Dewitt C. Powell

Mr. Dewitt C. Powell.

LEGAL RESIDENCE

Miss.

INACTIVE

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Temp (pend. elg) Keeper Round Island U.S. etc. Miss	720	L. H.	Jan. 15, 1919.
" (Prob) " " "	Last day July 18, 1919 720	"	July 19, 1919.
~~" Trans to Secy Pgs in P.O.~~	~~"~~	~~"~~ Cancelled	
	Dismissed close Feb 21, 1922		

INACTIVE

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Form 73
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NOMINATION

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LIGHTHOUSES JAN 27

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~ Eighth DISTRICT.
JAN 27 1919

New Orleans, La., January 22, 1919.
(City.) (Date.)

CHIEF CLERK

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, Dewitt C. Powell — Legal residence, Mississippi.

1919 JAN 28 AM 8 55

Position, Keeper ~~(Additional)~~ in the Lighthouse Service. — Salary, $720 per annum.

Location, Round Island Light Station, Round Island South Spit, and Round Island Spit Lights, Mississippi. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective January 15, 1919, (the actual date of entrance on duty, or ~~the date from which he enters on duty~~)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION JAN 29 1919 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

Location, -

APPOINTMENT DIV

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

1919 JAN 29 AM 9 50

No eligibles available.

Previous incumbent, Milton E. Wheelock — Services terminated, December 9, 1918.

Reason, Transferred to Crooked River Range Light Station, Fla., as Keeper, effective December 10, 1918.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Due to the necessity for maintaining the full authorized complement of keepers at above station, Dewitt C. Powell was assigned to duty on January 15, 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 this station, in accordance with Department authority of June 5, 1918.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Jan. 22, 1919.

TEMPORARY

Secretary, 10 *Civil Service District.*

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Pending the establishment of a register of eligibles.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

1919 JAN 28 PM 3 22

JAN 28 1919

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

1-24-19

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Conway
Acting Commissioner

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 30, 1919.

Mr. Dewitt C. Powell,

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 Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum effective January 15, 1919.

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

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JAN 30 1919 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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(Signed) Clifford Hastings
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Milton E. Wheelock.

Legal Residence: Mississippi.

Eighth District.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

APPOINTMENTS FEB 11 1919

FEB 10 1919

LIGHT HOUSES FEB 10 1919

I, Dewitt C. Powell

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.

☞ Dewitt C. Powell (Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 5 FEB 1919 day of February, A. D. 1919

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Fred Taylor

(Official title) Clerk Chancery Court, Jackson County, Miss.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Keeper (Addl.) in the Lighthouse Service	$720 p.a.	Round Island Light Station, Miss.
Former[5] Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of receipt of certification of eligibles for probational appointment in 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), February 8, 1919 (Date)

CARDED

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on January 15, 1919 (Date)

(Signature, followed by title) SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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APPOINTMENTS FEB 11 1919

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CHIEF CLERK

LIGHT HOUSES 1919 FEB 10 PM 4 19

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

FEB 10 1919

1919 FEB 11 AM 8 55

(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. Dewitt Charles Pamell

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

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

Lt. Light House Service (Bureau or Service.) Round Island L.S., etc., Miss. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) 8th. (District.)

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

5. Compensation $720 dollars 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 Pascagoula Jackson County Miss

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

Pascagoula (City or town.) Mississippi (State or Territory.) Jackson (County.) Sixth (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.

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

11. Where were you born? Saginaw River Tuscola Mich

12. When were you born? Dec (Month.) 15 (Day.) 1871 (Year.)

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

14. What is your marital condition? Married.

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

Maggie Pamell (Name.) (Number and street.)

Pascagoula (City or town.) Miss. (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? Yes

(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.
L. B. Charlton	Bay St. Louis	Position Keeper U.S.L.H.	Half Bro.	Married
		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.)

None

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.
None					

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

None

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.
No			

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.
- - - - - - -			

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.)

Ship Carpenter

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.)

Public School

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.")

Carpenter and Boatsman

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

None

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.)

Yes

Date, Jan 15th, 1919

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Dennis D. Charles Purnell

P. O. Address: Pascagoula
City or town.

Number and street.

Miss.
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.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Jan 15th, 1919

(Signature) F. A. Schneider

(Official title) Keeper U.S.L.H.S. Round Island Light Station.

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Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.,
New Orleans, La., February 7, 1919.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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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.)

LIGHT HOUSES AUG 5 1919

CHIEF CLERK

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Name of employee Dewitt C. Powell

Designation Keeper in the Lighthouse Service *Compensation* $720 p.a.

APPOINTMENTS

Place of employment Round Island Light Station, etc., Mississippi.

Date of appointment: Jan.30,1919, effective Jan.15,1919, for a period not to exceed 30 da. from date of receipt of certification of eligibles for probational appointment.

Last day served July 18, 1919.

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CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 6 1919

Lamphier.

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

Lighthouse Service.
(*Bureau or service.*)

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

Date August 4, 1919.

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Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., July 11, 1919.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Dewitt C. Powell. Legal residence, Mississippi.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $720 per annum.

Location, Round Island Light Station, Round Island South Spit, and Round Island Spit Lights, Mississippi, Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective July 19, 1919, { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty;~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

1919 JUL 15 3PM 0 2 42

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service Former salary, $720 p.a.

Location, Round Island Light Station, etc., Miss.

Rank on eligible list, First Rating, Assistant Keeper Percentage, 87.2, Other eligibles considered: George J. Fath, C; Jofe Cram, C.

Previous incumbent, Himself. Services terminated, See remarks.

Reason, - - - - - - -

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Dewitt C. Powell was appointed temporary keeper at above station effective January 15, 1919, pending certification of eligibles for probational appointment. (Register established June 19, 1919.) He has never served under any other branch of the Department of Commerce. Quarters are provided at this station for the families of the Keepers. There is no suitable person in the Service who desires transfer to this position.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, July 11, 1919

Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

E. S. Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUL 14 1919

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION
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JUL 16 1919
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

1919 JUL 15 PM 2 31

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

July 17, 1919.

Mr. Dewitt C. Powell,

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 Seven Hundred and Twenty 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 of the Tenth Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 17 1919 DEPT OF COMMERCE

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Yourself.

Legal Residence: Mississippi.

(See reverse side.)

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8th District

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

APPOINTMENTS AUG 6 1919

CHIEF CLERK AUG 5 PM 3 58

LIGHT HOUSES AUG 6 1919

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Dewitt C. Powell,

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.

Dewitt C. Powell
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 1st day of August, A. D. 1919.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) W. C. Havens, Circuit Clerk

(Official title) Jackson County, Miss

My commission expires Jan 1st 1920

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present	Keeper in the Light-house Service (Pro-bationary)	$720 p.a.	Round Island Light Station, Round Island South Spit, and Round Island Spit Lights, Mississippi.
Former	Keeper in the Light-house Service (Tempor-ary)	do.	do.

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

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C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District

New Orleans, La., Aug. 2, 1919.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on July 19, 1919.
(Date)

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.
(Signature, official title)

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

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

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

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, 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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MAR 15 1921

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on February 17, 1921, in rescuing and towing to the light station a disabled skiff, with one occupant aboard, the Department takes pleasure in commending you for the service rendered on this occasion, which will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

APPOINTMENT

1921 MAR 16 PM 12 08

Respectfully,

HERBERT HOOVER.

Secretary of Commerce.

HERBERT HOOVER.

Dewitt C. Powell, Assistant Keeper,
Round Island Light Station, Miss.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses)

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files

Exact copy as signed by

Mailed MAR 16 1921 by Bureau

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APPOINTMENTS
SEP 21 1921

1921 SEP 23 AM 10 56

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on August 28 and 29, 1921, in towing to the station and making repairs to the boy scout launch VIVIAN, with ten passengers aboard, which had become disabled and was adrift, the Department is pleased to commend you for the services rendered, which will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

Secretary of Commerce.

D. C. Powell, Assistant Keeper,
~~Round~~ Island Light Station, Miss.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses).

LIGHTHOUSES—Appointment Division's files

Exact copy as signed by

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Mr. ~~Fitzgerald~~:

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This communication should be considered in connection with accompanying letter on this subject, submitted for signature at the Department, addressed to - D C. Powell.

CLARK,
Bureau of Lighthouses.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EP-WJB.

D.C.Powell,
charges.

REGISTERED MAIL
Return Receipt requested.

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

November 29th, 1921.

CIVIL CLERK
1921 DEC 12 AM 9 04

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Enclosed herewith is copy of letter dated November 1st, 1921, preferring charges against D.C.Powell, Assistant Keeper of Round Island Light Station, Round Island South Spit and Round Island Spit Lights, Miss.; his reply of November 4th; letter of November 4th from Harry Brouwer, Keeper of Round Island Light Station, etc.; certificate of October 26th, 1921, from J.A.Tabor, M.D.; copy of letter dated November 5th from this office to Asst. Keeper Powell; his two replies of November 10th; and other correspondence in connection with his case.

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2. The charges of disobedience and neglect of duty having been proven to a degree sufficient to warrant such action it is recommended that Asst. Keeper D.C.Powell be severely reprimanded by the Department and warned that a repetition of such offenses will result in his dismissal.

3. In view of the fact that it is Mr. Powell's first offense, recommendation is not made at this time for his dismissal.

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEC 12
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

12/12/21.

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Inclosures

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C., December 9, 1921.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information, the Bureau concurring in the recommendation of the Superintendent. Inclosed for signature at the Department, should there be no objection thereto, is letter of reprimand addressed to Powell.

Assistant Secretary:
Attached letter of reprimand recommended for signature.

Clifford Hamlin
Chief of Appointment Division.

C-P.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

EP-WJB.

November 1st, 1921.

D. C. Powell, Asst. Keeper,
Round Island Light Station,
Pascagoula, Miss.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Report has been received from H. Brouwer, Keeper of Round Island Light Station, Miss., under date of October 15th, to the effect that nine days prior to the writing of his letter he instructed you to help him rig up a stage to paint the tower and that on Oct. 15th you stated you were too sick to help in the work, and the Keeper also states that he cannot get you to perform any work.

2. Under date of October 24th Keeper Brouwer reports that on Monday morning, October 24th, he inquired whether you could perform station duties and you stated that you could not stand the smell of paint; that he then requested you to commence burning off the paint from the ceiling in the kitchen, as directed at the last inspection of the station, and that you refused to commence the work; that on October 22nd the Keeper called your attention to the necessity of commencing the work of erecting a garden fence, the materials for which were furnished by this office, and that you requested his help although he was engaged in painting at the time, in which painting you had refused to assist him.

3. In view of the above charges of disobedience of orders and neglect of duty are hereby made against you and you are given three days from date of receipt of this letter in which to submit to this office, through the Keeper, such reply to said charges as you may desire.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy to Harry Brouwer, Keeper, Round Island Light Station, Pascagoula, Miss., for his information and guidance, with instructions to deliver the enclosed letter to Asst. Keeper D.C.Powell and report to this office by letter the exact date of its delivery to Powell.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 5 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Round island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov 4, 1921

Mr. E. S. Lamphier
inspector of Lighthouses
Dear Sir i have a Report from the office dated nov 1 1921
That H Brewer keeper of Round island Station
reported me i have not refuse my Station duties
i told him that i am Sick and i am Sick
i just told him that i can not Stand
the Smell of paint i am attending to the beacons
only one time it was to ruf my Stomack
was to Sour then the garden fance the last
of the Lumber was braght out on the
14 oct i was taken Sick i am to the
fance now can i get a man out
near to paint the tower i pay him
my self The doctor told me not to paint
yet for a while
i can not write much
i am nervus

D R Powell

Harry Brouwer.
Keeper.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 5 1921
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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EIGHTH DISTRICT

Round Island Lightsta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

November 4, 1921

Superintendent of Lighthouses 8th District. New Orleans. La

Sir

In Reference to asst Keeper D. C. Powells letter stating that he told me that he was sick. he never stated that he was to sick to Paint the tower until October 15 when I told him to helped rigged up the stage to Paint the tower I never received a answer asst Keeper Powell dont appear to be verry sick on the 24th he caulked on his boat all afternoon. he also drove a pump down to get water for his cattle he also stated that the lumber for the gardens fence was not at hand all the lumber except 4 Peaces was at hand Oct 1. Verry Respectfully Harry Brouwer

Keeper

RETURN RECEIPT.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
FEB 25 1922

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Harry Brouwer
(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 2/24, 1922

Form 3811

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 1302

INSURED PARCEL

No. ----------

PASCAGOULA FEB 24 11—AM 1902 Miss.

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, $300

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Dept of Commerce,

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, or Post Office Box, Lighthouse Service

NEW ORLEANS,

LOUISIANA.

Sir: March 16, 1922.

Charges of insubordination, disobedience of orders, and neglect of duty having been preferred against you and established in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of Keeper (assistant) of Round Island Light Station, Mississippi, at $720 per annum, effective at the close of February 21, 1922, the date on which you were suspended from duty by the Eighth Superintendent, which suspension has been confirmed by the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Dewitt C. Powell,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

P
C
8th

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
RECEIVED
MAR 16 1922
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U. S. REPORT DATA
ENTERED

ON JOURNAL

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 4 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

Pensacola Fla
Oct 26-1921

To whom it may concern

This is to certify that I have D.C. Powell under treatment since Oct. 17th 1921 He is suffering with Bacteroenteritis and is unable to perform any hard manual labor, nor is he fit to expose himself to the sun rays. His condition is improving but am unable to say how soon he will be fit for manual labor.

Jos A Eaton MD

RSL-WJB.

November 5th,1921.

D. C. Powell, Asst. Keeper,
Round Island Light Station,
Pascagoula, Miss.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Your letter of November 4th,1921, received. Referring to the statement that you are sick and also to the statement of Dr. Jas. A. Tabor, dated at Pascagoula, Miss., October 26th,1921, stating that you are unable to perform any hard manual labor and that you are not fit to expose yourself to the sun's rays.

2. You are directed to inform this office whether or not the report of the Keeper, Mr.Harry Brouwer, is true. Mr. Brouwer states that on Oct.24th you caulked your own boat the entire afternoon and that you also drove down a pump to secure water for your cattle.

3. Referring to your statement in letter of Nov. 4th that the completion of the delivery of material for the garden fence was not made until October 15th, Keeper Brouwer reports that all of the lumber for the fence was on hand October 1st, except four pieces and that the work could have been commenced at that time.

4. Round Island Light Station was inspected on June 3rd, 1921, and you were instructed by me, in the presence of the Keeper, to remove the paint in the kitchen and repaint same. It appears from the report of the Keeper that this has never been done. You are directed to report why this work was not commenced as soon as practicable after the date of the inspection and why no progress whatever has been made with it up to the present time. Reply to this letter within three days from its receipt handing your letter to the Keeper to be forwarded to this office.

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy for information of H.Brouwer, Keeper,Round Island Light Station.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 12 1921
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Round island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov 10, 1921

Mr E. S. Laughlin
inspector of Lighthouses

Dear Sir Referring to the Statement of Dr J A Tabor he means for me to keep from paint for a few days that was all

Mr H Brewer reported that i caulked my Boat i did i caulked two Seams the keeper went in oct 24th he came Back with a Report that a Storm was on hand So i caulked my Boat to Save her in a Storm Report to me of Storm was 142 miles an hour

i drove my pump to get water for my cattle They had no water on the island no place only the pump and has not ben for ~~five~~ months the number of them is 12 head cattle 9 of hogs 25 chickens Referring to the garden fence i ~~got~~ ~~the~~ ~~first~~ ~~lumber~~ Sept 28 i left part of the posts at Mr nelson and on the oct 10 i brought more posts and 10 two by fours and on the oct 15 the keeper brought out the last 4 post Referring to the kitchen i had nothing to Remove the paint with until now the burner come oct 13 D C Powell Assistant Harry Brouwer. Keeper.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 12 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Round islands
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov 10, 1921

Mr E S Langlois

Dear Sir i am better now i am able to do all the work now i don all my work only painting and yarden fance and i have a third of my fance up now

D. C. Powell

Harry Brouner
Keeper

ESL-WJB.

November 5th,1921.

F. A. Schrieber, Keeper,
Chefuncte River Range Light Station,
Madisonville, La.

1. You are directed to report whether or not, while you were in charge of Round Island Light Station, Round Island Spit and Round Island South Spit Lights, the services of Mr. D. C. Powell, Asst. Keeper, were satisfactory; whether you had any trouble in having him perform station duties and whether he carried out orders given him without demur.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 15 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

ChefuncteRiver Range Lt., Sta, La;
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

November, 14./21., 191

To The Superintendent Of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La;

Sir ,

In reply to your letter dated Nov,5th,1921. In regards to Mr.D.C.Powell, &etc, while I was Keeper Of Round Island Lt Sta, Beacons &etc,

Mr Powells services were satisfactory at first, up untill he recieved notice from the office that he would be retained in the service, that was about after several months, And then he began to lag, and negolect his work, and also would disregard all my orders about his dutys,and when I would tell him any thing would use all kinds of profanity And would go ashore and stay over his time, as I reported him twice for that act, He also would tell me that I had no right to tell him when he should or could leave or return to the station,
So before I would have any trouble with him I would do the work my self. He finly got so he would demur at any thing I would tell him in regards to his duty about the station.
That is one reason that I exchanged stations with Mr Harry Browwer,

I Am Very Respectfully Yours,

F A Schreiber Keeper,

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 17 1921
NEW ORLEANS.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Round Island Light Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

November 15, 1921

Superintendent of Lighthouses. 8th District. New Orleans La.

Sir.

I Respectfully report that asst Keeper D. C. Powell stated that he is now ready to assist with the work as directed on the last inspection of the station.

Very Respectfully. Harry Brouwer
Keeper

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November 14th,1921.

Harry Brouwer, Keeper,
Round Island Light Station,
Pascagoula, Miss.

1. Referring to previous correspondence relative to Asst. Keeper Powell refusing to perform certain duties due to his physical condition:

2. You are directed to inquire of Mr. Powell whether this office is to understand from his letter of Nov. 10th that he is now ready to assist in painting the tower, in removing the paint from the kitchen ceiling and in proceeding with the work as directed at the last inspection of the station.

3. Action in his case, based upon your reports, will be deferred until reply is received from you.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEC 1921
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

Sir:

1. Referring to report of the Superintendent of the Eighth Lighthouse District concerning charges preferred against you on account of disobedience of orders and of neglect of duty, the Department after due consideration of the matter severely reprimands you for your actions, and calls your attention to Instructions to Employees of the Lighthouse Service, 1915, paragraphs 5, Constant and faithful attention to their duties, and 11, Obedience to orders; and you are warned that should there be a repetition of such offenses on your part consideration will be given to your dismissal from the Service.

2. The fact that you have been reprimanded will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

C. M. [illegible]

Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

D. C. Powell, Assistant Keeper,
Round Island Light Station, etc., Miss.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses).

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Exact copy as signed by C. M. [illegible]

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Form 73a

WJB.

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Supt.

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE [redacted] 8th DISTRICT.

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New Orleans, La., February 4th, 1922.

CHIEF CLERK

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee **will be** transfeured as indicated, and **will enter** upon duty at his new station on **February 16th, 1922,**

1922 FEB 8 AM 9 21

[illegible] C. Powell Position, **Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.**

[illegible]ight Station, Miss. To **South Pass Range Rear Light Station, La.**

Reason, **To be separated from service account being totally color-blind as revealed by Public Health Service examination.**

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

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WASHINGTON

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Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner.

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February 8, 1922.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of Form 73a dated February 4, 1922, from the Eighth Superintendent's office, stating that Dewitt C. Powell will be transferred on February 16, 1922 from Round Island Light Station, Mississippi, to South Pass Range Rear Light Station, Louisiana, vice W. W. Smith.

Mr. Powell's salary is $720 per annum, and that of the position occupied by Mr. Smith is $780 per annum. As it would appear that no change in Mr. Powell's salary is contemplated it will be necessary to secure the Department's approval for a change in the pay of the position at South Pass Range Rear Light Station to which his transfer is proposed. The Bureau's recommendation in the matter is respectfully requested.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

C-P.

File

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

February 9, 1922.

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Secretary of Commerce:

1. Referring to Department letter of February 8, 1922, relative to Eighth Superintendent's Form 73a of February 4, 1922, concerning proposed transfer of Dewitt C. Powell to South Pass Range Rear Light Station:

2. Inclosed are the Superintendent's reports of January 7 and 19, 1922, concerning this matter, in view of which the Bureau recommends that Powell be transferred to South Pass Range Rear Light Station at his present rate of pay, consideration to be given to recommending that he receive the authorized pay of the position at the expiration of six months, provided his services shall have been satisfactory.

3. The above recommendation was inadvertently omitted at the time of submitting the above-mentioned Form 73a.

Commissioner of Lighthouses

APPROVED:
Acting Secretary of Commerce.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
January 7, 1922

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D. C. Powell

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. With further reference to the difficulty between the keepers at Round Island Light Station, Miss., which resulted in charges being preferred against D. C. Powell, under date of December 10, 1921, the Bureau is advised that the relations existing between the keepers are unsatisfactory and not at all conducive to the proper accomplishment of the work of the Service.

2. Assistant Keeper Powell has not shown the proper disposition to do his work at the station, therefore it is deemed to the best interests of the Service to recommend the transfer of D. C. Powell, Assistant Keeper of Round Island Light Station, with pay at the rate of $720.00 per annum, to the position of First Assistant Keeper at South Pass Range Rear Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $780.00 per annum.

3. In the event that he should fail to give satisfactory service at the new station, further recommendation will be submitted in his case. Under the proposed arrangement, Powell will receive in salary actually $5.00 per mo. more at the new station, but this office considers that feature unimportant in this instance.

4. W. W. Smith, the present First Assistant Keeper at South Pass Range Rear Light Station, has requested transfer to Round Island Light Station which will create a vacancy in the position of First Assistant Keeper at South Pass Range Rear Light Station.

5. Mr. Powell has not been consulted in this matter. Nominations covering the transfers have this day been forwarded to the Bureau.

E. S. Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON January 14, 1922.

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

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1/30/22 - 2nd to Dept copy to 5th 2/6/22 - Form 32a to Dept for Powell to South Pass Rge Rear L.S.

LIGHTHOUSES
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Subject: 8th Supt's. letter, Jan. 7, 1922, D. C. Powell, transfer.

1. Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La. You are requested to consider and report as to the advisability of transferring Powell to South Pass Range Rear Light Station at his present rate of pay, rather than at the authorized pay of the position, and to submitting further report as to his service at the expiration of six months, consideration to be given to recommending that he receive the authorized pay of the position providing his services shall have been satisfactory.

2. Return inclosed nominations with your reply.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.
New Orleans, La., January 19th, 1922.

1. Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, recommending that D. C. Powell be transferred to South Pass Range Rear Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $720 per annum, further report to be submitted at the expiration of six months relative to his receiving the authorized pay of the position in the event that his services are satisfactory.

2. Nominations of Messrs. Smith and Powell are returned herewith, salary recommended for Powell having been amended to read $720 per annum.

E. S. LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

February 14, 1922.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of February 9, the Department has approved the transfer of Dewitt C. Powell as Keeper from Round Island Light Station, Mississippi, to South Pass Range Rear Light Station, Louisiana, at his present rate of pay, it being noted that consideration will be given to recommending that he receive the authorized pay of the position at the expiration of six months provided his services shall have been satisfactory.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) H. M. GROSS

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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D. C. POWELL.

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

March 2nd, 1922.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. The following papers are transmitted herewith in connection with the suspension from duty and charges preferred against Dewitt C. Powell, Asst. Keeper, Round Island Light Station, Miss.:

(a) Copy of letter from this office dated Feb.4th, directing Powell to proceed to South Pass Range Rear L.S. on Feb. 16th.

(b) His reply of Feb. 14th, declining to accept the transfer.

(c) Copy of letter from this office dated Feb.15th, again directing Powell to proceed to South Pass Range Rear L.S., fixing the date of departure not later than Feb. 20th, and advising as to proposed action should he fail to comply

(d) Letter from Harry Brouwer, Keeper of Round Island L.S. dated Feb.20th, advising of Powell's refusal to proceed.

(e) Copy of letter from this office, dated Feb. 21st, initiating Powell's suspension from duty for a period not to exceed 90 days from date of receipt of letter (Feb.24th) and preferring charges of insubordination, disobedience of orders and neglect of duty.

(f) Letter from Harry Brouwer, Keeper of Round Island L.S., dated Feb. 24th, reporting Powell's (unauthorized) departure from the station on Feb. 21st.

(g) Powell's reply to the charges dated Feb. 27th, 1922.

2. The reasons for his refusal to proceed to South Pass Range Rear Light Station, Port Eads, La., as stated by Powell in his answer to the charges, are not well founded. Due notice was given him of the proposed transfer together with a full statement of the reasons therefor on Feb. 4th. 10 days later he declined the transfer failing to give any reason whatever for his refusal. On February 15th he was again directed to proceed and was given until Feb.20th to comply with the instructions and fully advised of the proposed action of this office in the event of his refusal to comply. At 3 P.M. Feb. 21st he left the station without authority and did not return until 1:30 P.M. Feb. 23rd, at which time he removed his personal effects, which was prior to the receipt of letter suspending him from duty and preferring charges, which was not delivered until Feb. 24th.

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3. The charges of insubordination, disobedience of orders, and neglect of duty having been substantiated it is recommended that the services of D. C. Powell, Asst. Keeper, Round Island Light Station, Miss., be terminated at the close of February 21st, the last day he performed service at the station.

4. During the present calendar year, and prior to his leaving the station on Feb. 21st, this employee had been granted 3 days annual leave.

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
March 14, 1922.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that Powell's suspension be confirmed by the Department, and that he be dismissed from the Service effective at the close of February 21, 1922. Attention is invited to the Superintendent's reports of January 7 and 19, 1922, which were forwarded to the Department with Bureau letter of February 9, 1922.

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MAR 16 1922
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

3/15/22.

APPROVED:
Acting Secretary of Commerce.

COPY.

WJB. February 4th, 1922.

D. C. Powell, Asst. Keeper,
Round Island Light Station,
Pascagoula, Miss.
(Through the Keeper)

1. As a result of the difficulty between you and Keeper Schrieber this office has decided to transfer you to the position of 1st Assistant Keeper at South Pass Range Rear Light Station, Port Eads, La., with pay at the rate of $720 per annum. If, at the end of six months, your services are satisfactory at that station your pay will be increased to $780 per annum. Quarters are provided at this station for the family of the 1st Asst. Keeper.

2. You will leave Round Island Light Station in time to arrive at New Orleans, La., on the evening of February 16th so that you can proceed early on the morning of the 17th to Port Eads via Spicuzza Bros. Transportation Co.

3. Transportation request to cover your railroad fare from Pascagoula, Miss., to New Orleans, La., is enclosed.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) F. A . Muth.

First Assistant Superintendent.

Copy for information of F.A.Schrieber, Keeper, Round Island Light Station, Pascagoula, Miss. Advise this office by letter the exact time Mr. Powell leaves Round Island Light Station for New Orleans.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) F. A. Muth,

First Assistant Superintendent.

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COPY.

Round Island Light Station.

February 14th, 1922.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I respectfully report that Asst. Keeper D.C.Powell can not accept the position of 1 asst. Keeper of South Pass Range Rear Light Station and Respectfully return the transportation.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Harry Brouwer,
Keeper.

(Signed) D.C.Powell,
Asst. Keeper.

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COPY.

February 15th, 1922.

D. C. Powell, Assistant Keeper,
Round Island Light Station,
Pascagoula, Miss.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring to your letter of February 14th, forwarded through the Keeper, stating that you cannot accept the position of First Assistant Keeper at South Pass Range Rear Light Station and returning the transportation request sent you:

2. You are informed that your transfer from Round Island Light Station was recommended by this office in view of the relations existing between yourself and the Keeper and your transfer has been ordered by the Department.

3. The transportation request is herewith returned, and you are directed to proceed in accordance with previous instructions given you, leaving Round Island Light Station not later than February 20th.

4. In this connection you are informed that should you fail to comply with these directions and proceed to South Pass Range Rear Light Station leaving Round Island Light Station not later than February 20th, you will be suspended from duty and your dismissal recommended.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) F. A. Muth,

First Assistant Superintendent.

Copy forwarded to Harry Brouwer, Keeper, Round Island Light Station, Pascagoula, Miss., with instructions to submit report to this office when Powell leaves the station for South Pass Range Rear. Should Powell fail to proceed as instructed, you will submit a report to this office on February 20th.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) F. A. Muth,

First Assistant Superintendent.

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C O P Y.

Round Island.

February 20th, 1922.

I respectfully report that Asst. Keeper D. C. Powell refused to leave Round Island Light Station for South Pass Range Rear Light Station, Port Eads, La., as instructed to do.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Harry Brouwer,

Keeper.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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REGISTERED MAIL

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
February 21, 1922.

D. C. Powell, Asst. Keeper,
Round Island Light Station,
Pascagoula, Miss.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Report has been received from Harry Brouwer, Keeper of Round Island Light Station, Miss., under date of Feb.20th,1922, to the effect that you refused to comply with the instructions given you by this office under date of Feb. 4th, and again on Feb. 15th, 1922, to proceed to South Pass Range Rear Light Station, Port Eads, La., for the purpose of assuming duty in the position of 1st Asst. Keeper. As stated to you in letters from this office of Feb. 4th and 15th respectively your transfer from Round Island was recommended by this office in view of your attitude towards the present keeper. In this connection it will be recalled that on Dec.10,1921, you were severely reprimanded by the Department as a result of the charges of disobedience of orders and neglect of duty which were preferred against you. Inasmuch as it was your first offense your dismissal was not recommended at that time.

2. As you have refused to proceed to South Pass Range Rear Light Station, as you were directed to do, and as the relations existing between yourself and the Keeper at Round Islamd Light Station are unsatisfactory and not conducive to the proper accomplishment of the work of the service you are hereby charged with insubordination, disobedience of orders, and neglect of duty. Three (3) days will be allowed you from the date of receipt of this communication in which to submit such reply to the charges as you desire.

3. In view of the charges preferred against you, you are suspended from duty [redacted] for a period not to exceed 90 days from the date of receipt of this letter, pending disposition of charges preferred against you. This suspension shall be with lawful pay and allowances if you are exonerated of the charges or if they are found not 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.

4. You will be allowed twenty-four (24) hours from the date of receipt of this notification of your suspension to vacate the Lighthouse premises.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. A. MUTH,
First Assistant Superintendent.

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C O P Y.

Round Island.

February 24th, 1922.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I respectfully report that Asst. Keeper D. C. Powell left station February 21 at 3 P.M. returned February 23rd at 1:30 P.M. took part of household goods and left station at 6:20 P.M. for Pascagoula.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Harry Brouwer,

Keeper.

C O P Y.

Round Island.

February 27th, 1922.

Mr. E. S. Lanphier,

Superintendent of Lighthouses:

New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter to go to Port Eads as a 1st Assistant Keeper i had to refuse it because I received the letter to late to go and my wife was under confinement at the ~~time~~ same time and my health is poor. In a few days I will send in a report about the trouble that at this station.

(Signed) D. C. Powell,
Asst. Keeper,
Pascagoula, Miss.

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DEWITT C. POWELL.



DEWITT C. POWELL.

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

March 4th, 1921.

Dewitt C. Powell,
commendation.

3/15/21 Commended Powell
copy to Supt.
" " 7th Dom Com.
" " Insp.
" " Appt. Div.

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The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. The attached letter, received from Harry Brouwer, Keeper of Round Island Light Station, Miss., reporting the assistance rendered by Dewitt C. Powell, Assistant Keeper, in rescueing and towing to the station a disabled skiff containing one man, Mr. B. Jones, of Gauthier, Miss., who was furnished food and shelter for the night, is forwarded with the recommendation that Dewitt C. Powell, be commended for this service. The Keeper took no part in the rescue.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. A. Muth.
First Assistant Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FEB 21 19[illegible]
New Orleans

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Round Island Light Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb 18, 1921

Superintendent of Lighthouses 8th District. New Orleans. La

Sir

I. Respectfully report that at 4[30] Pm Feb. 17 a skiff. was sighted by asst Keeper Powell with one man about 2 miles west of Station. drifting before a fresh N. W wind and choppy sea. the man had been trying since 12[30] Pm. to reached shore but was not able to make any headway towards land and was towed to this Station with Sta Launch and furnished with food + lodging: and clothing where dryed. and towed the following morning so far als west Spit Beacon the name of the man is B. Jones. from Gauthier. Miss.

Very Respectfully Harry Bronner
Keeper

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MAR 15 1921 [illegible] PM 12 11

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on February 17, 1921, in rescuing and towing to the light station a disabled skiff, with one occupant aboard, the Department takes pleasure in commending you for the service rendered on this occasion, which will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

Secretary of Commerce.

Dewitt C. Powell, Assistant Keeper,
Round Island Light Station, Miss.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses)

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.,
for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner. See your report of March 4, 1921.

Acting Chief Clerk.

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Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on August 28 and 29, 1921, in towing to the station and making repairs to the boy scout launch VIVIAN, with ten passengers aboard, which had become disabled and was adrift, the Department is pleased to commend you for the services rendered, which will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

HERBERT HOOVER

Secretary of Commerce.

D. C. Powell, Assistant Keeper,
Round Island Light Station, Miss.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses).

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COPY to 8th Supt. by indorsement on copy of letter of commendation addressed to Harry Brouwer, Keeper.

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Exact copy as signed by HERBERT HOOVER.

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ADDRESS COMMUNICATIONS TO
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EP-WJB.

D.C.Powell,
charges.

REGISTERED MAIL
Return Receipt requested.

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

November 29th, 1921.

9/10/21 Reprimanded Powell
copy to 8th
" " Asst
" " Dec.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Enclosed herewith is copy of letter dated November 1st, 1921, preferring charges against D.C.Powell, Assistant Keeper of Round Island Light Station, Round Island South Spit and Round Island Spit Lights, Miss.; his reply of November 4th; letter of November 4th from Harry Brouwer, Keeper of Round Island Light Station, etc.; certificate of October 26th, 1921, from J.A.Tabor, M.D.; copy of letter dated November 5th from this office to Asst. Keeper Powell; his two replies of November 10th; and other correspondence in connection with his case.

2. The charges of disobedience and neglect of duty having been proven to a degree sufficient to warrant such action it is recommended that Asst. Keeper D.C.Powell be severely reprimanded by the Department and warned that a repetition of such offenses will result in his dismissal.

3. In view of the fact that it is Mr. Powell's first offense, recommendation is not made at this time for his dismissal.

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., December 9,1921.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information, the Bureau concurring in the recommendation of the Superintendent. Inclosed for signature at the Department, should there be no objection thereto, is letter of reprimand addressed to Powell.

WJB

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

November 1st, 1921.

D. C. Powell, Asst. Keeper,
Round Island Light Station,
Pascagoula, Miss.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Report has been received from H. Brouwer, Keeper of Round Island Light Station, Miss., under date of October 16th, to the effect that nine days prior to the writing of his letter he instructed you to help him rig up a stage to paint the tower and that on Oct. 15th you stated you were too sick to help in the work, and the Keeper also states that he cannot get you to perform any work.

2. Under date of October 24th Keeper Brouwer reports that on Monday morning, October 24th, he inquired whether you could perform station duties and stated that you could not stand the smell of paint; that he then requested you to commence burning off the paint from the ceiling in the kitchen, as directed at the last inspection of the station, and that you refused to commence the work; that on October 22nd the Keeper called your attention to the necessity of commencing the work of erecting a garden fence, the materials for which were furnished by this office, and that you requested his help although he was engaged in painting at the time, in which painting you had refused to assist him.

3. In view of the above charges of disobedience of orders and neglect of duty are hereby made against you and you are given three days from date of receipt of this letter in which to submit to this office, through the Keeper, such reply to said charges as you may desire.

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

Copy to Harry Brouwer, Keeper, Round Island Light Station, Pascagoula, Miss., for his information and guidance, with instructions to deliver the enclosed letter to Asst. Keeper D.C.Powell and report to this office by letter the exact date of its delivery to Powell.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Round Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov. 4, 1921.

Mr. E. S. Lanphier,

Inspector of Lighthouses.

Dear Sir: I have a report from the office dated Nov. 1, 1921, that H. Brouwer Keeper of Round Island Station reported me. I have not refuse mu station duties. I told him that I am sick and I am sick. I just told him that I can not stand the smell of paint. I am attending to the beacons. Only one time it was to ruf my stomach was to sour then. The garden fence the last of the lumber was brought out on the 15 Oct. I was taken sick. I am at the fence now. Can I get a man out here to paint the tower. i pay him myself the doctor told me not to paint yet for a while.

I can not write much.

I am nervous.

(Signed) D. C. Powell,

Harry Brouwer,

Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Round Island Light Sta.

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

November 4, 1921.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District, New Orleans, La.

Sir:

In reference to Asst. Keeper D. C. Powell's letter stating that he told me that he was sick. He never stated that he was to sick to paint the tower until October 15 when I told him to helped rigged up the stage to paint the tower. I never received a answer. Asst. Keeper Powell dont appear to be very sick on the 24th he caulked on his boat all afternoon. He also drove a pump down to get water for his cattle. He also stated that the lumber for the garden fence was not at hand all the lumber except 4 pieces was at hand Oct. 1.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Harry Brouwer,

Keeper.

(Copy)

Pascagoula, Miss.

Oct. 26-1921.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that I have had D. C. Powell under treatment since Oct. 17, 1921. He is suffering with Gastro-Enteritis and is unable to perform any hard manual labor, nor is he fit to expose himself to the sun's rays. His condition is improving but am unable to say how soon he will be fit for manual labor.

(Signed) Jas. A. Tabor, M.D.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

November 5th, 1921.

D. C. Powell, Asst. Keeper,
Round Island Light Station,
Pascagoula, Miss.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Your letter of November 4th, 1921, received. Referring to the statement that you are sick and also to the statement of Dr. Jas. A. Rabor, dated at Pascagoula, Miss., October 26th, 1921, stating that you are unable to perform any hard manual labor and that you are not fit to expose yourself to the sun's rays.

2. You are directed to inform this office whether or not the report of the Keeper, Mr. Harry Brouwer, is true. Mr. Brouwer states that on Oct. 24th you caulked your own boat the entire afternoon and that you also drove down a pump to secure water for your cattle.

3. Referring to your statement in letter of Nov. 4th that the completion of the delivery of material for the garden fence was not made until October 15th, Keeper Brouwer reports that all of the lumber for the fence was on hand October 1st, except four pieces and that the work could have been commenced at that time.

4. Round Island Light Station was inspected on June 3rd, 1921, and you were instructed by me, in the presence of the Keeper, to remove the paint in the kitchen and repaint same. It appears from the report of the Keeper that this has never been done. You are directed to report why this work was not commenced as soon as practicable after the date of the inspection and why no progress whatever has been made with it up to the present time. Reply to this letter within three days from its receipt handing your letter to the Keeper to be forwarded to this office.

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

Copy for information of H.Brouwer, Keeper,Round Island Light Station.

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

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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EIGHTH DISTRICT

Round Island

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov. 10, 1921., 191

Mr. E. S. Lanphier,
Inspector of Lighthouses.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the statement of Dr. J. A. Tabor, he means for me to keep from paint for a few days, that was all.

Mr. H. Brouwer reported that I caulked my boat. I did, I caulked two seams. The keeper went in October 24th; he came back with a report that a storm was on hand, so I caulked my boat to save her in a storm. Report to me if storm was 142 miles an hour.

I drove my pump to get water for my cattle. They had no water on the island, no place, only the pump, and has not been for five months. The number of them is 12 head cattle, 9 of hogs, 25 chickens.

Referring to the garden fence, I got the first lumber September 23rd. I left part of the posts at Mr. Nelson's and on October 10, I brought more posts and 10 two by fours and on October 15, the keeper brought out the last 4 posts.

Referring to the kitchen, I had nothing to remove the paint with until now. The burner came Oct. 13.

D. C. Powell; Assistant.

Harry Brouwer, Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT
Round Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
Nov. 10, 1921., 191

Mr. E. S. Lanphier:

Dear Sir:

I am better now. I am able to do all the work now. I done all my work, only painting and garden fence, and I have a third of my fence up now.

D. C. Powell.

Harry Brower, Keeper.

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

November 5th, 1921.

F. A. Schrieber, Keeper,
Chefuncte River Range Light Station,
Madisonville, La.

1. You are directed to report whether or not, while you were in charge of Round Island Light Station, the services of Mr. D. C. Powell, Asst. Keeper, were satisfactory; whether you had any trouble in having him perform station duties and whether he carried out orders given him without demur.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Chefuncte River Range Lt.Sta.,La.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

November 14/21. ,191

To The Superintendent of Lighthouses,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

In reply to your letter dated Nov. 5th, 1921. In regards to Mr. D.C. Powell, & etc., while I was Keeper of Round Island Lt. Sta., Beacons & etc. Mr. Powells services were satisfactory at first, up untill he received notice from the office that he would be retained in the service, that was about after several months, and then he began to lag, and neglect his work, and also would disregard all my orders about his dutys, and when I would tell him any thing would use all kinds of profanity and would go ashore and stay over his time, as I reported him twice for that act, He also would tell me that I had no right to tell him when he should or could leave or return to the station.

So before I would have any trouble with him I would do the work myself.

He finly got so he would demur at any thing I would tell him in regards to his duty about the station.

That is one reason that I exchanged stations with Mr. Harry Brouwer.

I Am Very Respectfully Ygurs,

(Signed) F. A. Schrieber,
Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Round Island Light Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

November 15, 1921.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District, New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I respectfully report that Asst. Keeper D. C. Powell stated that he is now ready to assist with the work as directed on the last inspection of the station.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Harry Brouwer,

Keeper.

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

November 14th, 1921.

Harry Brouwer, Keeper,
Round Island Light Station,
Pascagoula, Miss.

1. Referring to previous correspondence relative to Asst. Keeper Powell refusing to perform certain duties due to his physical condition:

2. You are directed to inquire of Mr. Powell whether this office is to understand from his letter of Nov.10th that he is now ready to assist in painting the tower, in removing the paint from the kitchen ceiling and in proceeding with the work as directed at the last inspection of the station.

3. Action in his case, based upon your reports, will be deferred until reply is received from you.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Sir:

1. Referring to report of the Superintendent of the Eighth Lighthouse District concerning charges preferred against you on account of disobedience of orders and of neglect of duty, the Department after due consideration of the matter severely reprimands you for your actions, and calls your attention to Instructions to Employees of the Lighthouse Service, 1915, paragraphs 5, Constant and faithful attention to their duties, and 11, Obedience to orders; and you are warned that should there be a repetition of such offenses on your part consideration will be given to your dismissal from the Service.

2. The fact that you have been reprimanded will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

D. C. Powell, Assistant Keeper,
Round Island Light Station, etc., Miss.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses).

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
January 7, 1922

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For rept & recdn. Does not seem proper to give a Keepers salary who shows no disposition to do his work. HM Jan 12

D. C. Powell

1/14/22 - Transd to 8th.
9/16/22 - Dept letter of 2/14/22 to 8th. No copy retained in Bureau.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. With further reference to the difficulty between the keepers at Round Island Light Station, Miss., which resulted in charges being preferred against D. C. Powell, under date of December 10, 1921, the Bureau is advised that the relations existing between the keepers are unsatisfactory and not at all conducive to the proper accomplishment of the work of the Service.

2. Assistant Keeper Powell has not shown the proper disposition to do his work at the station, therefore it is deemed to the best interests of the Service to recommend the transfer of D. C. Powell, Assistant Keeper of Round Island Light Station, with pay at the rate of $720.00 per annum, to the position of First Assistant Keeper at South Pass Range Rear Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $780.00 per annum.

3. In the event that he should fail to give satisfactory service at the new station, further recommendation will be submitted in his case. Under the proposed arrangement, Powell will receive in salary actually $5.00 per mo. more at the new station, but this office considers that feature unimportant in this instance.

Reference is made

4. W. W. Smith, the present First Assistant Keeper at South Pass Range Rear Light Station, has requested transfer to Round Island Light Station which will create a vacancy in the position of First Assistant Keeper at South Pass Range Rear Light Station.

5. Mr. Powell has not been consulted in this matter. Nominations covering the transfers have this day been forwarded to the Bureau.

E. S. Langhlin.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Powell was reprimanded by Dept. on Dec. 10, 1921.

Rec. ask Supt. for report as to advisability of transferring Powell at his present pay ($720); further report to be made at end of 6 months, and if he is then satisfactory give consideration to recommending that he receive applicable pay of position ($780).

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January 14, 1922.

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Subject: 8th Supt's. letter, Jan. 7, 1922, D. C. Powell, transfer.

1. Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La. You are requested to consider and report as to the advisability of transferring Powell to South Pass Range Rear Light Station at his present rate of pay, rather than at the authorized pay of the position, and to submitting further report as to his service at the expiration of six months, consideration to be given to recommending that he receive the authorized pay of the position providing his services shall have been satisfactory.

2. Return inclosed nominations with your reply.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.
New Orleans, La., January 19, 1922.

1. Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, recommending that D. C. Powell be transferred to South Pass Range Rear Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $720 per annum, further report to be submitted at the expiration of six months relative to his receiving the authorized pay of the position in the event that his services are satisfactory.

2. Nominations of Messrs. Smith and Powell are returned herewith, salary recommended for Powell having been amended to read $720 per annum.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

D.C. POWELL

See Bureau indorsement to 8th Supt. forwarding him copy of indorsement of January 30, 1922 to Secretary of Commerce re nomination for transfer of D. C. Powell in file of W.W. SMITH.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

2/9/22 Wrote Dept. copy to Supt.

February 8, 1922.

2/16/22 Dept. letter of 2/14/22 to 8th no copy retained in Bureau

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of Form 73a dated February 4, 1922, from the Eighth Superintendent's office, stating that Dewitt C. Powell will be transferred on February 16, 1922 from Round Island Light Station, Mississippi, to South Pass Range Rear Light Station, Louisiana, vice W. W. Smith.

Mr. Powell's salary is $720 per annum, and that of the position occupied by Mr. Smith is $780 per annum. As it would appear that no change in Mr. Powell's salary is contemplated it will be necessary to secure the Department's approval for a change in the pay of the position at South Pass Range Rear Light Station to which his transfer is proposed. The Bureau's recommendation in the matter is respectfully requested.

By direction of the Secretary:

Clifford Harding
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Inclosures.

February 9, 1922.

Secretary of Commerce:

1. Referring to Department letter of February 8, 1922, relative to EighthSuperintendent's Form 73a of February 4, 1922, concerning proposed transfer of Dewitt C. Powell to South Pass Range Rear Light Station;

2. Inclosed are the Superintendent's reports of January 7 and 19, 1922, concerning this matter, in view of which the Bureau recommends that Powell be transferred to South Pass Range Rear Light Station at his present rate of pay, consideration to be given to recommending that he receive the authorized pay of the position at the expiration of six months, provided his services shall have been satisfactory.

3. The above recommendation was inadvertently omitted at the time of submitting the above-mentioned Form 73a.

WCB

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Inclosure.
Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to Supt. Inclosed is copy of Department letter of February 8, Submit report and recommendation as to Powell receiving the authorized pay of the position in sufficient time to allow of Department action prior to the expiration of six months from the effective date of his transfer.

WCB

H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Powell

for rec.

Charges were prefard against Powell for disobedience of orders and neglect of duty, and he was reprimanded by Dept. Letter of 12/10/21.

8th reported on Jan. 7, 1922 that Powell had not shown proper disposition to do his work, and rec. his transfer to South Pass Range Rear Lt., which transfer was approved.

On Powell refused to go to South Pass Range Rear Lt., rec. dismiss as per 8th's rec.

J.G.H.
3/7/22.

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D. C. POWELL.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
March 2nd, 1922.

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Rec Dept Answers

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. The following papers are transmitted herewith in connection with the suspension from duty and charges preferred against Dewitt C. Powell, Asst. Keeper, Round Island Light Station, Miss.:

(a) Copy of letter from this office dated Feb.4th, directing Powell to proceed to South Pass Range Rear L.S. on Feb. 16th.

(b) His reply of Feb. 14th, declining to accept the transfer.

(c) Copy of letter from this office dated Feb.15th, again directing Powell to proceed to South Pass Range Rear L.S., fixing the date of departure not later than Feb. 20th, and advising as to proposed action should he fail to comply

(d) Letter from Harry Brouwer, Keeper of Round Island L.S. dated Feb.20th, advising of Powell's refusal to proceed.

(e) Copy of letter from this office, dated Feb. 21st, initiating Powell's suspension from duty for a period not to exceed 90 days from date of receipt of letter (Feb.24th) and preferring charges of insubordination, disobedience of orders and neglect of duty.

(f) Letter from Harry Brouwer, Keeper of Round Island L.S., dated Feb. 24th, reporting Powell's (unauthorized) departure from the station on Feb. 21st.

(g) Powell's reply to the charges dated Feb. 27th, 1922.

2. The reasons for his refusal to proceed to South Pass Range Rear Light Station, Port Eads, La., as stated by Powell in his answer to the charges, are not well founded. Due notice was given him of the proposed transfer together with a full statement of the reasons therefor on Feb. 4th. 10 days later he declined the transfer failing to give any reason whatever for his refusal. On February 15th he was again directed to proceed and was given until Feb.20th to comply with the instructions and fully advised of the proposed action of this office in the event of his refusal to comply. At 3 P.M. Feb. 21st he left the station without authority and did not return until 1:30 P.M. Feb. 23rd, at which time he removed his personal effects, which was prior to the receipt of letter suspending him from duty and preferring charges, which was not delivered until Feb. 24th.

3. The charges of insubordination, disobedience of orders, and neglect of duty having been substantiated it is recommended that the services of D. C. Powell, Asst. Keeper, Round Island Light Station, Miss., be terminated at the close of February 21st, the last day he performed service at the station.

4. During the present calendar year, and prior to his leaving the station on Feb. 21st, this employee had been granted 3 days annual leave.

E. S. Lamphier,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
March 14, 1922.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that Powell's suspension be confirmed by the Department, and that he be dismissed from the Service effective at the close of February 21, 1922. Attention is invited to the Superintendent's reports of January 7 and 19, 1922, which were forwarded to the Department with Bureau letter of February 9, 1922.

Commissioner of Lighthouses

COPY.

WJB. February 4th, 1922.

D. C. Powell, Asst. Keeper,
Round Island Light Station,
Pascagoula, Miss.
(Through the Keeper)

1. As a result of the difficulty between you and Keeper Schrieber this office has decided to transfer you to the position of 1st Assistant Keeper at South Pass Range Rear Light Station, Port Eads, La., with pay at the rate of $720 per annum. If, at the end of six months, your services are satisfactory at that station your pay will be increased to $780 per annum. Quarters are provided at this station for the family of the 1st Asst. Keeper.

2. You will leave Round Island Light Station in time to arrive at New Orleans, La., on the evening of February 16th so that you can proceed early on the morning of the 17th to Port Eads via Spicuzza Bros. Transportation Co.

3. Transportation request to cover your railroad fare from Pascagoula, Miss., to New Orleans, La., is enclosed.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) F. A. Muth.

First Assistant Superintendent.

Copy for information of F.A.Schrieber, Keeper, Round Island Light Station, Pascagoula, Miss. Advise this office by letter the exact time Mr. Powell leaves Round Island Light Station for New Orleans.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) F. A. Muth,

First Assistant Superintendent.

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Round Island Light Station.

February 14th, 1922.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I respectfully report that Asst. Keeper D.C.Powell can not accept the position of 1 asst. Keeper of South Pass Range Rear Light Station and Respectfully return the transportation.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Harry Brouwer,
Keeper.

(Signed) D.C.Powell,
Asst. Keeper.

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COPY.

February 15th, 1922.

D. C. Powell, Assistant Keeper,
Round Island Light Station,
Pascagoula, Miss.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring to your letter of February 14th, forwarded through the Keeper, stating that you cannot accept the position of First Assistant Keeper at South Pass Range Rear Light Station and returning the transportation request sent you:

2. You are informed that your transfer from Round Island Light Station was recommended by this office in view of the relations existing between yourself and the Keeper and your transfer has been ordered by the Department.

3. The transportation request is herewith returned, and you are directed to proceed in accordance with previous instructions given you, leaving Round Island Light Station not later than February 20th.

4. In this connection you are informed that should you fail to comply with these directions and proceed to South Pass Range Rear Light Station leaving Round Island Light Station not later than February 20th, you will be suspended from duty and your dismissal recommended.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) F. A. Muth,

First Assistant Superintendent.

Copy forwarded to Harry Brouwer, Keeper, Round Island Light Station, Pascagoula, Miss., with instructions to submit report to this office when Powell leaves the station for South Pass Range Rear. Should Powell fail to proceed as instructed, you will submit a report to this office on February 20th.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) F. A. Muth,

First Assistant Superintendent.

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Round Island.

February 20th, 1922.

I respectfully report that Asst. Keeper D. C. Powell refused to leave Round Island Light Station for South Pass Range Rear Light Station, Port Eads, La., as instructed to do.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Harry Brouwer,

Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

REGISTERED MAIL

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
February 21, 1922.

D. C. Powell, Asst. Keeper,
Round Island Light Station,
Pascagoula, Miss.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Report has been received from Harry Brouwer, Keeper of Round Island Light Station, Miss., under date of Feb.20th,1922, to the effect that you refused to comply with the instructions given you by this office under date of Feb. 4th, and again on Feb. 15th, 1922, to proceed to South Pass Range Rear Light Station, Port Eads, La., for the purpose of assuming duty in the position of 1st Asst. Keeper. As stated to you in letters from this office of Feb. 4th and 15th respectively your transfer from Round Island was recommended by this office in view of your attitude towards the present keeper. In this connection it will be recalled that on Dec.10,1921, you were severely reprimanded by the Department as a result of the charges of disobedience of orders and neglect of duty which were preferred against you. Inasmuch as it was your first offense your dismissal was not recommended at that time.

2. As you have refused to proceed to South Pass Range Rear Light Station, as you were directed to do, and as the relations existing between yourself and the Keeper at Round Islandd Light Station are unsatisfactory and not conducive to the proper accomplishment of the work of the service you are hereby charged with insubordination, disobedience of orders, and neglect of duty. Three (3) days will be allowed you from the date of receipt of this communication in which to submit such reply to the charges as you desire.

3. In view of the charges preferred against you, you are suspended from duty [redacted] for a period not to exceed 90 days from the date of receipt of this letter, pending disposition of charges preferred against you. This suspension shall be with lawful pay and allowances if you are exonerated of the charges or if they are found not 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.

4. You will be allowed twenty-four (24) hours from the date of receipt of this notification of your suspension to vacate the Lighthouse premises.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.
F. A. MUTH.
First Assistant Superintendent.

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C O P Y.

Round Island.

February 24th, 1922.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I respectfully report that Asst. Keeper D. C. Powell left station February 21 at 3 P.M. returned February 23rd at 1:30 P.M. took part of household goods and left station at 6:20 P.M. for Pascagoula.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Harry Brouwer,

Keeper.

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C O P Y.

Round Island.

February 27th, 1922.

Mr. E. S. Lanphier,

Superintendent of Lighthouses:

New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter to go to Port Eads as a 1st Assistant Keeper i had to refuse it because I received the letter to late to go and my wife was under confinement at the ~~time~~ same time and my health is poor. In a few days I will send in a report about the trouble that at this station.

(Signed) D. C. Powell,
Asst. Keeper,
Pascagoula, Miss.

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