D. M. FLYNN, PRESIDENT N. G. WADE, VICE-PRESIDENT D. W. McARTHUR, SECRETARY C. E. KING, FIELD AGENT

Enclosure. Received. OCT 23 1909

LaFayette Land Company

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
OCT 23 1909
NO. 633

FLORIDA OFFICE AT
MONTBROOK, FLORIDA

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PERRY, FLA. Oct. 20 1909.

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Light House Board,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to the instruction contained in your letter to me, dated Aug. 5th 1909, I am enclosing you an affidavit setting forth my reason for wishing to know the location of the Light House at St. Marks Lt. Sta.

I trust that you may find my reason sufficient, and ask that you furnish me inforamtion giving the location of this light house by section, township and range; also lot or sub-division number.

Respectfully,

C. E. King.

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Oct. 30, 09. Wrote Dept.
Nov. 5, 09. Wrote 7-8 Engr.

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
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STATE OF FLORIDA)
)
COUNTY OF TAYLOR)

I hereby certify that on this day personally came before me, C.E.King, who, geing duly sworn, says that he is the General Field Agent for Southern Timber & Naval Stores Co., a corporation owning and controlling large tracts of lands in Taylor County, Florida, and in several other counties in said State, - that certain of said lands are located in Wakulla County, Florida, near the St. Mark's light house, and that the application by him this day made to the Light House Board at Washington, D.C. for information as to the exact location of the siad St.Marks Light House has been made in order to assist him in a general way in determinating the location of certain of the above mentioned lands that are known to be situate within a short distance from the said Light House:

Affiant further says that he has no further reason for asking the said information than for the reason set forth above.

C. E. King

Sworn and Subscribed before me on this 20th day of October A.D. 1909.

M. L. Smith
Notary Public State of Florida at Large.
My Commission Expires Feb. 6, 1913.

Entered NOV 10 1909

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
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NO. 633

OFFICE OF ENGINEER, 7TH AND 8TH DISTRICTS
CUSTOM HOUSE
MOBILE, ALA.
Nov.8,1909.

Trans.blue print,St.Marks
L.H.Reservation,Fla.
633.

7th District.

The Light House Board,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

In accordance with the request contained in Board's letter of November 5,1909,I have the honor to transmit,herewith, a blue print of the light-house reservation at St.Marks,Fla.

Respectfully,

S. Jervey
Major,Corps of Engineers,
Engineer 7th & 8th Dists.

"Received."
1 inclos.

Mr Hitchcock JH363

11/16/09
3.15 P.M.

Answd. Nov 17/09

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
NOV 5 1909
NO. 633

Rec'd Nov 5 1909

November 1, 1909.

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Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 30th ultimo, transmitting two communications from Mr. C. E. King of Perry, Florida, together with his affidavit, in which request is made for information regarding the location of the light-house at St. Marks, Florida.

As it appears from the correspondence submitted that this information is desired in connection with certain lands in the vicinity of the light-station mentioned in which Mr. King is interested, authority is hereby granted to furnish him with the data he requests regarding the location of the light-station in question.

Respectfully,

Charles Earl
Acting Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

Nov. 5, 09. Wrote 7-8 Engr.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

Relative to painting or whitewashing St. Marks Light-Station.

July 5, 1905.

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs:-

Referring to the Board's letter of 29 June, 1905, No. 633, asking to be informed why the Keeper's at St. Marks Light-Station do not scale and paint or whitewash the tower, I have the honor to state that there is only one Keeper allowed for this station, and the present Keeper is a female.

Since making the inspection of the station, I have communicated with the Light-House Engineer, and I am informed that the work of scaling and painting will be done shortly.

Very respectfully,

John A. H. Mickela

Commander, U. S. N.,
Inspector 7th L. H. District.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

Sept. 6, 1904.

SUBJECT: Temporary appointment
for Mrs. C. Fine.

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The Light-House Board,

Washington, D.C.

Sirs:-

$/750.

I have the honor to inform the Board that Mrs. C. Fine, the widow of the deceased Keeper at St. Marks Light-Station is now, and has been performing the duties of Keeper of that station.

It is respectfully requested that a temporary appointment be obtained , for her, pending the selection of a regular Keeper.

Mrs. Fine entered upon duty August 26, 1904.

Very respectfully,

John A. H. Nickels

Commander, U.S.N.,
Inspector 7th L.H.District.

$600 yr.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

Sept. 6, 1904.

Subject: Successor to Mr. Charles Fine, Keeper of St. Marks Light-Station, deceased.

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D.C.

Sirs:-

I have the honor to respresent to the Board that Mrs. Fine, the widow of the deceased Keeper of St. Marks Light-Station, has made application for the position of Keeper, of said light.

Mrs. Fine is very poor, and has a number of small children to support; she has been attending the light, during her husbands illness, and is now attending it, pending the selection of a regular Keeper.

If it is not inconsistent wit Civil Service rules, I would respectfully recommend that Mrs. Fine be permitted to take the Keepers examination, with a view of placing her on the eligible list, and her nomination for appointment.

Very respectfully,

John A. H. Nickels

Commander, U.S.N.
Inspector 7th L.H.District.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

OFFICE OF ENGINEER, 7TH AND 8TH DISTRICTS
CUSTOM HOUSE
MOBILE, ALA. July 27, 1905.

Req. for auth. to repair
St. Marks L.S.Fla.
633.

7th District.

The Light House Board,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

At an inspection of St.Marks light station the following was found to be required in order to put the station in good condition:

The whitewash should be scraped off light tower and paint applied. Dwelling should be painted inside and out. The plastering in dwelling should be repaired. New floor is required in the kitchen. New copper flashing is required where the lantern joins the brick work of light tower. One new pair steps needed. Plank walk to closet required. New fastenings for tower windows required. The fences should be painted. New cistern top needed. Piers under dwelling require repairs. Wharf requires repairs.

I respectfully transmit, herewith, detailed estimate of cost for the proposed work, on form 83, amounting to $1,400.00, and request authority to expend that sum from the appropriation for "Repairs & Incidental Expenses of Light-Houses, 1906, of which there are sufficient funds available, for the purpose stated.

The nature of this work is such that it would be difficult to describe it sufficiently to secure a bid that would insure a satisfactory job; the amount involved is small, the station is in an

isolated location, and the cost of preparing plans and specifications and entering into contract would be considerable, hence I respectfully recommend that the work be done by hired labor and the purchase of materials in accordance with present regulations, which method is considered the most economical and advantageous for the Government.

Respectfully,

W. E. Whitehill

Major, Corps of Engineers,
Engineer 7th & 8th Districts.

1 inclosure.

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT
Form 83.—Ed. 10-28-1903—2,000

Mobile Ala., July 26, 1905.

ESTIMATE OF COST OF PROPOSED WORKS.

Estimate of Material and labor for Repairs at St Marks Light Station, Florida.

11—940

Remove whitewash and paint tower and dwelling inside and outside. Repair plastering. New floor in kitchen. Copper flashing where lantern joins brickwork. One new pair steps. Plank walk to closet. Fastenings for tower windows. Paint fence. New Cistern top. Repair wharf & piers under dwelling

	ESTIMATE.			ACTUAL COST.			
	Price.	Amount. Dollars.	Cts.	Number or Quantity.	Price.	Amount. Dollars.	Cts.
24 pcs. 2"×12"×5 ft. Rough Pine	240						
12 " 2"×12"×10 ft " "	240						
8 " 6"×6"×10 ft " "	240						
2 " 6"×6"×22 ft " "	132						
2 " 6"×6"×12 ft " "	72						
	924	$16.	14 78				
3 pcs. 3"×12"×14 ft D.D Pine	126						
12 " 1½"×12"×7 ft " "	136						
13 " 1"×6"×7 ft " "	45						
20 " 1"×3"×20 ft " "	100						
	407	$18.	7 33				
700 ft Pcn. Flooring 1⅛"×4" D.G.	700	$20.	14 00				
1506 Lbs. White Lead.		7¢	105 00				
300 Lbs. White Zinc.		8¢	24 00				
50 Lbs. Black paint.		6¢	3 00				
10 Lbs. Marseilles Green.		12¢	1 20				
70 Gal. Boiled Linseed oil.		50¢	35 00				
10 Gal. Turpentine.		50¢	5 00				
3 Flat Paint Brushes.		50¢	1 50				
3 Round Paint Brushes.		50¢	1 50				
6 Barrels Lime		$1.	6 00				
3 Barrels Cement		$3	9 00				
Forward		$	227 31		$		

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT
Form 83.—Ed. 10-28-1903—2,000

ESTIMATE OF COST OF PROPOSED WORKS.

Estimate St Marks.

(Continued)

11—940

		ESTIMATE.			ACTUAL COST.			
		Price.	Amount. Dollars.	Amount. Cts.	Number or Quantity.	Price.	Amount. Dollars.	Amount. Cts.
Forward.			227	31 ✓				
3 Kegs 8d. Galv. Cut nails.		$4.	12	00 ✓				
1 " 30d. Galv. Cut nails.		$4.	4	00 ✓				
1 " 10d. Galv. Cut nails.		$4.	4	00 ✓				
90 Sq. ft. 10 Oz. Copper flashing.		25¢	22	50 ✓				
10 Lbs Copper nails 3/4"		25¢	2	50 ✓				
4 Lbs. Solder		30¢	1	20 ✓				
1/2 Pint Tinners acid.		30¢		15 ✓				
12 Screw hooks and eyes 6".		25¢	3	00 ✓				
1 Superintendent	2 mos.	$100.	200	00 ✓				
2 Carpenters	2 mos.	$75	300	00 ✓				
4 Laborers.	2 mos	$45	360	00 ✓				
Transportation & Incidentals			263	34 ✓				
Total.			$1140	00 ✓			$	

J.A.B.

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Board's No.633.

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT,

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 7TH DISTRICT,

9 INCLOSURES.

KEY WEST, FLA., April 17, 1903.

SUBJECT: Recommendation relative to land actually required for light-house purposes at St. Marks L.S.,Fla. Joint report.

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

According to instructions contained in Board's letter of 14 March, '03, directing a conference between the Engineer and the Inspector of the Seventh Light-House District, and report with recommendation, relative to the land actually required for light-house purposes at St. Marks Light-Station, Florida, we have the honor to report that we do not consider that the entire reservation - consisting of two tracts - is needed for the light-station and would recommend that the land contained in Frac. Sec. 1, Tp. 5 S., R. 1 E., on which the light-house is located, be retained, as it seems sufficient for light-house purposes.

Respectfully submitted:

Commander, U. S. N.,
Inspector 7th L.H.District.

Captain, Corps of Engineers,
Engineer 7th & 8th L.H. Districts.

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LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT,

OFFICE OF ENGINEER, 7TH AND 8TH DISTRICTS,
CUSTOM-HOUSE,

MOBILE, ALA., April 24,1903.

.....INCLOSURES.

SUBJECT: R

The attached Nine inclosures were omitted from joint report signed by Captain Craighill and forwarded on April 22,1903,relative to reservation at St.Marks,Fla. (Board's letter of Mar.14, 1903,633) Report was prepared in Inspector's office and no mention made therein of the inclosures.

L.H.Engineer Office,
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The Engineer Secretary

Referring to the letter herewith dated 25 Nov 02 and its Enclos., from the Chf of Engrs to Sec of War, relative to the status of Ts 5 S., Rs 1 & 2 E, Tallahassee Mer., and especially to the 11th Endorsement 3 Mar 03, the following is submitted:

(1) St. Marks Lt. Sta. is situated in one of the above Ranges, viz T. 5 S., R. 1 E., It was estabd in 1831.

(2) According to the Title Papers it was decided almost from the start to reserve both of the above tracts for L. H. purposes, viz., "Frac. Townships Nos 5 of Ranges Nos 1 & 2 S. & E" and the Sur. Genl of Fla was so instructed. See letters 18 May 29 with the papers.

(3) On 15 Nov 38 the Com Genl L. Off. trans. to 5th Aud of Treas. a copy of letter dated 20 Oct 38 from Sur. Genl of Fla. to him, in whc the Sur. Genl forwards two diagrams one of whc relates to "Fracl Ts (unsurveyed) Nos 5 of Rs 1 & 2 S. & E., in the first of whc is situated the L. H., have both been reserved for the purpose of said L.H. as per accomp. letter of Com. of Gen. L. Off under date 18 May 29 and I would resp. recd authty to have laid off a given number of acres for its use and the residue to be surveyed & reserved for a like purpose as in diagram I", that is, for Military purposes

(4) This recd was transmitted to the Pres. by Sec Treas on 12 Nov 1838 and approved same day. + See Book I pp 35 to 39.

(5) The Correspondence does not indicate that the Bd ever took action to limit the reservation to limit the actual needs of the station - on the contrary it has continued to hold both Frac Townships.

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(6) Nor does the corresp. show that R 2 E was ever relinquished to be patented to the state of Fla as swamp lands – the only information is the statement in ℙ 3, pg 4, of the letter 13 Dec 02, an enclosure to 25 Nov 02 herewith.

(7) In regard to ℙ 5+6, above,

(a) On 24 June 01 the 7th Insp. reqted Bd to inform him as to the limits of the reservation – the local idea is that the picket fence around dwelling is the limit – Keeper has had trouble with fisherman.

(b) On 8 July 01 Bd wrote D.O. sendg copies of Title papers for their information, investigation & report.

(c) On 2 Jan 02 Engr replies to Bds 8 July 01, stating that he has surveyed reservation, marked boundaries, instructed Keeper as to limits & sends blueprints: (herewith)

(d) On 8 Jan 02 Bd refers to Insp 24 June 01 & sends blueprint plat of reservation.

Resume: In regard to the above it would seem that the Bd holds both tracts, Ts 5 S, Rs 1 & 2 E, subject to a selection to be made as noted under ℙ 3, 4 & 5 above and that the holdings are complicated by the patent mentioned in ℙ 6 above who can only be settled in the manner mentioned in last ℙ pg 4 of letter 13 Dec 02 encls to letter 25 Nov 02.

The papers should be referred to D.O. for consideration & report as to whether or not the whole res. is needed & what steps would be recomded in either case

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13 Mar 03

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L. & R. R. Div.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
WASHINGTON.

December 16, 1902.

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The Secretary of War.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by reference of the 1st instant, from the Assistant Secretary of War, of a letter of the 25th ultimo from the Chief of Engineers wherein he recommended that I be requested to inform the War Department of the status of fractional townships 5 south, ranges 1 and 2 east, Tallahassee meridian, Florida, and that if the land is reserved for public uses a copy of the Executive order setting apart the reservation and a plat of the land, if surveyed, be supplied.

In response to the request in the reference of the Assistant Secretary of War that the wishes of the Chief of Engineers be complied with I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the report in the premises by the Assistant Commissioner of the General Land Office, under date of the 13th instant, with its enclosures, which furnish the desired information.

The letter referred is returned herewith.

Very respectfully,

E. A. Hitchcock.

Secretary.

Copy.

C.L.D.B.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

GENERAL LAND OFFICE,

J.H.B.

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

200934-1902

December 13, 1902.

ADDRESS ONLY THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

Subject: Military and Light House Reservations.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I am in receipt, by your reference of December 5, 1902, for report in duplicate, of a letter dated November 25, 1902, from the Chief of Engineers, U.S.A., addressed to the Secretary of War, stating that from pencil notes in the U. S. Land Office at Tallahassee, Florida, it appears that fractional townships 5 south, ranges 1 and 2 east, Florida, were at some time set aside as a military reservation, and that maps of the locality show a light house apparently in T. 5 S., R. 1 E.; also that there formerly existed near the junction of Waculla and St. Marks Rivers, the military reservation pertaining to old Fort St. Marks which was turned over to the Interior Department as announced in General Orders No. 74 Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office, October 29, 1892, and he recommends that you be requested to inform the War Department as to the status of fractional Tps. 5 S., Rs. 1 and 2 E., Florida, and requests that, if the land is reserved for public uses of the United States, a copy of the Executive order setting apart the

reservation and a plat of the land, if surveyed, be furnished.

The Assistant Secretary of War in his indorsement on the letter from the Chief of Engineers, requests that action be taken in accordance with the wishes of the Engineer Department.

In reply I have the honor to state that the records in this office show that fractional Tps. 5 S., Rs. 1 and 2 E., Florida, were reserved for light house and military purposes by President's order dated November 12, 1838, previous to which, however, it is shown by the record that on May 18, 1829, the Commissioner of the General Land Office addressed a letter to the U. S. Surveyor General of Florida (copy herewith), in which it was stated that the collector of the "Dt. of St. Marks," had transmitted to the 5th Auditor of the Treasury a "sketch" of tracts of land contemplated to be reserved for a site and accommodation of a light house at Oscilla Point designated on the plat as "fl. townships No. 5, Rs. 1 & 2 S. & E."

A copy of part of the "sketch" was transmitted to the surveyor general with directions to indicate on the official surveys "that the tracts marked A & B are reserved for the purposes above mentioned." See copy of diagram herewith showing tracts marked "A" and "B".

I also inclose herewith a copy of letter dated October 20, 1838, from the U. S. Surveyor General of Florida, transmitting diagrams Nos. 1 and 2, the latter showing unsurveyed fractional Tps. 5 S., Rs. 1 and 2 E., Florida, which he states have been reserved for light house purposes, in accordance with instructions

contained in letter from the Commissioner of the General Land Office dated May 18, 1829, and he requested authority "to have "laid off a given number of acres for its use and the residue to "be surveyed and reserved for a like purpose as in Diagram No. 1". A tracing of diagrams Nos. 1 and 2 is herewith transmitted.

Under date of November 9, 1838 the Commissioner of the General Land Office addressed a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury (copy herewith) inclosing the letter from the U. S. Surveyor General of Florida dated October 20, 1838,"with the accompanying documents" and recommended that 10 acres of land designated by blue coloring on diagram No. 1 in section 24, T. 7 S., R. 12 W. on the bay of St. Josephs be reserved for light house purposes in conformity to the suggestion of the surveyor general and that the remaining portion of that section with fractional sections 13, 23, 25, 26 and 35 in the same township be reserved for military purposes, "should it be the opinion of the War De- "partment that such reservation may now or hereafter be required "for the public service"; also the reservation of sommuch of fractional Tps. 5 S., Rs. 1 and 2 E., at the entrance of Appalache Bay as may be required for the erection and use of a light house thereon, and that the remaining portion of those townships be reserved for military purposes should it be deemed essential by the Department of War.

In accordance with this recommendation the Secretary of the Treasury on November 12, 1838, addressed a letter to the President (copy herewith) recommending that the lands be reserved for

light house and military purposes, which recommendation was approved by the President.

I also inclose herewith a copy of a letter dated November 13, 1838 from the Secretary of the Treasury addressed to the Commissioner of the General Land Office returning the papers referred to in said letter of November 9, 1838 from this office, "with the approval of the President thereupon."

I also inclose herewith a copy of diagram showing the location, "C", of reserve for light house; "A", light house; "B" pilot house and "D" lot applied for, in Ts. 4 and 5 S., R. 1 E., Florida, and a photolithographic copy of the official plat of T. 4 S., R. 2 E., showing also unsurveyed fractional Ts. 5 S., Rs. 1 and 2 E.

While it does not appear from the records in this office that the reservations declared by said President's order dated November 12, 1838, have ever been relinquished, it is shown by the tract book that all the unsurveyed part of T. 5 S., R. 2 E., containing 670.00 acres was selected by the State of Florida as swamp land August 17, 1883, under the act of September 28, 1850 (9 Stats., 519), and the land approved to the State November 7, 1883 per list No. 16, and a patent therefor, No. 24, was issued to the State, which is dated December 6, 1883.

While the land in fractional T. 5 S., R. 2 E., Florida, appears to have been, notwithstanding the existence of the reservation aforesaid inadvertently approved and patented to the State, it may be, if the War Department desires the land, and the State

has not deeded it to any one, that the State will, upon request of the War Department, in view of the reservation thereof, as per order of the President, dated November 12, 1838, deed it back to the United States, but if this cannot now be done, the question as to the validity of the patent to actually convey the land to the State in view of its reservation, as aforesaid, can only, in the opinion of this office, be determined by the proper court.

The letter from the Chief of Engineers, dated November 25, 1902, transmitted by you is returned herewith, as directed.

Very respectfully,

(signed) W. A. RICHARDS,

Assistant Commissioner.

L.J.

Treasury Department

November 13th 1838

Sir:

I return herewith the papers referred with your communication of the 9th instant respecting certain reservations of public lands in Florida for Light House and Military purposes, with the approval of the President thereupon.

I am Very Respectfy

Your Obed Servant

Levi Woodbury

Secy of the Treasy

James Whitcomb Esqr.

Commissr of the Genl Land Office.

Endorsement.

Treas'y Dept. 13 Nov.1838.

Hon. L Woodbury

Returns the papers received withcommunication of the Commr.on 9" inst.respecting certain reservations of public land in Florida for Light House & military purposes -with the approval of the President thereupon.

The approval of the President communicated to the Secretary of War 16th Novem.1838

Treasury Department

12th Nov 1838.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit a communication from the Commissioner Genl Land Office on the subject of certain reservations of public lands for Light House and Military purposes, and in accordance with the recommendation of the Commissioner respectfully submit the same for your approval, believing it to be proper.

I am Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servant

Levi Woodbury

Secretary of the Treasury.

The President.

Approved

M. V. B.

Endorsement.

12 Nov.1838.

The President

Approves the reservation of public lands for Light House & Military purposes in accordance with the recommendation of the Comr. of the Genl.Land Office in letter to the Sec'y of the Treas'y of 9" inst.

Treasury Dept.

13 Nov. 38

Refd to the Comsr Genl Land Office.

9 November 1838

Hon. Secretary

of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith a communication from the Surveyor General of Florida of the 20 ult.with the accompanying documents, and respectfully to recommend for the approval of the President the reservation of the ten acres of land designated by the blue colour on diagram No.1 in section 24 Township 7 S of Range 12 West on the Bay of St Josephs for the erection and use of a light house and in conformity to the suggestion of the Surveyor General that the remaining portion of that section with the fractional Sections 13, 23, 25, 26 & 35 in the same township be reserved for military purposes - should it be the opinion of the War Department that such reservation may now or hereafter be required for the public service - also the reservation of so much of fractional township 5 S of Ranges 1 and 2 East at the entrance of Apalache Bay as may be required for the erection and use of a light house thereon and that the remaining portion of those townships be reserved for military purposes should it be deemed essential by the Department of War.

The fractional townships at the entrance of Apalache Bay, proposed to be reserved are designated by the blue colour on Diagram No.2.

With &c Jas. Whitcomb Comr.

Surveyors Office Tallahassee

20th October 1838

Sir

Pursuant to your instructions under date Feb.8th,1838, I have caused to be surveyed a reservation of Ten Acres of public land near the point of entrance to the Bay of St Josephs for the purpose of erecting thereon a Light House, and the residue of the public land, on said point has been connected with former surveys by Mr. Dubois, at the South Boundary of Township 7 embracing Fractional Sections 13, 23, 24, 25, 26 & 35 as per accompanying Diagram No.1 and I respectfully request that they be reserved forthwith for military purposes as covering a site for a Fortification that will at all times protect the entrance into that Bay and give security to the City of St Joseph.

Diagram No.2 delineates the entrance to St Marks and Fractional Townships (unsurveyed) Nos.5 of Ranges 1 & 2 S & E; in the first of which is situated the Light House, have both been reserved for the purposes of said Light House, as per accompanying letter of Commissioner G.L. Office under date 18 May 1829 and I would respectfully request authority to have laid off a given number of acres for its use and the residue to be surveyed & reserved for a like purpose as in Diagram No.1.

The necessity for the Government to secure these and similar points at the various entrances of the important Bays and Rivers within this Territory can not be too strongly urged, and I therefore request you to have the accompanying Document with these re-

marks submitted for the approval of the President. I have this day enclosed a duplicate of the Diagram to the Fifth Auditor of the Treasury.

I have the honor to be very respectfully

Your most obdt sert.

Robert Butler Sur. Genl.

Jas. Whitcomb Esq.

Commr. G. L. Office.

Endorsement

Tallahassee, 20 Oct.1838,

R. Butler

S. Genl.

Transmits Diagram No.1, of the survey of 10 acres of public land north point of entrance to the Bay of St Josephs, for the purpose of erecting a light house thereon & requests that Fract'l Sections 13,23, 24, 25, 26 & 35, T.7, be resrved for military purposes.

Also, a diagram No.2, delineating the entrance to St Marks, & fl Townps (unsurveyed) No.5, of Ranges 1 & 2,S.& E. in the first of which is situated the light house, reserved for the purpose of sd light house as per accompanying letter of the Comm.G.L. Office, dated 18 May 1829; and requests authority to have laid off a given number of acres for its use,& the residue to be reserved for a like purpose as in Diagram No.1.

Requests that the subject be submitted to the President.

See letter to the Secy. of the Treasury 9th November,1838 - and his letter in reply of 13th November,1838, advising of the President's approval.

See letter to Secretary of War of 16th Novr 1838 communicating all the documents relative to the reservation -

See letters to the Surveyor General and Register at Tallahassee, 17 November-1838.

18th May, 1829.

Robt Butler Esq.

S. Genl.

Tallahassee, Florida.

Sir:

The Collector of the Dt of St Marks has transmitted to the 5th Auditor of the Treasury, a sketch of the tracts of land contemplated to be reserved for the site & accommodation of a light house at Oscilla Point. The tracts alluded to are designated on the plat as fl townships No.5, Rs.1 & 2, S & E.

Enclosed is a copy of part of the sketch alluded to. You will be pleased to indicate on the official surveys that the tracts marked A & B. are reserved for the purposes above mentioned.

I am &c G G.

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E.B. (COPY)

SUBJECT:

CHIEF CLERK
NOV 26 1902
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Office of the Chief of Engineers,

United States Army,

Washington, November 25, 1902.

Hon. Elihu Root,

Secretary of War.

Sir:

The Engineer officer in charge of defensive works on the west coast of Florida states in a recent report that from pencil notes in the U. S. land office at Tallahassee, Fla., it appears that fractional townships 5 South, Ranges 1 and 2 East, Tallahassee Meridian, were at some time set aside as a military reservation. Maps of the locality show a light-house apparently in T. 5 S., R. 1 E.

There formerly existed near the locality in question, at the junction of Waculla and St. Marks river, the military reservation pertaining to old Fort St. Marks, which was turned over to the Department of the Interior as announced in General Orders No. 74, Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office, October 29, 1892.

I have the honor to recommend that the Secretary of the Interior be requested to inform the War Department of the Status of fractional townships 5 South, Ranges 1 and 2 East, Tallahassee Meridian; and, if the land is reserved for public uses of the United States, that a copy of the Executive order setting apart

the reservation and a plat of the land, if surveyed, be furnished.

Very resepctfully,

Your obedient servant,

G. L. Gellispie

Brig. Gen., Chief of Engineers,

U. S. Army.

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(1st indorsement)
War Department,
December 1, 1902.

Respectfully referred to the Honorable the Secretary of the Interior, with request for action in accordance with the wishes of the Engineer Department, as indicated within.

W. Sanger.
Assistant Secretary of War.

Dept. of the Interior,
Dec. 5/02.

Respectfully referred to the Comr Genl Land Office for report, in duplicate, and return of letter.

Thos Ryan
Acting Secretary.

4th indorsement.
Office Chief of Engineers,
U. S. Army.
December 27, 1902.

Respectfully referred to The Board of Engineers, for remark as to whether, in the Board's opinion, the land constituting fractional Townships 5 South, Ranges 1 and 2 East, Florida, will probably be required as a site for fortifications.

It will be noted that fractional Township 5, South, Range 1 East, is occupied for lighthouse purposes, and that fractional Township 5 South, Range 2 East was inadvertently patented to the State of Florida as swamp land, December 6, 1883, both fractional townships having been reserved by the President on November 12, 1838, for lighthouse and military purposes.

If the State has conveyed its title to others, or is unwilling to reconvey to the United States, resort to the Courts would be necessary to regain possession of the land, if wanted.

The return of all these papers is requested.

G. L. Gellispie
Brig. Gen., Chief of Engineers,
U. S. Army.

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Inclos.9-15 accompg.
Inclos.16-19 in sep.roll.

5th indorsement
The Board of Engineers,
Army Building,
New York City, January 5, 1903.

1. Respectfully returned to the Chief of Engineers.

2. No present project contemplates fortifications at the site indicated, and the local interests do not seem important enough to make it likely that any will be required in the future. The Board is therefore of the opinion that the retention of this land or its reacquisition for military purposes is not necessary.

For the Board.

Chas. R. Suter
Colonel, Corps of Engineers,
President of the Board.

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Inclos.1-7 accompg.
Inclos.8-11 in sep. roll.

6th indorsement.
Office Chief of Engineers,
U. S. Army.
January 10, 1903.

Respectfully returned to the Secretary of War.

From the papers herewih, it appears that fractional townships 5 South, Ranges 1 and 2 East, Florida, were reserved by the President's order dated November 12, 1838, for lighthouse and military purposes; that fractional Township 5 South, Range 1 East, is occupied for lighthouse purposes; and that fractional Township 5 South, Range 2 East, was patented to the State of Florida as swamp land on December 6, 1883.

It is not thought that this land will be required as sites for fortifications, and, in the opinion of this office, all right and interests in the land now vested in the War Department may so far as relates to the Engineer Department, be relinquished.

It is thought, however, that before any formal steps are taken for its relinquishment, the views and wishes of the Department Commander and of the Treasury Department in the premises should be obtained.

G. L. Gellispie
Brig. Gen., Chief of Engineers,
U. S. Army.

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Inclos.9-19 accompg.

7th Endorsement,
War Department,
Adjutant General's Office,
Washington, Jan. 15, 1903.

Respectfully referred to the Commanding General, Department of the East, Governor's Island, N.Y. for remark and recommendation.

By order of the
Secretary of War.

William Ennis
Lieut. Col., Artillery Corps,
Assistant Adjutant General.

8th Endt.
Headquarters Department of the East,
Governor's Id., N.Y., Jan. 19/03.

Respectfully referred to the Engineer Officer of the Dept., for remark.

By command of
Major General Chaffee:
C. J. Crane
Major of Infantry,
Assistant Adjutant General.

9th Indorsement.
Department of the East,
Engineer Office,
New York, N.Y.
January 21, 1903.

Respectfully returned to the Adjutant General, Department of the East.

The maps of this location have been examined and there appears to be no military use to which this land could be applied, at any rate, in time of peace.

It is believed that the retention of this land or its reacquisition for military purposes is not necessary.

W. R. Livermore
Lieut. Col. Corps of Engineers,
Engr. Offr. Department of the East.

Enclos. 1-7 accompg.

10th Endorsement.
HEADQRS. DEP'T OF THE EAST,
Governors Isl'd, N.Y. Feb 26, 1903.

Respectfully returned to the Adjutant General of the Army. The retention or re-acquisition of this land is not desired for any military purpose.

Chaffee
Major General
Commanding.

11th Endorsement.
War Department,
Washington, Mar. 3, 1903.

Respectfully referred to the Honorable, the secretary of the Treasury, in the possibility that the lighthouse shown on maps of the locality are in Township 5, South, Range 1 East for an expression of his wishes in the matter before any formal steps are taken for the relinquishment of this land by the War Department.

E. Root
Secretary of War.

12th Endorsement.
Treasury Department,
Office of the Secretary.
8 May, '03.

Respectfully returned to the War Department.

This Department has the honor to state, at the instance of the Light-House Board, that it only desires to retain for lighthouse purposes at the St. Marks, Fla. Light-Station, the land contained in Frac. Sec. 1, Township 5 S., R. 1 E, on which the lighthouse is located.

(signed) R. B. Armstrong Acting Secretary.

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LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT,

OFFICE OF ENGINEER, 7TH AND 8TH DISTRICTS
CUSTOM HOUSE,

Two INCLOSURES.

MOBILE, ALA., January 2, 1902.

SUBJECT: Trans.plat of survey of St.Marks L.S.Fla.
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7th District.

The Light House Board,

Washington, D.C.

Sirs:

Referring to Board's letter of July 8,1901, I have the honor to report that I have had a survey made of the Light-House Reservation at St.Marks,Fla., and respectfully inclose herein 2 blue prints of plat of said survey.

Concrete boundary stones marked "U.S.L.H.E." were placed at the east and west extremities of the north boundary line,and the keeper of the station instructed as to the limits of the reservation.

The land with the exception of a sand beach, shown on the plat, is a salt marsh.

Very respectfully,

Lieut.Col. & L. H. Engineer.

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Light-House Establishment

Office of the Light-House Inspector, Seventh District

~~(Navy Yard,)~~

_____ *Inclosures*

~~Pensacola, Fla.~~ Key West, Fla.,
June 24, 1901.

Subject Limits of St. Marks Light-Station Reservation.

The Light House Board,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs:-

I have the honor to request information from the Board's files regarding the limits of the St. Marks Light-Station Reservation; there is nothing at the station nor in the Inspector's office that gives this information and my enquiry sent to the Engineer Officer of the 7th L.H.District has been answered by him to the effect that he has nothing whatever that gives the area of the Reservation.

The local idea is that the wood picket fence around the dwelling is the limit and the Keeper is not permitted to pick up drift-wood, fisherman's huts are built not far from the tower and fishermen camp around it.

The Keeper claims that one attacked him and broke his arm when warned off.

Very respectfully,

H Bringer

Commander, U. S. N.,
Inspector 7th L.H.District.

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Light-House Establishment,
Office of Engineer, Seventh and Eighth Districts,
Custom House,

Inclosures.

Mobile, Ala., February 5,1901.

Subject: Req.auth.to buy cypress lumber for St.Marks L.S.Fla.

7th District:

The Light House Board,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

On October 31,1900,proposals were opened for furnishing pine and cypress lumber for use in repairs to St.Marks light station, Fla., together with other stations in the 7th & 8th Districts,and the bid of the Southern Lumber & Supply Company of Tampa,Fla.,in the sum of $32.49 was accepted,but when they received the order for cypress lumber they stated a mistake had been made in their figures,they basing their estimate on pine instead of cypress,and they declined the order. I then wrote the Cypress Lumber Company of Apalachicola,Fla., and they offered to fill the order for the sum of $49.30,there being 1612 feet of dressed cypress at $25 per M., and 3,000 sawed shingles at $3 per M.,and they were given the order on November 21,1900. It now transpires that the roof of the keeper's dwelling was damaged in a storm,that the shingle roof is over 12 years old and has never been repaired,and that an entire new roof is necessary,so I have to-day ordered from the Cypress Lumber Company,Apalachicola,Fla.,19,000 sawed shingles at $3 per M., this price being considered reasonable and not in excess of

current market rates, and as the cost of these shingles added to the cost of lumber and shingles contained in my order of November 21,1900,will run the amount up to $106.30,for cypress lumber and shingles furnished by one firm, ~~and~~ I,therefore, respectfully request authority for the expenditure in the manner and for the purpose stated.

I certify that the method of purchase was the most economical and advantageous for the Government.

A duly completed form 97,Public Exigency,is transmitted herewith.

Very respectfully,

Lieut.Col. & L. H. Engineer.

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PUBLIC EXIGENCY.

Office of Light-House Engineer,
7th & 8th L.H. District,
Mobile, Ala.,
February 5, 1901., 190

The Light-House Board,

Sirs:

I have the honor to ask authority to procure by open purchase the articles named below, and to dispense with advertisement and formal contract, the case being one where immediate delivery or performance is required by such public exigency as is provided for in section 3709 of the Revised Statutes.

Respectfully,

Lieut.Col. & L. H. Engineer,
7th & 8th *Light-House District.*

No. or Quantity.	Articles.	Application.	Estimated Cost. Dollars.	Cents.
1612 ft.	dressed cypress lumber at $25 per M.	For use in repairs to St.Marks L.S., Fla.	40	30
22 M.	Shingles, sawed, at $3 per M.		66	00
			106	30

* *To be paid for from funds* allotted.

Appropriation for Repairs &c., of Light Houses, 1901.

*State whether the funds are "in hand," "allotted," or request is made for allotment.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

Communications should be addressed to the Light-House Board. In writing upon the subject of this letter quote the following file number:

Washington, 8 July, 1901.

File No. 633.

4 Enclosures.

Lieut. Col. A. M. Dumroll, U. S. A.,
Engineer 7th Light-House District,
Mobile, Ala.

Sir:

Referring to the letter of the Inspector of the 7th Light-House District, dated 24 June, 1901, asking information from the Board's files relative to the limits of the St. Marks, Fla., Light-House Reservation, the Board sends you herewith for your information investigation and report, copies of the following named papers:

(1) Copy of a map showing the Light-House Reservation, marked "A" "B"

(2) Letter from the Inspector 7th Light-House District, to Light-House Board, dated June 24, 1901.

(3) Letter from the General Land Office to the Surveyor General, dated May 29, 1839.

(4) Letter from the General Land Office to the Treasury Department, dated May 29, 1839.

Respectfully,

D W Lockwood

Major, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.,
Engineer Secretary.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

Washington, 6 July, 1901.

Communications should be addressed to the Light-House Board. In writing upon the subject of this letter quote the following file number:

FILE NO. 6578.

3 Inclosures.

Commander Frederic Singer, U. S. N.,
Inspector 7th Light-House District,
Key West, Fla.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of 24 June, 1901, asking information from the Board's files relative to the limit of the St. Marks, Fla., Light-House Reservation, the Board sends you herewith for your information, investigation and report, copies of the following named papers:

(1) Map showing the Light-House Reservation, marked "A" & "B".

(2) Letter from the General Land Office, to the Surveyor General, dated 18 May, 1829.

(3) Letter from the General Land Office to the Treasury Department, dated 18 May, 1829.

Respectfully,

W. H. Maynard

Captain, U. S. N.,
Naval Secretary.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD,

Communications should be addressed to the Light-House Board. In writing upon the subject of this letter quote the following file number:

Washington, Jan'y 8, 1902.

FILE NO. 633.

One enclosure.

Comdr. F. Singer, U. S. N.,
Inspector 7th Light House District,
Key West, Fla.

Sir:

Referring to your letter dated 24 June, 1901, the Board transmits herewith, for your information, and for the files of your office, a blue print showing the boundaries of the St. Marks, Fla., Light House Reservation, and which was sent to this office with the letter of the Engineer of the 7th Light House District dated 2 Jan'y, 1902.

Respectfully,

W. Maynard

Captain, U. S. N.,
Naval Secretary.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

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OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD,

COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD. IN WRITING UPON THE SUBJECT OF THIS LETTER QUOTE THE FOLLOWING FILE NUMBER.

Washington, 14 March, 1903.

File No. 633.

Commander J. H. Bull, U. S. N.,
Inspector, 7th Light-House District,
Key West, Fla.

Sir:

The Board has transmitted to The Engineer of the Seventh Light-House District a letter dated 25 Nov., '02, from Brig. Gen. G. L. Gillespie, Chief of Engineers, U. S. A., to The Honorable The Secretary of War, relative to the status of fractional townships 5 South, Ranges 1 and 2 East, Tallahassee Meridian, with its enclosures, and two sheets of manuscript notes prepared in this Office.

It appears from the records of the Board, in connection with the 11th endorsement, dated 3 March, '03, that the above mentioned tracts were reserved for light house and military purposes by Executive Order of 12 Nov., 1838, that the Board never took steps to limit the area of the light house reservation at St. Marks to the needs of the station, and that subsequently, 6 Dec., '83, T. 5 S., R. 2 E., was patented to the state of Florida as swamp lands.

The Board requests you to confer with The Engineer of the

Seventh Light-House District and with him make a joint report as to whether or not the entire reservation consisting of the two tracts as shown on the blueprint sent you with the Board's letter of 8 Jan'y, '02, are needed for the light station, and the steps you would recommend should be taken in either case.

The return of all enclosures with your report is requested.

Respectfully,

O. F. Fatchin

Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD,

COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD. IN WAITING UPON THE SUBJECT OF THIS LETTER QUOTE THE FOLLOWING FILE NUMBER:

Washington, 14 March, 1903.

FILE NO. 633.

Nine enclosures.

The Engineer, 7th Light-House District,

Mobile, Ala.

Sir:

The Board encloses a letter herewith dated 25 Nov., '02, from Brig. Gen. G. L. Gillespie, Chief of Engineers, U. S. A., to The Honorable The Secretary of War, relative to the status of fractional townships 5 South, Ranges 1 and 2 East, Tallahasse Meridian, and its enclosures, together with two sheets of manuscript notes prepared in this Office.

It appears from the records of the Board, in connection with the 11th endorsement, dated 3 March, '03, that the above mentioned tracts were reserved for light house and military purposes by Executive Order of 12 Nov., 1838, that the Board never took steps to limit the area of the light house reservation at St. Marks to the needs of the station, and that subsequently, 6 Dec., '83, T. 5 S., R 2 E., was patented to the state of Florida as swamp lands.

The Board requests you to confer with The Inspector of the Seventh Light-House District and with him make a joint report as to whether or not the entire reservation consisting of the

two tracts as shown on the blueprint accompanying your letter of 2 Jan'y, '02, are needed for the light station, and the steps you would recommend should be taken in either case.

The return of all enclosures with your report is requested.

Respectfully,

D W Abbott

Lieut.Col.,Corps of Engineers, U.S.A.,
Engineer Secretary.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD,

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COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD. IN WRITING UPON THE SUBJECT OF THIS LETTER QUOTE THE FOLLOWING FILE NUMBER:

FILE NO. 633

Washington, 25 Apr. '03.

Capt. W. E. Craighill, U. S. A.,
Engineer 7th Light-House District,
Mobile, Ala.

Sir:

Referring to your joint report dated 17 April, '03, relative to lands actually required for light-house purposes at St. Marks, Fla. Light-House Reservation, the Board requests you to return as soon as practicable nine inclosures which were sent to you with the letter of 14 March, '03, on this subject from this office.

Respectfully,

D W Brackett

Lieut. Col., Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.,
Engineer Secretary.

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File No. 633.

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington

14 Sept., 1904.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

The Board has the honor to ask the temporary appointment of Mrs. C. Fine as Acting Keeper of St. Marks, Fla., Light-Station, to date from 26 Aug., '04 with pay at the rate of $600 a year pending the selection of a regular Keeper. In this connection the Board begs to state that the Inspector of the Seventh Light-House District reports that Mrs. Fine, widow of the Keeper of this station has made application for appointment to the position of Keeper of said light and in consideration of the facts that she has been tending the light during her husband's illness and is in very needy circumstances, the Board begs to ask that if not inconsistent with Civil Service Rules, Mrs Fine be permitted to take an examination for Keeper with a view to placing her on the eligible list in order that she may be selected for appointment.

Respectfully,

C. J. Hutchins

Captain, U. S. N.

Naval Secretary.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington

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File No.633.

19 Sept., 1904.

Commander J.A.H.Nickels, U. S. N.,
Inspector Seventh L. H. District,
Key West, Fla.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of 6 Sept., '04, the Board states that it has asked the temporary appointment of Mrs. C. Fine, as Keeper of St. Marks Fla., Light-Station, pending selection from an eligible list.

The Board further states that Mrs. Fine can take the required Civil Service Examination and you can give her due credit for experience. If her rating is sufficiently high to place her name among the first three on the eligible list, she can be nominated for appointment as Keeper.

Respectfully,

C. J. Satchell

Captain, U. S. N.,
Naval Secretary.

M.M.B.

File No.633.

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington 29 June, 1905.

Commander J. A. H. Nickels, U. S. N.,
Inspector 7th L. H. District,
Key West, Fla.

Sir:

Referring to the report of your inspection of St.Marks, Fla. light-station, the Board asks to be informed why the Keepers do not scale and paint or whitewash the tower.

Respectfully,

W Scharf

Captain, U. S. N.,
Naval Secretary.

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington

A.H.C.

File No. 655. 1 August, '05.

Maj. W. E. Craighill, U. S. A.,
Engineer, 7th Light-House District,
Mobile, Ala.

Sir:

As recommended in your letter, dated 27 July, '05, the Board authorizes you to take the proper measures to make repairs and improvements at the St. Marks, Florida, Light-Station, at a total estimated cost of $1,400, the work to be done under your direction by persons in your employ, and to purchase the necessary materials in accordance with existing regulations.

The above named work is to be paid for from funds heretofore allotted you from the appropriation Repairs &c. of Light-Houses, 1906.

Respectfully,

Lieut. Col., Corps of Engineers, U.S.A.,
Engineer Secretary.

Department of Commerce and Labor

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File No. 633. LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

Washington

19 Feb'y, '06.

Hon. W. B. Lamar, M. C.,

House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the letter of Mr. N. D. Raybur, of Crawfordsville, Fla., dated 11 Feb'y,'06, requesting fishing privileges at the St. Marks, Fla., Light-Station, which letter was referred by you to this Office by endorsement without date.

In reply the Board states that it is its rule to grant no such privileges to any one person without due advertisement and in effect to sell such permission to the highest bidder.

The Board does not find itself able to make an exception in this case. It is also the opinion of the Board that there is plenty of land outside of the reservation specified which could be obtained by Mr. Raybur at a small rental, as a base for fishing purposes, smaller perhaps than he could obtain this reservation for in the manner suggested.

Respectfully,

D W Lockwood

Lieut. Col., Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.,

Engineer Secretary.

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington

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File No. 633.

Three inclosures.

1 April, 1907.

Mrs. Saran J. Fine,
Keeper, St. Marks Light-Station
St. Marks, Fla.

Through the Inspector, Seventh L. H. District,
Key West, Fla.

Madam:-

Referring to your letter of 18 March, '07, addressed to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, the Board incloses herewith, three blank efficiency reports.

The Board states that in communicating with the Light-House Board you should address your letter through the Inspector of the District.

Respectfully,

Lt. Col., Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.,
Engineer Secretary.

M.M.B.
File No. 633.
One Inclosure.

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington

30 Oct., '07.

The Engineer of
The Seventh Light-House District,
Mobile, Ala.

Sir:

Referring to the reply to Question No. 58, in the Annual Report of Inspection of the Light-Station at St. Marks, Fla., inclosed herewith, made on 11 October, '07, by the Inspector of the Seventh Light-House District, the Board invites your attention to the statement that the keeper's son has squatted on the reservation, and requests you to take the proper measures for his ejection.

The Board requests you to return the report to this Office.

Respectfully,

Lt. Col., Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.,
Engineer Secretary.

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THREE inclosures.

Chairman
Naval Secretary
Engineer Secretary

St. Marks L.S., Fla.
Location, &c.

October 30, 1909.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

1. The Board has the honor to transmit herewith for your information and for such action as you may direct, two letters, dated July 28 and October 20, 1909, respectively, together with an affidavit, from Mr. C. E. King of Perry, Fla., requesting to be informed of the location, &c., of the St. Marks Light-House, Fla.

2. The Board knows of no reason why Mr. King should not receive the information asked for.

Respectfully,

Colonel, Corps of Engineers, U.S.A.,
Engineer Secretary.

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St. Marks Lt.Sta., Fla. August 5, 1909.

Mr. C. E. King,

Perry, Fla.

Sir:

1. Referring to your letter dated July 28, 1909, requesting the exact location of the light-house at or near St. Marks, Fla., the Board states that in accordance with regulations of the Department your application should be addressed to the Honorable, the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, accompanied by an affidavit setting forth your interest in the matter and showing the reason why, and the purpose for which the information is desired.

Respectfully,

H. T. MAYO.

Captain, U. S. N.,
Naval Secretary.

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St.Marks Lt.Sta.,Fla.
Location of-

November 5, 1909.

The Engineer of

The 7th and 8th Light-House Districts,

Mobile, Ala.

Sir:-

1. The Board requests to be furnished with a blue print of the tracing on file in your office of the St. Marks Light-House Reservation, Fla., fractional section 1, township 5, south range 1, E, &c., dated January 2, 1902.

2. This blue print is desired in connection with a request from Mr. C. E. King of Perry, Fla., for information as to the exact location of the light-house on that reservation.

Respectfully,

Colonel, Corps of Engineers, U.S.A.,
Engineer Secretary.

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ONE inclosure

St. Marks L-H
Reservation, Fla.
blueprint of -

November 17, 1909.

Mr. C. E. King,

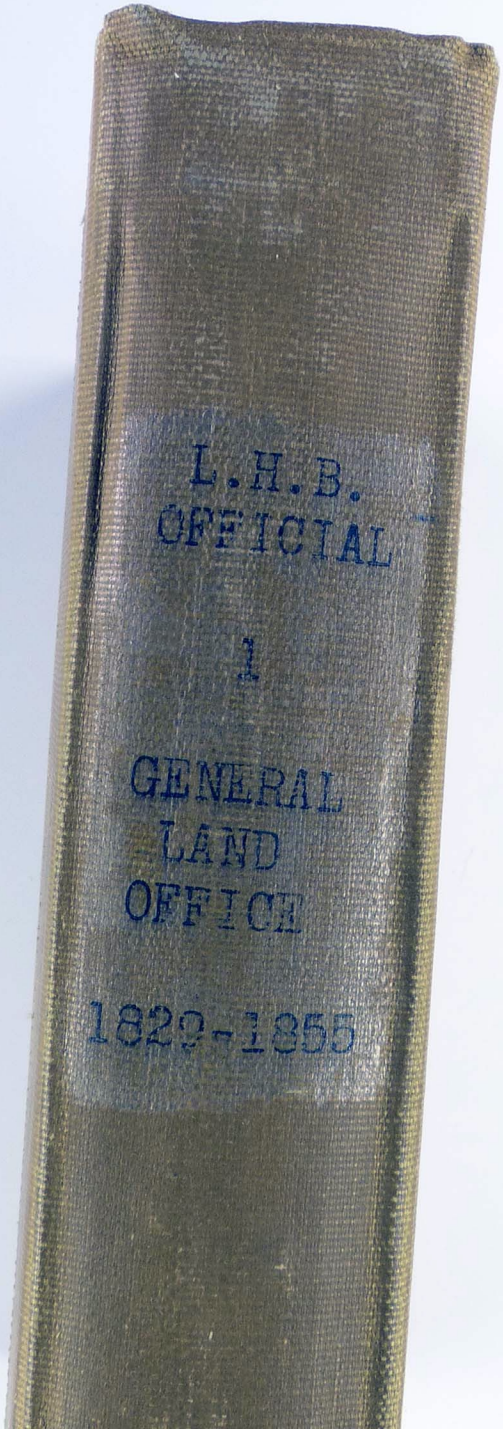
Perry, Florida.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter dated July 28, 1909, and to subsequent correspondence, the Board transmits herewith a blueprint of the Light-House Reservation at St. Marks, Florida.

Respectfully,

Colonel, Corps of Engineers, U.S.A.,
Engineer Secretary.


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OFFICE
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& 2 Enclosures Ltr 2d 3.

Treasury Department
General Land Office
20th March 1829

with 2 Encls. as pp. 2 & 3

Sir

It is desired by the Government to reserve a small portion of land as a site for a Lighthouse at Cedar point in the vicinity of St Marks -

As surveys have not yet been received embracing the point of land alluded to, the Superintendant will be instructed to apprize you of the precise quantity & location of the tract required to be reserved which you will be pleased to indicate on the township plat as appropriated to the object stated -

I am, very respectfully,
Sir Your obt Servt
(Signed) Ge. Graham
Comr.

Robt Butler Esq
Surveyor General
Tallahassee
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Mr Sharp.

Enclosed is a Copy of the instructions to the Surveyor General respecting the contemplated reserve for a site of a light house at Ocilla Point.

If you instruct the Superintendent accordingly the desired reserve will be made before the survey of the township is transmitted here.

Very respectfully
Your obt. servt.
W. Moore

Genl Land Office
20th Mar. 1849

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29 September 183

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Instructions have this day been issued to the Surveyor General to indicate on the official plats of survey, the two tracts of land at Pedro point (marked A. & B on the enclosed sketch) as reserved for the Site and accommodation of a light house —

Genl Land Office
18th May 1829

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General Land Office
29 September 1830

Sir:

Encl. no. 5

I return herewith the papers referred to this Office respecting the claim of an individual to Cat Island and enclose herewith an extract from the reports of the Register & Receiver for the Jackson C. House district which exhibits all the information the reports in this office afford on the subject.

The enclosed report was made under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved on the 24 May 1828 "Supplementary to the several acts providing "for the adjustment of land claims in the State "of Mississippi" (See U.S. Statutes 1st Sess. 20 Congress page 105), and is one of the reports referred to in the 1st Section of the Act of the 28th of May last entitled "An Act to confirm certain claims to lands in the "District of Jackson Court House in the State of "Mississippi". (See U.S. Statutes of last Session page 103). If it should be eventually decided that in this particular case it would have been necessary, before the title of the claimant could have been perfected by the Spanish Govt. that an actual survey of the

the Island should have been made, then the Act of the last Septim can only be considered as confirming the Claim to the extent of 1280 Acres but if it should be decided that in this case, the Claim embracing the whole of an Island, and consequently having natural boundaries on all sides, it was not requisite under the Spanish laws, usages & customs, to have the Claim actually surveyed, I should think that the whole Island would be considered as confirmed by the Act of the last Septim.

I am respectfully
Sir
Your Obt Servt
Jno. M. Moore
act.g Comr

Stephen Pleasanton Esq
5th Auditor & Acting
Comr of the Revenue.

Gen. Land Office
12 March 1836.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of 26th Ultimo, relative to the claim of Jesse H. Willis, as Agt. of James Minnie, to the Light House Reservation at St. Marks, Florida, I would most respectfully refer you to Vol: 1. Reports of Committees Second Session, Twenty Second Congress, No. 39, - in which you will find a Report from Mr Whittlesey, accompanied by a letter from this Office, adverse to the claim of James Minnie.

The papers are herewith returned.

I am
Very respectfully,
Your obt. Servant,
Edmund Bowen

Stephen Pleasonton, Esqr.
Fifth Auditor.

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Genral Lands Office
Jany 5th 1838

Sir

By letter to Surveyor Genl of Florida dated 18th May 1829 from this Office, he was informed of the Reservation of Fract[l] Townships 4 S. R 1 E & 4 S. R 2 E for the Site and accommodation of a Light House at St Marks and instructed to mark his Maps accordingly –

I am informed that, subsequently Mr Willis the collector at St Marks and Superintendent of Light Houses in that quarter, recommended that the limits of said reservation be contracted so as to embrace a few acres only say 3 or 4 which were deemed sufficient for the purposes of the establishment – Will you be pleased to inform me, whether such a recommendation was received by you and if so what action was had thereon, or, any information going to shew the present condition of said Reserve –

To
Stephen Pleasonton Esq
5th Auditor

Respectfully
Your obt Servt
Jas Whitcomb
Commr

(Copy)

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Treasury Department
Genl Land Office
18th May 1829.

Sir

The Collector for the District of St Marks has transmitted to the fifth Auditor of the Treasury a sketch of the tracts of land contemplated to be reserved for the site & accomodation of a Light House at Bailis Point. The tracts alluded to are designated on the plat as fractional Townships Nos 5 of Ranges Nos 1 2 & 3 E.

Enclosed is a copy of a part of the sketch alluded to. You will be pleased to indicate on the official Surveys that the tracts marked A & B are reserved for the purposes above mentioned &c.

I am very respectfully
Sir, your Obt Servant,
(Signed) G. W Graham
Gen: Graham

Robt Butler Esqr
Surv. Genl
Tallahassee.

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Treasury Department
12th Novr. 1838

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Sir,

I have the honor to transmit a communication from the Commissioner Genrl Land Office on the subject of certain reservations of public lands for light House and Military purposes and in accordance with the recommendation of the Commissioner respectfully submit the same for your approval, believing it to be correct —

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
(signed) Levi Woodbury —
Secy of the Treasury —

Approved
(signed) M. V. B.

The President —

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Treasury Department
Novem. 13th 1838

Sir,

I return herewith the papers referred with your communication of the 9th inst. respecting certain reservations of public lands in Florida for Light House and Military purposes with the approbation of the President thereupon —

I am, very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
(signed) Levi Woodbury

James Whitcomb Esqr
Commissioner of the
General Land Office

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General Land Office,
January 10th. 1842.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 31st Ultimo requesting to be furnished with a copy of the map shewing the reservation for a Light House at the mouth of Apalachee or St Marks river Florida together with the act of the President making the reservation. In reply I herewith enclose a copy of the instructions of Commissioner Graham of the 18th of May 1829 to the Surveyor General ordering said reservation, from which it will be perceived that the Map or sketch upon which the action of this Office was based, is on file in your office with the correspondence of the Collector of the District of St. Marks about that period. It does not appear on examination that a copy of the sketch taken from that map was retained at this Office, nor that the matter was submitted for the sanction of the President previous to issuing the instruction as is now the practice.

(see Nos 35, 36, 37, 38 & 39 for Pres. abstract N 1813)

I am of opinion that a copy or the original letter of the Collector at St. Marks to your Office with his plat above referred to are necessary to complete the files of this Office, and I would suggest that the same

be communicated which would enable me to comply with the request in your letter now before me.

I am Sir very respectfully
Your obt. Servt
E. M. Huntington
Commissioner.

To S. Pleasonton Esq.
Fifth Auditor
Treasury Dept.

Recd Jany 12/42

Jany 12, 1842.
E. M. Huntington Comr.
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General Land Office
May 18th 1829.

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Sir,

The Collector of the District of St Marks has transmitted to the 5th Auditor of the Treasury, a sketch of the tracts of land contemplated to be reserved for the site and accommodation of a Light House at Cedilla Point. The tracts alluded to are designated on the Plat of fl. Townships No 5. Ranges 1 & 2 S. & E.

Enclosed is a copy of part of the sketch alluded to you will be pleased to indicate on the official surveys that the tracts marked A & B are reserved for the purposes mentioned.

I am &c.

(Signed) G. Graham
Commr.

To Robert Butler Esq
Sur. Genl
Tallahassee Flor.

General Land office,
January 18th 1842.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 12th instant, covering a copy of the letter addressed to your office on the 28th of April 1829, by Jesse H. Willis the then Collector of the District of St Marks on the subject of the reservation for a Light House at Cedar Point, Florida, and of the map therewith transmitted, shewing the tracts A, B, recommended for reservation, all which have been placed on file in this office, with the other papers relating to said reservation.

I now herewith transmit as promised in my communication of the 10th instant a copy of the above plat, also of the exterior lines of townships 4 & 5 South Range 2 East (the townships in question not having been fully surveyed) being the only plat thereof on file in this office approved by the Surveyor General, which together with the copy of the instructions of 1829 heretofore sent will it is believed answer all the objects intended in your communication now before me.

I am, Sir, very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.
E. W. Armstrong
Commissioner

W. V. Pleasonton Esq.
Fifth Auditor
Treasury Dept.