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St. Marks

St Marks Light House
March 31st 1888

Lieut G. Bloechlinger
Light House Inspector
9th District Pensacola, Fla

Sir

I respectfully require the following named articles for use on Sail Boat viz,

One (1) Mast, length (22) twenty two feet, circumference in Partners (or upper Step) 15 inches fifteen inches.

Depth of lower Step (or heel of mast) (2 1/4) two and one fourth inches.

Width of lower Step (or heel) (1 3/4) one and three quarter of an inch.

Head of Mast from Hounds to the end (2) two feet

Head at Hounds 8 3/4 inches, Circumference

Head at the end 6 3/4 inches; " "

Head of Mast is round, Mast-head Irons are also round;

One (1) Set Mast Hoops (9) to suit the Mast, or about 5 3/4 inches in diameter

One (1) Center Board, Length 5 feet and 1 inch, Five feet and one inch;
Depth 3 feet and one inch, (3 feet 1 inch)
Width of Board 1 1/2 inches one and one half inches
that is the thickness of the plank
One (1) Grapnell
Smoke Pipe two Joints of which you took Measure on your last Inspection

I have enclosed a little Diagrem of Center Board that you may Judge how it is made

Very Respectfully
Geo. A. Gibson
Keeper Light House
St Marks
Fla

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St. Marks

St Marks Light-House
May 18th 1888

1- G. Boehlinger
Light-House Inspector, 7th District
Pensacola, Fla

In overhauling the Sail-Boats Mooring Chains today, I find it to be so much worn as not being trustworthy. Especially during hurricane season which will soon begin with us; we have very severe Blows here sometimes and are compelled to have Good Mooring for the Safety of the Boat.
Therefore I ask would you please send a piece of Chain, 90 or 120 fathoms long of Sufficient-Size, on the Laurel Next visit I have been successfull in Saving her in all Hurricanes Since I have been here, and would not like to loose her Now

Very Respectfully
Geo. H. Gibson
Keeper St Station
St Marks, Fla

St. Marks, FL R626 ES

Lieut G. Beechlinger
Light House Inspector
7th District Navy Yard
Pensacola, Fla

Sir

My wife informs me from Key West that Principal Keeper of the Light House in Key West is about to resign his position at Keeper of that Light; also the Principal Keeper at Loggerhead Key Light-House, and Dear Sir I write to ask you if the Keeper at Key West Light House is about resigning, will you please Give me the transfer there; Not that I am fighting for a softer Job but on account of my family's improvement. I have been here Going on Eight Years, with no personal advantage, and Seeing Still, my Surrounded inconvenience with a Sickly family (my wife being Delicate) and Medical assistance had at a Great Expense, and that, being a position which would improve her General health, with Your Considerations of these things, Dear Sir; would you please be in Sympathy with Me, and favour me with the transfer to the Key West Light House: The former is yours

You can do it, I desire not to leave the Service, and if the Keeper at Key West Light House does not resign his Position, as Keeper and the Principal Keeper at Loggerhead Key Light House does, I would be thankful to You for the transfer to that Light House Exercising Faith in Your favourable reply,

I remain Yours Respectfully

Geo. W. Gibson
Keeper Light House
St Marks Light Station
St Marks, Fla

January 22nd 1889

To U S Light House Inspector
7th District Navy Yard
Pensacola, Fla

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St. Marks

St Marks Light House
June 14th 1889

Lieut- G Bloethlinger
Light House Inspector
7th District, Pensacola, Fla

Sir

The Laurel has been here and delivered paints for the Station, but Not Sufficient Green to paint which has been shaft Green about the dwelling, they only Gave me ½ Gallon Green, all of the Shutters in the dwelling are painted Green, So I write to ask what must I do in that Case, Shall I Change the Colour from Green to some Colour I have on hand? I am painting all others that I have but must await instructions from you with reference to the Green

Your Respectfully
Geo. H. Gibson
Keeper
St Marks Light House
St Marks, Fla

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St. Marks

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St Marks Light Station
St Marks, Fla
May 16th 1890

Lt Geo H. Durand
Inspector
7th Light House District

I have to inform you that on yesterday the 15th inst, a severe Tornado passed over the Station, and completely demolished the kitchen Chimney, also makeing complete wreck of the Lightning Conductor on dwelling thereby leaving me in a bad condition for cooking, for in having no Chimney above the roof there is danger of the roof taking fire, No other perceptable damage was done, save the unhanging of one Shutter

Very Respectfully
Geo H. Gibson
Keeper Light Station
St Marks, Fla

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St. Marks

St Marks Light Station
June 25th 1891

Comdr Geo. H. Lyrand
Light House Inspector
7th District, Pensacola, Fla

Sir
Your letter of 17th inst Received
in Reply would Say that wood
can be procured for the Station
about five or Six Miles south
Some difficulty but Notwithstanding
the difficulty I have found a man
who has agreed to Get the wood and
deliver it the Light House put it above
high water Mark for five (5) Dollars
per Cord his Name is Benj F. Lewis
of St Marks, Fla

Very Respectfully
Leo H. Gibson
Keeper Light House
St Marks Fla

Provide for 3 cords in 91 Appropriation
Durant

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St. Marks

St Marks Light Station
June 11th 1892

Lowell Freeman
Light House Inspector
7th District, Pensacola, Fla

Sir

Upon the arrival of my relief at this Station, I will proceed at my new Station Cedar Keys West as soon as practicable, and in doing so will have to go by Rail Road, which will incur quite an expense for fare, and to save the further addition of expense which will be should I have to pay my few household Goods, I write to ask, if you will please take them down to Key West for me on your next visit to this station, everything will be packed and ready when you arrive, whether I be here or Gone to my Station, I sent some home on the Arbutus so have only a few more remaining which was needed, have no heavy furniture, only one bedstead and few chairs

Boat, and Mattresses. hoping for a favourable and Quick reply

I remain Yours

Very Respectfully

Geo. H. Gibson

Keeper St. Station

St Marks, Fla

St Marks Light Station
June 25th 1892

Lt Comdr Wm B Newman
Light House Inspector
Pensacola Fla

Sir

I beg leave to inform you of the following facts. I have received appointment of Transfer to take effect May 1st as Keeper of North West Passage Light Station at Key West (2) two months ago & since time have been looking forward to my relief Mr Charles Fine coming to relieve me, I thought he would have been here to relieve me by the 1st of June, but he has not come yet, & reports from Key West say that he is willfully abusing his time, I now the close of this Month is on us & I have to do his duty here at this Station while at my Station at Key West my duties are neglected, as straightening up my Monthly, Quaterly, & Annual returns for the Fiscal year, all Official Mail for this Station comes addressed to Mr Fine, while mail addressed to me at my Station at Key West must lie in P. O. uncalled for as well uncared for, I have made application to the Rail Road authorities

for reduced rates for myself & family &
they kindly granted my petition in giveng
me reduced rates, limiting the time, &
now it will run out June 30th.
Will you therefore please fix him up that
he may get to this Station & relieve me
at once & by so doing you will help me
on to my new Station.

Yours Respect
Geo H Gibson
Keeper Light St
St Marks Fla

St Marks Lt Station
July 26th 92

Comdr Wm B. Newman
Lt House Inspector
7th dist Pensacola, Fla-

Sir
would you be so kind to fetch
my family with you when you
are coming this way for I have no
other way getting them here
you will greatly oblige

Very Respectfully
your obedient Servant
Charles Fine

St. Marks Lt. Station
July 26th 92

Comdr Wm B. Newman U.S.N.
Inspector 7th U.S.L.H. Dist
Pensacola Navy yard Fla

Dear Sir

I State to you the Cause of being So long geting to St. Marks light Station when I Received my apointment I turned over the North West light Station to Mr. Oratio C. Carey and left for Key West to proceed on to St. Marks but finding my family very Sick which detained me for Some time as Soon as I could make it convenient I left for St. Marks

Comdr

In Regards to me geting Carey one to Stay at the

RG 26 ES

St. Marks

St. Marks. Fl. Station
August 16th 1892

Comdr Wm B. Newman, U.S. Navy,
Inspector 7th U.S.L.H. Dist. Pensacola Fla
Sir

I State to you the fact I left Key West June 8th and arrived in tampa on the 9th and I met my Brother which only two weeks Sence his wife died and I hadent Seen him for Six yeard and my Brother beeing So much trouble I Stoped with him for a while when I left for St Marks we had a very heavy blow and had to put in to Cedar Keys which lasted for a week and then Skiff Boat that boat me to St Marks I dint think that I would Ever See St Marks in dead mounds bay we had a very heavy Squall which tor the Sails and Come very Near Sinking I had to put in to Rock Island to mend Sails I tell

you Sir we had a Very rough time
getting to St Marks it is a Very hard
to get too

Very Respectfully
Charles Fin

Comdr Newman
Sir

Mr Gibson

Turned ove the Station to an
dident- have no wood on hand I ha
bin with out wood Ever Sence I bin
I do acordind to your letter

Chas Fin
Keepe