent in, supported by strong evidence, on the close of his 6 months trial period by parties that could not afford to appear before your personal investigation. I am making this last appeal to you, to give my husband a trial, that he may have a chance to defend himself.

Respectfully
Mrs. S. D. Lawhon

EP-WJB.

July 27th,1921.

Mr. Shellie D. Lawhon,
Apalachicola, Florida.

Sir:

1. Referring to your letter of July 24th, you are advised that you were serving as Assistant Keeper at Cape St. George Light Station, Fla., under a probationary appointment and your services were discontinued at the end of the 6 months probation. The procedure taken in your case was exactly in accordance with the laws and regulations covering same and final action was taken by the Department of Commerce.

2. For your information it may be stated that you were not dismissed from the service but your services simply were discontinued.

3. The charges preferred by you against W.A.Roberts,Jr., were given full and due consideration and Mr. Roberts was demoted and transferred to another station in consequence thereof.

Respectfully,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Apalachicola Fla
July 24th 1921

Supervising Inspector of Lighthouses
JUL 27 1921
New Orleans

Supt- Light Houses
New Orleans. La.

Sir

I acknowledge receipt of Your registered letter of 19th With check $36.10 discontinuing My Serivce On 15th But- I do not admit That I have refused to carrie out any orders of the Keeper.

But I have been discharged from the Service because I am an honest Man. and Wanted to abide by the rules Later. You will learn that Wm. Roberts Jr. is a boy and one that has no regard for for truth or honor. Mr Silvia the former Keeper over there has several times told me That You Your Self adimited to him You did not like his looks. and that he knew that he would not do as a Keeper all he wanted was to get away from that Station. Mr. Mackenzie of Cape St Blass will tell You of Many unlawful Telephone Mesages he has heard between Mr Roberts Jr. and other parties relative to getting me a way from the Station Mr Mackenzie

Superintendent of Lighthouses
JUL 27 1921
New Orleans

Came to see me three times before I left the Service. to advise me of this. And he makes the Statment to all he meets that it is a Shame to treat a man as I have been treated had you came around personally I would not been kept out. And if you will give me a trial I will Satisfye you that I am a victem of false representations I have been Seriously injured and unjustly So.
And I am asking you to give me a face to face trial. I was in the Skrimer Six months I never had a Word of complaint relating to my Work. And the fact that I was discharged by telegram on the 15th. With certain Youngsters waiting here in Town to receive this message and a boy by the name of Aubery Marks had in his possession this Telegram Telephoning it around over Opa-ou the afternoon of the 9th leads me to believe that Something awfully

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JUL 27 1921
New Orleans

had must have been sent in to You. And I am entitled to a trial under Civil Service rules and under the Constitution of the United States I ask that I be given a trial? at which trial I promise the results shall be pleasing to You.

Please Reply to this

S. L. Lawson

Former Asst Keeper

Cape St George

L. S.

Form 124.
May, 1915.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Light House Service
[Branch of service or department.]

Apalachicola, Florida
[Name of city.] [State.]

April 24, 1917

DECLARATION OF APPOINTEE.

This form must be executed by the appointee before he enters on duty. If the answer to question 6 includes two or more names, and is not IDENTICAL in every respect with answer to similar question in the application, this form must be submitted by the appointing officer for approval before appointment may be authorized. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE PROVISIONS OF LAW AS QUOTED ON ATTACHED FORM. False personation in an examination is a criminal offense, and will be prosecuted accordingly.

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1. What was your age on your last birthday and what was the date of your birth?	Last birth day I was 19 years of age Date of my birth September 2nd 1899
2. Where were you born?	Apalachicola.
3. What were the names of the persons who signed the vouchers to your application?	Jos. Messina. Fred Mitchaff. Carl Shepard. R. Rothman. H. D Marks.
4. In what city or town, and in what building were you examined?	City of Apalachicola. examined in Wm. Pooser drug Store.
5. To what position have you been appointed? State the salary. If temporary, so state.	Temporary assistent dent keeper in Light House Service $6.60 P. A.

6. Are any members of your family in the U. S. Government Service? Answer "yes" or "no" No. If so, fill in the following blanks. If additional space is necessary use back of this sheet.

Name.	Post office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		

7. Have any of the above-named persons entered the Government service since the execution of your application for examination? ..... If so, give the name of each such person .....

8. Will you inform yourself of and observe the provisions of the civil service law and rules and Executive orders concerning political activity, political coercion, political assessments, use of influence to secure promotion, etc., as quoted on the attached form? .....

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

Andrew P Palaus
[Signature.]

.....
[Give here your present post-office address, city and state, including street and number.]

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

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

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

Signature H. D. Shipkey

Keeper Official title Notary Public

This is to be signed by an officer of the department or bureau to which the appointee belongs, not by a notary public, and does not need to be sworn to.
The paper should be returned to Chief Clerk of bureau when completed.

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April 17, 1919.

William J. Knickmeyer, Keeper,
Cape San Blas Light Station,
Port St. Joe, Florida.

1. Form 124, "Declaration of Appointee," executed by Assistant Keeper Andrew P. Polous, is herewith inclosed, to be completed, dated and signed by you and returned to this office.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

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HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 24, 1919.

Mr. Andrew P. Polous,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Six Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No.) issued by the Secretary, Tenth Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Yourself.

Legal Residence: Florida.

(See reverse side.)

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Cape San Blas Fla

COPY (MCC) Recd., 9 a.m., April 16, 1919. D.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Andrew P. Polous,

do solemnly [1] swear (See below) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So HELP ME GOD.

(Sgd.) ANDREW P. POLOUS
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 10th day of April, A. D. 1919.

(Affix official seal here)

S(Harry G. Fannin,
E(Notary Public,
A(State of Florida
L(at Large.

[4] (*Name*) (Sgd.) HARRY G. FANNIN,

(*Official title*) Notary Public

My commission expires Dec. 15, 1919.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper in the Light-house Service (Pro-bationary)	$660 p.a.	Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla.
Former Keeper in the Light-house Service (Temp-orary)	$660 p.a.	do.

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

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Office of ~~Lighthouse Inspector~~ Superintendent of Lighthouses, Eighth District

New Orleans, La., April 21, 1919.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on March 26, 1919.
(Date)

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.
[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a lighthouse inspector or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of lighthouse inspectors and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.
[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.
Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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April 16, 1919.

Mr. Harry G. Pannin,
Notary Public,
Apalachicola, Florida.

Sir:

1. "Oath of Office" recently administered by you in the case of Andrew P. Polous, Assistant Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida, is herewith inclosed for insertion in the proper place of the date on which the oath was executed.

2. A penalty envelope, requiring no postage, is inclosed for the return of the oath to this office.

Respectfully,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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3 inclosures

March 31, 1919.

Andrew P. Polous, Addl. Kpr.,
Cape San Blas Light Station,
Port St. Joe, Florida.
(Through the Keeper.)

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated March 24, 1919, appointing you probationally as assistant keeper at Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida, at a salary of $660 per annum and a daily ration allowance of 45¢, effective commencing March 26, 1919.

2. Subscribe to inclosed "Oath of Office" before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths and return same as soon as practicable. Form 124, "Declaration of Appointee," should be completed by you in the presence of the keeper, then dated and signed by him and forwarded to this office.

(Signed) B. B. DORRY,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished W. J. Knickmeyer, Keeper, Cape San Blas Light Station, Port St. Joe, Florida, for his information and the station files.

You are directed to see that this employee returns the oath of office, properly completed, with as little delay as possible.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~ Superintendent of Lighthouses, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., March 17, 1919.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, **Andrew P. Polous** Legal residence, **Florida.**

Position, **Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.** Salary, **$660 per annum.**

Location, **Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **March 26, 1919,** { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service (temporary) Former salary, **$660 p.a.**

Location, **Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida.**

Rank on eligible list, Second Rating **Assistant Keeper** Percentage, **75.8** , Other eligibles considered:

Brainard F. Cullen, C.

Previous incumbent, Himself. Services terminated ~~to~~, **at close of March 25,1919.**

Reason, **Expiration of present appointment.**

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: **Prior to his temporary employment in above position, Andrew P. Polous had never been employed under any branch of the Department of Commerce. Quarters are provided at Cape San Blas Light Station for the families of the keepers.**

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

3-12-19

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

(To be filled in immediately after the last day temporary employee serves, signed by the proper official and forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce.)

Name of employee Andrew P. Polous

Designation Keeper (Addl.) in the Lighthouse Service. *Compensation* $660 p.a.

Place of employment Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida.

Date of appointment:-Feb.5,1919, effective Jan.24,1919, for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of certification of eligibles for probational appointment.

Last day served March 25, 1919.

Copy furnished Secretary, Tenth Civil-Service Dist.,
Room 330,Customhouse Bldg., New Orleans, La., for his information.

(Signed) DOBBY,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.
(*Official title.*)

Date March 31, 1919.

Lighthouse Service.
(*Bureau or service.*)

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

February 3, 1919.

LIGHT HOUSES FEB 7 1919

FEB 11 1919 NEW ORLEANS

Mr. Andrew P. Polous,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Six Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum, effective January 24, 1919.

Your appointment will continue for a period not to exceed thirty days from date of receipt of a certification of eligibles for probational appointment in the above-mentioned position.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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(Signed) Clifford Hunting
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: John Y. Gresham.

Legal Residence: Florida.

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" " " " Mar. 3, 1919.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Andrew P. Polous,

do solemnly[1] swear (See below) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So HELP ME GOD.

ANDREW P. POLOUS
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 24 day of February, A. D. 191 9.

(Affix official seal here)

J. B. Cogburn,
Notary Public,
State of Florida
at Large.

[4](*Name*) J. B. Cogburn

(*Official title*) Notary Public

My commission expires April 12, 1921

OFFICIAL TITLE	RATE OF PAY	NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.
Present Keeper (Addl.) in the Lighthouse Service	$660 p.a.	Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida.
Former Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of receipt of certification of eligibles for probational appointment in the above-mentioned position.		

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

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~, Eighth DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., March 3, 1919.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on January 24, 1919.
(Date)

(Signature, followed by title)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

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[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.
Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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February 24, 1919.

W. J. Knickmeyer, Keeper,
Cape San Blas Light Station,
Port St. Joe, Florida.

1. "Oath of Office" recently executed by Andrew P. Polous in connection with his appointment as additional keeper at Cape San Blas Light Station, is herewith returned with request that he have the notary public insert in the proper place the date on which he administered the oath.

2. For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

First Assistant Superintendent.

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2 inclosures

February 12, 1919.

Andrew P. Polous, Additional Keeper,
Cape San Blas Light Station,
Port St. Joe, Florida.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated February 3, 1919, appointing you temporary additional keeper at Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida, at a salary of $660 per annum and a daily ration allowance of 45¢, effective commencing January 24, 1919.

2. Subscribe to inclosed "Oath of Office" before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths and return same as soon as practicable as no compensation under this appointment can be paid you until the oath is received in proper form.

(Signed) DORRY,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished W. J. Knickmeyer, Keeper, Cape San Blas Light Station, Port St. Joe, Florida, for his information and the station files.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~ Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., January 29, 1919.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of a register of eligibles for permanent appointment.

Name, Andrew P. Polous, Legal residence, Florida.

Position, Keeper (additional) in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $660 per annum.

Location, Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective January 24, 1919, {the actual date of entrance on duty, or ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

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

Location, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape San Blas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan. 25, 1919

To the Light House Superintendent
New orleans La

Sir Our A P Polous Reported for Duty
Jan 24 1919

W J Smithmyer
Keeper

Form 56

TELEGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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IDENTIFICATION CARD NO._____

RECEIVER'S No.	TIME FILED	CHECK
		PAID, GOVERNMENT RATE

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—EXEMPT FROM TAX

New Orleans La January 23, 1919
(Place and date)

SEND TO William J Knickmeyer Keeper
Cape San Blas Light Station
Apalachicola Florida

Telegraph operator [redacted] telephone [redacted] following Authorized to place Polous on duty as temporary assistant keeper six sixty per annum and rations beginning today

DORRY

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

CHARGE BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, WASHINGTON, D. C.
APPROPRIATION FOR "GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE."

ATTEST: [SIGNED] LANPHIER
First Assistant Superintendent.
(Name)

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District
(Title)

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January 23, 1919.

William J. Knickmeyer, Keeper,
Cape San Blas Light Station,
Port St. Joe, Florida.

1. Referring to telegraphic instructions to you today, you are authorized to place Mr. Andrew P. Polous on duty as temporary additional keeper at Cape San Blas Light Station at salary of $660 per annum and the usual ration allowance, effective commencing today. Advise this office promptly by letter if these instructions were carried out, and have Mr. Polous complete and return inclosed "Personal Question Sheet" and slip relative to former employment.

2. You are directed to return to this office "Oath of Office" and Department letter dated December 5, 1918, covering the appointment of Silas M. Welch as assistant keeper at the station under your charge, for cancellation.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
U. S. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE.

U.S.CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.



This form is to be used solely for the purpose of recording former employment of a person appointed to the Government service with a view to directing applicants for employment to the possible need for workers. It may be filled out by the appointee, or by other person from data in application of examination papers. In the latter case the question as to strike need not be answered.

Record of last private employment of Andrew P. Polous

Appointed Addl.Kpr., Cape San Blas L.S. in the Lighthouse Service.
(Date) (Position) (Office)

Trade or calling Gas Engineer Pay received $70 per mo.

Name and address of last employer Working party, U.S.lighthouse Service, under Mr. Peterson, Foreman New Shell Road Mobile Ala

Was termination of employment due to a strike? No

Not necessary to forward above to U.S.Employment Service, as Polous was previously employed in a working party of the U. S. Lighthouse Service at Cape San Blas L.S.

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U. S. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE.

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Record of last private employment of Andrew P. Polous

Appointed Addl.Kpr., Cape San Blas L.S. in the Lighthouse Service.
(Date) (Position) (Office)

Trade or calling Gas engineer Pay received $70 per mo.

Name and address of last employer Working party, U.S.lighthouse Service, under Mr. Petterson, Foreman New Shell Road, Mobile, Ala.

Was termination of employment due to a strike? No

Not necessary to forward above to U.S.Employment Service, as Polous was previously employed in a working party of the U. S. Lighthouse Service at Cape San Blas L.S.

COPY (MCC) Recd., 9 a.m., Feb. 5, 1919. D.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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

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

Mr. Andrew Parry Polous

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

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

Lighthouse	Cape San Blas L.S., Florida.	Eighth
Bureau or Service.	Place (city, town, station, or vessel).	District.

4. Position to which appointed.... Addl. Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

5. Compensation ..... (Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.) $660 per annum.

6. Appropriation from which paid..... Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

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

Without examination--temporary appointment.

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

Apalachicola	Florida	Franklin	Third
City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

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

There is no postoffice at Cape San Blas, Fla.

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

11. Where were you born? Apalachicola, Fla.

12. When were you born?

September	2	1899
Month.	Day.	Year.

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

14. What is your marital condition? Single

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

Mrs. Emmer Polous	
Name.	Number and street.
Apalachicola	State of Florida.
City or town.	State or Territory.

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16. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? No.

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

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		

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

No.

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
No.					

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

No.

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

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
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21. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States other than during war time, indicate such service in the spaces below.

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

22. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No. (If answer is "Yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan)

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

23. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 18, 19, 20, and 21.)

Gas engineer

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

5th Grade

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

None

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

No

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

All from No. 1 to 15, except 9th; they are answered by Harry G. Fannin, Notary public.

Date, January 30, 1919.

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) (Sgd.) A. P. Polous

P. O. Address: Apalachicola
City or town.

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Number and street.

Florida.
State or Territory.

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

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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded February 6, 1919.

(Signature)

(Official title) Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: POLOUS, ANDREW P **DOB:** 9/2/1899

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
Agency: Treasury SRCs series 2	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Treasury SRCs series 3	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Coast Guard SRCs	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative

If Negative:

CMRS: possible CG service	Area: _____	positive	negative
ARCIS: _____	Area: _____	positive	negative

Notes: _____

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Incls.

November 15, 1924.

in file of Knickmeyer

Subject: 8th Supt's. letter Nov. 6, 1924. Charges against F. J. Knickmeyer, Kpr., and A.P. Polous, Asst.Kpr.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending approval of Superintendent's recommendation in paragraphs 10 and 11. Nomination forms recommending the transfers referred to in paragraph 11 are being submitted separately today.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPROVED:
(Signed) J. Walter Drake
Acting Secretary of Commerce.

Nov.21,1924.
Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, approved.

(Signed) Edw. J. Gardner
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

See 8th's letter of Oct 16/24 as above also in file of Knickmeyer case

11/8/24 Bureau's telegram relative to action on charges in file of Knickmeyer case

DEC 2 - 1924

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 8th Supt.
See Bureau telegram of Dec. 1, 1924

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December 2, 1924.

A. P. Polous, Assistant Keeper,
Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla.,
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.).

In file of W.H. Kniekamper

The Bureau is in receipt of a report from the Superintendent with regard to the unsatisfactory conditions at your station and neglect of duty in properly maintaining the light. It is noted that you were specially cautioned by the Superintendent on August 20, 1924. After careful consideration of the matter the Bureau considers that you have been delinquent in the performance of your duties and you are, therefore, reprimanded and advised that unless a decided improvement is shown in your services a more drastic disciplinary action will be imposed.

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

COPY to 8th. The Department has approved your recommendation of November 6 in the cases of Keepers Nickmeyer and Polous, and it is requested that you make further report in the case of these employees at the end of six months. See Bureau indorsement on Department letter of November 15.

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files

Exact copy as signed by

Mailed by

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Received
LIGHTHOUSES
1925 JAN 22 AM 11 56

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
January 20, 1925

A.P.Polous

1/26/25 2nd to Dent with copy of this letter

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to indorsement, forwarded this date, on copy of additional charges of neglect of duty preferred against A. P. Polous, Assistant Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., dated January 13th, reporting effective date of his suspension, attached is copy of letter from this office, dated January 10th, preferring charges of neglect of duty and insubordination against Mr. Polous, to which no reply has been received up to date.

E. S. LANDRIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Mar. Ent.
Personnel
Finance
Law and Progs
Adm Asst.
Dep. Comm.
Comm.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 JAN 22 AM 11 56

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
January 10, 1925

REGISTERED MAIL

A. P. Polous, Asst. Keeper,
Cape San Blas Light Station,
Apalachicola, Fla.
(Through the Keeper)

1. The Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Louis Buras, reports, under date of January 5, 1925, that you informed him that the Superintendent had told you that you could leave the station any time you liked and return when you felt like it. If you made any such statement, it was false.

2. The Keeper also reports that you asked him for permission to leave the station on the evening of January 3rd and that he granted you six hours and told you to be sure and return in that time. The Keeper reports that you left the station at 3:30 P.M., January 3rd, and that, with the spirit of showing him that you would do as you liked, you did not return to the station until 3:30 A.M. of January 4th.

3. Upon my last inspection of the station, I severely reprimanded and cautioned you and the former keeper relative to the unsatisfactory services rendered by both you and the former keeper. You have also been reprimanded by the Commissioner of Lighthouses by letter dated December 2, 1924, in which you were advised that you had been delinquent in the performance of your duties and that, unless a decided improvement was shown in your service, more drastic disciplinary action would be imposed.

4. Charges of neglect of duty and insubordination are hereby preferred against you based on the report of the Keeper, as you are advised in this letter, with a view to recommending your dismissal from the Service, if the charges are sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action.

5. In accordance with the rules of the Civil Service, you are hereby given three days in which to submit such reply as you may see fit. In the meantime, you are cautioned to obey the regulations as to leave of absence and as to your conduct in all other matters.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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1925 JAN 26 AM 9 02

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
January 24, 1925

A.P.Polous, Asst.Kpr.,
Cape San Blas L.S., Fla.,
Charges against

1/27/25 2nd to D&T with copy of this letter

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. In connection with the reply to charges by A. P. Polous, dated January 21, 1925, which has this day been transmitted in a separate letter, it is desired to state that a letter has been received from Mr. Polous with the reply of January 21st stating that he handed the reply to Mr. L. Buras, Keeper, who returned it to him for mailing to this office in a sealed addressed envelope.

2. Mr. Polous states that he opened the letter and found that there was no signature by Mr. Buras and that it evidently had been torn off after having been written. In view of the fact that Mr. Polous admits having opened official sealed mail, addressed to this office, it is uncertain as to whether or not the letter was signed by Mr. Buras, therefore no action is being taken on the letter from Polous reporting that Buras had signed the letter and then tore off his signature. This would not affect the charges and a letter will be addressed to Mr. Buras in regard to the matter to-day.

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Law and Proc.
Adm. Asst.
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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

REGISTERED MAIL

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
January 13, 1925

A. P. Polous, Asst. Keeper,
Cape San Blas Light Station,
Apalachicola, Florida
(Through the Keeper)

1. Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of letter of January 8th from the Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station again preferring charges of neglect of duty against you. In view of the previous charges preferred and the inclosure, from which it appears that there is no possibility of securing an improvement in your conduct as Assistant Keeper, you are hereby suspended from duty effective upon receipt of this letter pending decision on the charges preferred against you.

2. Immediately upon the receipt of this letter, you will leave the station advising this office of your post office address to which advice as to the final decision of the charges against you will be forwarded.

3. Suspension shall be with lawful pay and allowances if you are exonerated of the charges or if they are not found to be sufficiently substantiated to justify suspension without pay and allowances; and shall be without pay and allowances if they are sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy forwarded to Commissioner of Lighthouses, recommending approval of suspension effective at the close of January 19, 1925, Polous having left the station on the evening of January 19th.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Inclosures

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JAN 26 1925

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval. Inclosed is Superintendent's letter of January 20, 1925, in the matter.

G. R. PUTNAM
Commissioner

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LIGHTHOUSES
1925 JAN 22 AM 11 56

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Cape San Blas Light Sta.
January 8th, 1925

Superintendent of Lighthouses

New Orleans La

Sir:

This is to report that the light was stopped on the morning of the 8th from 12:20 A.M. to 1:20 A.M. on account of the first asst. did not go and wind up at 8:30 P.M. on the 7th and did not call me at 12 P.M. He was on first watch on the 7th and he did not give any reason why he did not call me or why he did not go and wind the clock up.

I remain

Respectfully,

(Signed) Louis Buras,

Keeper

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 JAN 26 AM 8 56

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
January 24, 1925

A. P. Polous, Asst.Kpr.
Cape San Blas L.S.,Fla.,
Charges against

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Attention is invited to Bureau's letter of December 2, 1924 reprimanding A. P. Polous, Assistant Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., relative to the report of this office as to the unsatisfactory conditions at Cape San Blas Light Station and neglect of duty in properly maintaining the light, and advising Mr. Polous that, unless a decided improvement was shown in his services, more drastic disciplinary action would be imposed.

2. Inclosed herewith is copy of letter of January 10, 1925, from this office to A. P. Polous, Assistant Keeper, preferring charges against him of neglect of duty and insubordination, based on the report of the Keeper, together with Mr. Polous' reply dated January 14th.

3. The statement in Mr. Polous' letter that the Superintendent stated there would be no objection to the keeper or himself spending a day or a night away from the station not oftener than once each week is untrue. Upon my last visit to the station, the former keeper and Mr. Polous, the assistant keeper, were severely reprimanded, and anything that was said by the Superintendent was very far from the statement alleged by Mr. Polous. Upon my return to New Orleans, a letter of caution was addressed to the former keeper and Mr. A. P. Polous, under date of August 20, 1924, copy inclosed.

4. Difficulty has been experienced in having this station maintained to the proper standard, and this office has been more than patient with the former keeper because of his long service. The Assistant Keeper, Mr. A. P. Polous, has never shown the proper spirit towards the maintenance of the station and one of the matters on which the Superintendent had occasion to reprimand him on the last inspection was his expressed reluctance to perform certain work about the station.

5. Inclosed herewith is copy of letter of January 13, 1925, to A. P. Polous preferring additional charges of neglect of duty against him based on letter of January 8th from the keeper; and, in view of his continued neglect of duty and his failure to cooperate with the keeper in the proper maintenance of the station, Mr. Polous was suspended from duty pending decision upon the charges preferred against him. Reply of A. P. Polous, dated January 21, 1925, is inclosed herewith. He admits failing to wind the clockwork when he went on duty, and the other statements in his letter are simply considered an evasion of the charges made by the keeper.

6. This office is convinced that it will be impossible to maintain Cape San Blas Light Station properly with the services of Mr. A. P. Polous

as assistant keeper, and is of the opinion that the charges of neglect of duty and insubordination have been proven in a degree sufficient to warrant his dismissal; and it is recommended that Mr. A. P. Polous, Assistant Keeper, Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., be dismissed effective at the close of January 19, 1925, the date on which he was suspended from duty by this office.

7. The Civil Service rule regarding political and religious opinions will not be violated by this action.

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

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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LGJ Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. January 27, 1925.
Incls.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that the action recommended by the Superintendent in paragraph 6 be approved, attention being invited to Bureau recommendation of January 26 recommending approval of suspension of Polous effective at the close of January 19, 1925. Attention is also invited to inclosed letter of January 24 from the Superintendent in the matter.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 JAN 26 AM 8 56

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

REGISTERED MAIL

January 10, 1925

A. P. Polous, Asst. Keeper,
Cape San Blas Light Station,
Apalachicola, Fla.
(Through the Keeper)

1. The Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Louis Buras, reports, under date of January 5, 1925, that you informed him that the Superintendent had told you that you could leave the station any time you liked and return when you felt like it. If you made any such statement, it was false.

2. The Keeper also reports that you asked him for permission to leave the station on the evening of January 3rd and that he granted you six hours and told you to be sure and return in that time. The Keeper reports that you left the station at 3:30 P.M., January 3rd, and that, with the spirit of showing him that you would do as you liked, you did not return to the station until 3:30 A.M. of January 4th.

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4. Charges of neglect of duty and insubordination are hereby preferred against you based on the report of the Keeper, as you are advised in this letter, with a view to recommending your dismissal from the Service, if the charges are sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action.

5. In accordance with the rules of the Civil Service, you are hereby given three days in which to submit such reply as you may see fit. In the meantime, you are cautioned to obey the regulations as to leave of absence and as to your conduct in all other matters.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 JAN 26 AM 8 56

Eighth District
Cape San Blas
Apalachicola, Fla., January 14, 1925

To the Superintendent of Light houses,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:-

I respectfully beg leave to reply to the charges of neglect and insubordination preferred against me in your letter of January 10th which was handed me by the Keeper on the evening of January 13th as follows:-

Replying to the first paragraph of your letter I did not inform the Keeper that the Superintendent had told me that I could leave the station at any time I liked and return when I felt like it. I did state to him in effect that the Superintendent had indicated that on account of the conditions prevailing at this station that there would be no objection to either the Keeper or myself spending a day or night away from the station not oftener than once each week. I do not know just what my words were but this is in effect what I said and I had reference to the statement made by Mr. Robinson, First Assistant Superintendent on the occasion of the inspection by him of this station. I did not understand by this or intend to convey the impression to the Keeper tnat I as Assistant Keeper could leave the station and return at will.

Answering the second charge of your letter, I admit that I was away from the station longer than six hours on the occasion referred to but the fact is I left at 4:30 P.M. of January 3rd instead of 3:30 P.M. I went to Apalachicola for mail and supplies on the evening of January 3rd and hired an automobile and driver to carry me there and bring me back. You are probably familiar with the fact that Money Bayou breaks through the beach to the Gulf in wet weather and at times becomes impassable. At this time the Bayou was open and running across the beach but could be crossed without difficulty at low tide. At high tide it was dangerous to cross. I made the trip and returned as far as the Bayou within the time limit but the tide was high and the driver of the car would not cross until it had fallen. I had supplies which I had purchased and which I could not carry from there to the light house station and I thought it would be no serious violation for me to wait the short time until the tide fell enough to make the Bayou passable instead of wading out and walking the several miles from there to the station.

I feel that the charges against me arise out of the fact that the Keeper who has recently taken charge here is very zealous in the rigid enforcement of rules and regulations pertaining to the station and in an effort to enforce such rules rigidly he has not made allowance for circumstances over which I had no control. I have not intentionally been neglectful of any duty or guilty of any insubordination and it is my purpose so long as I continue in the light house service to perform my duty to the best of my ability and to abide by the rules and regulations as nearly as I possibly can.

Prior to the time Mr. Davis took charge as Keeper the strict observance of the six hour leave of absence had not been enforced for the reason that we get our mail and supplies at Apalachicola which 28.4 miles from the station and a part of the road follows the beach and at times, especially at high tide is hardly passable and six hours is not sufficient time to make the trip with certainty. I understand, however, that if I can not secure any longer leave I must return with that time and the violation referred to was because of conditions which I had not foreseen and could not avoid.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) A. P Polous

Assistant Keeper

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
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COPY

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
August 20, 1924

A. P. Polous, Asst. Keeper.
Cape San Blas Light Station,
Apalachicola, Florida
(Through the Keeper)

1. At an inspection of Cape San Blas Light Station, on August 14th, the results of your services were found unsatisfactory. The condition of the station was generally unsatisfactory and the condition of the dwelling occupied by you indicated no better standard than the remainder of the station.

2. You are cautioned that a decided improvement in your services is expected.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

LGJ

February 5, 1925.

Memorandum for the Acting Secretary of Commerce:

In connection with attached recommendation of this Bureau of January 27, 1925, the following pertinent information is also furnished. Mr. Polous entered the Service as temporary keeper at Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida, on January 24, 1919, and was given a probationary appointment on March 26, 1919. The station was found in a very unsatisfactory condition on August 14, 1924 and Polous and the keeper were cautioned by the Superintendent that a decided improvement in their services were expected. On September 18, 1924 charges of neglect of duty in not properly maintaining the light were preferred against Polous, whichwere substantiated in a degree sufficient to warrant the Bureau reprimanding him and warning that unless a decided improvement is shown in his services a more drastic disciplinary action would be taken. Mr. Polous has never been commended during his service.

J. S. CONWAY.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1925 FEB 7 PM 12 00
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

WJB.

Cape San Blas L.S.,Fla.,
additional position.

Hydro
Radio
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Eng.
~~Personnel~~
Financial
Law and Prop.
Adm. Asst.
Dep. Comr.
Comr.

73 to Dept

February 5, 1925.

Polous appointed by Dept. Additional position required

copy to Brooks file

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to the accompanying nomination of Willard R. Brooks for temporary appointment as Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of $900 per annum, for a period not to exceed 30 days:

2. Andrew P. Polous, Asst. Keeper at Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., was suspended from duty on January 19, 1925, as a result of charges preferred against him. Mr. Brooks was assigned to duty as Laborer (acting Keeper) on January 20th. Pending the disposition of charges against Keeper Polous it is recommended that an additional position of keeper be authorized at Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., with pay at the rate of $900 per annum, payable from the appropriation "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses," for a period not to exceed 30 days from February 20, 1925, and that Willard R. Brooks be appointed thereto.

E. S. Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

A. B. Solano
Apalachicola Fla.
Dist. #14.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
FEB 5 1926
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
FEB 13 1926
NEW ORLEANS.

Department of Comerce
Appointment Division.
Washington.

Feb. 1/26

Sir

I ask to bee granted a reinstatment in Lighthouse service as I'm a onest boy I feel that I have done my part and more I now according to what I have heard sence my dismissel from the service. As I was Young and Green in service and I had no instructions to go by except what the keeper told me to do I may have vilated the

rules not knowing any letter
for I was'nt wanted on the
Station of Cape San Blas
to start with I was told in
the present of a disinterested
party that an Asst keeper
on a Light station was just
what ever a keeper wanted to
make of him and that was
the way I stood in service
and I done just about all of
the work while I was at the
station further information
can be furnished not only
by civilians but also by
Mrs. P. A. Peterson

who is still in servic and
some who has been in service
refering to the report which
was made against the keper it
seems as if all the fault fell on
me and after the keper was moved
and mr L. Burk reported on duty
ready and situated in a way
that they could have me moved
they did so and I demanded
a investigation which I feel
that I was in title of and
it was impossable dowing
the absent of the Superintendent
from the office and it
was sent ever made

in the Community please
let me hear from the Head
Quarters with the best of
attention as it will be
appriciated to the highest
extent if a reinstatement is
Concidered I would prefur
a position at Cape St. George
light in case of any vacancy
on probation or the nearest
Light to Apalachicola
provided for Family if
possible. now as I was Just
cheated out of my Job
at Cape San Blas and the
Keeper didn't Give me the

exact rules to go by and
I had to do just to suit
him and he worked me
out of my job just as he
intended to do. he did'nt
want me as his asst keeper.
he just led me in a way
to work me out just as he
intended to do now if
you see where you can
give me anouther chance
I will certainly do my duty
to the best of my ability.

Yours Truly.
C. P. Polous.

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

LIGHTHOUSES
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
FEB 13 1926
1926 FEB 27 PM 12 45

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

EK
Incl.

February 11, 1926.

3/4/26 Note Polous
Copy to 8th.

SUBJECT: Letter February 1, from A. P. Polous, reinstatement.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., for report and return.

Re advise receipt - copy to 8th
OK HBB
2/11 Mail
Hydro
Radio
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Eng.
Personnel
Financial
Law and Prop.
Adm Asst.
Insp. Comm.
Comm.
ab

H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

ESL-WJB.

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.
New Orleans, La., February 24, 1926.

Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. A. P. Polous, formerly Asst. Keeper at Cape SanBlas Light Station, Fla., was dismissed from the service effective at the close of January 19, 1925. One year has expired, therefore the method of reentering the service would be by submission of another Civil Service application for examination.

2. Due to the attitude of Mr. Polous (on the last inspection of the station by the Superintendent) prior to his dismissal, and his expressed reluctance to perform duties outlined by the Superintendent at that time, Mr. Polous was not considered a suitable person for the position of Assistant Lighthouse Keeper.

E. S. Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

EK
Incl.

March 4, 1926.

Mr. A. P. Polous,
Box 414,
Apalachicola, Fla.

Dear Sir:

1. Your letter of February 1, 1926, addressed to the Appointment Division of this Department has been referred to the Bureau for consideration. An examination of your record indicates that your separation from this Service was effective at the close of January 19, 1925, and that your separation was a result of charges duly preferred against you and substantiated. It does not appear, however, that this separation would permanently debar you from entering the Service again, and if you so desire it is suggested that you take the necessary Civil Service examination again setting forth for the information of the Civil Service Commission the details of your separation. A list of Superintendents is inclosed.

Respectfully,

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 8th Dist.

Andrew P. Polous

Andrew P. Polous

LEGAL RESIDENCE
Florida

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Temp (pend elg) Keeper Cape San Blas, Fla.	660	L. H.	Jan 24, 1919
Last day March 25, 1919			
" Prob. " " " "	660	"	Mar. 26, 1919
" Insr " " "	720	"	Jan. 24, 1924
" Read. of pay " "	960	"	JUL 1 1924
" suspended " " "	"		
Dismissed close of January 19, 1926			

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT HOUSES FEB 1 1919

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES FEB 11 1919 12 42 PM

OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~ Eighth DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., January 29, 1919.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of a register of eligibles for permanent appointment.

Name, Andrew P. Polous, Legal residence, Florida.

Position, Keeper ~~(additional)~~ in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $660 per annum.

Location, Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

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Effective January 24, 1919, {'the actual date of entrance on duty. or / ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

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

Location, -

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

No eligibles available.

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Previous incumbent, * John Y. Gresham Services terminated, April 15, 1918.

Reason, Transferred to St. Marks Light Station, Fla., as Keeper, effective April 16, 1918.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Due to the necessity for maintaining the full authorized complement of keepers at Cape San Blas Light Station, Andrew P. Polous was assigned to duty on January 24, 1919. He has never been employed under any branch of the Department of Commerce. This nomination is made to fill the lowest-rated position at above station, in accordance with Department authority of June 5, 1918.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Jan. 29, 1919

E. H. Newman
Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

Dorry
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

TEMPORARY
Pending the establishment of a register of eligibles.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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G. R. Putnam

* Silas M. Wiles - reinstated as Keeper vice Gresham D.S. Dec 5, 1918

No papers

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FEB 4 - 1919

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

February 3, 1919.

Mr. Andrew P. Polous,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Six Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum, effective January 24, 1919.

Your appointment will continue for a period not to exceed thirty days from date of receipt of a certification of eligibles for probational appointment in the above-mentioned position.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED FEB 5 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

CARDED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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(Signed) Clifford Hastings
Chief of Appointment Division

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: John Y. Gresham.
Legal Residence: Florida.

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK

I, Andrew P. Polous, 1919 MAR 7 AM 10 05

do solemnly [1] swear (See below) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So HELP ME GOD.

Andrew P. Polous.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 24 day of February, A. D. 191 9.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) J. B. Cayburn

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires April 12, 1921

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present: Keeper (Addl.) in the Lighthouse Service	$660 p.a.	Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida.
Former [5]: Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of receipt of certification of eligibles for probational appointment in the above-mentioned position.		

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

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

Office of ~~Lighthouse Inspector~~, Eighth District

New Orleans, La., (Address) March 3, 1919. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on January 24, 1919. (Date)

CARDED

B. B. Dorry
(Signature, followed by title)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Final Data

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APPOINTMENTS FEB 11 1919

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENTS

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

1919 FEB 11 AM 8 56

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

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

Mr. Andrew Parr Polous

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

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

Lighthouse	Cape San Blas L.S., Florida.	Eighth
Bureau or Service.	Place (city, town, station, or vessel).	District.

4. Position to which appointed... Addl. Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

5. Compensation ..... (Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.) $660 per annum.

6. Appropriation from which paid.... Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

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

Without examination--temporary appointment.

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

Apalachicola	Florida	Franklin	Third
City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

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

There is no post office Cape San Blas Fla

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

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11. Where were you born? Apalachicola, Florida.

12. When were you born? September 2nd ~~Year~~ 1899
Month. Day. Year.

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

14. What is your marital condition? Single

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

Mrs. Emmer Polous ....
Name. Number and street.

Apalachicola ..... State of Florida.
City or town. State or Territory.

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16. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? No

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

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		

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

No

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
No					

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

No

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

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

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

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

22. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No (If answer is "Yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan).....

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

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

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CHIEF CLERK

23. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 18, 19, 20, and 21.)

Gas Engineer

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

5th Grade

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

None

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

No

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

All from No 1 to 15 except 9th they are answered by Harry B Dunnell, Notary Public

Date, Jan 30, 191 9

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) A. P. Dolans

P. O. Address Apalachicola
City or town.

Number and street.

Florida
State or Territory.

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

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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded February 6, 1919.

(Signature) B B Dorry

(Official title) Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District.

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MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

(To be filled in immediately after the last day temporary employee serves, signed by the proper official and forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce.)

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CHIEF CLERK

Name of employee Andrew P. Polous

1919 APR 3 AM 11 06

Designation Keeper (Addl.) in the Lighthouse Service. *Compensation* $660 p.a.

Place of employment Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida.

Date of appointment:-Feb.3,1919, effective Jan.24,1919, for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of certification of eligibles for probational appointment.

Last day served March 25, 1919.

1919 APR 3 AM 10 24

Dorsey

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.
(*Official title.*)

Lighthouse Service.
(*Bureau or service.*)

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Date March 31, 1919

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MAR 21 1919 9 A.M.

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES MAR 21 1919

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~ Eighth DISTRICT,

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New Orleans, La., March 17, 1919.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

CHIEF CLERK

Name, Andrew P. Polous — Legal residence, Florida.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. — Salary, $660 per annum.

1919 MAR 24 AM 10 55

Location, Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective March 26, 1919, { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service (temporary) — Former salary, $660 p.a.

Location, Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida.

Rank on eligible list, Second Rating Assistant Keeper Percentage, 75.8, Other eligibles considered:

Brainard F. Cullen, C.

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Previous incumbent, Himself. — Services terminated to, at close of March 25, 1919.

1919 MAR 24 AM 11 45

Reason, Expiration of present appointment.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Prior to his temporary employment in above position, Andrew P. Polous had never been employed under any branch of the Department of Commerce. Quarters are provided at Cape San Blas Light Station for the families of the keepers.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, MAR 18 1919, 191

Wm P Beasley
Secretary, Tenth Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAR 21 1919

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

MAR 24 1919

Acting Commissioner

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 24, 1919.

Mr. Andrew P. Polous,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Six Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No.) issued by the Secretary, Tenth Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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CARDED

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Yourself.

Legal Residence: Florida.

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(See reverse side.)

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LIGHT APR 24 1919 HOUSES

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

APPOINTMENTS 1919 APR 25 AM 8 CHIEF CLERK

I, Andrew P. Polous,

do solemnly [1] swear (See below) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So HELP ME GOD.

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Andrew P. Polous
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 10 day of April, A. D. 1919.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Harry G Dawson

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires Dec 15 1919

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper in the Lighthouse Service (Probationary)	$660 p.a.	Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla.
Former Keeper in the Lighthouse Service (Temporary)	$660 p.a.	do.

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

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O. S. REPORT ENTRA

CARDED

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Office of ~~Lighthouse Inspector~~, Eighth District

New Orleans, La., April 21, 1919.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on March 26, 1919.
(Date)

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.
(Official character of officer forwarding)

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[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.
[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a lighthouse inspector or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of lighthouse inspectors and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.
[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.
Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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A. P. Polous, Keeper,
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

April 4, 1924.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Bureau letter of November 18, 1918, relative to reclassification of pay, and to paragraph 4 thereof, regarding longevity:

2. The Bureau is informed that Andrew P. Polous, Assistant Keeper, Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., ~~has~~ completed five years of continuous service at the close of ~~March 25~~ Jan 24, 1924. It is therefore recommended that his pay be increased from $660 per annum to $720 per annum, to include the longevity allowance of $60 per annum, effective beginning ~~March 26, 1924.~~ Jan 24, 1924.

E. S. LAMMIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
APR 7 - 1924

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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APR 10 1924
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APPROVED:

ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 7, 1924.

Mr. Andrew P. Polous,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 660 per annum to $ 720 per annum, effective January 24, 1924 (including $60 per annum longevity pay).

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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April 8, 1924.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to the longevity pay cases of Andrew P. Polous, John Lettich, and George R. Smith, the Department calls attention to the fact that in all three of these cases the Superintendent neglected to take cognizance of the temporary service performed prior to their entrance on duty under permanent appointment. In view of the fact that there was no break in the service the Department has computed the length of time from the date of entrance on duty under temporary appointment, which accounts for the changes in date of effect.

By direction of the Secretary:

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NOV 15 1924 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

November 15, 1924.

Subject: 8th Supt's. letter Nov. 6, 1924, Charges against W. J. Knickmeyer, kpr., and A.P. Polous, Asst.Kpr.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending approval of Superintendent's recommendation in paragraphs 10 and 11. Nomination forms recommending the transfers referred to in paragraph 11, are being submitted separately today.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

November 21, 1924.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, approved.

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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

November 8, 1924

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W. J. Knickmeyer, Keeper,
A. P. Polous, Asst.Keeper,
Charges against

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Attention is invited to copy of letter of caution of April 25, 1924, inclosed herewith, from this office to W. J. Knickmeyer, Keeper, Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., and Bureau's letter of April 30, 1924, directing that further report be submitted in regard to this employee at the end of six months. Attention is also invited to copies, inclosed herewith, of additional letters of caution written by this office August 20, 1924, to W. J. Knickmeyer, Keeper, and A. P. Polous, Assistant Keeper, which were transmitted to the Bureau.

2. Inclosed herewith is copy of letter of September 18, 1924, preferring charges of neglect of duty against W. J. Knickmeyer Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, and, by indorsement, preferring the same charges against A. P. Polous, Assistant Keeper.

3. No reply was received to the above charges up to September 29, 1924, and, on that date, a copy of the charges was forwarded to Mr. Knickmeyer by registered mail, as will be seen by copy of letter of September 29, 1924. Two replies from Mr. Knickmeyer, dated October 2, 1924, and the reply from A. P. Polous, Assistant Keeper, dated October 2, 1924, were then received and ~~copies~~ are inclosed herewith.

4. This office felt very certain relative to the neglect of duty at this station but; in view of the long period of service of the keeper (22 years) wished to proceed slowly and carefully in the matter. An examination of the Journal of the station was made, and a copy of that portion of the Journal where it is required that the absences of keepers shall be recorded, for the months of August, September and October, 1924, is inclosed herewith. A copy of a portion of the watch book of Cape San Blas Light Station, from September 11th to September 16th, is also inclosed. Upon comparison, it was seen that the recorded absence of Mr. Knickmeyer was for ten hours on September 4th and nine hours on September 15th, there being no other absences recorded as having been taken by Mr. Knickmeyer in September. By reference to the extract from the watch book, it will be seen that Mr. Knickmeyer did not sign the watch book from midnight of September 12th until sunrise of September 15th.

5. This office had information that Mr. Knickmeyer was in Apalachicola on September 14th as, at four o'clock on September 14th, the Assistant Keeper at Cape San Blas Light Station telephoned to the Keeper of Cape St. George Light Station (Coast Guard telephone) and inquired what he knew about the hurricane which was predicted. The Assistant Keeper of Cape San Blas Light

Station told the Keeper of Cape St. George Light Station that Keeper Knickmeyer had gone to Apalachicola on the 13th and had not returned and that he knew that he could not return that night because the tide had risen so high that it would be impossible to reach the station. The Keeper of Cape St. George Light Station telephoned Cape San Blas Light Station at 7:00 P.M. of the 14th to advise as to Weather Bureau information, and the Assistant Keeper at Cape San Blas again stated that the keeper had not returned.

6. It will be noted from letter of November 4, 1924, from Mr. W. J. Knickmeyer, replying to the charges of making false entries in the Journal, that he admits that he was in Apalachicola on September 13th for medicines and to have his tooth treated, but was not absent more than four hours, This is in direct contradiction to the telephone conversation of the Assistant Keeper with the Keeper of Cape St. George Light Station and, furthermore, it is twenty-four to twenty-five miles by road, eighteen or nineteen miles of it being rough sand trail through piney woods, and it would be impossible for him to have made the round trip of forty-eight or fifty miles and have had his tooth treated in four or five hours' time.

7. There is no doubt that the keeper made false entries in the Journal of his record of absences.

8. The letters of caution will show that the care of this station needed improvement, and it was desired to give this keeper every opportunity to make good.

9. It is seventeen miles on an air line from Cape San Blas Light Station to Cape St. George Light Station. The visibility of Cape San Blas light, with the observer's eye fifteen feet above the water, is sixteen miles. Cape San Blas Light, in clear weather, is readily visible from the top of Cape St.George tower, and this office has satisfied itself, by a long period of continuous observation, that the light was not being given proper attention.

10. Charges of neglect of duty and making false entries in the Journal, having been substantiated in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, it is recommended that Mr. W. J. Knickmeyer, Keeper, be demoted and transferred as (assistant) keeper of Cape St. George Light Station, Fla.; and the charges of neglect of duty on the part of A. P. Polous, (Assistant) Keeper, having been substantiated in a degree sufficient to warrant this action, although in a lesser degree than that of the keeper, it is recommended that he be reprimanded by the Bureau. Section 2 of civil-service Rule I, relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations will not be violated by this recommendation.

11. Forms 73, recommending the transfer of Knickmeyer to the position of Assistant Keeper of Cape St. George, and the promotion of Louis Buras as Keeper of Cape San Blas are inclosed in the event the recommendations contained herein are approved. The pay of the position of assistant keeper at Cape St. George is $1140 p.a., or $60 p.a. more than the Keeper of Cape San Blas. It is recommended that the pay of the Assistant Keeper at Cape St. George be temporarily decreased for a period of six months from $1140 to $1020 p.a. The position of assistant keeper at Cape St. George is very much less desirable than the position of keeper of Cape San Blas, and this recommendation is made with the view of improving the service.

E. S. Langhier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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

April 25, 1924

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W. J. Knickmeyer, Keeper,
Cape San Blas Light Station,
Apalachicola, Fla.

1. For your information, you are advised that I gave peremptory orders to the Keeper and Assistant Keeper of Cape St. George Light Station to report any lights found extinguished, by observation from Cape St. George Light Station. I definitely directed them to observe carefully Cape San Blas Light as this office had previously received several complaints that Cape San Blas Light had been extinguished.

2. Your long experience in the Lighthouse Service has no doubt indicated to you the supreme importance of keeping the light in your charge burning brightly and showing its regular characteristic at all times, and it is quite a reflection upon this Service whenever any light of the importance of Cape San Blas is reported extinguished.

3. This office considers such complaints extremely serious and it expects keepers to promptly report voluntarily whenever anything happens to a light in their charge, stating the date and hour the trouble commenced and the date and hour the trouble was remedied, and no exception to this rule will be made.

4. The Keeper of Cape St. George Light Station has reported, in accordance with the mandatory orders given him by this office, that, on the morning of April 19th, at 5:00 A.M., your light was not visible and remained extinguished until sunrise, also that the atmosphere was perfectly clear. The keeper reported that, on the night of April 19th from 11:50 P.M. until 12:10 A.M. of April 20th, Cape San Blas was observed extinguished, and that the atmosphere was perfectly clear. The keeper also reported that the light in your charge could not be seen from 4:30 A.M. April 20th until sunrise of the 20th, the atmosphere being perfectly clear.

5. A copy of this letter of caution will be forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses and, in the event that further lack of efficiency at your station should be called to the attention of this office, it will be compelled to take more drastic steps in the matter.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

(CROSS REFERENCE)

Polaus, Andrew P. In accordance with authority of the Director of the Budget dated June 27, 1924, the salary is re-adjusted to $ 960, effective July 1, 1924.

For authorization see letter dated JUL 24 1924 File No. 1095/21.

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

September 18, 1924.

Wm. J. Knickmeyer, Keeper,
Cape San Blas Light Station,
Apalachicola, Florida.

1. Under date of September 6th, 1924, you were written the following letter by this office:

"This office has a report that Cape San Blas Light did not show from 3:50 to 4:15 A.M. September 2d.
You have been cautioned to report every time the light fails to show or every time there is any defect in the light and it is hoped that it will not be necessary hereafter to repeat these instructions."

2. Your light was extinguished or did not flash or revolve on September 6th from about 10:30 P.M. until daybreak the next morning.

3. On the night of September 7th, it was not visible as a flashing light until 6:40 P.M.

4. On September 8th, it was either extinguished or ceased to flash or revolve from 3:10 A.M, to 3:20 A.M.

5. On September 9th, the light was either extinguished or did not flash or revolve from 5:10 A.M. until about 6:32 A.M.

6. On September 10th, the light was either extinguished or did not flash or revolve from 3:05 A.M. until about 3:25 A.M.

7. Before the installation of the new clock work, which was established on August 27th, this office was inclined to give you and the Assistant Keeper the benefit of the doubt as to whether or not the poor maintenance of the light was your fault, but even then this office had occasion to warn you many times to submit a report promptly whenever the light failed for any cause and you were derelict in your duty in not doing so as it will be seen by the copy of the letter quoted at the beginning of this letter you were again cautioned to report every time the light failed to show or every time there was any defect in the light. No report whatever has been received from you of the instances mentioned in this letter. You are thereby charged and the Assistant Keeper is also charged with neglect of duty and you are given 3 days in which to reply after the receipt of this letter in accordance with the Civil Service Commission Rules.

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

Copy for information and guidance of A. P. Polous, Assistant Keeper, who is also charged with neglect of duty in failing to maintain the light.

Mr. Polous is also directed to submit reply as he may see fit forwarding same through the Keeper to this office.

E. S. LANPHIER
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Superintendent of Lighthouses

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EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape San Blas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 2, 1924

To the Light House Superintendent
New orleans La

Sir Your Registered Letter of Septembr Recived october the First and I Will Say that I Reported the Working of the Light In My charge Ever time the Light Work Bad I Have Had Some trouble With cloth Cord twisling But I Have Riported Same to office I Havent Had any trouble Since the morning of the 19 of Septembr Wich I Reported to office the asst Liper Says He Reported all Light trouble to Me and He sign the Watch Book Good I Gave Mr A P Blous the Inclose Letter the First Day of october I am Sending ayou the condition of the Weather the Night on the Dates Wich the Light Was Riported

on September the 2 cloudy
" " the 6 clear
" " the 8 Hazy
" " the 9 Hazy
" " the 10 cloudy
" " the 7 Hazy

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EIGHTH DISTRICT

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October 27, 1924

To the Light Haure Superintendent

New orleans La

Sir I am Sorry that Such Report are sent to the office I Have all Ways Tried to Kepe a Good Light and I all Ways Will as Long as I Remin In Survire I Go My Light is Watched and Some one is Doing Me an Injust By making Such Reports I Go that on September 7 and September 8 Schtember 9 that on that Night the Weather Was Hazy and I could Got See Saint Joe Point Light and cape Saint George Light Some times I Can Se Saint Joe Light and Has Bony and cant See Saint George Light But I could Got Say it Was Extinguish cape San Blas Light is up In the Timber and When the Weather is Hazy it is Hard to See any Distance the Weather Has Been So Bad and Raining 8 Days and Washed out Roads So I could Got Get to apalachicola for Brail

W J Kriekmeyer
Keper

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EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape San Blas
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October 2 D., 1924

To the Superintendant of Lighthouses
New Orleans La.

Through the Keper.

Sir.

In reply to your
letter of September 18th I have reported to the
Keper all the trouble that I had with the light
while I was on watch I will say truthfuly that the
reports are faulse as for as my nowing and I will say
that the light was not eptinguished neather one of
the dates mantioned doning my watch it may be true that
some of the dates mantioned the light was not visible
because it has been Cloudy Hazy and afful Bad
Rainy weather so much rain that it washed aut
several places that it has kept us from getting
our mail.

A. P. Polous
Asst. Keeper.

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State Work Performed by Keepers Regarding Upkeep of Station, And Record of Important Events, Bad Weather, etc.

Month	Date	Hour	Date	Hour	
August 1, 1924					
W.J.Knickmeyer, Keeper	Aug. 2	7 A. M.	Aug. 2	4 P.M.	For mail and supplies
A.P.Polous, Asst.Keeper	" 10	9 A. M.	" 10	5 P.M.	" " " "
W.J Knickmeyer, Keeper	" 16	8 A. M.	" 16	2 P.M.	For mail
W.J.Knickmeyer, Keeper	" 21	6 A. M.	" 21	4 P.M.	For mail and supplies
A.P.Polous, Asst.Keeper	" 29	7 A. M.	" 29	3 P.M.	For mail
September 1, 1924					
W.J.Knickmeyer, Keeper	Sep. 4	6 A.M.	Sep. 4	4 P.M.	For mail and supplies
A.P.Polous, Asst.Keeper	" 9	7 A.M.	" 9	3 P.M.	" " " "
W.J.Knickmeyer, Keeper	" 15	6 A.M.	" 15	3 P.M.	For mail
A.P.Polous, Asst.Keeper	" 19	7 A.M.	" 19	4 P.M.	For mail and supplies
October 1, 1924					
W.J.Knickmeyer, Keeper	Oct. 1	8 A.M.	Oct. 1	4 P.M.	Went Apalachicola for mail
W.J.Knickmeyer, Keeper	" 2	6 A.M.	" 2	2 P.M.	Went Apalachicola for mail
W.J.Knickmeyer, Keeper	" 6	9 A.M.	" 6	3 P.M.	Sent Apalachicola for mail

EXTRACT FROM WATCH-BOOK OF CAPE SAN BLAS LIGHT STATION, FLORIDA.

Date	TIME OF WATCH Going on	Leaving	Condition of Light	Condition of Fog Signal (Weather)			Signature of Keeper
Sept. 11	Sunset	Midnight	Good	Clear -	Wind	S.East	W.J.Knickmeyer, Keeper
" 11	Midnight	Sunrise	"	"	"	S.East	A.P.Polous, Asst.Keeper
" 12	Sunset	Midnight	"	"	"		W.J.Knickmeyer, Keeper
" 12	Midnight	Sunrise	"	Cloudy-	"	S.East	A.P.Polous, Asst.Keeper
" 13	Sunset	Sunrise	Line twisted irregular	Stormy	"	S East	A.P.Polous, Asst.Keeper
" 14	Sunset	Sunrise	do	Storm	"	"	A.P.Polous, Asst.Keeper
" 15	Sunset	Sunrise	do	"	"	"	A.P.Polous, Asst.Keeper
" 16	Sunset	Midnight	Irregular	Cloudy	"	South	W.J.Knickmeyer, Keeper
" 16	Midnight	Sunrise	Irregular	Cloudy	"	South	A.P.Polous, Asst.Keeper

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

REGISTERED MAIL.

October 23, 1924

W. J. Knickmeyer, Keeper,
Cape San Blas Light Station,
Apalachicola, Fla.

1. In addition to the charges of neglect of duty, preferred against you in letter of September 16, 1924, and as a result of the investigation of those charges, you are now charged with making false entries in the Journal of your station relative to your absence from the station.

2. It appears, in that portion of the back of the Journal at light station set aside to record absences, that you were absent from the station only from 6:00 A.M. of September 15th to 3:00 P.M. of that date while the watch book was not signed by you for any period from midnight of September 12th until sunrise of September 15th. It appears that you were absent from the station from some hour on September 12th until after sunrise of September 15th. In this connection, this office has information that you were in Apalachicola on September 13th and 14th.

3. You are hereby given three days in which to reply to additional charges preferred against you, as stated above, in accordance with Civil Service Commission rules.

(SIGNED) E. S. Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape San Blas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

November 4, 1924

To the Light House Superintendent
New orleans La

Sir Your Letter of the 29 Reivd I Will Say that on the 13 Day of September I Was in apalachicola Went for Medsine and Have my tooth treated But Was Not absent from station over 4 Hours Went to apalachicola September 14 to Have tooth treated and Mail Reports I Learned that thair Was a storm coming and Learned Back to Station I Had to Leave my Car 6 Miles from Station and Walk as Wind and tide Had me cut of I dont think it Was over 15 Hours in all I Went to Apalacheola Morning of the 15 to Carrie the Mail and Get Mail and Supplies it Hard to Hardsuteh Report Sent to office a Gainst me for I Have Been Working Hard to Get my station in Good shape I Never charg any absent Ware We go and come Back in 4 Hours the 12 of September I Was at Station sick With Fever and tooth ache

W J Knickmeyer
Keeper

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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Cape San Blas L.S.
Letters of caution to
keepers.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. It has been noted that copies of inclosed letters of caution to the keeper and assistant keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station have not been forwarded to the Bureau.

2. Charges have been preferred against these keepers, and recommendation will be submitted as soon as the matter is in proper shape.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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LGJ Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. October 20, 1924.
Inclosures.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information. The Bureau will submit further report and recommendation in this case upon receipt of report from the Superintendent.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

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December 2, 1924.

A. P. Polous, Assistant Keeper,
Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla.,
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.).

The Bureau is in receipt of a report from the Superintendent with regard to the unsatisfactory conditions at your station and neglect of duty in properly maintaining the light. It is noted that you were specially cautioned by the Superintendent on August 20, 1924. After careful consideration of the matter the Bureau considers that you have been delinquent in the performance of your duties and you are, therefore, reprimanded and advised that unless a decided improvement is shown in your services a more drastic disciplinary action will be imposed.

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
January 20, 1925

A.P.Polous

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to indorsement, forwarded this date, on copy of additional charges of neglect of duty preferred against A. P. Polous, Assistant Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., dated January 13th, reporting effective date of his suspension, attached is copy of letter from this office, dated January 10th, preferring charges of neglect of duty and insubordination against Mr. Polous, to which no reply has been received up to date.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape San Blas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Apalachicola, Fla. January 14, 1925.

To the Superintendent of Light houses,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:-

I respectfully beg leave to reply to the charges of neglect and insubordination preferred against me in your letter of January 10th which was handed me by the Keeper on the evening of January 13th as follows:-

Replying to the first paragraph of your letter I did not inform the Keeper that the Superintendent had told me that I could leave the station at any time I liked and return when I felt like it. I did state to him in effect that the Superintendent had indicated that on account of the conditions prevailing at this station that there would be no objection to either the Keeper or myself spending a day or night away from the station not oftner than once each week. I do not know just what my words were but this is in effect what I said and I had reference to the statement made by Mr. Robinson, First Assistant Superintendent on the occasion of the inspection by him of this station. I didnot understand by this or intend to convey the impression to the Keeper that Ias Assistant Keeper could leave the station

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and return at will.

Answering the second charge of your letter, I admit that I was away from the station longer than six hours on the occasion referred to but the fact is I left at 4;30 P. M. of January 3rd instead of 3:30 P. M.. I went to Apalachicola for mail and supplies on the evening of January 3rd and hired an automobile and driver to carry me there and bring me back. You are probably familiar with the fact that Money Bayou breaks through the beach to the Gulf in wet weather and at times becomes impassable. At this time the Bayou was open and running across the beach but could be crossed without difficulty at law tide. At high tide it was dangerous to cross. I made the trip and returned as far as the Bayou within the time limit but the tide was high and the driver of the car would not cross until it had fallen. I had supplies which I had purchased and which I could not carry from there to the light house station and I thought it would be no serious violation for me to wait the short time until the tide fell enough to make the Bayou passable instead of wadeing out and walking the several miles from there to the station.

I feel that the charges against me arise out of the fact that the Keeper who has recently taken charge hereis very zealous

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in the rigid enforcement of rules and regulations pertaining to the station and in an effort to enforce such rules rigidly he has not made allowance for circumstances over which I had no control. I have not intentionally been neglectful of any duty or guilty of any insubordination and it is my purpose so long as I continue in the light house service to perform my duty to the best of my ability and to abide by the rules and regulations as nearly as I possibly can.

Prior to the time Mr. Buris took charge as Keeper the strict observance of the six hour leave of absence had not been en forced for the reason that we get our mail and supplies at Apalachicola which is 28.4 miles from the station and a part of the road follows the beach and at times, especially at high tide is hardly passable and six hours is not sufficient time to make the trip with certainty. I understand, however, that if I can not secure any longer leave I must return with that time and the violation referred to was because of conditions which I had not foreseen and could not avoid.

Respectfully submitted,

Assistant Keeper. C. P. Polans

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Apalachicola, Fla. January 21st, 1925.

Hon. E. S. Lamphier,

Superintendant of Lighthouses,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 13th with copy of letter ~~of letter~~, of Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station received was delivered to me on the 19th inst and same has been noted.

Replying to same I beg to say that the light was out on the morning of the 8th as reported and for the time reported. The clock was not wound up at 8:30 P.M. as we had no regular time for winding it and when the clock stopped I found the clock cord twisted and worked with it for some time trying to, and thinking, I could get it in working order again.

When I found I could not do this by myself I left to get the Keeper and on my way to the Keepers house I left the board walk to respond to an act of nature and afterwards proceeded to his house. I called at his house for him and received no response and returned to the Lighthouse where I found the Keeper.

On my return to the tower the Keeper asked me what the trouble was and I told him the Clock cord was twisted and that I had been trying to get it streight was the reason I had not been to call him on time and that I had just returned from his house.

Trusting this report of what happened is satisfactory.

Yours very truly A. R. Palmer

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
January 24, 1925

A.P.Polous, Asst.Kpr.,
Cape San Blas L.S., Fla.,
Charges against

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. In connection with the reply to charges by A. P. Polous, dated January 21, 1925, which has this day been transmitted in a separate letter, it is desired to state that a letter has been received from Mr. Polous with the reply of January 21st stating that he handed the reply to Mr. L. Buras, Keeper, who returned it to him for mailing to this office in a sealed addressed envelope.

2. Mr. Polous states that he opened the letter and found that there was no signature by Mr. Buras and that it evidently had been torn off after having been written. In view of the fact that Mr. Polous admits having opened official sealed mail, addressed to this office, it is uncertain as to whether or not the letter was signed by Mr. Buras, therefore no action is being taken on the letter from Polous reporting that Buras had signed the letter and then tore off his signature. This would not affect the charges and a letter will be addressed to Mr. Buras in regard to the matter to-day.

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
January 24, 1925

A. P. Polous, Asst.Kpr.
Cape San Blas L.S.,Fla.,
Charges against

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Attention is invited to Bureau's letter of December 2, 1924 reprimanding A. P. Polous, Assistant Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., relative to the report of this office as to the unsatisfactory conditions at Cape San Blas Light Station and neglect of duty in properly maintaining the light, and advising Mr. Polous that, unless a decided improvement was shown in his services, more drastic disciplinary action would be imposed.

2. Inclosed herewith is copy of letter of January 10, 1925, from this office to A. P. Polous, Assistant Keeper, preferring charges against him of neglect of duty and insubordination, based on the report of the Keeper, together with Mr. Polous' reply dated January 14th.

3. The statement in Mr. Polous' letter that the Superintendent stated there would be no objection to the keeper or himself spending a day or a night away from the station not oftener than once each week is untrue. Upon my last visit to the station, the former keeper and Mr. Polous, the assistant keeper, were severely reprimanded, and anything that was said by the Superintendent was very far from the statement alleged by Mr. Polous. Upon my return to New Orleans, a letter of caution was addressed to the former keeper and Mr. A. P. Polous, under date of August 20, 1924, copy inclosed.

4. Difficulty has been experienced in having this station maintained to the proper standard, and this office has been more than patient with the former keeper because of his long service. The Assistant Keeper, Mr. A. P. Polous, has never shown the proper spirit towards the maintenance of the station and one of the matters on which the Superintendent had occasion to reprimand him on the last inspection was his expressed reluctance to perform certain work about the station.

5. Inclosed herewith is copy of letter of January 13, 1925, to A. P. Polous preferring additional charges of neglect of duty against him based on letter of January 8th from the keeper; and, in view of his continued neglect of duty and his failure to cooperate with the keeper in the proper maintenance of the station, Mr. Polous was suspended from duty pending decision upon the charges preferred against him. Reply of A. P. Polous, dated January 21, 1925, is inclosed herewith. He admits failing to wind the clockwork when he went on duty, and the other statements in his letter are simply considered an evasion of the charges made by the keeper.

6. This office is convinced that it will be impossible to maintain Cape San Blas Light Station properly with the services of Mr. A. P. Polous

A. P. Polous,
Charges against.

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as assistant keeper, and is of the opinion that the charges of neglect of duty and insubordination have been proven in a degree sufficient to warrant his dismissal, and it is recommended that Mr. A. P. Polous, (Assistant) Keeper, Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., be dismissed effective at the close of January 19, 1925, the date on which he was suspended from duty by this office.

7. The Civil Service rule regarding political and religious opinions will not be violated by this action.

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

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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LGJ Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. January 27, 1925.
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Submitted to Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that the action recommended by the Superintendent in paragraph 6 be approved, attention being invited to Bureau recommendation of January 26 recommending approval of suspension of Polous effective at the close of January 19, 1925. Attention is also invited to inclosed letter of January 24 from the Superintendent in the matter.

G. R. Putnam
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPROVED:
J. W. Alexander
ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

1/29/25

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NAME Polaius, Andrew P. POSITION Keeper

BUREAU BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES STATION 8th Dist.

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

BASE PAY	Bonus	Total	Allowances			As Classified for estimate purposes			Recommendations regarding differential from standard rates		
			Items	Value	Aggregate	Service	Grade	Pay	Is differential recommended	Amt. per annum to be Added	Subtracted
660	240	900	XCR	404.25	1304.05	LHS	3	1080	Yes	60	

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

approved 1080

GRADE RECOMMENDED 4

RANGE OF COMPENSATION RECOMMENDED FROM $1080 TO $1320

PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 1
(To be filled out in accordance with detailed instruction sheet, Form No. 2)

Sheet No. 12

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1. Polous (Surname) Andrew (Given name) P. (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field Service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field Station Cape San Blas Light Station.
   (b) Subdivision Eighth Lighthouse District
   (c) City or town ____ State Florida
6. Pay-roll title Keeper
7. Customary office title Assistant Keeper

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

	a		
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8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day 24; per week 168
   (b) If this is not a full-time position, state percentage of time employed per day - - -; or per week - - -
   (c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From one-half each night m. to alternating periods m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year - - -
   During what months - - -
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation - - -
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus $660 per annum; bonus, $240 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $660 per annum; bonus, $240 per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate - - -
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: ☒ Quarters; ☐ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; ☒ Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; ☒ Fuel; ☒ Light; ☐ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum
    Subsistence - cash value $25 per annum.
16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:
    Kind of equipment ____; annual cost, $ ____
17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
    (a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☒ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8
    (b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3
    (d) College: Name ____; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (e) Post graduate work: Kind ____; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
    (f) Correspondence courses: Kind ____; number of lessons ____; number completed ____

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

	Percentage of total time given to each task
1. Assistant custodian of property.	5%
2. Assists with reports and correspondence.	10%
3. Assists in maintenance of 3-1/2 order, oil vapor, flashing light from tower, which includes cleaning of lamp, lens, lantern, etc. Stands watch six hours each night.	25%
4. Cleaning and maintenance of tower, quarters, grounds and painting of structure (Assists in).	60%

19. Does employee work under immediate supervision, or to a large extent upon his own responsibility? (Describe fully.)

Under immediate supervision of Keeper.

20. Do the duties involve direction or supervision of the work of other employees? No.
If so, describe the nature of the direction or supervision and give the number and classes of employees directed or supervised.

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? March 26, 1919.

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

JUN 7 1923 (Date), 1923. E. S. LANPHIER (Signature of Preparing Officer) SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES. (Title)

23. I have read the foregoing and I agree to it except as follows:

Signature not secured owing to inaccessibility of employee.

E. S. LANPHIER
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.
(Signature of Employee)

THE FOLLOWING TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE HEAD OF THE FIELD OFFICE OR STATION

24. Indicate by an "X" in the proper spaces below the qualifications and personal traits considered important for the satisfactory performance of the duties of this position:

	High Degree	Average	Not Essential
Judgment	X		
Accuracy			
Initiative (originality and resourcefulness)			
Trustworthiness (dependability)	X		
Speed (quickness)			
Physical Qualities (strength and endurance)	X		

Educational Training		
	Essential	Desirable But Not Essential
College		
High School		
Common School	X	

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent

Experience: If essential, kind and extent Boating - one year.

25. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $900 to $1140

JUN 7 - 1923 (Date), 1923. E. S. LANPHIER (Signature of head of field office or station) SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES. (Title)

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