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STANDARD FORM NO. 7
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

SERVICE RECORD CARD

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE TREATMENT
APPOINTED PRIOR TO AUG. 28, 1916 | QUALIFIED 5/11/27 | ~~DISQUALIFIED~~ | EXAM.

NAME (Surname first): **Pumphrey, Luther**

RESIDENCE. State and Cong. District: **Florida, 3rd** | County: **Jackson** | City or town: **Marianna**

Retirement age	M.	F.	Mar.	Sin.	Wid.	Div.	Wh.	C.	Other race:	Previous Government service
62 (65) 70	1		✓				1			YES

(Indicate by check.)

Marianna, Fla. (Place of birth.) **July 1, 1900** (Date of birth.)

SERVICE RECORD

DATE OF ACTION	DATE E. O. D.	NATURE OF ACTION	POSITION	SALARY	BUREAU, DIVISION, OR OFFICE	OFFICIAL STATION	APPROPRIATION	CIVIL SERVICE	
								Status	Authority
4/20/27	4/24/27	Prob Appt	2nd Asst Keeper	$1320	8th Dist.	Galveston Jetty Light Sta.	Pole Keprs of 26	Comp	5/6/96
5/19/28		Commended by office for assistance rendered to motor boat 0218, owned by Shipping Commissioner Wilson, in getting the motor started, the men aboard being unable to do so.							
5/7/28	5/17/28	Promotion	1st Asst.Keeper	1380	do	do	do	do	do
7/1/28	7/1/28	Inc.in Comp	" " "	1500	do	do	do	do	do
2/ 6/30	3/1/30	Transfer	2nd " "	1320	do	Sabine Pass	do	do	do
12/31/30	1/1/31	Inc.in Comp	" " "	1380	do	do	do	do	do
4/11/31	4/24/31	Transfer	" " "	1260	do	Pensacola LS	do	do	do
8/ 7/31	-	Dept. accepts his resignation without prejudice, effective at close of business on May 31, ~~1931.(In non-pay status~~ commencing May 16,1931)							

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1-1923

Date of Action	Date E. O. D.	Nature of Action	Position	Salary	Bureau, Division, or Office	Official Station	Appropriation	Civil Service	
								Status	Authority

Education: Common school High school College Degrees, if any

(Circle number of years) 1 2 3 4 (5) 6 7 8 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4

Special qualifications Handy with carpenter tools

(Served as Seaman, Lighthouse Tender "Magnolia" Aug.21,1923 to Apr.28,1927)

NONE

Army Navy Marine Corps Coast Guard Enlisted Discharged

(Indicate kind by check)

.Anna Martin (Mother)
Altha, Fla. O



Form A-82

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

AUG 12 1931
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

August 7, 1931. 31 AUG 8 AM 9:15

Mr. Luther Pumphrey,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department has accepted without prejudice, your resignation from the position designated below, effective at the close of business on May 31, 1931.

Bureau ..... Lighthouses
Position ..... Keeper
Allocation .....
Salary ..... $1260 per annum
Station ..... Pensacola Light Station, Florida

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1931

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Canceled 8/13/31

LHC
Encl.

August 12, 1931

Luther Pumphrey,
Altha,
Florida

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter of August 7, 1931, advising that your resignation from the position of Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, with pay at the rate of $1260 per annum, is accepted without prejudice, effective at the close of business on May 31, 1931.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) W. J. Braun, Jr.
Chief Clerk

Copy for information of George Darby, Keeper, Pensacola Light Station, Fort Barrancas, Fla. The position of Second Assistant Keeper at Pensacola Light Station will be filled by the transfer of another Assistant Keeper.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Chief Clerk

Form 93
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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., July 28, 1931

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted the resignation of the following-named employee:

Name, Luther Pumphrey — Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Legal residence, Florida — Station, Pensacola Light Station, Fla.

Salary, $1260 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of May 31, 1931

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

Remarks: Referring to the Department letter of July 17, 1931, transmitted by Bureau indorsement, in accordance therewith letter, dated July 21, 1931, copy attached was forwarded to Mr. Pumphrey, advising him that he would be granted leave without pay.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4623

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
COPY

REGISTERED MAIL

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
July 21, 1931

L. Pumphrey,
Altha,
Florida

1. Referring to letter from this office to you, dated June 5, 1931, and your reply of June 13, 1931, you are advised that the Department has decided to place you on a leave without pay status, effective from June 1, 1931.

2. You will only be restored to active service when your physical and mental condition warrants such action.

3. Before being restored to service, it will be necessary for you to make application to this Service, and you will then be directed to proceed, and you will have to proceed, to the U. S. Public Health Service Hospital designated for the length of time required by the surgeons in charge of the hospital. After this observation, if it is reported by the U. S. Public Health Service that your physical and mental condition warrants restoration to duty, such action will be taken.

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy to Commissioner of Lighthouses. This letter is written in accordance with Bureau indorsement on copy of its letter of July 17, 1931, to the Department, and in accordance with Department letter of July 8, 1931, copy of which was attached.

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of George Darby, Keeper, Pensacola Light Station, Fort Barrancas, Fla.

(Signed) E S.Lamphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

(COPY-LEC)

Altha, Florida
7-27-31

Supt. Lighthouses
8th. District
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:

In reply to yours of July 21, I think the best thing that I can do is to resign. It seems that I have some enemies back there and by going back I would probably run into more trouble, and possibly dispute over the service.

Consequently would ask that you accept my resignation from this post.

Thanking all the officials for their kindness and good will toward me, I remain,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) L. Pumphrey

Ltr
Incl.

Luther Pumphrey, 2nd A.K.
Pensacola LS, Fla.

August 13, 1931

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to the inclosed letter from the Department placing Luther Pumphrey, formerly Second Assistant Keeper at Pensacola Light Station, Fla., in a leave without pay status, not to exceed one year, effective beginning June 1, 1931, and in view of the fact that Mr. Pumphrey has since submitted his resignation which has been accepted, the Department letter of July 27, 1931, is being returned for cancellation.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. G. M.

Assistant Superintendent

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT
Pensacola Lighthouse
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
Aug 12, 1931

(through the)
Keeper.

Superintendent of Light-Houses
New orleans La.
Dear Sir.
a Copy of my Letter dated 27/931.
In Reply to yours of July 21. I think
the best thing that I Can do is to
resign It seems that I have some
enemies back there and by going back
I would probably run in to More
trouble. and. Possible Disputes over the
Service
Consequently would ask that you accept
my resignation from this Post.
Thanking all officials for their kindness
and good will towards me.
I remain yours truly

Forwarded
George Darby
Keeper

L Pumphrey.
2nd Asst Keeper.

L. Humphrey,
Alma,
Florida

July 21, 1931

1. Referring to letter from this office to you, dated June 3, 1931, and your reply of June 13, 1931, you are advised that the Department has decided to place you on a leave without pay status, effective from June 1, 1931.

2. You will only be restored to active service when your physical and mental condition warrants such action.

3. Before being restored to service, it will be necessary for you to make application to this Service, and you will then be directed to proceed, and you will have to proceed, to the U. S. Public Health Service Hospital designated by this office and remain in said hospital for observation and diagnosis for the length of time required by the surgeons in charge of the hospital. After this observation, if it is reported by the U. S. Public Health Service that your physical and mental condition warrants restoration to duty, such action will be taken.

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy to Commissioner of Lighthouses. This letter is written in accordance with Bureau indorsement on copy of its letter of July 17, 1931, to the Department, and in accordance with Department letter of July 8, 1931, copy of which was attached.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of George Darby, Keeper, Pensacola Light Station, Fort Barrancas, Fla.

E. S. LAMPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

July 17, 1931.

Secretary of Commerce:

In reference to Department letter of July 8 to the effect that it is considered preferable to place Luther Pumphrey, Keeper in the 8th District, on a leave without pay status beginning June 1 rather than discontinue his services at this time, the Bureau would have no objection to the action proposed.

F. P. DILLON

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF

Incl.

Copy referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., for information and guidance, there being inclosed a copy of the Department's letter in this matter dated July 8.

F. P. DILLON

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Copy

Department of Commerce
Office of the Chief Clerk
Washington

July 8, 1931.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Bureau's recommendation of June 19, 1931, for the separation without prejudice, effective at the close of May 31, of Luther pumphrey, Keeper, at $1260 per annum at the Pensacola Lighthouse, Florida.

It appears from the correspondence in the case that Mr. Pumphrey is suffering temporarily, at least, from an unbalanced mental condition and possibly from an ulcerated stomach. That being the case, and, in view of the fact that he is not now eligible for retirement for age or disability, the Department is of the opinion that his separation might entail hardship should he be unable to obtain other government employment in the event of recovery. It is, therefore, considered preferable to place him on leave without pay, effective June 1, and restore him to active service when his physical and mental condition warrant such action.

The Department will be pleased to receive the Bureau's comment on the foregoing suggestion.

(Sgd.) E. W. Libbey,
Chief Clerk.

ESL:LBC
Incl.

Luther Pumphrey, 2nd Asst.Kpr.,
Pensacola Lighthouse, Fla.

June 22, 1931

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to letter of June 16, 1931, relative to Luther Pumphrey, Second Assistant Keeper of Pensacola Lighthouse, Fla., the Bureau is advised that prior to his transfer to Pensacola Lighthouse, Mr. Pumphrey was Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Lighthouse, La. Upon a recent inspection of that station, I asked the Keeper whether he had experienced any trouble with Pumphrey of any kind while at the station. He then told me that Pumphrey had once reported to him that someone was endeavoring to poison him, and the Keeper was directed to submit a written report of the incident to this office.

2. Inclosed herewith is letter of June 19, 1931, from J. J. Olivier Keeper of Sabine Pass Light Station, relative to this incident. It will be seen that Mr. Pumphrey has been affected with this mental aberration or delusion prior to the incident which occurred at Pensacola Lighthouse. This confirms the opinion of this office that he is not suitable for the position of lighthouse keeper and that his services should be dispensed with.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

(COPY-LEC)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Sabine Pass
June 19th, 1931

Superintendent Lighthouses,
New Orleans
La.

Sir:

Referring to our conversation this day in regards to former Second Ass't. Pumphrey.

Mr. Pumphrey took sick night of Apr. 17th about 10 P.M. and stated to me at about 11:30 P.M. that he thought that he had been poisoned by someone on station. Sent Mr. Pumphrey to hospital in 1st Ass't car April 18th at 12:15 A.M. He returned to station at 4 P.M. Again on 21st Mr. Pumphrey complained again, that he was poisoned, sent him to Dr. at 2:30 P. he returned to station at 4 P.M. On morning of 22nd at 12:15 A.M. Mr. Pumphrey started complaining again and I sent him back to hospital.

Mr. Pumphrey was under impression that someone on station was trying to poison him, by putting poison in his groceries. After Mr. Pumphrey's return on 22nd, I had him to eat in my quarters until he was transferred. Outside of Pumphrey's idea that someone was trying to poison him, he performed his duties in usual manner.

(Signed) J. J. Olivier
Keeper

(COPY-LEC)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Sabine Pass
June 19th, 1931

Superintendent Lighthouses,
New Orleans
La.

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Mr. Pumphrey was under impression that someone on station was trying to poison him, by putting poison in his groceries. After Mr. Pumphrey's return on 22nd, I had him to eat in my quarters until he was transferred. Outside of Pumphrey's idea that someone was trying to poison him, he performed his duties in usual manner.

(Signed) J. J. Olivier
Keeper

ESL:LBC

June 16, 1931

George Darby, Kesper,
Pensacola Light Station,
Fort Barrancas, Fla.

1. If Mr. Pumphrey returns to the station, you will advise him that this office has recommended he be separated from the Service without prejudice, effective at the close of May 31, 1931, and you will see that he performs no further duty.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

[redacted]:LHC
Incls.

Luther Pumphrey, 2nd Asst.Kpr.,
Pensacola Lighthouse, Fla.

June 16, 1931

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Inclosed herewith is copy of letter dated June 5, 1931, from this office to Luther Pumphrey, Second Assistant Keeper, Pensacola Lighthouse, preferring charges against him for making false reports, etc., together with his reply, dated June 13, 1931.

2. On May 29, 1931, a telegram was received from Luther Pumphrey, Second Assistant Keeper, Pensacola Lighthouse, stating that unknown persons had placed poison in the water and food at the lighthouse; that he had been treated by a doctor and was afraid to remain at the station.

3. The Assistant Superintendent was directed to proceed, and proceeded on the night of May 29, 1931, to Pensacola Lighthouse, arriving at Pensacola early on the morning of May 30th. He found Luther Pumphrey aboard the Tender "Aster" at Pensacola, Fla., he having slept on board that tender the night of May 29-30. The Assistant Superintendent proceeded to Pensacola Lighthouse with Pumphrey and carefully questioned the Keeper and the First Assistant Keeper.

4. Inclosed herewith is the report submitted by the Assistant Superintendent relative to his investigation of this case.

5. There is also inclosed a lead pencil report made by Pumphrey to the Assistant Superintendent, the original of which is sent in order to show the mental condition of Mr. Pumphrey.

6. It will be noted from the letter to Pumphrey that the Assistant Superintendent took him to the Pensacola Hospital and the surgeon in charge of the U. S. Public Health Service Relief Station at that hospital made a preliminary examination and stated that Pumphrey might be suffering from an ulcer of the stomach. The surgeon reported to this office, letter inclosed, stating that Pumphrey was admitted to the hospital Saturday, May 30th; that he declined to undergo a series of tests and examinations, and asked for his discharge from the hospital, which was given him on Sunday, May 31st.

7. Inclosed are copies of the correspondence with the U. S. Public Health Service Marine Hospital, New Orleans, requesting an analysis of the water secured by the Assistant Superintendent, a copy of the report of June 9th relative to the result of the analysis and a memorandum of June 12, 1931, by the Assistant Superintendent with reference to the report of analysis submitted by the Marine Hospital at New Orleans, La.

8. The report of the Assistant Superintendent, dated May 30th, clearly indicates that Pumphrey is suffering from some mental aberration, and the reports of the doctors, although not final, would indicate that he may have stomach ulcers or other stomach trouble. The Keeper of Pensacola Lighthouse told the Assistant Superintendent that Pumphrey was in the habit of taking frequent and excessively large doses of bicarbonate of soda.

9. In view of the mental condition of Luther Pumphrey, Second Assistant Keeper of Pensacola Lighthouse, Fla., as clearly shown by the inclosures, it is recommended that he be separated from the Service with prejudice, effective at the close of May 31st, he having performed no service since that date. Section 2 of Civil Service Rule 1, relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations, will not be violated by the action recommended.

10. In view of Mr. Pumphrey's service as seaman and quartermaster on the Lighthouse Tender "Magnolia" from August, 1923, to April, 1927, and as light keeper from April, 1927, to May 31, 1931, it is recommended that the leave regulations be waived in his case and that he be paid to the close of May 31. Mr. Pumphrey has exceeded his accrued leave by 15 days.

E. S. LAMPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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REGISTERED MAIL

June 5, 1931

Luther Humphrey, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Pensacola Light Station,
Fort Barrancas, Fla.

1. You are hereby charged with making false reports. Under date of May 29th, you telegraphed this office as follows:

"Unknown persons has placed poison in water and food at Pensacola Lighthouse during past week Stop Treated by doctor today Stop Afraid to remain at station as life in danger"

The Assistant Superintendent left New Orleans the same night for Pensacola, Fla., arriving there early the next morning and found you on board the Tender "Aster," where you repeated the statement made in your telegram. The Assistant Superintendent proceeded with you to Pensacola Lighthouse and you stated to him that you had secured a transfer from Sabine Pass Lighthouse to Pensacola Lighthouse because the Keeper was a Catholic and the Catholics were still after you.

2. After making an investigation of the matter, the Assistant Superintendent took you to the Pensacola Hospital and the Surgeon in Charge of the U. S. Public Health Service Relief Station made a preliminary examination and informs this office that you might be suffering from an ulcer of the stomach. The Surgeon states that you entered the hospital Saturday, May 30th, and, at your own request, were given your discharge on Sunday, May 31st. The Surgeon states that further examination is necessary in order properly to diagnose your case, and you refused to permit further treatment or observation.

3. A letter, dated May 30, 1931, forwarded through the Keeper, has been received from you requesting sixty days leave of absence without pay, stating that your reason for this request was to go to the hospital or home in order to regain your health. You left the hospital on May 31st before the reply of this office had been received by you authorizing leave without pay for the time necessary for treatment in the hospital.

4. In accordance with Civil Service rules and regulations, you are hereby given three days from the receipt of this letter in which to submit a reply.

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of George Darby, Keeper, Pensacola Light Station, Fort Barrancas, Fla.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

(POSTMARK OF)

Receipt for Registered Article No. 20308

Registered at the Post Office indicated in Postmark

Fee paid ---------- cents *Class postage* ----------

Return Receipt fee ---------- Spl. Del'y fee ----------

Delivery restricted to addressee:

in person ----------, or order ----------

Accepting employee will place his *initials* in space indicating restricted delivery.

FEE PAID 15 CENTS

Return Receipt Fee paid

REGISTERED THIS STATION JUN 6 1931

POSTMASTER, per ---------- (MAILING OFFICE)

The sender should write the name of the addressee on back hereof as an identification. Preserve and submit this receipt in case of inquiry or application for indemnity.

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Form 3806 (Rev. 7-1-29)

(COPY-LEC)

Altha, Florida
June 13th, 1931

Supt. of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of June the 5th, received yesterday.

According to the Doctors and Druggist statement to me, the report of May the 29th. are true. I went to Doctor Anderson and he and the Druggist said it was poison and Doctor Anderson pumped me out, and advised me to make the report. The Assistant Supt. went with me the next day to the Druggist and secured a statement from him as to the kind of poison that acted in my case. The end of my tongue turned hard about a half an inch, and my nose, throat and back of my mouth dried out, and I took sick on Station after drinking water out of the kitchen pump in my apartment. The time I was sick before I ate an apple that was lying on the table in the kitchen and vomited it up and blood behind it and my stomach burned seriously afterwards. I saved a piece of the apple and a specimine of the blood and took it to the U. S. Public Health Doctor. He said that I probably was suffering from an ulcer of the stomach, and the next day after I went to the Hospital, he came out there and said I could stay there or come home, so I came home and am under treatment of Dr. Marion Eldridge, and he says my trouble now is a nervous breakdown.

There was a misunderstanding about the transfer from Sabine Lighthouse. I told the Asst. Supt. that I was transferred from Sabine Lighthouse about April the 24th, and did not have any enimies that I knew of. Mr. J. J. Oliver, the keeper was as good to me as any man I ever worked with, and if he is a member of any Church it is more than I know of, and I boarded with Mr. & Mrs. Oliver the last week that I was on Station at Sabine.

The night I stayed aboard the tender "Aster" there was four or five men following me. I was watching them and tried to dodge them. I do not know who they were and if it was their intention to poison me I don't understand why they would want to do so. I have always tried to perform my duty and to perform it in the right way and willing to continue doing so as long as I am on station and can be in peace with the keepers and others on station and the Officials.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. Pumphrey
2nd Asst.Keeper
Pensacola Lighthouse

Office Copy

FAM:JK

Pensacola, Florida,
May 30th, 1931.

MEMO FOR SUPERINTENDENT:

1. In compliance with your instructions I proceeded to Pensacola last night to investigate the alleged poisoning of Luther Pumphrey, 2nd Assistant Keeper, Pensacola L. H., as reported in his telegram of May 29th. I took with me two sterilized gallon water jugs for sampling water.

2. The following report is submitted: Upon arrival in Pensacola, I went to the tender "Aster" at Palafox Street Wharf at 6:30 a.m. today. I found Mr. Pumphrey aboard and that he had spent the night on board. He was quite nervous and talkative. I took Mr. Pumphrey off to one side and questioned him quietly, asking him to relate what had occurred. In view of his mysterious talk, queer actions and apparent mental aberrations or delusions it is necessary for me to go into considerable detail to develop the facts.

3. He told me that when he thought he was sick from poisoning, the Keeper let him go to town for treatment, telling him to advise the office by wire if he would be unable to return. He said that he thought he had gotten poisoned from the pitcher pump in his quarters as he saw some white powder on the pump. He said his symptoms were dry mouth, dry nostrils, sore tongue and burning stomach.

4. He said that he went to a druggist and told him he had been poisoned and that he was afraid some one would kill him as he felt that he had some mysterious and unknown enemies who had followed him from Sabine, Texas, or sent word here to "do away" with him.

5. He said he then went to see Doctor W. E. Anderson at his office and told him the same thing as he told the druggist. He said the Doctor told him that if he had been poisoned he should have his stomach pumped out and that he should report the matter to the sheriff. The Doctor washed out his stomach.

6. Pumphrey said he went to the sheriff's office and reported and he was then sent to the U. S. Marshall's office. Some one in that office said that they have no cause to take office unless he suspected some one and Pumphrey said he told them he did not know whom to suspect. Then he took his car to the Police Station where he left it and where he said it now is.

7. Pumphrey said he had a twenty-dollar bill in his pocket last night, but lost it so he went to the "Aster" about 9 p.m., May 29th, to spend the

as he was afraid to go any other place. He said that mysterious people whom he did not know followed him along the street and it worried him.

8. When I saw him on the tender he was in his shirt sleeves without collar or tie or cap. He told me he did not know where he lost his cap.

9. I told him to write a report in the form of a memorandum for me telling all that had happened. After much difficulty he made a report which is attached hereto, exhibit "A". While he was writing I questioned the officers and some of the members of the crew of the "Aster" as it will be remembered three men from the "Aster" spent about four days painting the fence at Pensacola Lighthouse while the tender was laid up for emergency engine repairs this week. No one on the "Aster" had heard of the poison report. The men who worked at the station were surprised as they stated that relations between the Keeper and the two Assistants were good. They all knew Pumphrey came aboard sick and took salts and oil during the night and that he acted queerly when an auto would come alongside the tender at the pier. The engineer said that he was standing in front of the post office about three p. m. wearing his official L.H.S. cap when Pumphrey, whom he had never seen before, came upon him wearing his Keeper's cap. Pumphrey said "I see you are a Lighthouse man." I am too; I had twenty-dollars and lost it; will you lend me five dollars?" The engineer said that he told Pumphrey he thanked him for the honor and left him. Later the engineer said he met Pumphrey aboard the tender.

10. I took Pumphrey to the office of Doctor Anderson but he was sick in the forenoon so I phoned his home for a preliminary report before I proceeded to the Lighthouse. Doctor Anderson said he would see me in the afternoon today, and assured me there was nothing serious about the poison situation.

11. Then I took Pumphrey back to the light station in an auto for questioning of himself and the other keepers also to secure sample of water for analysis and a glass which Pumphrey said was stained with a white powder.

12. Before anyone at the station could see us we went to Pumphrey's quarters upstairs over the 1st Assistant's quarters. We unlocked his cupboard but I could see no trace of any stains or anything on the shelves which could be taken for poison as referred to in Pumphrey's report. I took a gallon of water from the kitchen pump. I also bottled some water from the stained glass and carefully packed the glass also the partially used can of smoking tobacco also a milk bottle containing some syrup, the bottle being without cap or cover. He suspected all of these. I also brought back a can of Sterns electric roach paste which was near the sink. Pumphrey said the roach paste had never been opened but I took off the lid and found about half of it gone. He said he did not know how it came that way. I asked him what foods he had eaten last and he said corn flakes and canned milk. There was a can of port and beans on the table which had not been opened and I brought it back in connection with an examination which may be desired should suspicions be aroused as to ptomaine poisoning. His kitchen showed signs of several used dishes lying around but there was no evidence on any of them of the powder he had referred to and he was satisfied to that effect.

13. It is pertinent to state here that the 1st Assistant Keeper, Miller, uses water from the same cistern under the dwelling that Pumphrey does. Water

passes through the same suction pipe with a branch through the first Assistant Keeper's quarters. Each has a separate pitcher spout pump. I did see a little whitish mark or spot on Pumphrey's pump. I told him it resembled bicarbonate of soda. Then I went to the Keeper's quarters and with the two Assistants present asked questions as shown on attached exhibit "B". The questions and answers developed the fact that no unpleasant relations apparently existed also that Pumphrey has had trouble with his stomach and used cooking soda freely. Pumphrey said he had wired home for money. While I was at the Lighthouse the Western Union notified him that money had been telegraphed him.

14. Pumphrey said that he felt too sick and too badly to work now and wanted to take leave without pay, so I told him to submit his application through the Keeper which was done while was at the station. Pumphrey said he wanted to drive to his home in Marianna, Fla., where his wife and infant have been since Wednesday. I informed him that he was in no physical condition to drive that far alone and further that he could not leave Pensacola until the Superintendent had an opportunity to act. As Pumphrey complained of his stomach and seemed so weak and upset I did not want to leave him without proper care. I wrote a letter in the emergency to the Pensacola Hospital (Marine Ward) to admit him as a Lighthouse Keeper and to report on his ailment. (Copy furnished office)

15. The Keeper informed me as I was leaving the station that Pumphrey did not eat proper foods and that he complained of his stomach a good deal. He said that Pumphrey told him that he was frightened by unknown enemies whom he believed were persuing to persecute him and that he would be killed.

16. I then went to town and called on the druggist at Pensacola Pharmacy, whom Pumphrey had spoken to yesterday. The druggist said that when Pumphrey told him that he had been poisoned, he did think that Pumphrey had somewhat dilated pupils and "a dry nose and mouth". While the symptoms were very slight he said that those were some of the symptoms of atropine poisoning. He said he suggested to Pumphrey to see a doctor. (The druggist said that atropine acts similarly to belladonna.)

17. Pumphrey told me that as he was walking down the street at night he vomited several times and that some queer-acting men followed him. He said that everywhere he goes autos follow him and strange people look at him. He admitted that he knew none of these people.

18. I then took Pumphrey to the Pensacola Hospital and had him admitted for examination. I advised him that the office would send word to him. He did not want to stay but I ordered to remain there until he hears from the office or the hospital discharges him. He then seemed much more at ease and said he would like to remain several days until he feels better.

19. Then I called on Doctor W. E. Anderson, American Bank Building. He said that when Pumphrey called on him yesterday he did not appear to be much sick but was "scared" of having been posioned by some unknown enemy who is after him. The doctor told me that he washed out Pumphrey's stomach and told him that if he thought he had been poisoned to notify the sheriff. I asked doctor Anderson what poison he thought Pumphrey had taken. The doctor replied that he saw no particular evidence of any poison although he had no way to make tests. He said the symptoms noted were "dry or cotton mouth" and a badly upset stomach.

The doctor told me that Pumphrey had been treated by his office partner, Doctor Pierpont, for stomach ailment not long ago. Doctor Anderson said that he told Pumphrey not to worry about the poison, that it was not serious.

20. Doctor Anderson told me that he believed from appearances that Pumphrey showed early signs of some mental derangement, though no tests were made for sanity and he suggested that we send him for hospitalization. I told the doctor I had already had Pumphrey admitted to Pensacola Hospital as a Government patient. He replied that that was the best action which could have been taken. Doctor Anderson said that Pumphrey told him that he could not pay for washing out the stomach but that the Lighthouse office would pay him fifteen or twenty dollars. I informed Doctor Anderson respectfully that Pumphrey made the obligation to the doctor himself and was personally responsible for it as he had not been authorized by the office to secure a physician.

F. G. Muth

Assistant Superintendent.

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A. The two sons of former Keeper, Mr. Doyle, Murling and Francis; they come to visit in the Miller quarters.

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A. I have not.

Mr. Pumphrey, 2nd Assistant Keeper.

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OFFICE OF
MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

SUPT. 8TH D. OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN - 2 1931
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Pensacola, Florida,
June 1, 1931.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

Attention: Mr. F.A.Muth,Assistant Superintendent 8th District.

Sir:

Complying with request contained in your letter asking that treatment be given L. Pumphrey, 2nd Assistant Keeper Pensacola Lighthouse, I have the honor to state that this man was admitted to the hospital Saturday, May 30th, and it was thought that he might be suffering from an ulcer of the stomach.

In order to make a diagnosis it was necessary to have this man undergo a series of tests and examinations which he declined to submit to, and asked that he be discharged from the hospital, which request was complied with when made, on Sunday May 31st.

Respectfully,

C.W.D'Alemberte,
A.A.Surgeon in Charge,
U.S.P.H.S.Relief Station.

FAM:JK

June 1st, 1931.

Medical Officer in Charge,
U.S.Marine Hospital,
Henry Clay Ave. & Tchoupitoulas St.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

1. This office has taken a sample of water from a lighthouse, which water is alleged to have been poisoned by some unknown person.

2. Kindly advise this office if you will analyze the water to determine if it is potable or safe to drink. In connection with the analysis of the water it is suggested that tests be made for atropine as that is one poison which has been suggested.

3. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated and the sample will be sent to you as soon as advices are received from you.

Respectfully,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

U. S. MARINE HOSPITAL
TCHOUPITOULAS AND HENRY CLAY STS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN - 3 1931
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

June 2,1931.

E.S.Lanphier, Supt. of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce Lighthouse Service,
8th District,
New orleans,Louisiana.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 1,1931, re sample of water which has possibly been poisoned, I beg to inform you that if you will send a sample to this hospital we will be very glad to make the examination requested.

By direction of Medical Officer in Charge.

Respectfully,
Wm.F.Hollingsworth,
Surgeon, USPHS.,
Executive Officer.

WYH/et.

FAM:JK

June 3rd, 1931.

Dr. Wm. Y. Hollingsworth, Surgeon,
U.S. Public Health Service,
U. S. Marine Hospital,
Tchoupitoulas & Henry Clay Sts.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

1. Referring to your letter of June 2nd, there is being sent you by messenger today two samples of water for analysis to determine if the water is poisoned as was alleged by one of the employees of this service who was taken ill from stomach trouble.

2. The gallon jug of water was pumped from the cistern and the small vial of water was taken from an open glass of water in his quarters.

3. Any information that you can give as to the portability of the water, with reference to alleged poisoning, will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

For and in the absence of the Superintendent,

Assistant Superintendent.

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 11 1931
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

U. S. MARINE HOSPITAL
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

June 9,1931.

E.S.Lanphier, Superintendent,
Lighthouse Service,
New Orleans,La.

Sir:

The laboratory work on the specimens of drinking water submitted for examination has been completed, and chemically the examination was negative. Tests were made for arsenic, lead, mercury, atropin and silver, with negative results. Report of the bacterial examinations were as follows:

The small bottle showed 80,000 bacteria per c.c. at the end of 24 hours, and 150,000 bacteria per c.c. at the end of 48 hours.There was no gas formation at the end of 48 hours. However, this suggests that the water was contaminated in transmittal.

The large bottle showed 15,000 bacteria per c.c. at the end of 24 hours, and 29,000 bacteria per c.c. at the end of 48 hours. This amount is quite within normal limits for portable water.

1 c.c. and 5 c.c. showed no gas at the end of 48 hours; the 10 c.c. specimen, however, showed 5% gas at the end of 24 hours,and 80% gas at the end of 48 hours. Culturally bacillus coli was recovered from this specimen. This bacillus is evidence by human contamination probably by feces.

I think we may safely assume therefore that the water was not poisoned except perhaps by contamination.

The gross appearance of the water, the excessive number of bacteria found in the smaller specimen, and the recovery of B.Coli, all point to the advisability of boiling this water if it is to be used for drinking purposes.

If the containers of this water were not sterilized before the specimens were taken,and if the water was not kept on ice after taking the samples, it may have been contaminated. Nevertheless boiling would seem to be indicated.

The reported diarrhea of a man who drank the water may have been due , however, to the excessive bacterial content, or to an excess of some harmless mineral such as magnesia.

By direction of Medical Officer In Charge.
Respectfully,
Wm. H. Hollingsworth, Surg.USPHS.,
Executive Officer.

WYH/et.

New Orleans, La.,
June 12th, 1931.

Memo for Superintendent:

1. With reference to letter of June 9th from the Marine Hospital, reporting on analysis of two samples of water which were brought to New Orleans by me from Pensacola Lighthouse:

2. You are advised that before proceeding to Pensacola I ascertained from the State Board of Health ~~thank~~ the method of taking care of samples of water which were alleged to have been poisoned. It was understood that the complaint of the Assistant Keeper Pumphrey was for poisoning of water and not because of bateriological contamination. The method of taking sample of water for poisoning is different from that for bateriological contamination.

3. The large bottle of water, which the analysis indicates is potable, was taken from the kitchen pump after I had pumped out a little of the water then washed out the gallon bottle with water removed from the pump.

4. The small bottle really had very little to do with the case. Mr. Pumphrey told me it was a bottle he had bought from the drug store for the purpose of taking a sample of water that had been standing in a soiled glass in the kitchen. He suspected the white stain on the glass to be a poison and while no import should be attached to analysis of water, the source of which is so uncertain, I did, at his request, pour out the water from the tumbler into the bottle he gave me to determine if there had been anything poisonous in the glass. The water had been standing in an open glass several days before I bottled it.

5. No effort was put forth in either case to bring samples of water for bacteriological analysis as it should be kept cool. These samples were taken from Pensacola Lighthouse on May 30th and advices were not received from the Marine Hospital until June 2nd that they would analyze the water. The samples of water were not kept iced but had been brought into New Orleans by railroad and were in the office several days before they were sent to the Marine Hospital. Such handling, it is understood, is not harmful for proper analysis for poisoning but is for bacteriological analysis.

6. It appears to me the main thing is that the report shows no metallic or other poisoning which the Assistant Keeper had alleged.

F G M

Assistant Superintendent.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Pensacola Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 2, 1931

Sir

Refering to your Letter of June 1st Regarding Mr L Pumphrey
I Went to See Mr Pumphrey at the Hospital Monday June 1st and he had left there on Sunday. May 31st.
They told me there that he left for his home On his own accord

Respectful
George Warby
Keeper

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Encl.

June 1, 1931

L. Pumphrey, Second Asst.Keeper,
Pensacola Light Station,
Fort Barrancas, Fla.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring to the report made by you alleging that you had been poisoned at the light station, it appears from an investigation made by the Assistant Superintendent that you are in need of medical attention, and you are directed to report to the U. S. Public Health Service, Mobile, Ala., for observation and treatment. Inclosed herewith is a request for your admittance to the hospital at Mobile, Ala.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of George Darby, Keeper, Pensacola Light Station, Fort Barrancas, Fla.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of Medical Officer in Charge, U. S. Public Health Service Hospital, Mobile, Ala.

The above-named employee, who is Second Assistant Keeper at Pensacola Lighthouse, Fla., telegraphed this office that someone had placed poison in the water and food at Pensacola Lighthouse during the past week; that he had been treated by a doctor and was afraid to remain at the station.

The Assistant Superintendent of this district proceeded at once to Pensacola and interviewed Mr. Pumphrey, the doctor who treated him and the Keepers of the lighthouse. The conclusion was reached that Mr. Pumphrey is suffering from mental aberration, also with stomach trouble of some nature.

It is requested that Mr. Pumphrey be admitted to the hospital, that he be given proper treatment and close observation made as to his mental condition, and that this office be advised in regard to same. If Mr. Pumphrey is mentally deranged, he is not a proper employee for this Service, and it is desired to ascertain his mental condition and his exact physical condition.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses

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

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 16 1931
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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

June 13, 1931

Postmaster,
Fort Barrancas,
Florida

Dear Sir:

1. A registered letter was mailed on June 5, 1931, by this office to Luther Pumphrey, Second Assistant Keeper, Pensacola Light Station, Fort Barrancas, Fla. Please return the registered letter to this office.

2. Your prompt action will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Fort Barrancas, Florida,
June 15, 1931.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

The letter mentioned above was received in this office on June 8, 1931, and forwarded to Mr. Pumphrey at Altha, Florida, June 10, 1931.

Very respectfully,

Rosanna Milner,
Postmaster.

ESL:LEC

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JUN - 1 1931
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

May 30.

PENSACOLA HOSPITAL
Pensacola, Florida.

Gentlemen:

At an inspection of Pensacola Lighthouse today I found Mr. L. Pumphrey, 2nd Assistant Keeper sick and I request that hebe admitted to the Marine Hospital Division ofyour hospital for treatment as a Lighthouse Keeper.

A report submitted to the Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., as to the diagnosis of Mr. Pumphrey's ailment will be appreciated.

Very respectfully,
F A. Muth
Assistant Supt rintndent, 8th
Lighthouse District.

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ESH:LHH
Encl.

June 1, 1931

George Darby, Keeper,
Pensacola Light Station,
Fort Barrancas, Fla.

1. Inclosed herewith is a letter addressed to L. Pumphrey, Second Assistant Keeper, together with a request for admittance to the Marine Hospital at Mobile.

2. You are requested to deliver this letter and the request to Mr. Pumphrey in the hospital at Pensacola, if he is still there. If not, report to this office.

3. Advise this office whether or not Mr. Pumphrey proceeds to Mobile for the purpose of entering the hospital at that place.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES N.O.,LA.,MAY 29, 1931.

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L PUMPHREY SECOND ASSISTANT KEEPER

LSC

June 2, 1931

George Darby, Keeper,
Pensacola Light Station,
Port Barrancas, Fla.

1. Referring to letter of May 30, 1931, from L. Pumphrey, Second Assistant Keeper, for sixty days leave without pay, you are advised that leave without pay is granted for the time necessary for his hospitalization and treatment.

2. You are directed to advise this office when Mr. Pumphrey returns to duty.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Assistant Superintendent

JUN - 1 1931
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Pensacola Fla
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 30, 1931

Through Keeper
Superintendent of Light houses
New Orleans
La.

Sir:-

Please grant me sixty days
leave of absence with out Pay.
My reason for this leave is to
go to Hospital or home too try
gain my health

Respectfully
2nd asst

Forwarded
George Warburg
Keeper

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Form 16

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SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES=

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 29 1931
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

1931 MAY 29 PM 3 46

UNKNOWN PERSONS HAS PLACED POISON IN WATER AND FOOD AT PENSACOLA LIGHTHOUSE DURING PAST WEEK STOP TREATED BY DOCTOR TODAY STOP AFRAID TO REMAIN AT STATION AS LIFE IN DANGER=

L PUMPHREY SECOND ASISTANT KEEPER.

E.S.LANPHIER

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES N.O.,LA.,MAY 29, 1934.

UNKNOWN PERSONS HAS PLACED POSION IN WATER AND FOOD AT PENSACOLA LIGHTHOUSE DURING PAST WEEK STOP TREATED BY DOCTOR TODAY STOP AFRAID TO REMAIN AT STATION AS LIFE IN DANGER

L PUMPHREY SECOND ASSISTANT KEEPER

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 18 1931
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

April 11, 1931.

Mr Luther Pumphrey,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1931 APR 15 PM 3 40

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective April 16, 1931, or upon entrance on duty (change in station).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

F. A. DELONG
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

From $1380 per annum

To: $1260 per annum

Service and grade Field

Appropriation (unit):

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Landed 5/4/31

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

LBC

Luther Pumphrey, Effective
date of change in pay

April 28, 1931

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter of April 11, 1931, in the case of Luther Pumphrey, who was transferred from the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $1380 per annum, to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Pensacola Light Station, Fla., with pay at the rate of $1260 per annum, effective April 16, 1931, or upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is April 24, 1931.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 25 1931
RECEIVED

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Saint Pass,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 24, 1931

Superintendent Lighthouses
New Orleans
La,

Sir:

Second Ass't L. Pumphrey left for Pensacola light Station at 6. A. M. this day.

J. J. Olivier
Keeper.

kmc
Encl.

April 20, 1931

Luther Pumphrey, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter of April 11, 1931, advising that your compensation has been changed from $1380 per annum to $1260 per annum, effective April 16, 1931, or upon entrance on duty, by reason of your transfer to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Pensacola Light Station, Fla.

2. You may proceed to Pensacola Light Station as soon after the receipt of this letter as it is convenient for you to do so, reporting to Mr. George Darby, Keeper.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of J. J. Olivier, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas. Advise this office the date on which Mr. Pumphrey leaves Sabine Pass Light Station.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of George Darby, Keeper, Pensacola Light Station, Fort Barrancas, Florida. You will advise this office the date on which Mr. Pumphrey arrives at the station.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Form 73
Ed. April, 1929
L.S.C.

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., (City) April 6 (Date), 1931

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer — Legal residence, Florida

Name, Luther Pumphrey — Proposed salary, $1260 p.a.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Proposed range, $1200-$1560

Location, Pensacola Light Station, Fla. — Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

Effective, April 16, 1931 — {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Former salary, $1380 p.a.

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas — Former range, $1320-$1680

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

Previous incumbent, Lewis Minard Miller — Services terminated, to be about April 15, 1931

Reason, To be promoted.

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, July 1, 1900

Remarks: Attached hereto is letter dated April 1, 1931, from Mr. Pumphrey accepting this transfer.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 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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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 4 1931
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 1, 1931

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.
(Through the Keeper)

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 30, 1931, I wish to state that I desire to be considered for transfer to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Pensacola Light Station, Fla., with pay at the rate of $1260 per annum.

Respectfully,

L. Rumbley.
Second Assistant Keeper.

Forwarded:

Keeper

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR - 2 1931
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT
Salmne Pass.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
April 1st, 1931

Superintendent Lighthouses
New Orleans
La,

Sir:

Your letter March 30 to Second Ass't Dumphrey in regards. to transfer to Pensacola light. Mr Dumphrey is on leave and and looking for him back to-morrow, will have him advise office in regards to this on his return

J J Shiris
Keeper.

L&C

March 30, 1931

L. Pumphrey, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. You are advised that there is a prospective vacancy in the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Pensacola Light Station, Fla., the pay of which, in your case, is $1260 per annum. If you wish to be considered for transfer to this position, you will sign the inclosed letter in duplicate, returning both copies to this office.

2. The quarters assigned to the Second Assistant Keeper consist of two rooms on the second floor.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) W. J. Braun

Chief Clerk

Copy for information of J. J. Olivier, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Chief Clerk

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 30 1931
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Pensacola Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 27, 1931

Sir:

Mr Luther Pumphrey 2nd asst Keeper
Reported for Duty at 10. A.M.
April 27/31

Respectful

George Warby
Keeper

Taken up in new position
Apr. 27 1931

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SUPT. LIGHTHOUSES
JAN - 9 1931
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

December 31, 1930

Mr. Luther Pumphrey

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW'D J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320

To: $1380

Service and grade: Range $1320-1680

Appropriation (unit): Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

8th District.

WHC.

ORIGINAL SENT 1/9/31

Awarded 2/28/31

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

February 6, 1930.

Mr. Luther Pumphrey,

LIGHTHOUSES

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1930 FEB 13 PM 12 49

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective February 16, 1930, or entrance on duty (by change of station).

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

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES FEB 15 1930 NEW ORLEANS, LA.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1500 per annum.

To: $1320 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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Received 2/14/30 Feb

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

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Luther Pumphrey, Effective
date of Change in Pay

March 15, 1930

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to letter of March 5, 1930, from the Chief of Appointment Division asking for the effective date of transfer of Luther Pumphrey from the position of First Assistant Keeper at Galveston Jetty Light Station, with pay at the rate of $1500 per annum, to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, with pay at the rate of $1320 per annum, forwarded by indorsement of March 11, 1930, the Bureau is advised that report on this matter was forwarded under date of March 10, 1930.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

LIGHTHOUSES
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SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 14 1930
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Airways
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Engr.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Finance
Law & Prop.
Chief Clerk
Adm. Assist.
Dep. Commr.
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 5, 1930.

Memorandum for Bureau of Lighthouses:

In the case of Luther Pumphrey, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, La., the records of the Appointment Division are incomplete in the following respect: effective date of transfer authorized February 16, 1930 or entrance on duty. Former position, keeper, Location, Galveston Light Station, Texas.

It is requested that the attention of the proper officer be called to the matter with a view to its being remedied without delay.

Ruby Gardner
Chief of Appointment Division.

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8th District

MAR 11 1930

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 8th Supt.
for compliance and return.

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Luther Humphrey, Effective
date of change in pay.

March 10, 1930

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter of February 6, 1930, in the case of Luther Humphrey, who was transferred from the position of First Assistant Keeper at Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas, with pay at the rate of $1500 per annum, to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $1320 per annum, effective February 16, 1930, or upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is March 1, 1930.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR - 5 1930
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT
Lake Pass.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
March 3rd, 1930

Superintendent Lighthouses
New Orleans
La.

Sir:

Mr L. Pumphrey reported for duty 3 P M February 28th Mr Chastant left station for Galveston Mar 3rd at 11 a.m.

J. J. Obrien
Keeper

Ltr
Encl.

February 21, 1930

Luther Pumphrey, First Asst. Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station,
P. O. Box 327,
Galveston, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter of February 6, 1930, advising that your compensation has been changed from $1500 per annum to $1320 per annum, this change in pay being brought about by your transfer from the position of First Assistant Keeper at Galveston Jetty Light Station, to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station.

2. You may proceed to Sabine Pass Light Station as soon after the receipt of this letter as it is convenient for you to do so, reporting to Mr. J. J. Olivier, Keeper.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of E. K. Wakefield, Keeper, Galveston Jetty Light Station, P. O. Box 327, Galveston, Texas. Advise this office the date on which Mr. Pumphrey leaves Galveston Jetty.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of J. J. Olivier, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas. Advise this office the date Mr. Pumphrey reports to you for duty.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La. (City) February 3 (Date), 1930

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, Luther Pumphrey

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Effective, February 16, 1930

Legal residence, Florida

Proposed salary, $1320 p.a.

Proposed range, $1320-$1620

Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

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

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas

Former salary, $1500 p.a.

Former range, $1500-$1800

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

Previous incumbent, John Aucoin

Services to be terminated, February 15, 1930

Reason, To be transferred to Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas.

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, July 1, 1900

Remarks: Family quarters are furnished at Sabine Pass but not at Galveston Jetty L.S.

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

E. J. K.

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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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February 3, 1930

Luther Pumphrey, First Asst. Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station,
P. O. Box 327,
Galveston, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. You are advised that you have this day been nominated for transfer to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, with pay at the rate of $1320 per annum.

2. You are further advised that your wife will be permitted to reside at the light station.

3. You will not proceed to Sabine Pass Light Station until you receive specific instructions from this office to do so.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of E.K.Wakefield, Keeper, Galveston Jetty Light Station, P. O. Box 327, Galveston, Texas. You are advised that John Ancoin has been recommended for transfer to the position of First Assistant Keeper at your station as he has had a longer period of service than has had Mr. Babin.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

ESL-WJB.

February 1, 1930.

E. K. Wakefield, Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station,
P. O. Box 327,
Galveston, Texas.

1. Replying to your letter of January 20th, relative to the desire of First Assistant Keeper Pumphrey for transfer to Sabine Pass Light Station in exchange of positions with J.Aucoin, and to your request that, if possible, Babin be promoted to the vacancy caused by the proposed transfer of Pumphrey and that Aucoin be given the position of Second Assistant Keeper at your station:

2. You are advised that J. Aucoin, 2nd Asst. Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, has been in the service for a longer period of time than Babin, therefore this office cannot accept the suggestion made by you.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Mr. Brown - Nominations for transfer

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JAN 31 1930
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Lighthouse Depot
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

January 30, 1930

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
New Orleans La.
(Through the Keeper)
Sir:-

Referring to your letter of January 24. I will accept the swap with John Aucoin, 2nd assistant Keeper, Caminada Light station, Providing there is no objection to my wife, living on Station with me?

Mr. Aucoin, said he could not have his family on station on account of his Boys, and as I had no children it would be a good station for my wife and me. if transfer is granted, I will be ready to proceed when notified by office. will like the Routine of that station.

Yours very truly.

1st asst Keeper, E Humphreys.

E K Wakefield
Keeper

ESL:LMC

January 24, 1930

Luther Pumphrey, First Asst. Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station,
P. O. Box 327,
Galveston, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring to your letter to John Ancoin, Second Assistant Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, which has been forwarded to this office by him, through the Keeper, expressing your willingness to swap positions with Ancoin, you are advised that, as stated above, John Ancoin is Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine Bank Light, Sabine Pass Entrance Range, East Jetty Inner Range, Sabine Pass Channel Lights 2, 4, 6, 1, 3, and Port Arthur Canal Lights Nos. 1, 3 and 5. Your pay at this station would be only $1320 per annum.

2. Advise this office whether you will be agreeable to the transfer under these circumstances.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of E. K. Wakefield, Keeper, Galveston Jetty Light Station, P. O. Box 327, Galveston, Texas.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
JAN 24 1930
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT
Sabine Pass Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 23, 1930

Superintendent of Light Hause
New Orleans
La

Sir

If agreable With office Wauld like to trade passition With asst Keeper Phumpsey at galveston South Jetty Light Mr phumpsey is willing to make this trade My reason for wanting to make this trade is on account of not being able to have My family on station with me. I Waued person to be on an of above Station.

Yours respectfully
John Cucoin
2nd asst Keeper.

Forwarded.
J. J. Shiver
Keeper.

(Subsequently nominated for transfer to Timbalier LA)

JUL 24 1900
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

June 21/00

Mr. John Lucia -
Sabine Pass -
Sabine Pass.

Dear Sir:- A few days ago
a man came here to
Pass Cavallo and asked
me to take it up with
the Superintendent,
I will be next to Meet the
Steamer about 6th of next
Month.

My Method Is To Keep
Certain Days with Fish
Men - Ways to Transmit
Orders Either Telegraph
Letter Telephone -

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. LIGHTHOUSES
JAN 22 1930
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Galveston Jetty
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

January 21, 1930

Superintendent of Light Houses
New Orleans La.

Sir 1st assistant Pumpboy and 2nd assistant of Sabine I think are goeing to ask permition to trade positions.

I have no objections either way. But would like to have 2nd assistant Babin promoted to 1st if possible, as he has been here nearly a year and is familar with Stations

Respectfully
E K Wakefield
Keeper.

1st Brann this and Remember to keep attention at time -

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

Mr. Luther Pumphrey,

Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1380

To: $1500

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

NEW ORLEANS May 7, 1928.

Mr. Luther Pumphrey,

LIGHTHOUSES 1928 MAY 9 PM 3:15

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective May 7, 1928, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty. (Change in duties.)

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320 per annum.

To: $1380 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 41—0051

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Luther Pumphrey, Effective date of change in pay.

May 29, 1925

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter of May 7, 1925, in the case of Luther Pumphrey, formerly Second Assistant Keeper at Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas, at $1320 per annum, who was promoted to the position of First Assistant Keeper at the same station, with pay at the rate of $1380 per annum, effective May 7, 1925, or as soon thereafter as he entered on duty;

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of the above change in pay is May 17, 1925.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Incl.

May 16, 1928

Luther Pumphrey, Second Asst. Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station,
P. O. Box 327,
Galveston, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter of May 7, 1928, advising that your compensation has been changed from $1320 per annum to $1380 per annum, effective May 7, 1928, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty, by reason of your promotion to the position of First Assistant Keeper.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Assistant Superintendent

Copy for information of J. J. Olivier, Keeper, Galveston Jetty Light Station, P. O. Box 327, Galveston, Texas.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

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Assistant Superintendent

Form 73
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NOMINATION

SPECIAL
TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS REQUIRED

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La. (City.) May 1 (Date.) 19 28

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, **Luther Pumphrey** Legal residence, **Florida**

Position, **Keeper in the Lighthouse Service** Salary, **$1380 p.a. (Rge:$1380-$1740 p.a)**

Location, **Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas** Appropriation, **Sals.L.H.Keepers**

Effective **May 7, 1928** { the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service Former salary, **$1320 p.a. (Rge:$1320-$1680 p.a)**

Location, **Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas**

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

Previous incumbent, Archie E. Fox Services to be terminated, **about May 6, 1928**

Reason, **To be transferred to Aransas Pass Light Station, Texas**

Members of family in Government Service, None
DATE OF BIRTH: July 1, 1900

Remarks: - -

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

E. J. K.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 1 1928
NEW ORLEANS

EIGHTH DISTRICT
Galveston Tex
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
April 30th, 1928

Superintendent Lighthouses.
New Orleans
La.

Sir:

(N) In event of Mr Fox transfer to Grand Pass. Light station I would like to have Mr Pumphrey made 1st Ass't as he is a good worker. And understands the upkeep of all engines.

J. J. Shrier
Keeper.

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

REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE

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

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

Commerce
(Department)

Office of Supt., 8th Lighthouse Dist., (Bureau or office) New Orleans, La. September 22, 1927. (Place and date)

To Commissioner of Lighthouses
(Head of department or establishment)

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on October 29, 1927.

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

Name Luther Pumphrey

Position Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Salary $1320 per annum

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Station Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas

Date of entrance on duty April 29, 1927

Remarks:

(Signed) J. J. Olivier Keeper
(Signature of immediate superior)

For and in the absence of the Supt.
(Head of bureau or office) Chief Clerk.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1732

LHC
Incl.

May 4, 1927

J. J. Olivier, Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station,
P. O. Box 327,
Galveston, Texas

1. Referring to the probationary appointment of Luther Pumphrey as Second Assistant Keeper at Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas:

2. Inclosed you will find a form on which report is to be made by you in connection with the probationary services of Mr. Pumphrey. If his services have been satisfactory in every respect, the report should be mailed to this office on September 12, 1927. In this case all you need do is sign the form where indicated in pencil.

3. If at any time it should appear that he is not capable of performing his duties, or does not perform them properly, you will submit the report immediately without waiting for the date stated above. In this case you will insert the word "not" in the blank space before the words "been satisfactory" in the second paragraph, and the word "not" in the blank space before the word "considered" in the following line, stating the reasons under remarks.

4. You will see that Mr. Pumphrey takes the necessary steps to secure the regulation uniforms (blue cloth suit and cap, and white seaman uniform for working), and report if he does not do so.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Form 206 FILE No. 8

LEC

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE ~~INSPECTOR~~ Supt., 8th DISTRICT,

PLACE, New Orleans, La.

DATE, May 4, 1927

To the MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
U. S. Public Health Service,

Galveston, Texas

SIR:

Please examine Luther Pumphrey, 2nd Asst. Keeper at Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas

nativity, American; age, 26; height, 5 feet, 10 inches;

weight, 173 pounds; color of hair, Brown; color of eyes, Brown

distinguishing marks,

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

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

Respectfully,

Superintendent of Lighthouses ~~Lighthouse Inspector.~~

(Signature of applicant:) (Signed) L. Pumphrey

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.) (Signature of witness:) (Signed) J. J. Olivier Keeper

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, Galveston

DATE, May 10, 1927

To LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,

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

He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.

(Signed) J. S. Davidson

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

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

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REPORT OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, Galveston

DATE, May 11, 1927

Name of applicant, Luther Pumphrey

Eyes: Color, Brown; exophthalmus, No

chronic inflammation, No; other abnormality, None

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

other conditions, Normal

Eyesight:

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

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

Is applicant partially or wholly color-blind? No

If color-blind, state which color he confuses - ?

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

Ears:

Abnormalities, None; shape, Normal

Position, Correct; condition of drums Normal

Evidence of mastoid disease, No

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

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

Distance whispered speech can be heard: Right ear, 15 feet; left ear, 15 feet.

Lungs:

Heart:

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

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Reasons for certification of disqualification: _____

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

(Signature of applicant:) (Signed) Luther Pumphrey

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

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Ltr
Incl.

May 12, 1927

J. J. Olivier, Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station,
P. O. Box 327,
Galveston, Texas

1. Inclosed herewith is record of physical examination of Luther Pumphrey, Second Assistant Keeper, to be retained by him in connection with medical relief by the Public Health Service. A copy has been made for the files of this office.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

W. H. Brann Jr.
Chief Clerk

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
May 4, 1927

Luther Pumphrey, Second Asst.Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station,
P.O.Box 327, Galveston, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

Inclosed is a copy of Form 206, "Record of Physical Examination of Light Keeper or Assistant Light Keeper," with application thereon for your examination by an officer of the U.S. Public Health Service.

You are informed that all light keepers and assistants light keepers are required to be examined by the Public Health Service before they become entitled to medical relief without charge at hospitals and stations of the Public Health Service. The examination is also required to determine the employee's physical fitness for the Lighthouse Service.

You are directed to have yourself examined by the most convenient Public Health Service official at first opportunity. Reply to this letter at once, stating when and where you will be examined, and submit request on the proper form for the necessary leave of absence from the station.

Before presenting the application to the doctor, it must be completed by filling in the information in regard to color of hair, color of eyes, and distinguishing marks. You must also sign it where designated "Signature of applicant" and have the Keeper witness your signature. All expense of travel in connection with the examination must be paid by you.

The following is a list showing locations of the Public Health Service Officers.

Apalachicola, Fla.	Call upon Collector of Customs for information.
Pensacola, Fla.	Public Health Service Office.
Mobile, Ala.	U.S. Marine Hospital.
Gulfport, Miss.	Public Health Service Office.
Port Arthur, Tex.	do do
Galveston, Tex.	do do
Port Aransas, Tex.	do do
New Orleans, La.	U.S. Marine Hospital (Office in Custom House)

Return Record of Examination to this office promptly.

Copy to J. J. Olivier, Keeper
Galveston Jetty Light Station,
for his information.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

E. S. Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Form A-30

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

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 27 1927
NEW ORLEANS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 20, 1927.

LIGHTHOUSES
1927 APR 23 PM 1 25

Mr. Luther Pumphrey,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Thirteen Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum

effective April 25, 1927, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

Nature of appointment: Probationary.

Civil Service authority: Secretary, Tenth Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD MASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Robert J. LeBlanc.

Legal Residence: Florida.

ORIGINAL HANDED TO MR. PUMPHREY
IN OFFICE - APRIL 28, 1927

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Carded 6/18/27

Form 811

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Luther Pumphrey

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.

(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 26th day of April, A. D. 1927

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (*Name*) (Signed) W. J. Braun, Jr.

(*Official title*) Chief Clerk, 8th Lighthouse District

My commission expires

OFFICIAL TITLE	RATE OF PAY	NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.
Present Keeper in the Light-house Service	$1320 p.a.	Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas
Former [5] Probationary Appointment		

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

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT

New Orleans, La. (Address), May 3, 1927 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on April 29, 1927 (Date)

Superintendent of Lighthouses (Signature, followed by title)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PERSONAL HISTORY

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

Bureau, division, or office 8th U.S.Lighthouse District (Galveston Jetty L.S., Texas)

1. Name in full Luther Pumphrey

2. Legal (voting) residence Florida, 3rd (State and Congressional District) Jackson (County) Marianna (City or town)

3. Where born? Florida (State or foreign country) Marianna (City or town) When born? July 1, 1900 (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

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

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

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

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
U.S.Lighthouse Tender MAGNOLIA	Seaman	$42.50	Aug.	21	1923	Feb.	23	1924
	Quartermaster	62.50	Feb.	14	1924	to	date	

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

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

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

Organization .....

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

Organization .....

8.

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

9. State special qualifications Handy with carpenter tools

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

Mrs Annie Martin (Name) Mother (Relationship)

Altha, Florida (Post office address)

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

(Signed) L. Pumphrey
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

April 28, 1927 (Date)

Present address L.H.Tender Magnolia, Mobile, Ala.

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Form 124b—Field
Jan. 1924.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Light house service.
(Branch of service or department.)

New orleans La
(Name of city.) (State.)

April 28 1927.

DECLARATION OF APPOINTEE.

This form must be executed by the appointee before he enters on duty. 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. Appointee will retain attached form.

1. State place of birth Marianna Florida Date of birth July 1 1900
(Month, day, and year.)
2. What examination did you take? Assistant Light house Keeper
3. Give place and date of examination New orleans La Mar 16 1927
4. To what position have you been offered appointment or actually appointed? 2 d asst. Keeper Gale Lefty F. S.
5. Are any members of your family or relatives (either blood or by marriage) 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. (Give street No., if any.)	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position Department or office		
		Position Department or office		
		Position Department or office		

6. 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_____
_____
7. What is your present address (including street and number, city, and State)? Light house Tender magnolia
How long have you resided at your present address? 3 years
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.

L Pumphrey
(Signature.)

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

If the answer to question 5 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 for approval before appointment is made.

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? _____

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.

_____
(Signature.)

_____
(Official title.)

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(This paper should be returned to the District Secretary when completed.)

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April 15, 1927

Luther Pumphrey, Quartermaster,
Lighthouse Tender "Magnolia,"
P. O. Box 270,
Mobile, Ala.
(Through the Master)

1. You have this day been selected and nominated for the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Galveston Jetty Light Station, effective about April 25, 1927, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty, with pay at the rate of $1320 per annum.

2. It is expected that your appointment will be received in about ten days or two weeks and you will hold yourself in readiness to proceed when ordered.

3. Inclosed herewith is a Personal History sheet which you will fill out in your own handwriting and return to this office upon its completion.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of J. G. Tannaw, Master, Lighthouse Tender "Magnolia," P. O. Box 270, Mobile, Ala.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Form 73

LHC

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La. (City.) April 15 (Date.), 19 27

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probational appointment

Name, Luther Pumphrey — Legal residence, Florida

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Salary, $1320 p.a. (Rge.: $1320-$1680 p.a.

Location, Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas — Appropriation, Sals.Xprs.of Lighthouses

Effective April 25, 1927 { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

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

Location, - - - -

Rank on eligible list, 2nd Rating, Asst.L.H. Keeper Percentage, 84.6 , Other eligibles considered: W. W. Bayly, C; M. T. Sievers, D; [redacted], FR.; Albert Finklea, C.

Previous incumbent, R. J. LeBlanc — Services to be terminated, about April 24, 1927

Reason, Temporary services to be discontinued.

Members of family in Government Service, NONE
DATE OF BIRTH: July 1, 1900.

Remarks: Luther Pumphrey has been employed on the Lighthouse Tender "Magnolia" in the capacity of Seaman and Quartermaster from August 7, 1924 up to the present time. No family quarters are provided at this station, and there are no keepers in the service desiring transfer thereto.

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 9 1927
NEW ORLEANS

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES. 8th DIST.,

Albert Finklea,
Tenaha, Texas

New Orleans, La., April 5, 1927

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of Second Asst. Keeper at Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas. This station is located on the South Jetty about 8 miles from the City of Galveston. There are three keepers at this station.
(State position, location, and whether station is shore or afloat)

Salary: $1320- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - per annum.

Quarters: No quarters are furnished for the families of keepers.
(State whether or not quarters are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: None
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

~~Rations: Commutation of rations at the rate of [illegible] per day will be paid in addition to salary stated above.~~

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 96 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This inquiry should **not be considered as an offer** of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

E. S. Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? yes

If selected, I can report for duty in 5 days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? yes

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." no If yes, state how many ----; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position. Department or office.		
		Position. Department or office.		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) Albert Finklea

Date April 7

(Post-office address) Tenaha Texas

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 12 1927
NEW ORLEANS

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DIST.,

M. T. Sievers,
902 Rosalie Ave.,
Houston, Texas

New Orleans, La., April 5, 1927

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of Second Asst.Keeper at Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas. This station is situated on the end of the South Jetty about 8 miles from the City of Galveston. There are three keepers at this station.

Salary: $1320- per annum.

Quarters: No quarters are furnished for the families of keepers.
(State whether or not quarters are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: None
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

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Respectfully,

E. J. Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position..... Department or office.....		
		Position..... Department or office.....		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) M. T. Sievers.

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
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LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DIST.,

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 11 1927
NEW ORLEANS

W. W. Bayly,
1158 W. Howard Ave.,
Biloxi, Miss.

New Orleans, La., April 5, 1927

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of Second Asst.Keeper at Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas. This station is situated on the end of the South Jetty about 8 miles from the City of Galveston. There are three keepers at this station.

(State position, location, and whether station is shore or afloat.)

Salary: $1320- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - per annum.

Quarters: No quarters are furnished for the families of keepers.
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Furniture: None
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

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Respectfully,

E. J. Langhier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? Yes

If selected, I can report for duty in 10 days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? Yes

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.
until expiration of three limit

Are any members of your family, or relatives (other blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." Yes If yes, state how many 1; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
E. J. Bayly.	Biloxi Miss	Position. Jetty Lighter Department or office. Engineer	Brother	Single.
		Position. Department or office.		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) W. W. Bayly

Date April 10th

(Post-office address) 1158 West Howard ave

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
LEC

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

DEPARTMENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 8 1927
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DIST.,

L. Pumphrey,
c/o Lighthouse Tender "Magnolia,"
P. O. Box 270, Mobile, Ala.

New Orleans, La., April 5, 1927

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Respectfully,

E. S. Lauphias,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? Yes,

If selected, I can report for duty in 4 days from to-day. I am Called,

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? Yes,

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date. —

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." No. If yes, state how many ~~None~~; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position. Department or office.		
		Position. Department or office.		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) L. Pumphrey,

Date April 7th 1927.

(Post-office address) Mobile, Ala. Box 270
C/o L.H.T. Magnolia,

115-749

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 11 1927
NEW ORLEANS

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DIST.

LEC

Forest L. Savage,
404 Lafayette St.,
Pascagoula, Miss.

New Orleans, La., April 5, 19 27

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of Second Asst. Keeper at Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas. This station is situated on the end of the South Jetty about 5 miles from the City of Galveston. There are three keepers at this station.

(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

Salary: $1320- per annum.

Quarters: No quarters are furnished for the families of keepers.

(State whether or not quarters are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: None

(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

~~Rations: Commutation of rations at the rate of [illegible] per day will be paid in addition to the salary stated above.~~

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 96 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This inquiry should **not be considered as an offer** of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

E. S. Lamphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? yes

If selected, I can report for duty in 10 days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? yes

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." no If yes, state how many none; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position. Department or office.		
		Position. Department or office.		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) Forest L. Savage

Date

(Post-office address) % Scranton Fish Co.
Pascagoula Miss

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
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LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DIST.,

E. K. Peyton,
2701 St. James Ave.,
New Orleans, La.

New Orleans, La., April 5, 1927

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of Second Asst. Keeper at Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas. This station is situated on the end of the South Jetty about 8 miles from the City of Galveston. There are three keepers at this station.

(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

Salary: $1320 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - per annum.

Quarters: No quarters are furnished for the families of keepers.
(State whether or not quarters are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: None
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

~~**Rations:** Commuted rations at the rate of ..... per day will be paid in addition to ..... pay at this station.~~

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 96 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This inquiry should **not be considered as an offer** of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

E. S. Lamplier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? Yes

If selected, I can report for duty in 3 days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? Yes

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." No If yes, state how many ——; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position..... Department or office.....		
		Position..... Department or office.....		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) Englishee Kay Peyton

Date 4/7/27

(Post-office address) 2701 St. James ave.
New Orleans, La.

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SENT TO:
W. W. Bayly, 1158 W.Howard Ave.,
Biloxi, Miss.
M. T. Wievers, 902 Rosalie Ave.,
Houston, Texas
W. J. Ladnier, 924 Reynoir St.,
Biloxi, Miss.
E. K. Peyton, 2701 St. James Ave.,
New Orleans, La.
L. Pumphrey, c/o L.H.Tender MAGNOLIA
P.O.Box 270, Mobile, Ala.
Andrew Asp. 2319 Avenue M
Galveston, Texas
Forest L. Savage, 404 Lafayette St.,
Pascagoula, Miss.
Albert Finklea,
Tenaha, Texas

ELIGIBLES

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES. 8th DIST.,

New Orleans, La., April 5 , 19 27

Second Asst. Keeper at
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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you?.....

If selected, I can report for duty in.....days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time?.....

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered?.....

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

.....

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No."..... If yes, state how many .....; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
	.....	Position..... Department or office.....		
	.....	Position..... Department or office.....		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

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(Signature).....

Date.....

(Post-office address).....

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LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

...oward Ave., Biloxi, Miss.
...s, 902 Rosalie Ave.,
Houstom, Texas

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES. 8th DIST.,

New Orleans, La., April 5, 1927

...IR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of Second Asst. Keeper at ...ston, Texas. This station is located on the South Jetty about 5 miles ...rom the City of Galveston. There are three keepers at this station.
(State position, location, and whether station is shore or afloat)

Salary: $1320 per annum.

Quarters: No quarters are furnished for the families of keepers.
(State whether or not quarters are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: None
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Rations: Commutation of rations at the rate of [illegible] per day will be paid in addition to salary stated above.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 96 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This inquiry should **not be considered as an offer** of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you?.....

If selected, I can report for duty in.....days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time?.....

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered?.....

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

.....

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No."..... If yes, state how many .....; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position..... Department or office.....		
		Position..... Department or office.....		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

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(Signature).....

Date..... (Post-office address).....

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Resigned, w.o.p. close May 31, 1931

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LIGHTHOUSES
1930 FEB 5 AM 9:09

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La. (City) February 3 (Date), 1930

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, Luther Pumphrey

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Effective, February 16, 1930

Legal residence, Florida

Proposed salary, $1320 p.a.

Proposed range, $1320-$1620

Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

[1] ~~the second day after entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas

Former salary, $1500 p.a.

Former range, $1500-$1800

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

Previous incumbent, John Aucoin — (LT # 188) Services to be terminated, February 15, 1930

Reason, To be transferred to Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas.

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, July 1, 1900

Remarks: Family quarters are furnished at Sabine Pass but not at Galveston Jetty L.S.

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

E. S. Lamphier.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

FEB 5 - 1930

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

March 5, 1930.

Memorandum for Bureau of Lighthouses:

In the case of Luther Pumphrey, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, La. the records of the Appointment Division are incomplete in the following Respect: effective date of transfer authorized February 16, 1930 or entrance on duty. Former position, Keeper, Location, Galveston Light Station, Texas.

It is requested that the attention of the proper officer be called to the matter with a view to its being remedied without delay.

(S) (Edw. J. Gardner
Chief of Appt. Division.

MAR 11 1930

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

for compliance and return.

W. P. HA[illegible]

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Luther Pumphrey, Effective date of change in pay.

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Law & Prop.
Chief Clerk
Adm. Assist.
Dep. Commr.
Commissioner

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
March 10, 1930

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter of February 6, 1930, in the case of Luther Pumphrey, who was transferred from the position of First Assistant Keeper at Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas, with pay at the rate of $1500 per annum, to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $1320 per annum, effective February 16, 1930, or upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is March 1, 1930.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAR 12 1930

Submitted for salary [illegible]

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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1930 MAR 17 AM 9:46

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
March 15, 1930

Luther Pumphrey, Effective date of Change in Pay

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to letter of March 5, 1930, from the Chief of Appointment Division asking for the effective date of transfer of Luther Pumphrey from the position of First Assistant Keeper at Galveston Jetty Light Station, with pay at the rate of $1500 per annum, to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, with pay at the rate of $1320 per annum, forwarded by indorsement of March 11, 1930, the Bureau is advised that report on this matter was forwarded under date of March 10, 1930.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

To Dept. 3/21/30

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAR 18 1930

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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Dep. Comm.
Commissioner

Form 73
Ed. April, 1929

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., (City) April 6 (Date), 1931

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, ~~Transfer~~

Name, Luther Pumphrey

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Pensacola Light Station, Fla.

Effective, April 16, 1931

Legal residence, Florida

Proposed salary, $1260 p.a.

Proposed range, $1200-$1560

Appropriation, Salls.L.H.Keepers

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

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas

Former salary, $1380 p.a.

Former range, $1320-$1680

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

Previous incumbent, Lewis Edward Miller (Lt.#183) Service ~~terminated~~ to be terminated, about April 15, 1931

Reason, To be promoted.

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, July 1, 1900

Remarks: Attached hereto is letter dated April 1, 1931, from Mr. Pumphrey accepting this transfer.

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

E. S. Rauhlier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

April 8, 1931

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

April 28, 1931

Luther Pumphrey, Effective
date of change in pay

1931 APR 30 AM 9 35

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter of April 11, 1931, in the case of Luther Pumphrey, who was transferred from the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $1380 per annum, to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Pensacola Light Station, Fla., with pay at the rate of $1260 per annum, effective April 16, 1931, or upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is April 24, 1931.

E. S. LAMPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Bureau of Navigation, Washington

APR 30 1931

For the Commissioner:

Chief, Personnel Division.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

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Luther Pumphrey, 2nd Asst.Kpr.,
Pensacola Lighthouse, Fla.

LIGHTHOUSES
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June 16, 1931

Read recommend on page [illegible] COPY 6/18

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Inclosed herewith is copy of letter dated June 5, 1931, from this office to Luther Pumphrey, Second Assistant Keeper, Pensacola Lighthouse, preferring charges against him for making false reports, etc., together with his reply, dated June 13, 1931.

2. On May 29, 1931, a telegram was received from Luther Pumphrey, Second Assistant Keeper, Pensacola Lighthouse, stating that unknown persons had placed poison in the water and food at the lighthouse; that he had been treated by a doctor and was afraid to remain at the station.

3. The Assistant Superintendent was directed to proceed, and proceeded on the night of May 29, 1931, to Pensacola Lighthouse, arriving at Pensacola early on the morning of May 30th. He found Luther Pumphrey aboard the Tender "Aster" at Pensacola, Fla., he having slept on board that tender the night of May 29-30. The Assistant Superintendent proceeded to Pensacola Lighthouse with Pumphrey and carefully questioned the Keeper and the First Assistant Keeper.

4. Inclosed herewith is the report submitted by the Assistant Superintendent relative to his investigation of this case.

5. There is also inclosed a lead pencil report made by Pumphrey to the Assistant Superintendent, the original of which is sent in order to show the mental condition of Mr. Pumphrey.

6. It will be noted from the letter to Pumphrey that the Assistant Superintendent took him to the Pensacola Hospital and the surgeon in charge of the U. S. Public Health Service Relief Station at that hospital made a preliminary examination and stated that Pumphrey might be suffering from an ulcer of the stomach. The surgeon reported to this office, letter inclosed, stating that Pumphrey was admitted to the hospital Saturday, May 30th; that he declined to undergo a series of tests and examinations, and asked for his discharge from the hospital, which was given him on Sunday, May 31st.

7. Inclosed are copies of the correspondence with the U. S. Public Health Service Marine Hospital, New Orleans, requesting an analysis of the water secured by the Assistant Superintendent, a copy of the report of June 9th relative to the result of the analysis and a memorandum of June 12, 1931, by the Assistant Superintendent with reference to the report of analysis submitted by the Marine Hospital at New Orleans, La.

8. The report of the Assistant Superintendent, dated May 30th, clearly indicates that Pumphrey is suffering from some mental aberration, and the reports of the doctors, although not final, would indicate that he may have stomach ulcers or other stomach trouble. The Keeper of Pensacola Lighthouse told the Assistant Superintendent that Pumphrey was in the habit of taking frequent and excessively large doses of bicarbonate of soda.

9. In view of the mental condition of Luther Pumphrey, Second Assistant Keeper of Pensacola Lighthouse, Fla., as clearly shown by the inclosures, it is recommended that he be separated from the Service with prejudice, effective at the close of May 31st, he having performed no service since that date. Section 2 of Civil Service Rule 1, relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations, will not be violated by the action recommended.

10. In view of Mr. Pumphrey's service as seaman and quartermaster on the Lighthouse Tender "Magnolia" from August, 1923, to April, 1927, and as light keeper from April, 1927, to May 31, 1931, it is recommended that the leave regulations be waived in his case and that he be paid to the close of May 31. Mr. Pumphrey has exceeded his accrued leave by 15 days.

E. S. LAMPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

RG:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
June 19, 1931.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval of paragraphs 9 and 10, except that Mr. Pumphrey's separation be effected without prejudice, the Bureau concurring with the Superintendent as to Mr. Pumphrey's disqualification for duty.

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

REGISTERED MAIL

June 5, 1931

Luther Pumphrey, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Pensacola Light Station,
Fort Barrancas, Fla.

1. You are hereby charged with making false reports. Under date of May 29th, you telegraphed this office as follows:

"Unknown persons has placed poison in water and food at Pensacola Lighthouse during past week Stop Treated by doctor today Stop Afraid to remain at station as life in danger"

The Assistant Superintendent left New Orleans the same night for Pensacola, Fla., arriving there early the next morning and found you on board the Tender "Aster," where you repeated the statement made in your telegram. The Assistant Superintendent proceeded with you to Pensacola Lighthouse and you stated to him that you had secured a transfer from Sabine Pass Lighthouse to Pensacola Lighthouse because the Keeper was a Catholic and the Catholics were still after you.

2. After making an investigation of the matter, the Assistant Superintendent took you to the Pensacola Hospital and the Surgeon in Charge of the U. S. Public Health Service Relief Station made a preliminary examination and informs this office that you might be suffering from an ulcer of the stomach. The Surgeon states that you entered the hospital Saturday, May 30th, and, at your own request, were given your discharge on Sunday, May 31st. The Surgeon states that further examination is necessary in order properly to diagnose your case, and you refused to permit further treatment or observation.

3. A letter, dated May 30, 1931, forwarded through the Keeper, has been received from you requesting sixty days leave of absence without pay, stating that your reason for this request was to go to the hospital or home in order to regain your health. You left the hospital on May 31st before the reply of this office had been received by you authorizing leave without pay for the time necessary for treatment in the hospital.

4. In accordance with Civil Service rules and regulations, you are hereby given three days from the receipt of this letter in which to submit a reply.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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LIGHTHOUSE

1931 JUN 18 AM 9 08

Altha, Florida
June 13th, 1931

Supt. of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of June the 5th, received yesterday.

According to the Doctors and Druggist statement to me, the report of May the 29th. are true. I went to Doctor Anderson and he and the Druggist said it was poison and Doctor Anderson pumped me out, and advised me to make the report. The Assistant Supt. went with me the next day to the Druggist and secured a statement from him as to the kind of poison that acted in my case. The end of my tongue turned hard about a half an inch, and my nose, throat and back of my mouth dried out, and I took sick on Station after drinking water out of the kitchen pump in my apartment. The time I was sick before I ate an apple that was lying on the table in the kitchen and vomited it up and blood behind it and my stomach burned seriously afterwards. I saved a ~~piece~~ specimen of the apple and a specimine of the blood and took it to the U. S. Public Health Doctor. He said that I probably was suffering from an ulcer of the stomach, and the next day after I went to the Hospital, he came out there and said I could stay there or come home, so I came home and am under treatment of Dr. Marion Eldridge, and he says my trouble now is a nervous breakdown.

There was a misunderstanding about the transfer from Sabine Lighthouse. I told the Asst. Supt. that I was transferred from Sabine Lighthouse about April the 24th, and did not have any enimies that I knew of. Mr. J. J. Oliver, the keeper was as good to me as any man I ever worked with, and if he is a member of any Church it is more than I know of, and I boarded with Mr. & Mrs. Oliver the last week that I was on Station at Sabine.

The night I stayed ~~about~~ board the tender "Aster" there was four or five men following me. I was watching them and tried to dodge them. I do not know who they were and if it was their intention to poison me I don't understand why they would want to do so. I have always tried to perform my duty and to perform it in the right way and willing to continue doing so as long as I am on station and can be in peace with the keepers and others on station and the Officials.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. Pumphrey
2nd Asst.Keeper
Pensacola Lighthouse

New Orleans, La.,
June 12th, 1931.

Memo for Superintendent:

1. With reference to letter of June 9th from the Marine Hospital, reporting on analysis of two samples of water which were brought to New Orleans by me from Pensacola Lighthouse:

2. You are advised that before proceeding to Pensacola I ascertained from the State Board of Health the method of taking care of samples of water which were alleged to have been poisoned. It was understood that the complaint of the Assistant Keeper Pumphrey was for poisoning of water and not because of bateriological contamination. The method of taking sample of water for poisoning is different from that for bateriological contamination.

3. The large bottle of water, which the analysis indicates is potable, was taken from the kitchen pump after I had pumped out a little of the water then washed out the gallon bottle with water removed from the pump.

4. The small bottle really had very little to do with the case. Mr. Pumphrey told me it was a bottle he had bought from the drug store for the purpose of taking a sample of water that had been standing in a soiled glass in the kitchen. He suspected the white stain on the glass to be a poison and while no import should be attached to analysis of water, the source of which is so uncertain, I did, at his request, pour out the water from the tumbler into the bottle he gave me to determine if there had been anything poisonous in the glass. The water had been standing in an open glass several days before I bottled it.

5. No effort was put forth in either case to bring samples of water for bacteriological analysis as it should be kept cool. These samples were taken from Pensacola Lighthouse on May 30th and advices were not received from the Marine Hospital until June 2nd that they would analyze the water. The samples of water were not kept iced but had been brought into New Orleans by railroad and were in the office several days before they were sent to the Marine Hospital. Such handling, it is understood, is not harmful for proper analysis for poisoning but is for bacteriological analysis.

6. It appears to me the main thing is that the report shows no metallic or other poisoning which the Assistant Keeper had alleged.

Assistant Superintendent.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

U.S.Marine Hospital
Tchoupitoulas and Henry Clay Sts.

NEW ORLEANS, La.

June 9, 1931

E. S. Lanphier, Superintendent,
Lighthouse Service,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The laboratory work on the specimens of drinking water submitted for examination has been completed, and chemically the esamination was negative. Tests were made for arsenic, lead, mercury, atropin and silver, with negative results. Report of the bacterial examinations were as follows:

The small bottle showed 80,000 bacteria per c.c. at the end of 24 hours, and 150,000 bacteria per c.c. at the end of 48 hours. There was no gas formation at the end of 48 hours. However, this suggests that the water was contaminated in transmittal.

The large bottle showed 15,000 bacteria per c.c. at the end of 24 hours, and 29,000 bacteria per c.c. at the end of 48 hours. This amount is quite within normal limits for portable water.

1 c.c. and 5 c.c. showed no gas at the end of 48 hours; the 10 c.c. specimen, however, showed 5% gas at the end of 24 hours, and 80% gas at the end of 48 hours. Culturally bacillus coli was recovered from this specimen. This bacillus is evidence by human contamination probably by feces.

I think we may safely assume therefore that the water was not poisoned except perhaps by contamination.

The gross appearance of the water, the excessive number of bacteria found in the smaller specimen, and the recovery of B.Coli, all point to the advisability of boiling this water if it is to be used for drinking purposes.

If the containers of this water were not sterilized before the specimens were taken, and if the water was not kept on ice after taking the samples, it may have been contaminated. Nevertheless boiling would seem to be indicated.

The reported diarrhea of a man who drank the water may have been due, however, to the excessive bacterial content, or to an excess of some harmless mineral such as magnesia.

By direction of Medical Officer In Charge.

(Signed) Respectfully
Wm.Y.Hollingsworth
Wm.Y.Hollingsworth, Surg.USPHS
Executive Officer

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

Pensacola, Florida
June 1, 1931

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

Attention Mr. F. A. Muth, Assistant Superintendent, 8th District

Sir:

Complying with request contained in your letter asking that treatment be given D. Pumphrey, 2nd Assistant Keeper Pensacola Lighthouse, I have the honor to state that this man was admitted to the hospital Saturday, May 30th, and it was thought that he might be suffering from an ulcer of the stomach.

In order to make a diagnosis it was necessary to have this man undergo a series of tests and examinations which he declined to submit to, and asked that he be discharged from the hospital, which request was complied with when made, on Sunday May 31st.

Respectfully,

(Signed) C. W. D'Alemberte
C. W. D'Alemberte
A.A.Surgeon in Charge
U.S.P.H.S.Relief Station

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

U.S.Marine Hospital
Tchoupitoulas and
Henry Clay Sts.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

June 2, 1931

E. S. Lamphier, Supt. of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce Lighthouse Service,
8th District,
New Orleans, Louisiana

Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 1, 1931, re sample of water which has possibly been poisoned, I beg to inform you that if you will send a sample fo this hospital we will be very glad to make the examination requested.

By direction of Medical Officer in Charge.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Wm.Y. Hollingsworth

Wm. Y. Hollingsworth,
Surgeon, USPHS.,
Executive Officer

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
June 3rd, 1931

Dr. Wm. Y. Hollingsworth, Surgeon,
U. S. Public Health Service,
UO S. Marine Hospital,
Tchoupitoulas and Henry Clay Sts.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

1. Referring to your letter of June 2nd, there is being sent you by messenger today two samples of water for analysis to determine if the water is poisoned as was alleged by one of the employees of this service who was taken ill from stomach trouble.

2. The gallon jug of water was pumped from the cistern and the small vial of water was taken from an open glass of water in his quarters.

3. Any information that you can give as to the portability of the water, with reference to alleged poisoning, will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) F. A. Mith,

Assistant Superintendent

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
June 1st, 1931

Medical Officer in Charge,
U. S. Marine Hospital,
Henry Clay Ave. & Tchoupitoulas St.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

1. This office has taken a sample of water from a lighthouse, which water is alleged to have been poisoned by some unknown person.

2. Kindly advise this office if you will analyze the water to determine if it is potable or safe to drink. In connection with the analysis of the water it is suggested that tests be made for atropine as that is one poison which has been suggested.

3. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated and the sample will be sent to you as soon as advices are received from you.

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

LIGHTHOUSE
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Pensacola, Florida,
May 30th, 1931.

MEMO FOR SUPERINTENDENT:

1. In compliance with your instructions I proceeded to Pensacola the last night to investigate the alleged poisoning of Luther Pumphrey, 2nd Assistant Keeper, Pensacola L. H., as reported in his telegram of May 29th. I took with me two sterilized gallon water jugs for sampling water.

2. The following report is submitted: Upon arrival in Pensacola, I went to the tender "Aster" at Palafax Street Wharf at 6:30 a.m. today. I found Mr. Pumphrey aboard and that he had spent the night on board. He was quite nervous and talkative. I took Mr. Pumphrey off to one side and questioned him quietly, asking him to relate what had occurred. In view of his mysterious talk, queer actions and apparent mental aberrations or delusions it is necessary for me to go into considerable detail to develop the facts.

3. He told me that when he thought he was sick from poisoning, the Keeper let him go to town for treatment, telling him to advise the office by wire if he would be unable to return. He said that he thought he had gotten poisoned from the pitcher pump in his quarters as he saw some white powder on the pump. He said his symptoms were dry mouth, dry nostrils, sore tongue and burning stomach.

4. He said that he went to a druggist and told him he had been poisoned and that he was afraid some one would kill him as he felt that he had some mysterious and unknown enemies who had followed him from Sabine, Texas, or sent word here to "do away" with him.

5. He said he then went to see Doctor W. E. Anderson at his office and told him the same thing as he told the druggist. He said the Doctor told him that if he had been poisoned he should have his stomach pumped out and that he should report the matter to the sheriff. The Doctor washed out his stomach.

6. Pumphrey said he went to the sheriff's office and reported and he was then sent to the U. S. Marshall's office. Some one in that office said that they have no cause to take office unless he suspected some one and Pumphrey said he told them he did not know whom to suspect. Then he took his car to the Police Station where he left it and where he said it now is.

7. Pumphrey said he had a twenty-dollar bill in his pocket last night, but lost it so he went to the "Aster" about 9 P.M., May 29th, to spend the

as he was afraid to go any other place. He said that mysterious people whom he did not know followed him along the street and it worried him.

8. When I saw him on the tender he was in his shirt sleeves without collar or tie or cap. He told me he did not know where he lost his cap.

9. I told him to write a report in the form of a memorandum for me telling all that had happened. After much difficulty he made a report which is attached hereto, exhibit "A". While he was writing I questioned the officers and some of the members of the crew of the "Aster" as it will be remembered three men from the "Aster" spent about four days painting the fence at Pensacola Lighthouse while the tender was laid up for emergency engine repairs this week. No one on the "Aster" had heard of the poison report. The men who worked at the station were surprised as they stated that relations between the Keeper and the two Assistants were good. They all knew Pumphrey came aboard sick and took salts and oil during the night and that he acted queerly when an auto would come alongside the tender at the pier. The engineer said that he was standing in front of the post office about three p. m. wearing his official L.H.S. cap when Pumphrey, whom he had never seen before, came upon him wearing his Keeper's cap. Pumphrey said "I see you are a Lighthouse man." "I am too; I had twenty dollars and lost it; will you lend me five dollars?" The engineer said that he told Pumphrey he thanked him for the honor and left him. Later the engineer said he met Pumphrey aboard the tender.

10. I took Pumphrey to the office of Doctor Anderson but he was sick in the forenoon so I phoned his home for a preliminary report before I proceeded to the Lighthouse. Doctor Anderson said he would see me in the afternoon today, and assured me there was nothing serious about the poison situation.

11. Then I took Pumphrey back to the light station in an auto for questioning of himself and the other keepers also to secure sample of water for analysis and a glass which Pumphrey said was stained with a white powder.

12. Before anyone at the station could see us we went to Pumphrey's quarters upstairs over the 1st Assistant's quarters. We unlocked his cupboard but I could see no trace of any stains or anything on the shelves which could be taken for poison as referred to in Pumphrey's report. I took a gallon of water from the kitchen pump. I also bottled some water from the stained glass and carefully packed the glass also the partially used can of smoking tobacco also a milk bottle containing some syrup, the bottle being without cap or cover. He suspected all of these. I also brought back a can of Sterns electric roach paste which was near the sink. Pumphrey said the roach paste had never been opened but I took off the lid and found about half of it gone. He said he did not know how it came that way. I asked him what foods he had eaten last and he said corn flakes and canned milk. There was a can of port and beans on the table which had not been opened and I brought it back in connection with an examination which may be desired should suspicions be aroused as to ptomaine poisoning. His kitchen showed signs of several used dishes lying around but there was no evidence on any of them of the powder he had referred to and he was satisfied to that effect.

13. It is pertinent to state here that the 1st Assistant Keeper, Miller, uses water from the same cistern under the dwelling that Pumphrey does. Water

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...ugh the same suction pipe with a branch through the First Assistant ...'s quarters. Each has a separate pitcher spout pump. I did see a little whitish mark or spot on Pumphrey's pump. I told him it resembled bicarbonate of soda. Then I went to the Keeper's quarters and with the two Assistants present asked questions as shown on attached exhibit "B". The questions and answers developed the fact that no unpleasant relations apparently existed also that Pumphrey has had trouble with his stomach and used cooking soda freely. Pumphrey said he had wired home for money. While I was at the Lighthouse the Western Union notified him that money had been telegraphed him.

14. Pumphrey said that he felt too sick and too badly to work now and wanted to take leave without pay, so I told him to submit his application through the Keeper which was done while was at the station. Pumphrey said he wanted to drive to his home in Marianna, Fla., where his wife and infant have been since Wednesday. I informed him that he was in no physical condition to drive that far alone and further that he could not leave Pensacola until the Superintendent had an opportunity to act. As Pumphrey complained of his stomach and seemed so weak and upset I did not want to leave him without proper care. I wrote a letter in the emergency to the Pensacola Hospital (Marine Ward) to admit him as a Lighthouse Keeper and to report on his ailment. (Copy furnished office)

Assistant Superintendent.

15. The Keeper informed me as I was leaving the station that Pumphrey did not eat proper foods and that he complained of his stomach a good deal. He said that Pumphrey told him that he was frightened by unknown enemies whom he believed were persuing to persecute him and that he would be killed.

16. I then went to town and called on the druggist at Pensacola Pharmacy, whom Pumphrey had spoken to yesterday. The druggist said that when Pumphrey told him that he had been poisoned, he did think that Pumphrey had somewhat dilated pupils and "a dry nose and mouth". While the symptoms were very slight he said that those were some of the symptoms of atropine poisoning. He said he suggested to Pumphrey to see a doctor. (The druggist said that atropine acts similarly to belladonna.)

17. Pumphrey told me that as he was walking down the street at night he vomited several times and that some queer-acting men followed him. He said that everywhere he goes autos follow him and strange people look at him. He admitted that he knew none of these people.

18. I then took Pumphrey to the Pensacola Hospital and had him admitted for examination. I advised him that the office would send word to him. He did not want to stay but I ordered to remain there until he hears from the office or the hospital discharges him. He then seemed much more at ease and said he would like to remain several days until he feels better.

19. Then I called on Doctor W. E. Anderson, American Bank Building. He said that when Pumphrey called on him yesterday he did not appear to be much sick but was "scared" of having been posioned by some unknown enemy who is after him. The doctor told me that he washed out Pumphrey's stomach and told him that if he thought he had been poisoned to notify the sheriff. I asked doctor Anderson what poison he thought Pumphrey had taken. The doctor replied that he saw no particular evidence of any poison although he had no way to make tests. He said the symptoms noted were "dry or cotton mouth" and a badly upset stomach.

told me that Pumphrey had been treated by his office partner, Dr. Pierpont, for stomach ailment not long ago. Doctor Anderson said that he told Pumphrey not to worry about the poison, that it was not serious.

EXHIBIT "A"

20. Doctor Anderson told me that he believed from appearances that Pumphrey showed early signs of some mental derangement, though no tests were made for sanity and he suggested that we send him for hospitalization. I told the doctor I had already had Pumphrey admitted to Pensacola Hospital as a Government patient. He replied that that was the best action which could have been taken. Doctor Anderson said that Pumphrey told him that he could not pay for washing out the stomach but that the Lighthouse office would pay him fifteen or twenty dollars. I informed Doctor Anderson respectfully that Pumphrey made the obligation to the doctor himself and was personally responsible for it as he had not been authorized by the office to secure a physician.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

F. J. Muth
Assistant Superintendent.

In answer to your question [illegible] the cause for my telegram as to the poison, I have been finding posion in drinking glasses also in the pitcher of purp for the past two weeks and on shelves of station. I have had Dr. Pierpont's assistants treat me. They purped out my stomach yesterday. He said I had been poisoned but I would get all right if I did not get any more. I do not know who put out the poison.

(Signed) L. Pumphrey.



EXHIBIT "A"

May 30, 1931.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT:

In answer to your question about the cause for my telegram as to the poison, I have been finding posion in drinking glasses also in the pitcher of pump for the past two weeks and on shelves of station. I have had Dr. Pierpont's assistants treat me. They pumped out my stomach yesterday. He said I had been poisoned but I would get all right if I did not get any more. I do not know who put out the poison.

(Signed) L. Pumphrey.



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INVESTIGATION AT PENSACOLA LIGHT STATION,
May 30th, 1931.

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PERSONS QUESTIONED:

Mr. George Darby, Keeper,
Mr. L. E. Miller, 1st Assistant Keeper,
Mr. Luther Pumphrey, 2nd Assistant Keeper.

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Mr. Darby, Keeper.

Q. Mr. Darby, who has occupied quarters in this dwelling during the past week?

A. Mr. Miller, wife, and daughter with her two children who have been here three or four days; Mr. Pumphrey, wife and baby; (she left last Wednesday) myself.

Q. What visitors have been in the quarters during the last week?

A. The two sons of former Keeper, Mr. Doyle, Murling and Francis; they come to visit in the Miller quarters.

Q. Have you seen any person or persons in the quarters of Mr. Pumphrey?

A. I have not.

Mr. Pumphrey, 2nd Assistant Keeper.

Q. Have you eaten any meals or food away from the Lighthouse during this past week?

A. About two days before yesterday I drank milk ashore at a refreshment stand beyond the forks in the road.

Q. When did you last eat any food or drink water in your quarters?

A. Day before yesterday I took the crew of the "Aster" to a street car in my auto about three p.m. I went to light up later and came down and drank water out of my pump. About five minutes later I felt a burning sensation. I called the Keeper and told him. We both looked at the water but I did not drink any more of it. This was about 8:45 p.m. The Keeper took me to the hospital at the fort. The attendant looked at me and gave me some salts and oil. I took some salts and threw it up. Then I took a dose of oil. I went to Pensacola to see a doctor that night but could not see any. Then I came back to the station about sunrise Friday morning. I worked, scraping paint on floor awhile. The Keeper told me to go to town about noon to see a doctor and I called on Doctor Anderson. The Keeper had said if I was sick to telegraph the office for leave. The doctor pumped out my stomach as I told him I thought I had been poisoned. He told me to go to report it

to the sheriff. Then the sheriff sent me to the U. S. Marshall's office; the man there helped me to write a telegram to the office to report the matter.

Mr. Darby, Keeper.

Q. You told Mr. Pumphrey to go to town and report to the office if he could not come back to the station?

A. I did; I thought he would know when to send the message and how long he would expect to be off.

Mr. Miller, 1st Assistant Keeper.

Q. Have you seen any person or persons in the quarters of Mr. Pumphrey during the last week or so besides his family?

A. I have not.

Mr. Pumphrey, 2nd Assistant Keeper.

Q. When did you have trouble with your stomach before you telegraphed the office May 29th?

A. About two weeks ago I ate an apple about 2 a.m. when I was in the tower. I threw up part of it and vomited blood. The keeper took me to the hospital at Fort Barrancas.

Mr. Darby, Keeper.

Q. What did the attendant at the hospital at the fort say?

A. The attendant said it was a bad case of indigestion.

Q. Was the attendant a doctor?

A. No; he was an hospital sergeant; the doctor wasn't there.

Mr. Pumphrey, 2nd Assistant Keeper.

Q. How long have you been at this station?

A. Since about April 24th.

Q. Where were you before you came here?

A. At Sabine Pass Lighthouse.

Q. Did you experience trouble with your stomach when you were at Sabine?

A. I ate some sausage and some canned pork and beans and they made me sick; I threw it up; that was about four weeks before I came here. Then I had another case later at Sabine with considerable cramping in the stomach.

Mr. Darby, Keeper.

Q. Have you anything to say about this situation?

A. Only that Mr. Pumphrey said when he was sick in Sabine he was advised to take cooking soda; he did it this time.

Mr. Pumphrey, 2nd Assistant Keeper.

Q. How much cooking soda did you take Thursday night?

A. About four teaspoons full in a glass of water, then followed with more water. This was at the halfway house when I went to the Fort with the Keeper.

Q. Do you have any complaint to make relative to your treatment or to conditions at this station?

A. No sir, none at all.

Q. What time did you go aboard the "Aster" last night?

A. About nine p. m. I lost my money, a twenty-dollar bill, and had to stay there.

Q. What foods do you eat at the station when your wife is away?

A. I can't cook much; I eat mostly corn flakes, grits, toast, canned pork and beans and sometimes soft boiled egg.

Q. What canned goods do you use?

A. I use canned milk, cereals, and sometimes I make batter cakes, too.

Mr. Miller, 1st Assistant Keeper.

Q. Have you anything you would like to add?

A. Nothing at all.

Mr. Pumphrey, 2nd Assistant Keeper.

Q. Do you have anything further to say?

A. I have not.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE
1931 JUN 24 AM 9·20

Eighth District
Sabine Pass
June 19th, 1931

Superintendent Lighthouses,
New Orleans
La.

Sir:

Referring to our conversation this day in regards to former Second Ass't. Pumphrey.

Mr. Pumphrey took sick night of Apr. 17th about 10 P.M. and stated to me at about 11:30 P.M. that he thought that he had been poisoned by someone on station. Sent Mr. Pumphrey to hospital in 1st Ass't car April 18th at 12:15 A.M. He returned to station at 4 P.M. Again on 21st Mr. Pumphrey complained again, that he was poisoned, sent him to Dr. at 2:30 P. he returned to station at 4 P.M. On morning of 22nd at 12:15 A.M. Mr. Pumphrey started complaining again and I sent him back to hospital.

Mr. Pumphrey was under impression that someone on station was trying to poison him, by putting poison in his groceries. After Mr. Pumphrey's return on 22nd, I had him to eat in my quarters until he was transferred. Outside of Pumphrey's idea that someone was trying to poison him, he performed his duties in usual manner.

(Signed) J. J. Olivier
Keeper

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Incl.

Luther Pumphrey, 2nd Asst.Kpr.,
Pensacola Lighthouse, Fla.

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

June 22, 1931

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Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to letter of June 16, 1931, relative to Luther Pumphrey, Second Assistant Keeper of Pensacola Lighthouse, Fla., the Bureau is advised that prior to his transfer to Pensacola Lighthouse, Mr. Pumphrey was Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Lighthouse, La. Upon a recent inspection of that station, I asked the Keeper whether he had experienced any trouble with Pumphrey of any kind while at the station. He then told me that Pumphrey had once reported to him that someone was endeavoring to poison him, and the Keeper was directed to submit a written report of the incident to this office.

2. Inclosed herewith is letter of June 19, 1931, from J. J. Olivier Keeper of Sabine Pass Light Station, relative to this incident. It will be seen that Mr. Pumphrey has been affected with this mental aberration or delusion prior to the incident which occurred at Pensacola Lighthouse. This confirms the opinion of this office that he is not suitable for the position of lighthouse keeper and that his services should be dispensed with.

E. S. LAMMLER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

RC:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., June 27, 1931.

Referred to Secretary of Commerce for information, supplementing Bureau recommendation, now pending, of June 19, 1931.

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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July 8, 1931.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Bureau's recommendation of June 19, 1931, for the separation without prejudice, effective at the close of May 31, of Luther Pumphrey, Keeper, at $1260 per annum at the Pensacola Lighthouse, Florida.

It appears from the correspondence in the case that Mr. Pumphrey is suffering temporarily, at least, from an unbalanced mental condition and possibly from an ulcerated stomach. That being the case, and, in view of the fact that he is not now eligible for retirement for age or disability, the Department is of the opinion that his separation might entail hardship should he be unable to obtain other government employment in the event of recovery. It is, therefore, considered preferable to place him on leave without pay, effective June 1, and restore him to active service when his physical and mental condition warrant such action.

The Department will be pleased to receive the Bureau's comment on the foregoing suggestion.

(SIGNED) E. W. LIBBEY

Chief Clerk.

D:JP

July 17, 1931.

Secretary of Commerce:

In reference to Department letter of July 8 to the effect that it is considered preferable to place Luther Pumphrey, Keeper in the 8th District, on a leave without pay status beginning June 1 rather thandiscontinue his services at this time, the Bureau would have no objection to the action proposed.

F. P. DILLON

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:MF

Incl.

Copy referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., for information and guidance, there being inclosed a copy of the Department's letter in this matter dated July 8.

F. P. DILLON

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

REGISTERED MAIL

1931 JUL 23

July 21, 1931

L. Pumphrey,
Altha,
Florida

1. Referring to letter from this office to you, dated June 5, 1931, and your reply of June 13, 1931, you are advised that the Department has decided to place you on a leave without pay status, effective from June 1, 1931.

2. You will only be restored to active service when your physical and mental condition warrants such action.

3. Before being restored to service, it will be necessary for you to make application to this Service, and you will then be directed to proceed, and you will have to proceed, to the U. S. Public Health Service Hospital designated by this office and remain in said hospital for observation and diagnosis for the length of time required by the surgeons in charge of the hospital. After this observation, if it is reported by the U. S. Public Health Service that your physical and mental condition warrants restoration to duty, such action will be taken.

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy to Commissioner of Lighthouses. This letter is written in accordance with Bureau indorsement on copy of its letter of July 17, 1931, to the Department, and in accordance with Department letter of July 8, 1931, copy of which was attached.

E. S. Lamphier.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Altha, Florida.
7-27-31.

Supt. Lighthouses
8th. District
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:

In reply to yours of July 21, I think the best thing that I can do is to resign. It seems that I have some enemies back there and by going back I would probably run into more trouble, and possibly dispute over the service.

Consequently would ask that you accept my resignation from this post.

Thanking all the officials for their kindness and good will toward me, I remain,

Yours very truly,

L. PUMPHREY

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Form 93 sub. by Supt dated July 28, 1931 recommending acceptance at close of May 31, 1931, stating leave in excess of accrued rate not taken.

Remarks: "Referring to the Department letter of July 17, 1931, transmitted by Bureau indorsement, in accordance therewith letter, dated July 21, 1931, copy attached was forwarded to Mr. Pumphrey, advising him that he would be granted leave without pay."

Bureau August 1, 1931

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending acceptance without prejudice.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Form A-32

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

August 7, 1931.

Mr. Luther Pumphrey,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department has accepted without prejudice, your resignation from the position designated below, effective at the close of business on May 31, 1931.

Bureau..... Lighthouses

Position..... Keeper

Allocation .....

Salary..... $1260 per annum

Station..... Pensacola Light Station, Florida

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1931

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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H.M.
Incl.

Luther Pumphrey, 2nd A.K.
Pensacola LS, Fla.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
August 13, 1931

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Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to the inclosed letter from the Department placing Luther Pumphrey, formerly Second Assistant Keeper at Pensacola Light Station, Fla., in a leave without pay status, not to exceed one year, effective beginning June 1, 1931, and in view of the fact that Mr. Pumphrey has since submitted his resignation which has been accepted, the Department letter of July 27, 1931, is being returned for cancellation.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. G. Muth

Assistant Superintendent

Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington September 12, 1931

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce recommending the cancellation of the inclosed letter of July 27, 1931, for the reason stated by the Superintendent.

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W. P. HARMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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