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REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Burns, Andrew	4563213
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
afbfg4@umsl.edu	636-415-7353

INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much as possible)

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Smith, George, R.		1870 TX

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service:
- ☐ Air Force
- ☐ Army Air Corps
- ☐ Army Air Force
- ☐ Army
- ☐ Marine Corps
- ☐ Navy
- ☐ Coast Guard
- ☐ Unknown

Type of Rank:
- ☐ Enlisted
- ☐ Officer
- ☐ Unknown

Service Period (Check all that apply):
- ☐ 1939 & Prior
- ☐ 1940 - 1950
- ☐ 1950 & After

Date & Place of Death: 1948 TX

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (TX) 8th		
From: 1898	To: 1924	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	

Other Identifying Information (Maiden Name, Job Title, etc.)

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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SCREENING NOTES

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- ☐ Items Removed and User Informed

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Time Out:

Final Return:

George R. Smith is a patient in St. Elizabeth's Hospital his expenses are being paid by Public Health Service, as he is ~~not~~ from Texas he is not entitled to free treatment at St. Elizabeth's. If he retires he could not be a beneficiary of Public Health.

Therefore his family requests that he be carried on the rolls in a non-pay status and receive the benefits he is receiving rather than to retire, as he can not receive both under an Act of June 24, 1930.

I talked with Mr. Harmon in the Legal Division of Coast Guard in regard to this case.

7/12/1941.

7/12

July 1, 1939. Lighthouse Districts No. Eighth

consolidated with New Orleans Coast Guard District,

Headquarters New Orleans, Louisiana

See U. S. Coast Guard General Order No. 37, dated June 20, 1939.

7/1/39 Transferred from Bureau of Lighthouses, Department of Commerce, and consolidated with United States Coast Guard, under terms of Plan No. 2 of Reorganization Act of 1939, approved by Congress April 3, 1939.

File received - FEB 9 1940

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

George R. Smith — (Name)

Texas (Legal Residence)

STATUS

Trans. from Treasury Dept - July 1, 1903

11—8940

DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper	Transfer	$675-	Lighthouses-Red Fish Bar. Cut. L. Sta - Tex.	July 1, 1903
"	Prom.	684	"	Nov. 11, 1910
"	RESIGNED CLOSE OF	June 8, 1918.		
Keeper	TEMPORARY Not exc. 1 mo.	$720	Lighthouses-Galveston Jetty	Feb. 6, 1919
"	Reinst	720	" " Tex.	Mar. 6, 1919
"	Trans.	900	" Red Fish Bar Cut.	June 6, 1919
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	960	" " " "	Feb. 6, 1924
"	"	1140	" " "	
	SERVICES DISCONTINUED.	W.O.P. April 30, 1924.		
Keeper	Reinst	1380	Lighthouses	(Oath waived - Trans. gross comp. put on W.O.P. basis 5/1/24)

January 12, 1940. 313.3

Received of the Department of Commerce
the File of George R. Smith.

R. J. GROSS,
(signature of Person receiving file)
1-15-40

RETURN SIGNED ORIGINAL TO DEPT. OF COMMERCE

3/24/32 Mr. Delong called Bureau - they to Wire Supt. - Lucie Smith was put on Sub. basis (5-1-24 Supt Mr. Gross 10/7/32) New Sub. basis legislation has been passed by Congress under which Smith can retire + still receive medical attention from Public Health.

5/11/32 Mr. Delong says Bu. ~~Lango~~ informally asks no action at this time as to Retirement.

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l	Amt. per annum to be	
l	Added	Subtracted
900	240	1140	CR	164. 25	1004. 25	LHS	5	1380	yes	60	

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

approv - 1440

RADE RECOMMENDED 6
ANGE OF COMPENSATION RECOMMENDED FROM $1440 TO $1650

16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:
Kind of equipment - - -; annual cost, $ - - -

17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
(a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☒ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8
(b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
(c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3
(d) College: Name ; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
(e) Post graduate work: Kind ; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
(f) Correspondence courses: Kind ; number of lessons ; number completed

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

	Percentage of total time given to each task
1. Custodian of property.	5%
2. Reports and correspondence.	10%
3. Maintenance of 5th order fixed oil light from tower, which includes cleaning of lamp, lens, lantern, etc.; stands watch six hours each night.	10%
4. Maintenance and operation of fog signal operated by machinery.	5%
5. Boating 7 miles from station to San Leon, Tex. for mail and supplies; operates motor boat.	10%
6. Cleaning and maintenance of tower, quarters, boat, and painting of structures.	60%

SIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 1
t in accordance with detailed
tion sheet, Form No. 2)

Sheet No. 98
2—12758

Smith (Surname) George (Given name) R. (Initial)

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE			
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Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field Service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field Station Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station
(b) Subdivision Eighth Lighthouse District
(c) City or town _____ State Texas
6. Pay-roll title Keeper
7. Customary office title Keeper

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day 24; per week 168
(b) If this is not a full-time position, state percentage of time employed per day ---; or per week ---
(c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From 1/2 the night m. to alternating periods m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year ---
During what months ---
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation ---
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus $ 900 per annum; bonus, $ 240 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ 900 per annum; bonus, $ 240 per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate ---
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: ☒ Quarters; ☐ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; ☒ Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; ☒ Fuel; ☒ Light; ☒ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum
Subsistence, cash $164.25 per annum.
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19. Does employee work under immedi[illegible]upervision, or to a large extent upon his own res[illegible]ibility? (Describe fully.)

On his own responsibility subject to directions and supervision of Superintendent of Lighthouses.

20. Do the duties involve direction or supervision of the work of other employees? Yes.
If so, describe the nature of the direction or supervision and give the number and classes of employees directed or supervised.

Responsible for work of one assistant keeper.

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? June 6, 1919.

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

JUN 7 - 1923, 1923.
(Date)

E. S. LANPHIER
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.
(Title)

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

Signature not secured owing to inaccessibility of employee

E. S. LANPHIER
(Signature of Employee)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.

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

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

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

EDUCATIONAL TRAINING		
	Essential	Desirable But Not Essential
College		
High School		
Common School	X	

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent

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

25. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $1140 to $1500

JUN 7 - 1923, 1923.
(Date)

E. S. LANPHIER
(Signature of head of field office or station)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.
(Title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12758

3/24/32 Mr. Delong called Bureau - Ltr to Wire Supt. - Since Smith was out on S.W.Op. basis (5-1-24 Supplm. Dress 10/7/32) new legislation has been passed by Congress under which Smith can retire & still receive medical attention from Public Health.

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

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LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
November 29, 1926

SUBJECT: Letter to the Commissioner from Chief Clerk of the Department dated October 30, 1926, transmitted to this office by Bureau indorsement of November 3, 1926, relative to status of George R. Smith, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

Red Fish Bar Cut L.S. Tex - 1380 Jr.

1. Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Reinstated 1924 & immediately placed L.W.O.P.

2. Upon receipt of the above referred to letter, this office wrote Leon R. Smith, Assistant Keeper at Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, who is a brother to George R. Smith, and he has informed this office that George R. Smith is still an inmate of St. Elizabeth Hospital, Washington, D.C., and that his mental condition has not much improved.

3. In view of this report, this office would recommend that George R. Smith be retained in his present status, as he is entitled to free treatment by the Public Health Service if he is not placed on the retired list. If he is retired, it is questionable whether the retired pay (slightly less than $50.00 per month) will be sufficient to care for him in an asylum.

Amended by Act 6/24/30, Section 763 b U.S. Code, Supp. 5. D

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

J Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. December 2, 1926.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce with statement that the Bureau concurs in the Superintendent's views and recommends approval of the action indicated in paragraph 3, attention being invited to Department letter of October 30 in the matter.

12-3-26

Discussed with Mr. Eastman, no objection

J. M. Murray
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

October 30, 1926.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

On September 2, 1924, the Department authorized the reinstatement of George R. Smith as a Keeper at $1380 per annum in the Eighth Lighthouse District with the understanding that he be immediately placed in a leave without pay status. As it appears that Mr. Smith has been carried on the rolls without pay for a period of over two years, information is requested as to what action the Bureau proposes taking in his case.

NOV 2 1926

(SIGNED) E. W. LIBBEY

Chief Clerk.

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June 17, 1925.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

For the reasons stated in your communication of June 15, 1925, the Department has authorized the continuance of Keeper George R. Smith, Eighth Lighthouse District, in his present status of leave without pay for an indefinite period, it being the understanding that he will later be recommended for retirement on annuity.

By direction of the Secretary:

EDW. J. GARDNER,
JUL 1 - 1925

Chief of Appointment Division.

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

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Incl.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

June 15, 1925.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED JUN 30 1925 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUN 19 1925 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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Secretary of Commerce:

1. With reference to Bureau recommendation of August 20, 1924, for the reinstatement of Keeper George R. Smith, in the 8th district, and to Department approval of September 9, 1924:

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See Sec. 763 b Supp 5 U. S. Code

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6-17-25.

Respectfully referred to the Solicitor.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Acting Secretary of Commerce.

APPROVED (No legal objection to Bu. recommendation as to leave without pay.)

Acting Secretary of Commerce.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

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Respectfully referred to the Solicitor.

(Signed) G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

(Signed) J. Walter Drake

Acting Secretary of Commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

May 18, 1925.

Hon. Clay Stone Briggs,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Briggs:

1. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 14, 1925, in regard to status of Mr. George R. Smith, former keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Lighthouse, Texas, and to advise you that the suggestions made by you will receive very careful consideration by the Department.

2. It is my view, however, that this case is covered by the decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury rendered March 17, 1919 (25 Comp. Dec., 655), in which it was held, with reference to persons retired under Section 6 of the Act of June 20, 1918, that such retired persons of the Lighthouse Service are not entitled to medical attendance by the Public Health Service. You will note that the Act of ~~May~~ March 4, 1925, providing for disability retirement provides that its beneficiaries "shall be retired and paid an annuity computed in the manner provided in such Act", viz, the Act of June 20, 1918; and in the latter Act it is provided that retirement pay shall not include any amount on account of subsistence or other allowance; also that the Comptroller in the decision referred to held that medical attendance is an allowance within the meaning of this Act.

3. It would, therefore, seem from the two Acts cited that Congress did not intend that persons retired on account of disability should receive any other or additional compensation or allowance than persons retired on account of age. It is true that persons retired for disability may be reinstated on active duty in which case they would no doubt regain the privilege of receiving medical attendance. In other words they may have two different kinds of status at different times, but each has its separate and distinct pay and emoluments.

4. I shall be glad, however, to take this matter up with the law officers of the Department with a view to allowing Mr. Smith whatever may be consistent with the law applicable to his case.

Very truly yours,

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

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
House of Representatives
Washington,D.C.

May 14, 1925.

Hon. G. R. Putnam,
Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Commissioner:

Yours of the 13th instant is just at hand, and I note that it is indicated that in the event Mr. George R. Smith's retirement is effected he would not be eligible for the present free medical treatment by the Public Health Service.

In this connection I am taking occasion to call your attention to the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 4, 1925, copy of which is herewith inclosed, and particularly Section 2 thereof.

It will be observed that the Statute specifically provides that

"Any such officer or employee, may, upon recovery, be restored to active duty".

This part of the Statute to my mind clearly indicates that the status of such retired officers or employees of the Lighthouse Service is not altered as such, and that when they are retired, they are really only transferred to inactive duty. In the event of their recovery, then it is provided that they may be restored to active duty, apparently without any change in their status or the rights and privileges enjoyed under their original office or employment from which they became severed by disability.

The Act approved August 28, 1916 (39 Statutes at Large, 538) provides for free medical treatment for light keepers and assistant light keepers.

It would, therefore, appear that it was the intent of Congress that the illness or disability of a lighthouse keeper such as Mr. George R. Smith should, even if he were retired under the Lighthouse Retirement Act, not operate to deprive him of his status of an employee of the Department of Commerce, but simply operate to transfer him to inactive duty and leaving him still within the protection of the Statute providing free medical treatment.

Instead of saying any "such officer or employee" it would have been easy enough to have adopted the term person or any such former officer or employee, to have indicated a construction of the Act that, after retirement, persons so retired were not regarded as any longer officers or

employees. It is therefore reasonable to conclude that Congress did not intend that the status of the individual as an officer or employee of the Lighthouse Service should be affected during retirement for disability, pending recovery, but that such retirement should only constitute a transfer to inactive duty during the period of disability.

The use of the word "active" in the Statute in connection with the word "duty" adds weight to the contention that the relationship of the employee, with the Department was not terminated, but simply created an inactive status, rendering the employee subject to orders to active duty upon his recovery from his disability.

Will you not, therefore, have the matter reviewed and if necessary, referred by the Secretary of Commerce to the Attorney General of the United States for a ruling?

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Clay Stone Briggs.

May 6, 1925.

The Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Under authority of the Commission's Certificate Authorizing Reinstatement No. 8477, the Department on September 2, 1924, issued an appointment to George R. Smith as Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

Mr. Smith's mental condition is such that his entrance on duty is more or less uncertain and oath of office has not been executed by him. This statement is being furnished the Commission in order to account for the Department's failure to report the date on which Mr. Smith entered upon duty.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

MAY 6 - 1925

E. J. GARDNER.
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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May 1, 1925.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Eighth Superintendent's endorsement on Bureau letter of April 18, 1925, concerning oath of office in the case of George R. Smith, who was reinstated to the position of Keeper at $1320 per annum on September 9, 1924, in order that he might avail himself of treatment by the Public Health Service.

In view of the Superintendent's statement that Keeper Smith is now confined to the Louisiana Retreat, an asylum for the insane, and of the further fact that Mr. Smith's appointment does not involve duty or pay, waiver of oath of office in this case is approved.

MAY 2 - 1925

(Signed) J. Walter Drake.

Acting Secretary of Commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

APR 20 1925
NEW ORLEANS.

April 18, 1925.

LIGHTHOUSES
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Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

1. Referring to your nomination of August 20, 1924 for the reinstatement of George R. Smith as additional keeper, Red Fish Bar Cut L. H., for the purpose of hospital treatment:

2. You are advised that an oath should have been submitted to complete the Department records. In view of the fact that Department appointment certificate sent you by Bureau indorsement of September 10, 1924, was dated September 2, 1924, it is suggested that the oath be executed that date as the date of entrance on duty.

J. S. COWAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

WJB.

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.
New Orleans, La., April 25, 1925.

Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. It has been learned that Keeper George R. Smith is an inmate of the LOUISIANA RETREAT, an asylum for the insane, and is therefore not responsible for anything he signs. Further instructions are requested.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APR 29 1925
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

E. S. Lanphier.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Hydro
Radio
Insp. Office
Insp. Engr.
Personnel
Financial
Law and Prop.
Adm Asst.
Insp. Corps
Constr.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. April 27, 1925.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information contained, and with request that the Bureau be advised if further action in the matter is necessary, in view of the fact that keeper Smith was reinstated with the understanding that he would be immediately placed on leave without pay, attention being invited to Department letter of September 9, 1924 in this connection.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

GPO

September 9, 1924.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In issuing the appointment, by reinstatement, of Mr. George R. Smith, as keeper at $1380 per annum (including $60 per annum longevity pay), the Department does so with the understanding that Mr. Smith will be immediately placed on leave without pay.

By direction of the Secretary:

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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SEP 9 1924

Not to be accepted as authority for investigation operations unless accompanied by official credentials

Form A-8

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 2, 1924.

Mr. George R. Smith,

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 Eighty (including $60 per annum longevity pay) dollars per annum,

effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By reinstatement in accordance with authority contained in certificate No. 8477, issued by the Civil Service Commission).

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED SEP 9 1924 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CARDED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

P 8th Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position.

SEP 1924

Legal Residence: Texas.

11—8002

Form 1788—Jan., 1923.

No. 8477

CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZING REINSTATEMENT.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, ECH.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 3 1924
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

Washington, D. C., September 2, 1924.

To the Secretary of Commerce,

Sir:

Certification is hereby made that the following reinstatement is authorized by the Commission under Civil Service Rule IX:

George R. Smith of

STATUS AUTHORIZED.	FORMER STATUS.
Commerce, (Department.)	Same (Department.)
Lighthouse Service, (Bureau or office.)	Same (Bureau or office.)
Keeper, $1140 per annum (Position and salary.)	Keeper, (Position and salary.)
Field. (City in which to be employed.)	Same (City in which formerly employed.)
August 27, 1924. (Date of request.)	April 30, 1924 dropped. (Date and manner of separation.)

Very respectfully,

T. P. Chapman

6—3058 Assistant Secretary.

August 27, 1924.

The Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen: Attention of Commissioner Wales.

By reason of mental derangement unfitting him for the performance of his duties, Mr. George R. Smith was dropped from the rolls as Keeper at $1140 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, at the close of April 30, 1924.

In view of Mr. Smith's long and meritorious service as as Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, and of the fact that his present condition was due to illness incurred in line of duty, the Department desires to reinstate him to his former position in order that he may be able to avail himself of treatment by the Public Health Service, and the Commission's authority for his reinstatement is respectfully requested. In the event this action is approved Mr. Smith will be placed on leave without pay.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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August 25, 1924.

Memorandum for the Acting Secretary:

Referring to the accompanying copy of telegram received from the Superintendent, Eighth Lighthouse District, New Orleans, Louisiana, recommending appropriate action with a view to securing for George R. Smith, formerly a keeper in the service, eligibility for treatment by the Public Health Service and to the indorsement of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses recommending his nominal reinstatement with a view to his being placed on leave without pay, in order that he might be entitled to the medical attention desired:

Attention is called to the fact that Mr. Smith was dropped from the rolls April 30, 1924, by reason of mental derangement unfitting him for service. The civil-service regulations do not permit of reinstatement except for actual service and in a case of this character would call for a medical examination and report to determine the capability of the person whose reinstatement is requested. It appears, therefore, futile to attempt to secure the reinstatement of Smith under these conditions as his mental condition is such that there would be no possibility of his being reinstated for actual service. I may add that informal conference with officials of the Civil Service Commission confirms this opinion.

While the Employees' Compensation Commission appears to have no authority to give relief of any kind to other than employees, and casual telegraphic conferences with the Secretary of the Commission appears to negative the authority of the Commission to authorize free medical attendance by the Public Health Service, in the case of Keeper Smith I am of the opinion that it might be advisable in view of the circumstances and the extended period of service, to officially take up with the Commission the question as to whether there was any precedent that would justify the giving of the assistance desired.

If you wish such action to be taken, I would be glad to prepare a letter to the Commission for your signature, presenting the case for consideration.

Your instructions are requested.

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD

Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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Your instructions are requested.

Clifford Harding
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Inclosure 193.

C. S. Comsr. Wales telephoned that the Commission would approve reinstatement if submitted with facts in case. Acty. Sec. so advised & this approval given.
8-26-24

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., August 20th, 1924.
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Reinstatement.

Name, George R. Smith — Legal residence, Texas.

Position, Addl. Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. — Salary, $1380 per annum (incl. $60 long.)

Location, Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Tex. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective September 1, 1924. — {1 ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the L.H.Service. — Former salary, ~~$960~~ $960 per annum. (incl $60 long)

Location, Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Tex.

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

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Previous incumbent, New position. — Services terminated, See accompanying letter.

Reason,

Members of family in Government Service, L.R.Smith, Kpr. in Lighthouse Service, San Leon, Texas.

Date of birth, Feb. 26, 1870.

Remarks: See accompanying letter.

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

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E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

August 27, 1924.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Attention is invited to Bureau recommendation of August 20, 1924 in this matter, in which the pay recommended was $1140 per annum, including $60 longevity. As this did not include the former $240 bonus added to the pay of keepers on July 1, it is recommended that the pay be changed to read $1380 per annum, including $60 longevity.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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TELEGRAM

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New Orleans, La. August 19, 1924.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AUG 20 1924 APPOINTMENT

Lighthouse Commissioner,
Washington, D. C.

STRONGLY RECOMMEND HOSPITAL TREATMENT GEORGE R SMITH FORMERLY KEEPER RED FISH BAR CUT LIGHT STATION TEXAS ON LEAVE WITHOUT PAY DUE TO SICKNESS INCURRED IN LINE OF DUTY NOMINAL REINSTATEMENT RECOMMENDED IF NECESSARY. SMITH ENTITLED FREE TREATMENT PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AUG 22 1924 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

2:10 P.M. (S) LANPHIER

SPECIAL

LGJ Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. August 20, 1924.
Inclosure.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that George R. Smith be reinstated as additional keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light S tation, Texas, at $1140per annum, including longevity, and that the additional position be authorized at this station, for the purpose of allowing Mr. Smith to avail himself of treatment by the Public Health Service, in view of long and meritorious service as keeper and the fact his present condition was due to illness incurred in line of duty. Attention in this connection is invited to Bureau indorsements of May 10 and June 23, 1924. Should this recommendation be approved Mr. Smith will be placed on a leave without pay status, and proper nomination covering his reinstatement will be submitted at a later date. Inclosed are copies of correspondence from Congressman Briggs in regard to this case.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN AUG 25 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Approved,

Acting Secretary.

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

August 18, 1924.

Hon. George R. Putnam,
Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Commissioner:

I am handing you herewith letter dated 8-12-24 from Mr. Leon R. Smith of San Leon, Texas, together with letter dated August 14, 1924, from Hon. Joe H. Eagle of Houston, Texas; both of which are self explanatory, and indicate immediate need of assistance for Mr. George R. Smith, former keeper of Red Fish Cut lighthouse.

It will be noted that the condition of this man is apparently serious and that he is in great need of immediate treatment in some Government hospital, such apparently as St. Elizabeth's here. I hope, therefore, that it will be possible to take immediate steps to secure such hospitalization for him without delay, and that I may be advised to such effect.

It is also to be noted that his family is in very needy circumstances and that a distressing condition of other illness and want prevails. Is it not possible for Mr. Smith to receive financial aid for himself and family during this period of his illness?

It is to be noted that he has served twenty-six years in the lighthouse service, and surely it ought to be possible in some way for the Government to give both financial and hospital relief in the existing situation.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Clay Stone Briggs.

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JOE H. EAGLE
Attorney at Law
601-605 West Building
Houston, Texas.

August 14, 1924.

Honorable Clay Stone Briggs,
Galveston, Texas.

My dear Briggs:

Now here is an opportunity for you to do a very real and great service to really worthy people; and knowing you as I do, I will know, in advance, that you will do all possible - and that at once.

You see, Briggs: I owned all the 5,500 acres making up San Leon. I laid it out as a townsite to the extent of 1,000 acres, and 4,500 acres as small tracts - all of which I sold. I paid your good old county over $25,000.00 in taxes. It took me several years to finish the job. I was down at San Leon a good deal of my time. That accounts for my acquaintance with those worthy people; and that is why Mr. Leon Smith takes the matter up with me. Of course, I know, from my knowledge of you, that you would act as quickly for him direct as for him at my request: but he knows me- and hence he takes the matter up with me. So I, in turn, pass it on to you, where it belongs.

I personally know Mr. Smith is telling me the truth about his brother. The man's wife was in here to see me recently; and I advised her to take up with the county Judge the matter of his mental condition.

May I, therefore, ask your immediate assistance? It seems to me that is what a just government is partly for - to do duty by those who have done duty by it. I do hope you can get money for these poor but worthy people at once, by some law or regulation already in existence. I do not know of such a law; but I hope it exists. I am sending a copy of this to Mr. Leon Smith, and he may call on you in person - if he can do so and if he can leave his work; otherwise, won't you please write him direct at San Leon, Galveston County.

With kind regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Joe H. Eagle.

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San Leon, Texas
Aug.12,1924.

Hon. Joe H. Eagle,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Am writing you today in the interest of my brother, George R. Smith, formerly keeper at Red Fish Bar Cut Lighthouse. In the present circumstances I deem it my duty to call upon someone, so therefore have decided to appeal to you thinking perhaps thru your influence you might assist me in the matter I am about to relate to you. Will hereby state the facts as they exist:

Mr. Eagle, my brother has served and given the best part of his life, 26 years, in the U.S. Lighthouse Service. Three months ago he had to be removed from the Lighthouse on account of illness. He is now imparied in mind and not capable of doing anything. His services as keeper has since been discontinued without predudice. Now as near as I can understand it he is entitled to some pension. Thirty years service of course is the length of time one must serve to receive a full pension, but from what I can learn indirectly he is entitled to a certain amount upon serving twenty five years.

My brother has a helpless wife and two small girls, the eldest of which has just passed thru an operation for appendicitis. Therefore you may imagine just how they are situated. It really seems to me Mr. Eagle, that after serving the Government as long and faithfully as my brother has done that the Department would have him treated by a specialist, especially after serving in such an isolated position. My brother seems at to recognize everbody he knows and asks many same questions but he is ~~not~~ such high nervous tension.

I haven't the means myself to have him properly treated which I would most certainly do if I could, having the family and him to support aside from hospital and operation bills on the little girl taxes me to the limit.

Now what I wish to ask Mr. Eagle is, if you could use your influence and get in communication with the Hon. Clay S. Briggs, Congressman from this district, and see what might be done in the matter.

Anything you might do, Mr Eagle, I assure you would be greatly appreciated by me his only brother.

Thanking you in advance.

I am very sincerely
(Signed) Leon R. Smith.

June 30, 1924.

Mr. George R. Smith,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In view of a report to the effect that your mental condition is such that it is hardly probable that you will return to duty, the Department, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, has discontinued, without prejudice, your services as Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, at $1140 per annum, effective at the close of April 30, 1924.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Geo.R.Smith,Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut L.S.,Tex.

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

June 19, 1924.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN 26 1924
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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ACTION TAKEN
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to the accompanying nomination of John D.Balsillie for reinstatement in the Lighthouse Service as Keeper, to succeed George R. Smith as Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas.

2. In letter from this office of May 7, 1924, it was reported that George R. Smith, Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Tex., had suffered an attack of pneumonia and measles and became demented necessitating his removal from the station on April 30th,1924. He was granted leave without pay beginning May 1st as it was believed at the time that his mental derangement was of a temporary nature and that with proper medical treatment and rest he would be able to resume his duties.

3. A report has been received from the Keeper's brother stating that he has shown no improvement and it is hardly probable that he will return to duty. It is therefore recommended that his services be discontinued, without prejudice, effective at the close of April 30th, 1924.

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUN 23 1924

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval

Acting Commissioner

6/26/24.
APPROVED:

ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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George R. Smith,
Leave without pay.

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

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June 4, 1924.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN 10 1924
APPOINTMENT

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to letter from this office of May 7th, 1924, reporting that George R. Smith, Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Tex., was granted leave without pay beginning May 1st, due to a mental derangement:

2. The Bureau is informed that Keeper Smith completed one month's leave without pay at the close of May 31, 1924.

E. S. Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUN 7 - 1924

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 14, 1924.

Mr. George R. Smith,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 960 per annum to $ 1140 per annum, effective upon entrance on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Red Fish Bar Cut
L.S., Texas

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APR 14 1924 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to the establishment of 5-day lens lantern lights Nos. 9, 11, 6, 13, 15, 8, 10, 17 and 12, in Houston Channel, Texas, it is proposed to have the keepers of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station care for these lights, in addition to their present duties, and it is therefore recommended that George R. Smith, Keeper, base pay $900 per annum, and Leon R. Smith, Assistant Keeper, base pay $720 per annum, each be increased $180.00 per annum by reason of this additional duty.

2. These 5-day lens lantern lights extend over a distance of 4-3/8 miles in one direction and 2-1/2 miles in another direction. The nearest other employees of the Service are the Keepers of Galveston Harbor Lights, located twelve miles from these lights.

3. Attention in this connection is invited to Form 80 of March 22, 1924, recommending the establishment of these lights in which statement was made that these lights would be placed in charge of the Keepers of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas.

APR 13 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
April 12, 1924.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending that the base pay of the position of keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station be increased from $900 per annum to $1080 per annum; and the base pay of the position of assistant keeper from $720 per annum to $900 per annum. It is also recommended that notice of change in salary be issued the incumbents.

keeper 900 Geo R Smith incl 60 pay long.
" 720 Leon R Smith.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPROVED:

ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

Copy

April 8, 1924.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

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

By direction of the Secretary:

(Signed) Edw. J. Gardner.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 8, 1924.

Mr. George R. Smith,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 900 per annum to $ 960 per annum, effective February 6, 1924 (including $60 per annum longevity pay).

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

WM. J. GARDNER,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED APR 10 1924 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

C. S. REPORT DATE ENTERED

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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G.R.Smith, Keeper,
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

April 4, 1924.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION APR 10 1924 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CHIEF CLERK

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The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APR 8 1924 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

2. The Bureau is informed that George R. Smith, Keeper, Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, completed five years of continuous service at the close of ~~March~~ Feb 5th, 1924. It is therefore recommended that his pay be increased from $900 per annum to $960 per annum, to include the longevity allowance of $60 per annum, effective beginning March 6, 1924. (Feb 6/1924 temp for 1 mo pending recs)

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

4/8/24

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
APR 7 - 1924
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPROVED:
ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on November 29, 1922, to the launch MALIARCE, with three men aboard, which had grounded in the vicinity of the light station, the Department is pleased to commend you for the services rendered, which will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

(Signed) HERBERT HOOVER.
Secretary of Commerce.

George R. Smith, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses).

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files

Exact copy as signed by HERBERT HOOVER

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on October 13 and 14, 1921, to five occupants of a small launch, which went ashore on a shell dump near your station and sank, the Department is pleased to commend you for the service rendered, which will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

HERBERT HOOVER.

Secretary of Commerce.

George R. Smith, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Tex.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses).

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files

Exact copy as signed by HERBERT HOOVER.

Mailed NOV 14 1921 by Bureau

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Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on June 25, 1921, to two sick men aboard the launch DAISY, which had grounded in the vicinity of the station, the Department is pleased to commend you for the service rendered, which will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

HERBERT HOOVER.

Secretary of Commerce.

G. R. Smith, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses).

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HERBERT HOOVER.

Exact copy as signed by

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Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on August 24, 1920, to a disabled launch with one man aboard, and in rescuing a man and a boy whose launch had sunk, the Department is pleased to commend you for the services rendered, which will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

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Respectfully,

J. W. ALEXANDER

Secretary of Commerce.

George R. Smith, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses)

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Exact copy as signed by J. W. ALEXANDER
Mailed SEP 23 1920 by

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 11, 1919.

Mr. George R. Smith,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $720 per annum to $ 900 per annum, effective June 6, 1919.

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,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
OFFICE OF [redacted] 8th DISTRICT,

LIGHT HOUSES JUN 9 1919

New Orleans, La., June 6, 1919.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

APPOINTMENTS CLERK

Action recommended, Transfer, promotion and appointment.

Name, George R. Smith — Legal residence, Texas

1919 JUN 10 PM 3 20

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Salary, $900 per annum

Location, Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective June 6, 1919, { the actual date of entrance on duty.[1] [redacted]

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

Location, Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas.

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

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES FEB 21 1919 NEW ORLEANS

APPOINTMENT FEB 24 1919

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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

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

Mr. George Rudolph Smith

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

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

Lighthouse	Galveston Jetty L.S., Tex.	Eighth CHIEF CLERK
Bureau or Service.	Place (city, town, station, or vessel).	District.

4. Position to which appointed Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. 1919 FEB 24 PM 2 06

5. Compensation $720 per annum.

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

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

Without examination

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

San Leon	Texas	Galveston	Seventh
City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

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

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

11. Where were you born? Cedar Bayou Texas

12. When were you born? February 5 26th 1870
Month. Day. Year.

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

14. What is your marital condition? Married

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

Mrs. Annie M. Smith	
Name.	Number and street.
San Leon	Texas
City or town.	State or Territory.

11—1434

Duplicate

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

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

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

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

No

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
Commerce	Light House	Light Keeper	680	July 1. 1898	June 8th 1918

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

Relationship (widow or orphan)

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service

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

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

Laborer

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

Common

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

None

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

Light House June 1898

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

Yes

Date, February 17, 1919

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) George Rudolph Smith

P. O. Address: Box 327 Galveston
City or town.

Number and street.

Texas
State or Territory.

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

MCC

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded February 21, 1919.

(Signature) [signature]

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

11—1434

Form 111

APPOINTMENTS MAR 11 1919

MAR 10 1919 4 10 PM

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES MAR 7 1919 NEW ORLEANS

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT MAR 10 1919 HOUSES

I, George R. Smith,

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.

George R. Smith
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 6th day of March, A. D. 1919.

1919 MAR 11 AM 9 37

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) W. L. Shumate

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires June 30th 1919

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present	Keeper in the Light-house Service (Reappointment with permanent status, by reinstatement.)	$720 p.a.	Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas.
Former [5]	Keeper in the Light-house Service (Addl.)	$720 p.a.	Galveston, Jetty Light Station, Tex.

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

MCC

Office of ~~Lighthouse Inspector~~ Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District

New Orleans, La., March 7, 1919.
(Address) (Date)

CARDED

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on March 6, 1919.
(Date)

R B Dorry
(Signature followed by title)
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

U. S. REPORT DEPARTMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

11—044

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

February 25, 1919.

Mr. George R. Smith,

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 Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum

effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED FEB 25 1919 DEPT OF COMMERCE

(Reappointment with permanent status, by reinstatement, in accordance with authority contained in Certificate No. 17543 issued by the United States Civil Service Commission.)

CARDED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

D
G

(Signed) Clifford Hastings

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Yourself.

Legal Residence: Texas.

11—3692

MCC

MAR 10 1919

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MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

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

LIGHT HOUSES MAR 10 1919

1919 MAR 11 PM

APPOINTMENTS CLERK

1919 MAR 11 PM 2 14

Name of employee George R. Smith.

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

Place of employment Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas.

Date of appointment: Feb.17,1919,effective Feb.6,1919, for period not to exceed 1 mo. pending action of C.S.Commission on request for his reinstatement.

Last day served March 5, 1919.

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

CARDED

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

Date March 8, 1919.

Lighthouse Service.
(*Bureau or service.*)

11—2876

Form 1788—Jan., 1919.

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NO. 17543

CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZING REINSTATEMENT.

1919 FEB 25 AM 8 42

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

AJA

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24, 1919

APPOINTMENTS

To the Secretary of Commerce

1919 FEB 25 AM 9 30

Sir:

Certification is hereby made that the following reinstatement is authorized by the Commission under Civil Service Rule IX:

George R. Smith of Texas

STATUS AUTHORIZED.	FORMER STATUS.
Commerce (Department.)	Same (Department.)
Lighthouse Service 8th Dist. (Bureau or office.)	Same (Bureau or office.)
Keeper $720 (Position and salary.)	Keeper $684 (Position and salary.)
(City in which to be employed.)	(City in which formerly employed.)
Feb. 18, 1919 (Date of request.)	June 8, 1918 Resigned (Date and manner of separation.)

FEB 25 1919

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Very respectfully,

John T. Doyle

Secretary.

6—3058

Form 381.
May, 1910.

REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT.

Department of Commerce
[Department, Commission, or Office.]

Washington, D. C., February 18, 1919.

To the U. S. Civil Service Commission:

Request is made for certificate under Rule IX for the reinstatement of George R. Smith, a legal resident of the State (or Territory) of Texas, to the position Keeper, now vacant (or to become vacant on), at a salary of $720 pa., in the Lighthouse Service, 8th District [Bureau or Office.], for which a certification of eligibles has not been requested.* Mr. Smith was, without delinquency or misconduct on his part, separated by resignation [Removal or resignation.] on June 8, 1918, from the position of Keeper at a salary of $684 pa., in the Lighthouse Service, 8th District. [Bureau or Office.]

MEMBERS OF FAMILY IN THE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES:

None.
[State degree of relationship and where employed.]

MILITARY OR NAVAL RECORD.

Regiment ..... Company .....

Vessel ..... Date of honorable discharge .....

By direction of the Secretary:

Signature: (SIGNED) E. W. LIBBEY

D
G

Official title: Chief Clerk.

*If a certification has been requested, the date should be given. When a requisition has been made under section 1 of Rule VII for a certification of eligibles, and the Commission, at the request of the Department, has made public announcement of an examination to secure such eligibles, the vacancy shall not thereafter be filled by transfer, promotion, or reinstatement, without the consent of the Commission.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

APPOINTMENTS MAR 4 1919

MAR 14 1919

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES NEW ORLEANS FEB 28 1919

LIGHT HOUSES MAR 4 1919

I, George R. Smith,

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.

CHIEF CLERK

George R Smith

(Appointee signs here)

1919 MAR 4 PM 1 47

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 27th day of February, A. D. 1919.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) W. L. Shumate

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires June 30th 1919.

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present	Keeper (Addl.) in the Lighthouse Service	$720 p.a.	Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas.
Former	Temporary appointment for a period of the Civil Service Commission on	not to exceed one month pending action request for his reinstatement.	

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

MCC

Office of ~~Lighthouse Inspector~~ Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District

New Orleans, La., March 1, 1919.

(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on February 6, 1919.

(Date)

CARDED

B B Dorry

(Signature and official title)

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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

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

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

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

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

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

11—944

Original Date

U. S. REFORM ENTERED

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

February 17, 1919.

M r. George R. Smith,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum, effective February 6, 1919.

CARDED

Your appointment will continue for a period not to exceed one month pending action of the Civil Service Commission on request for your reinstatement.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

D
G

(Signed) Clifford Hastings
Chief of Appointment Division

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Joseph D. Smith.

Legal Residence: Texas.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED FEB 1 1919 BUREAU OF NAVAL [illegible]

11-1923

Form 73

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FEB 13 1919 9 06 AM

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~, Eighth DISTRICT.

RECEIVED FEB 11 1919 U.S. CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT

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

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

LIGHT HOUSES

Action recommended, Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 1 month.

Name, George R. Smith. Legal residence, Texas.

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

Location, Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective February 6, 1919, {'the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or~~ ~~the date of the entrance on duty~~

1919 FEB 15 PM 1 01

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

Location, - - - -

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

No eligibles available.

APPOINTMENTS

Previous incumbent, Joseph D. Smith Services terminated, February 4, 1919.

Reason, Resigned. Last day

1919 FEB 15 PM 2 00

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Due to the necessity for maintaining the full authorized complement of keepers at above station, George R. Smith was assigned to duty on Feb. 6, 1919. He has previously served as keeper at various light stations in this district from June 11, 1898, to June 8, 1918. This nomination is made to fill the lowest-rated position at above station, in accordance with Department authority of June 5, 1918.

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

Wm. P. Beasley
Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

Temporary
Pending the establishment of a register of eligibles.

Dorn
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

FEB 14 1919

2-17-19

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

1919 FEB 14 PM 4 44

Acting Commissioner.

APPOINTMENT DIV. FEB 17 1919 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

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Form 73
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FEB 14 1919 9 12 AM

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OFFICE OF ~~INSPECTOR~~ Eighth DISTRICT.

LIGHT HOUSES FEB 14 1919

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

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Reinstatement.

Name, George R. Smith — Legal residence, Texas.

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

CHIEF CLERK

Location, Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective March 6, 1919, {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

1919 FEB 15 PM 1 01

Former position, Keeper (Addl.) in L.H. Service. — Former salary, $720 p.a.

Location, Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas.

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

APPOINTMENTS

No eligibles available.

Previous incumbent, Himself — Services terminated, to 1919 FEB 15 PM 2 01 at close of March 5,1919.

Reason, Serving under temporary appointment for a period not to exceed one month from February 6, 1919.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks:

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

FEB 14 1919
1919 FEB 14 PM 4 45

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

2-17-19

1919 FEB 14 PM 4 44

Conway
Acting Commissioner

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ACTION TAKEN
FEB 17 1919
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Strike out the clause which does not apply.

11—2314

April 17, 1918.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation, dated April 8, 1918, as keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, and Galveston Bay Channel Light No. 2, Texas, at $684 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, effective at the close of June 8, 1918.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford B. Hastings

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

Mr. George R. Smith,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED APR 18 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Form 93

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION ~~OR DEATH~~

LIGHT HOUSES APR 13 1918

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT. CHIEF CLERK

New Orleans, La., April 11, 1918.

1918 APR 17 AM 10 32

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, George R. Smith — Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

Legal residence, Texas. — Station, Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station and Galveston Bay Channel Light No.2, Texas.

Salary, $684.00 per annum.

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of June 8, 1918.

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

APPOINTMENTS

1918 APR 17 AM 11 00

Remarks:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN APR 17 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr.
Commr.

Inspector.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

APR 15 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

J1—4623

1918 APR 17 AM 10 09

H. B. Bowerman

Acting Commissioner

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Red Fish Bar Lt
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

April 8th, 1918



Light House Inspector 8th District
New Orleans
Louisiana

Sir. I respectfully tender my resignation as Keeper of Red Fish Bar Lt Light Station to take effect within the next sixty days. My reasons for resigning is owing to circumstances my salary is not sufficient to meet my obligations. Have no opportunity with here on the station to help along with a garden or chickens. Furthermore I am absent from my family and they are in need of my attention and so I am obliged to seek some other employment where I can be with them.

Respectfully
George R Smith Keeper

McC-JMT

FEB 19 1918

Sir:

Referring to report of the assistance rendered by you during the rough weather on January 16, 1918, to a man in a disabled launch in Galveston Bay, the Department commends you for the service thus rendered, which will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

E. F. SWEET

Acting Secretary.

Mr. George R. Smith, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas,
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.)

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files
Exact copy as signed by E. F. SWEET
Mailed FEB 19 1918 by

File

McC-NDW

FEB 16 1917

APPOINTMENT
FEB 17 1917

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on January 2, 1917, to the disabled launch [redacted], with a party of three men aboard, and furnishing the men with provisions, water, and other necessities, the Department commends you for the service rendered on that occasion, which fact will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Secretary.

Mr. George R. Smith, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses)

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files
Exact copy as signed by WILLIAM C. REDFIELD
Mailed FEB 16 1917 by

File
Clerk

JEL

AUG 4 1916

APPOINTMENTS

AUG 5 1916

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on the following occasions:

On May 18, 1916, to the schooner ADELE, which foundered in the vicinity of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, and

On June 5, 1916, to three men on the motor tug FORTUNE, which was wrecked off Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station,

You are commended for the services rendered by you on those occasions, which fact will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

E. F. SWEET.

Acting Secretary.

Mr. George R. Smith, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, etc., Texas.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.)

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files E. F. SWEET

exact copy as signed by

Mailed AUG 4 - 1916 by

File
Rule

USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.
FORM 8.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.
8—4789-2

MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.

LIGHT
DEC 26 1916
HOUSES

RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

1. Name: (Surname first. Given name in full. For women write Miss or Mrs. before given name.)

Smith, George R.

2. Department:

Commerce

3. Bureau, office, or service:

Lighthouse

4. Designation of position:

Keeper

5. Occupation (if not clearly shown by answer to question 4):

Care of light and govt. property

6. Annual earnings:

$684

7. Kind of appropriation:

LS

8. Present rate of pay:

$ AS

9. Initial rate of pay:

$ 675 PA

10. Total length of service (give the total of ALL U. S. GOVT. SERVICE with the exceptions stated on the back of this card)—

Substitute—		Regular—	
Years:	Months:	Years:	Months:
		18	1

11. State, Territory, or foreign country of birth (do not give town):

Texas

12. Race:

W

13. Sex:

M

14. Date of birth—

Month: February

Year: 1870

15. Kinds of schools attended, years attended, and degrees taken:

E2

16. Marital condition:

M

17. War veteran?

No

18. Appointed from—

Congressional district and State: 7 Tex

County: Galveston

19. Civil service status:

C

20. Method by which classified status was obtained:

BEO

21. Place of employment—

City: San Leon

State: Texas

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

11—5869

JEL

SEP 23 1915

Sir:

Referring to report of the service rendered by you in maintaining the light under your charge during the trying and hazardous conditions caused by the hurricane of August 16 and 17, 1915, when the lower portion of the station was badly damaged, you are commended for the service rendered by you on that occasion, which fact will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD
Secretary.

Mr. George R. Smith, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, and
Galveston Bay Channel No. 2, Light, Texas,
Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files
Exact copy as signed by WILLIAM C. REDFIELD
Mailed SEP 23 1915 by

JEL

APPOINTMENTS
JAN 27 1915
JAN 26 1915

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on January 11, 1915, to the four occupants of a launch which was disabled in a strong, cold wind, off Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, you are commended for the assistance rendered on that occasion, which fact will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

E. F. SWEET.

Acting Secretary.

Mr. George R. Smith, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station and
Galveston Bay Channel No.2 Light, Texas,
Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files

Exact copy as signed by E. F. SWEET.

Mailed JAN 27 1915 by

File

APPOINTMENTS
FEB 28 1914

FEB 26 1914

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on January 29, 1914, to seven men who were aboard the power boat Florence which blew ashore on a reef about two miles east of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, you are commended for the assistance rendered on that occasion, which fact will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary.

Mr. George R. Smith, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, and
Galveston Bay Light No. 2, Texas,
Through, Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Appointment Division
LIGHTHOUSES--~~Secretary's~~ files.

E. F. Sweet

Exact copy as signed by _____

Mailed ~~FEB 28 1914~~ by _____

File
Ans

NOV 11 1913

APPOINTMENTS
NOV 11 1913
4.05

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you, on October 23, 1913, to a man by the name of Fred Sterly on the sloop Idle Eagle which had run on a reef, you are commended for the assistance rendered on the occasion in question, which fact will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

Mr. George R. Smith,
Keeper, Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station,
and Galveston Bay Light No. 2, Texas..
Through, Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Appointment Division.
LIGHTHOUSES--~~Secretary's~~ files.

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Exact copy as signed by _____
Mailed NOV 11 1913 by _____

Form 111

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
DEC 9 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, George R. Smith,

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.

George R Smith
(Appointee signs here.)

[2] Sworn to (See below.) and subscribed before me, this[3] 4th day of December, A. D. 1911

(Affix Official seal here.)

[4] (Name) Chas. D. Magill.

(Official title) Notary Public in and for Galveston County, State of Texas.

Official Title.	Rate of Pay.	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.	$684 per annum.	Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station and Galveston Bay Channel Light No. 2, Texas.

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 8th District

CARDED.

New Orleans, La., (Address.) December 7, 1911. (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on November 11, 1911. (Date.)

In the absence and by the direction of the Inspector:

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Thomas P. Brown
(Signature, followed by title.)

L. Superintendent.

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

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

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

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

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE.

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

November 25, 1911.

Mr. George R. Smith,
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 Six Hundred and Eighty-four dollars per annum,

effective November 11, 1911, on and after which date

you have continuously served in the above-mentioned position.

(By change from Keeper at $675 per annum.)

CARDED.

CHANGE REPORTED
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C. S. COMMISSION.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Chief Clerk.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Texas.

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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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Form 73 ORIGINAL [redacted]TMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER [redacted]POINTEE

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED NOV 21 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES NOV 20 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED NOV 21 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

New Orleans, La. November 18, 1911.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Change in designation.

Name, George R. Smith, Ef 100

Legal residence, Texas.

Position, Keeper.

Salary, $675 per annum from appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses, 1912.

Location, Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, and Galveston Bay Channel No. 2 Light, Texas.

Effective November 11, 1911, the actual date of entrance on duty.

Former position, Keeper.

Former salary, $675 per annum.

Location, Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, and Red Fish Bar and Galveston Bay Channel No. 2 Lights, Texas.

Rank in list of eligibles, ---- Rating, ---- Percentage, ----

Other eligibles considered, ----

Letters of declination inclosed, ----

Previous incumbent, ---- Services terminated, ----

Reason, ----

Remarks: This action is necessary on account of the discontinuance of the Red Fish Bar Light, Texas, on November 10, 1911.

Not as yet authorized

C R Eaton

Commander, U. S. N., Retd.,
Inspector, 8th L. H. District.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED TO NOV 21 1911 APPOINTMENTS DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

NOVEMBER 20, 1911.

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved.

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It is recommended that Smith be appointed at the rate of $684 per annum, in order that his pay may then be equally divided by twelve.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION APPOINTMENT WRITTEN NOV 25 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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Acting Commissioner.

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

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EFFICIENCY REPORT

New Orleans, La.
May 12, 1911.

(The parenthetical letters refer to instructions on page 3, which instructions should be read and understood before attempting to fill out the form.)

1. Name George-R. Smith. 2. Age 41. (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau of Lighthouses. 4. Position Keeper.

5. Compensation $675 p.a. 6. Where employed Red Fish Bar Cut Lighthouse, Red Fish Bar & Galveston Bay Channel Light No. 2, Tex.

7. When appointed (*a*) June 11, 1898. 8. How appointed (*b*) Through Civ. Ser. Exam.

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified competitive.

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.

11. Does the employee receive a pension? No. If so, state the amount

12. Other Government service None.

13. Duties (describe fully) Exhibits 5th-order light and two others, one a lens lantern and the other a post lantern light; cares for dwelling and Government property; renders necessary reports and returns. Station is in the water and is reached by boat. Operates bell fog signal.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? No. If so, state them

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	100	2	200
Quality of work	100	3	300
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	100	3	300
Attendance		2	
Total		8	800
Average percentage			100

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16. In the following form state the number of days of annual leave, sick leave, and leave without pay taken in each of the years 1908, 1909, and 1910:

1908.			1909.			1910.		
Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.

17. Is this employee a purely routine employee, or does he manifest interest, not only in his own work but also in the work of the office or bureau as a whole, to the extent of overtime work or voluntary efforts by suggestion or otherwise to add to its efficiency? (Answer fully.) He has one of the neatest and cleanest stations in the district.

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) The pay is fair.

If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be.

19. Is this employee superannuated? No. If so, what percentage of salary is unearned?

20. Remarks: (*e*)

The official who is primarily responsible for the statements herein submitted will sign here—

Inspector.

The official who approves the statements thus submitted will sign here—

Chief of Bureau or Office.

T. S. C.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, George R. Smith,

do solemnly [a] 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.

George R Smith
(Appointee signs here.)

[b] Sworn to (See below.) and subscribed before me, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1910

(Affix official seal here.)

[c] (Name:) Jas. A. Pecot

(Official title:) Notary Public in and for Galveston County, Texas

Official Title.	Pay.	Name of Station.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which last appointed.
Keeper.	Annum $675	Red Fish Bar Cut L.-S.& Red Fish Bar & Galveston Bay Channel Lights No. 2, Tex.	Texas.	Texas.

(The above should be filled in by the district officer.)

Office of the Inspector, 8th Light-House District,

New Orleans, La. (Address.), December 8, 1910. (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on November 16, 1910. (Date.)

(Signed:) J. W. Whitzell

Commander, U. S. N., Retd.,
Inspector, 8th L.-H. District.

S.K.

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

[b] Insert here "Sworn to" or "Affirmed," as the case may be.

[c] This oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

NOTE CAREFULLY.

The oath may be taken any time prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

A letter of transmittal (use Form 95) should accompany oath, stating the **exact** date of the entrance on duty of the appointee and the above blank also filled out and properly signed by the district officer.

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

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CARDED

DEC 16 1910

Rec'd DEC 15 1910

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK

Washington

November 14, 1910.

Mr. George R. Smith,

Through the Commissioner of Light-Houses.

Sir:

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

Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station and Red Fish Bar and Galveston Bay Channel No. 2 Lights, Texas,

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Six Hundred and Seventy-five dollars per annum,

effective beginning November 16, 1910, or as soon thereafter

as you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(New position.)

(By change from Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station and Red Fish Bar Light, Texas, at $675 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION REPORTED NOV 19 1910 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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Acting Chief Clerk.

Appropriation:

Vice:

Legal Residence: Texas.

CHANGE REPORTED NOV 1910 U. S. COMMISSION.

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INDORSEMENT SLIP

Department of Commerce and Labor

HSB ~~LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD~~
BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
Washington - Nov.4,1910.

.....1st.... indorsement.

Red Fish Bar Cut L-S, etc., Tex.

Respectfully referred to the Inspector of the 8th Light-House District, for his information and return to this office with report regarding the second paragraph thereof.

G. T. Putnam

Commissioner.

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OFFICE OF
LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR,
8th District, New Orleans, La.
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Sir:

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Respectfully,

Acting Chief Clerk.

The Commissioner of Light-Houses.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

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NOV 4 - 1910
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

November 3, 1910.

Sir:

Referring to the Eighth Inspector's recommendation of the 26th ultimo for a change in the designation of the keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station and Red Fish Bar Cut Light, Texas, to Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station and Red Fish Bar and Galveston Bay Channel No. 2 lights, Texas, by reason of the proposed establishment of Galveston Bay Channel Light No. 2, forwarded approved by the Bureau on the 31st ultimo, the Department states that no recommendation has been received for a change in the title of the light-station.

Noting the reference to an assistant keeper at this station on the recommendation for a change in Mr. Smith's designation, the Department further states that it has received no request for the authorization of the position of assistant keeper at that station.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Acting Chief Clerk.

The Commissioner of Light-Houses.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES

Washington

Red Fish Bar Cut
L-S., etc., Tex.

November 4, 1910.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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NOV 5 1910
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

1. Referring to Department letter of the 3rd instant with reference to change in the designation of the keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station and Red Fish Bar Cut Light, Texas, to keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station and Red Fish Bar and Galveston Bay Channel No.2 Lights, Texas, etc.

2. I have the honor to recommend that the position of keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station and Red Fish Bar Cut Light, Texas, at $675 per annum, be discontinued, effective at the close of November 15, 1910, and that in lieu thereof the position of keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station and Red Fish Bar and Galveston Bay Channel No.2 Lights, Texas, at the same rate of pay, be authorized, effective November 16, 1910.

3. This recommendation is made in view of the fact that it is proposed to place the latter light, when established, in charge of the keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station, etc., Texas.

4. The attention of the Inspector of the 8th District has been called to the reference in his nomination of Mr. Smith to the effect that Galveston Bay Channel Light No.2 will be cared for by this keeper and an assistant.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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TO APPOINTMENTS
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

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Respectfully,

G. R. Putnam

Commissioner.

November 3, 1910.

Sir:

Referring to the Eighth Inspector's recommendation of the 26th ultimo for a change in the designation of the keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station and Red Fish Bar Cut Light, Texas, to Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station and Red Fish Bar and Galveston Bay Channel No. 2 lights, Texas, by reason of the proposed establishment of Galveston Bay Channel Light No. 2, forwarded approved by the Bureau on the 31st ultimo, the Department states that no recommendation has been received for a change in the title of the light-station.

Noting the reference to an assistant keeper at this station on the recommendation for a change in Mr. Smith's designation, the Department further states that it has received no request for the authorization of the position of assistant keeper at that station.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Acting Chief Clerk.

The Commissioner of Light-Houses.

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Office of Inspector, 8th District,
New Orleans, La., October 26, 1910.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED NOV 1 - 1910 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Commissioner of Light-Houses,

Washington, D. C.

Sir: I have the honor to recommend the (1) change in designation (Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)
of (2) George R. Smith, (Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) of (3) Texas, (State of legal residence)
from (4) Keeper (Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (5) Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station & Red Fish Bar Cut Light, Tex., (Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
at (6) $675 a year, (Salary now paid) to (7) Keeper (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (8) Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station and Red Fish Bar Cut and Galveston Bay Channel ~~kxgkx~~ No. 2 Lights, Tex., (Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.) at
(9) $675 a year, (Salary recommended) effective beginning (10) November 16, 1910 ~~(the date of his entrance on duty)~~ (or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty)
(Strike out the clause not appropriate)
in the place of (11) --- (State name of *last* person holding position)
who (12) ..... (Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) on (13) .....
Mr. (14) ..... stands No. (15) ..... in list of eligibles,
This change in designation is caused by the proposed establishment
Class (16) ....., with an average of (17) ..... per cent, and
of Galveston Bay Channel Light No. 2, which will be cared for by
was considered with (18) .....
this keeper and an assistant.
(19) letters of declination of ..... herewith.

Respectfully,

S. W. Whitzell
Commander, U. S. N., Retd.,
Inspector, 8th L.-H. District.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED NOV 1 1910 TO APPOINTMENTS DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor
~~BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES~~
BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES

OCT 31 1910

Approved, and respectfully forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

O. H. Tittmann
Acting Commissioner.

10-1-10 D.T. June 6, 1910 Change Class V to Class IV Hps to receive 675 until Successor appointed who was to receive 624. p.a.

WROTE BUREAU. NOV 1910

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Form 111

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
MAY 24 1910
NO. 1181

Enclosure.

OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, George R. Smith,

do solemnly [a] 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.

George R Smith
(Appointee signs here.)

[b] Sworn to (See below.) and subscribed before me, this 19 day of May, A. D. 1910

(Affix official seal here.)

[c] (Name:) Bradford Hancock

(Official title.) Notary Public in and for Galveston County, Tex.

Official Title.	Pay.	Name of Station.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which last appointed.
Keeper	$675 per annum.	Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station and Red Fish Bar Light, Tex.	Texas.	Texas.

(The above should be filled in by the district officer.)

Office of the Inspector, 8th Light-House District,

New Orleans, La., May 21, 1910.
(Address.) (Date.)

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on May 1, 1910.
(Date.)

(Signed:) R. W. Waterman

Commander, U. S. N., Retd.,
Inspector, 8th L.-H. District.

CARDED

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

[b] Insert here "Sworn to" or "Affirmed," as the case may be.

[c] This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

NOTE CAREFULLY.

The oath may be taken any time prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation should be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

A letter of transmittal (use Form 95) should accompany Oath, stating the **exact** date of the entrance on duty of the appointee and the above blank also filled out and properly signed by the district officer.

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

L. Ent'd JUN 11 1910

GENERAL APPOINTMENT-PRIOR [illegible]

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

1161

May 11, 1910.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station and Red Fish Bar Light, Texas, in the Light-House Service at a salary of Six Hundred and Seventy-five dollars per annum, effective May 1, 1910, on and after which date you have continuously served in the above-mentioned position.

(By change from Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station, Texas, at $675 per annum.)

CARDED.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

E. H. Bell

Chief Clerk.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
REPORTED
MAY 11 1910
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

CHANGE REPORTED
MAY - 1910
C. S. COMMISSION.

Mr. George R. Smith.

Through the Light-House Board.

Appropriation:
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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
RECEIVED
MAY 11 1910
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Office of the Inspector, 8th L. H. Dist.,

New Orleans, La.,

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
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MAY 11 1910
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Light-House Board,

May 1, 1910.
(Date)

Washington, D. C.

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) change in designation
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)
of (2) George R. Smith, of (3) Texas,
(Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) (State of legal residence)
from (4) Keeper
(Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (5) Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station, Texas,
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
at (6) $675 a year, to (7) Keeper
(Salary now paid) (Official title of position to which appointed, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station and Red Fish Bar Light,
at (8) Texas, at
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
(9) $675 a year, effective beginning (10) May 1, 1910, (the date
(Salary recommended)
of his entrance on duty) (~~or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~)
(Strike out the clause not appropriate)
~~in the place of (11)~~
(State name of *last* person holding position)
~~who (12)~~ ~~on (13)~~
(Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) (Last day of service)
~~Mr. (14)~~ ~~stands No. (15)~~ ~~in list of eligibles,~~
~~Class (16)~~, ~~with an average of (17)~~ ~~per cent, and~~
~~was considered with (18)~~
~~(19) letters of declination of~~ ~~heretofore.~~

Respectfully,

S. M. Whitzell, Comdr., U.S.N., Retd.,
Inspector, 8th L.-H. District.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
APPOINTMENT WRITTEN
MAY 11 1910
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

May 9, 1910. 190

Approved, and respectfully forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor. The Board recommends that the position of keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station, Texas, at $675 per annum, be discontinued, effective at the close of April 30, 1910, and that in lieu thereof the position of Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station and Red Fish Bar Light, Texas, at the same rate of pay, be authorized, effective May 1, 1910.

Change in Title of Station
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W. P. Halstead
Captain, U. S. N.,
Naval Secretary.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

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April 18, 1910.

Gentlemen:

In view of the report transmitted with the Board's letter of the 12th instant, the Department has amended the efficiency record of Keeper George R. Smith to read 10/10 on quantity and good on quality and interest manifested.

As this employee is now rendering efficient service, the Department will regard his case as closed.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

CARDED.

Department of Commerce and Labor

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Washington

April 16, 1910.

Memorandum for the Acting Secretary:

On account of the unsatisfactory efficiency rating (8/10, average, average) submitted in the case of George R. Smith, keeper at $675 per annum in the Light-House Service, during last June, he was reprimanded and allowed a period of six months in which to demonstrate that he could become a thoroughly efficient employee.

Under date of the 12th instant, the Light-House Board has submitted a further report, giving Mr. Smith a rating of 10/10 on quantity and good on quality and interest manifested.

As the action taken by the Department in this case has apparently had a most salutary effect, I concur in the recommendation of the Board that no further action be taken in the case, and would suggest that Mr. Smith's efficiency record be amended to conform to the later report.

Approved [illegible]

Geo. W. [illegible]
Chief of Appointment Division.

Light House Board
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Department of Commerce and Labor

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ONE INCLOSURE.

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

Washington

George R. Smith;
efficiency.

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April 12, 1910.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

1. Referring to Department letter of October 15, 1909, directing that the Inspector of the Eighth Light-House District carefully observe the official conduct of George R. Smith, keeper of Redfish Bar Cut Light-Station, Texas, and make a report thereon at the end of six months, with appropriate recommendation, the Board has the honor to inclose herewith an efficiency report submitted by the Inspector under date of the 8th instant.

2. In view of the fact that Mr. Smith is now given a rating of 10/10 for quantity of work, and good for quality of work and interest manifested in work, and that he is fully earning the salary he is now receiving, the Board recommends that no further action be taken in his case.

Respectfully,

W B Caperton

Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

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LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
APR 11 1910
NO. 1181

EFFICIENCY REPORT

(Read the instructions on the reverse side of this Form before attempting to fill it out.)

Enclosure.

1. Bureau Light-House Establishment. 2. Where employed Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station, Texas.
3. Name George R. Smith 4. Where born Texas.
5. Age 39 6. Position Keeper.
7. Compensation $675 pa. 8. When appointed (*a*) June 11, 1898.
9. How appointed (*b*) Through Civil-Service Examination.
10. Appointed from — State Texas. Congressional District Seventh. County Galveston.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified Competitive.
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service None.
14. Duties (describe fully) Exhibits 5th-order light and post-lantern light; cares for dwelling and government property; renders necessary reports and return. Station is in water, 3 miles from North Galveston, Tex., and is reached by keeper in station boat. Operated bell fog-signal.
15. Efficiency — Quantity of work (*d*) 10/10 Quality of work (*e*) Good. Interest manifested in work (*f*) Good.

CARDED.

16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (*g*) No further disciplinary action should be taken against this keeper.

CAPTAIN, U. S. N.
NAVAL SECRETARY

W. W. Mitzel Comdr., U.S.N., Retd.,
Inspector, 8th L.-H. District,
Head of Bureau or Office.

April 8, 1910.

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George R. Smith,
reprimand.

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

1. The Board has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Department letter of the 15th instant, relative to the case of George R. Smith, keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station, Texas, against whom charges of inefficiency were filed, with a view to dismissal from the Service, in accordance with the Department's instructions of July 13, 1909.

2. In compliance with the directions contained therein, the Board has addressed a letter of reprimand to Smith, a copy of which is inclosed.

3. The Inspector of the Eighth Light-House District has been directed to carefully observe Smith's official conduct for the next six months, and at the end of that period to make report thereon with appropriate recommendation.

Respectfully,

W B Caperton

Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

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October 19, 1909.

Reprimand.

Mr. George R. Smith,
Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station,
Texas,
Through the Inspector of
The Eighth Light-House District,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

1. The Board states that the efficiency rating given by the Inspector in your case, was found to be below the standard required by the Department. The question of your separation from the Service was therefore given serious consideration, but in view of the Inspector's statement that you are now properly attending to your duties, the Board, by direction of the Department, will take no further measures in your case at the present time, but the Inspector will carefully observe your official conduct for the next six months and at the end of that period will make report thereon with such recommendation as your services during that time may warrant.

2. The Board hopes that this letter of reprimand will have the desired effect and that it will not be again necessary to call your attention to any neglect of duty on your part.

Respectfully,

W. B. Caperton.

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

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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October 15, 1909.

Gentlemen:

Referring to the case of George H. Smith, Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station, Texas, against whom charges of inefficiency were preferred by the Inspector of the Eighth Light-House District, in accordance with Department's instructions of July 13, 1907, and to the Board's recommendation of the 6th instant, the Department requests that he be reprimanded and that the Inspector of the Eighth Light-House District be directed to carefully observe his official conduct and make a report thereon at the end of six months, with appropriate recommendation.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

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October 11, 1909.

Memorandum for the Assistant Secretary.

At a conference of Department officials and the Engineer Secretary of the Light-House Board on July 12, 1909, it was determined to file charges against George R. Smith, keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station, Texas, with a view to his dismissal from the service.

The Inspector of the Eighth Light-House District, under date of the 4th instant, forwarded a copy of his letter to Mr. Smith charging him with inefficiency, and Mr. Smith's reply thereto. In view of the fact that he had reprimanded and cautioned Smith on May 3, 1909, for the abuse of leave which caused him to receive his unsatisfactory efficiency rating, and that on his recent inspection of the station he found everything in very good order, the Inspector recommended that he be reprimanded by the Board, and states that in his opinion Smith's efficiency rating has not been of such a character as to warrant dismissal.

The Inspector's recommendation is approved by the Board, in which approval I concur, actuated in a degree by the frank statement of Mr. Smith that he had abused his leave privilege but would not do so again, and in the future would attend to his duties most faithfully. I, however, recommend that Mr. Smith's attention to duty be carefully observed by the Inspector and a report and rec-

ommendation be made in his case at the end of six months.

Approved
Ernest

Rhett Dulse

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

I concur.
T.R.S.

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8th District, New Orleans, La.
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Re Fish Bar Cut Light Station
Galveston Bay Texas
Enclosure

Sept 30. 1909

To The Light-House Inspector 8th District
New Orleans
Louisiana

Sir. I beg to inform your honor in regards to my past actions I have abused my absences, But in the future I will not do so again and will attend to my duties most faithfully.

In regards to my past actions in the service pertaining to cleanlines and keeping the paint work in good order at this Station I consider I have done my duty to the best of my ability.

This Station can be inspected any time and it will always be found in good order.

Most Respectfully
George R Smith
Keeper

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charges against.

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October 9, 1909.

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

1. Referring to the memorandum for the Light-House Board, dated July 13, 1909, indicating the action to be taken in the cases of certain employees of the Light-House Service, commencing with the name of George W. Halliday, whose efficiency records were not up to the required standard, the Board has the honor to state that in accordance with directions contained therein, the Inspector of the Eighth Light-House District preferred charges against George R. Smith, keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station, Texas.

2. The Inspector's letter of the 4th instant forwarding a copy of his letter of the 9th ultimo to Mr. Smith, and Mr. Smith's reply thereto of the 30th ultimo, are inclosed herewith.

3. In view of the Inspector's statement that the rating given Mr. Smith was due to his abuse of leaves of absence, which dereliction has since been corrected by the keeper, and further in view of the Inspector's statement that in his recent inspection of this station everything was found in good order, the Board approves his recommendation that Smith be reprimanded by the Board,

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and recommends that no further action be taken in this case at the present time.

Respectfully,

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Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

George R. Smith.-
Charges against.
Received.
2 enclosures.

October 4, 1909.

The Light-House Board.

Sirs:

I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of a letter dated September 9, 1909, to Mr. George R. Smith, keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station, Tex., preferring charges against him for inefficiency, as directed by the Board's letter of July 27, 1909, and his reply thereto dated September 30, 1909.

I have to state that Mr. Smith received a rating of eight-tenths for quantity of work and average for quality of work and interest manifested, and it was stated on his efficiency report that he was earning the salary received.

Mr. Smith was reprimanded and cautioned by letter from this office dated May 3, 1909, for the abuse of leaves of absence which caused him to receive the above-mentioned efficiency rating. I have the honor to state that this has been corrected by the keeper, and in his reply, he promises not to again violate the regulations in this respect.

On my recent inspection of this station, everything was found in very good order; and I recommend that he be reprimanded by the Board, in addition to the reprimand re-

ceived from this office, for the abuse of leaves of absence prior to said letter of May 3, 1909. In my opinion, his efficiency rating has not been of such a character as to warrant recommendation for his dismissal.

Very respectfully,

J. M. Witzel

Commander, U. S. N., Retd.,

Inspector, 8th L.-H. District.

G.W.V.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

September 9, 1909.

Mr. George R. Smith,
Keeper, Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station,
North Galveston, Tex.

Sir:

On the report of your efficiency, forwarded to the Board in June, 1909, under the head of efficiency, the quantity of work performed by you was stated to have been .8, quality of work "Average," and interest manifested in your work "Average." It was also stated under the head of remarks that you had absented yourself from the station unnecessarily.

In accordance with instructions received from the Department of Commerce and Labor, through the Light-House Board, I am directed to prefer charges against you for inefficiency, with a view to your dismissal from the service, and you are permitted to submit such reply in writing as you may see fit within three days from the receipt of this letter, in accordance with Civil Service Commission rules.

Respectfully,

Commander, U. S. N., Retired,
Inspector, 8th L.-H. District.

August 13, 1909.

Gentlemen:

The Department invites the Board's attention to its memorandum of the 13th ultimo directing that charges be preferred against each of the following-named persons with the view of their dismissal from the service:

George W. Halliday	George R. Smith
Frank Zerzenek	Jacob Hansen
William Egly	Mrs. Mary J. Succow

It is the Department's desire that action upon these cases be taken at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully,

Original on 271/4

Acting Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

No. Bds letter of 9/16 says Prepn. recommended that this employee be removed. Bd. disapproved + is awaiting further report from inspector. See Misc 271/4

(CROSS REFERENCE - - E F F I C I E N C Y)

At a conference it was decided to take the action outlined in the following cases:

FILE WITH

GEO. R. SMITH, File charges with a view to dismissal.
JACOB HANSEN, Same as SMITH.
ALBERT B. MODAWELL, Report efficiency at expiration of prob. period.
MARY J. SUCCOW, File charges with view to removal. Inquire why she has no required her son to qualify for appointment, in order that he might be appointed in her stead.
EDWARD D. McCREA, Give him 60 days in which to improve. If he fails to improve, file charges with view to dismissal.
ARTHUR BROWNING, No action. (Resigned since efficiency reports were turned in.)
SAMUEL D. HOUNSELL, Give him 60 days in which to improve. If he fails to improve, file charges with a view to dismissal.
PAULUS NILSSON, Same as HOUNSELL.
JOSEPH HARRINGTON, Same as HOUNSELL.

SEE MEMO DATED JULY 13, 1909, IN FILE OF

MISC. 271/4.
ALSO SEE DEPT. LETTER DATED JULY 8, 1909 in same file.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 9 1909
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EFFICIENCY REPORT

(Read the instructions on the reverse side of this Form before attempting to fill it out.)

1. Bureau Light-House Establishment. 2. Where employed Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station, Tex.
3. Name George R. Smith. 4. Where born Texas.
5. Age 39 6. Position Keeper. July 7
7. Compensation $675 pa. 8. When appointed (a) June 11, 1898. (Oath, June 15, 1898.)
9. How appointed (b) Through Civil-Service Examination.
10. Appointed from — State Texas. Congressional District Seventh. County Galveston.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (c) Classified Competitive.
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service None.
14. Duties (describe fully) Exhibits 5th-order light and post-lantern light; cares for dwelling and government property; renders necessary reports and returns. Station is in water, 3 miles from North Galveston, Tex., and is reached by keepers in station boat. Operates bell fog-signal.
15. Efficiency — Quantity of work (d) ~~8/10~~ 1/10 Lee W.L. Gal. 18-10; Quality of work (e) Average. ~~Good~~; Interest manifested in work (f) ~~Average~~ Good
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (g) Had had to be reprimanded for absenting himself from the station unnecessarily.

O.R.

CANCELED

Changes made in the Bureau

CAPTAIN, U. S. N.
NAVAL SECRETARY

A. M. Witzel Comdr., U.S.N., Retd.,
Inspector, 8th L.-H. District, *Head of Bureau or Office.*

June 7, 1909.

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PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET

NOTE.—This sheet is to be used only in cases of persons transferred to the Department of Commerce and Labor, by operation of law, July 1, 1903.

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 15, 1904.

To the Heads of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce and Labor:

For the purpose of enabling the Department to obtain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are hereby requested to furnish the information called for in Part II of this form, relative to each appointee or employee, now in the service, who was serving in your Bureau June 30, 1903, and was transferred to the Department of Commerce and Labor July 1, 1903, pursuant to the acts of Congress approved February 14, 1903, and March 3, 1903, and to have every such person answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. Officers in charge, subordinate to heads of Bureaus, are expected to review this sheet, after it has been executed, to see that all questions have been answered, and, after doing so, to forward it immediately to the head of the Bureau for transmission to the Department.

Geo. B. Cortelyou

Secretary.

CARDED.

PART I.

(Blanks in Part I are to be filled by the appointee or employee; but if he is unable to write legibly, another person may write the answers at his dictation. In either case, the statement is to be signed by the appointee or employee. If he is unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness. If he is unable to answer any question, he should indicate that fact.)

1. What is your full name? (Do not use initials, but spell out each name and state whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. Example: Mr. John Richard Doe.)

Mr George Rudolph Smith

2. How do you write your name on the pay roll? George R. Smith

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

North Galveston (City or town.) | Texas (State or Territory.) | Galveston (County.) | Seventh (Congressional district.)

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

5. Where were you born? Clopper's Bar Light House. Harris County Texas

6. When were you born? February (Month.) 26th (Day.) 1870. (Year.)

7. Are you pensioned by the United States Government? (Answer "Yes" or "No.") No.

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8. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States Government? (If so, give below their names, relationship, the Departments and Bureaus or Services in which they are employed, and the positions they occupy.)

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
Leon R Smith	Brother	Commerce & Labor	U.S.L.H. Engineer	Laborer

9. How long were you in the civil service of the United States Government prior to July 1, 1903?

Five Years

10. If you were appointed through a civil service examination, state, as near as you recollect, the name and date of the examination. If not so appointed, state how you entered the service. (Examples: "Appointed before position was classified;" or, "By reinstatement;" or, "By transfer from ————," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Appt June 20, 1898 Light House Keepers Examination

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

no

12. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during the Civil or Spanish-American wars? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.) no

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

13. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States at any time, other than during the Civil and Spanish-American wars, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

14. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service for the Government indicated in your answers to questions 9, 12, and 13.)

acting Assistant Keeper with my Father on Half Moon Shoal Light House Galveston Bay Texas

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

Common school education

16. What special qualifications have you—professional, technical, mechanical, etc.? (Examples: Qualified as "Lawyer," or "Civil Engineer," or "Draftsman," or "Carpenter.")

Sailor, and painter

17. What, if any, civil service examinations have you passed? (State name and date of each, as near as you recollect.)

one in the year 1898 about May 1st June 20th

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

I solemnly affirm. They were Written by me

19. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. June 11th, 1904

Witness:

(Signature) George P Smith

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: North Galveston
City or town.

Post Box 44
Number and street.

Texas
State or Territory.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded August 10, 1904.

(Signature) M M Kinnear Comdr. U.S.N.

(Official title) Inspector 8th Light House District.

PART II.

(Blanks in Part II are to be filled by the executive officers of the various Bureaus of the Department, or, at their direction, by some official who can give the information desired. If unable to answer any question, indicate that fact.)

1. State the Bureau or Service, place, and district in which the person who answered the above questions was employed July 1, 1903.

Light House (Bureau or Service.) Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Tex. (Place (city, town, or station).) Eighth (District.)

2. What position did he hold July 1, 1903? Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Tex.

3. On what date was he appointed to this position? Apr. 13th, 1899.

4. How long had he served in the Bureau or Service in which he was employed July 1, 1903?

Since June 11th, 1898.

5. What was his salary July 1, 1903? $67.50 per year.

6. From what appropriation was he paid July 1, 1903? Salaries of Keepers of Light Houses, 1904.

7. Was the position he held July 1, 1903, excepted, competitive, or unclassified under the civil service rules?

Competitive.

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8. If the position was classified, state the date of classification. May 6th, 1896.

9. If the appointee or employee was appointed through examination, state the kind of examination. If not so appointed, state how he entered the position. (Examples: "Appointed before position was classified;" or, "By reinstatement;" or, "By transfer from ————," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)
Transferred from position of Keeper of Halfmoon Shoal Light Station, Tex.; salary $680. per. year.

10. Is the appointee or employee required to give bond? No.

(Signature) Wm. S. Simpson Comdr. U.S.R.C.S.

(Official title) Inspector 8th Lt. Ho. Dist.

Date: August 10, 1904.

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(All communications should be addressed to "THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD.")

Treasury Department,

Office of the Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C., 8 April, '99

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask the transfer of Mr. George R. Smith from the position of Keeper at Halfmoon Shoal, Texas, light-station, to that of Keeper at Red Fish Bar, Texas, light-station, to date from 15 April, '99, with pay at the rate of $640., a year, in the place of Mr. Chas. N. Moore, whose transfer has been asked.

This change of station has been asked by Mr. Wilson and recommended by the Inspector of the 8th Light-House District.

Respectfully yours,

Commander, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

June 7. 1889 Increase to 675 Effective July 1. 1899.

(All communications should be addressed to "THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD.")

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Treasury Department,

Office of the Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C., January 3, 1899.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask that Mr. George R. Smith, Keeper of Halfmoon Shoal light-station, Tex., may receive a permanent appointment to date from 15 Jan'y '99, the time when his probationary appointment expires, with pay at the rate of $680. a year.

The Inspector of the 8th Light-House District reports that the services of Mr. Smith have been satisfactory and recommends his permanent appointment.

Respectfully yours,

J. M. Ackley

Commander, U. S. A.,

Naval Secretary.

Form No. 111.

OATH OF OFFICE.

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes.

I, George R. Smith, do solemnly Swear 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.

George R Smith

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 19 day of July, A. D. 189 8

Chas R Barnes
Notary Public
in & for Galveston Co State of Texas

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Keeper	Halfmoon Shoal Tex.	Texas	Texas.

This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, a Judge, or a Clerk of a Court, and never before a Collector of Customs, as the latter has no power to administer an oath in such cases. It should be taken at or before the time *when an employé goes on duty*, whether he holds an appointment or not. When attested it should be forwarded to the LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD.

[Ed. 2-19-'90—2,000.]

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD.
Form 72.

NOMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER.

To be sent to the Light-House Board.

Office of the Inspector, Eighth Light-House District,

New Orleans La. 7 May, 1898.

To the Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to nominate Mr. Georg Rudolph Smith

for appointment as ~~Acting~~

Keeper of the * Light Station at Halfmoon Shoal, Texas.

, to take effect from date of entering on duty, in

place of Mr. John Smith

who † resigned

May 9th, 1898.

Respectfully yours,

A. N. Wadhams

Engl. Comdr. & Inspector.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

S. M. Ackley
Commander, U.S.N.,
Naval Secretary.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REGULATIONS OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD.

Inspectors are to select keepers and assistants with particular reference to their fitness for and capacity to perform the duties required of them. Members of the keeper's family should only be nominated in rare and exceptional cases, where the interest of the service requires it.

Keepers and assistants must be over eighteen years of age when appointed. They must be able to read and write, and in every respect be competent to discharge the duties of keeper. Assistants are required to observe the orders of the keepers in all matters connected with the duties of the establishment; and any disobedience of such orders will be held as a sufficient cause for recommending their discharge.

Men of intemperate habits, and those who are otherwise mentally or physically incapable of performing the duties of light keepers, must not be nominated for appointment.

Keepers, when appointed, will receive instructions from the inspector as to the time of entering upon their duties, and will be paid at the rates stipulated in their appointments, from the date at which they actually enter upon their duties, and not before.

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* State whether light or fog-signal station.

† Here must be stated the manner in which the vacancy arose which this nomination is intended to fill. Thus: resigned; deceased; or removed.

NOTE.—This form to be filled in and signed by the nominee.

Halfmoon Shoal Light House.

May 1st, 1898.

Please answer the following questions, and sign your name in *full*.

Where were you born? Clopper's Bar 2 M. Harris County Texas

Are you a citizen of the United States? yes

What is your age? 28 Years of age.

Are you married? No

Were you ever in the U. S. Army or Navy—either regular or volunteer—or in the Marine Corps? If so, state the company, regiment, or vessel. No

In what capacity? X

Where, and how long did you serve? X

Were you honorably discharged? X

When and where? X

What qualifications do you possess for the position you desire? I am perfectly competent to do my duty in every respect that is required on a screw pile Light Station

By whom are you recommended?

By Lieut. Lond. M. Wadhams-Inspector Eighth Light House District

Where is your present *legal* residence? Giving Town, County, State, and number of Congressional District.

North Galveston Galveston County Texas ~~County~~ tenth District

What other Government appointments have you held, and why did you not continue therein?

None

Have you any relatives in any branch of the Government service? *If so, state* WHO *they are, in what capacity they are employed, and what relation.*

None with the exception of my Father who recently resigned having kept Light House 30 years formerly 3½ years in the United States Navy

(SIGN NAME IN FULL.) George Rudolph Smith

(Ed. 6-12-'94—3,000.)

SMITH, GEORGE R.

OUT FILES

George R. Smith

Phone LINCOLN-1426
or Ext. 60

St. Elizabeth Hosp. says he has been a patient there since 5/25/39 still there Hm 5/18/39

Phoned St. Elizabeth was advised that Smith is still a patient; condition practically same as heretofore; he is cooperative in the ward Hm 1/11/40

Phoned St Eliz. & was advised that Mr. Smith was transferred to St. Vinc. Tex. in April, 1942. ECOlson 2-28-47

Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Office of Inspector, 8th District,
New Orleans, La., October 26, 1910.

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES OCT 31 1910 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

The Commissioner of Light-Houses,

Washington, D. C.

Sir: I have the honor to recommend the (1) change in designation (Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)
of (2) George R. Smith, (Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) of (3) Texas, (State of legal residence)
from (4) Keeper (Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (5) Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station & Red Fish Bar Cut Light, Tex., (Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
at (6) $675 a year, (Salary now paid) to (7) Keeper (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (8) Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station and Red Fish Bar Cut and Galveston Bay Channel ~~Light~~ No.2 Lights, Tex., (Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.) at
(9) $675 a year, (Salary recommended) effective beginning (10) November 16, 1910, ~~the date of his entrance on duty,~~ (or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty) (Strike out the clause not appropriate)
in the place of (11) --- (State name of *last* person holding position)
who (12) ..... (Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) on (13) .....
Mr. (14) ..... stands No. (15) ..... in list of eligibles,
Class (16) ....., with an average of (17) ..... per cent, and
was considered with (18) .....
(19) letters of declination of ..... herewith.

This change in designation is caused by the proposed establishment of Galveston Bay Channel Light No. 2, which will be cared for by this keeper and an assistant.

Respectfully,

P. M. Whitzel
Commander, U. S. N., Retd.,
Inspector, 8th L.-H. District.

G.W.V.

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES

OCT 31 1910

Approved, and respectfully forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

O. Leonard
Acting Commissioner

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

November 14, 1910.

Mr. George R. Smith,

Through the Commissioner of Light-Houses.

Sir:

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

~~Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station and Red Fish Bar and Galveston~~ Bay Channel No. 2 Lights, Texas,

in the ~~Light-House Service,~~

at a salary of ~~Six Hundred and Seventy-five~~ dollars per ~~annum~~,

effective beginning ~~November 16, 1910~~, or as soon thereafter

as you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(New position.)

(By change from Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station and Red Fish Bar Light, Texas, at $675 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. GORDON-CUMMING

Lc
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Acting Chief Clerk.

Appropriation:

Vice:

Legal Residence: Texas.

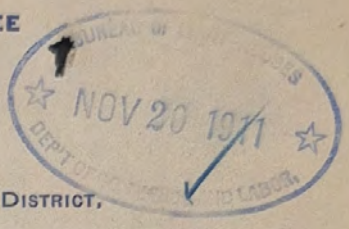
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Form 73 **ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE**

C-J.

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT.



New Orleans, La., November 18 , 1911.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Change in designation.

Name, George R. Smith, Legal residence, Texas.

Position, Keeper. Salary, $675 per annum from appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses, 1912.

Location, Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, and Galveston Bay Channel No. 2 Light, Texas.

Effective November 11, 1911, the actual date of entrance on duty.

Former position, Keeper. Former salary, $675 per annum.

Location, Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, and Red Fish Bar and Galveston Bay Channel No. 2 Lights, Texas.

Rank in list of eligibles, ---- Rating, ---- Percentage, ---

Other eligibles considered, ----

Letters of declination inclosed, ----

Previous incumbent, ---- Services terminated, ----

Reason, ----

Remarks: This action is necessary on account of the discontinuance of the Red Fish Bar Light, Texas, on November 10, 1911.

C P Eaton
Commander, U. S. N., Retd.,
Inspector, 8th L. H. District.

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

NOVEMBER 20, 1911.

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved.

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It is recommended that Smith be appointed at the rate of $684 per annum, in order that his pay may then be equally divided by twelve.

C A Neverson
Acting Commissioner.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT-PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

November 25, 1911.

Mr. George R. Smith,

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 ~~Six Hundred and Eighty-four~~ dollars per ~~annum~~,

effective ~~November 11, 1911~~, on and after which date

you have continuously served in the above-mentioned position.

(By change from keeper at $675 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) ROBT. M. PINDELL, JR.
Chief Clerk.

F
D

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Texas.

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COPY-JL

Department of Commerce
Lighthouse Service

Office of Inspector, 8th Dist.,
New Orleans, La.

July 14, 1913.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. I have to report that the following keepers in this district are entitled to and will be authorized to wear the Inspector's Efficiency Stars for the fiscal year to end June 30, 1914:

(1) Joseph B. Brockenbrough, keeper, Brazos River Light Station, Texas.

(2) John Asplund, keeper, Galveston Harbor Light Station, Texas.

(3) Caroline Riddle, keeper, New Canal Light Station, La.

(4) Charles J. Dunn, keeper, Pointe Aux Herbes, La.

(5) George R. Smith, keeper, Red Fish Bar Cut and Galveston Bay Light No. 2, Tex.

(6) John B. Mason, keeper, Southwest Pass Light Station, La.

The Efficiency Pennant for the current year will be awarded to:

(1) John Asplund, keeper, Galveston Harbor Light Station, Texas.

(Signed) Dorry

File 1639.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
"LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, EIGHTH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA."

Enclosures Received

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

TJC-WB

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

November 5, 1913.

Nov. 8/1913,
Commended

Assistance rendered by Keepers of
Red Fish Bar Cut L.S., Tex.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

I enclose herewith for the information of the Bureau copy of letter dated October 31, 1913, from the Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, etc., Texas, relative to the rescue of Mr. Fred Sterly from the sloop "Idle Eagle" in Galveston Bay, Texas, on October 23, 1913.

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Dep. Commr.
Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
L. C. G.
Examiner.
Personnel.
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Chf. Clk.
Commr.

LIGHT
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HOUSES

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Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you, on October 23, 1913, to a man by the name of Fred Storly on the sloop Idle Eagle which had run on a reef, you are commended for the assistance rendered on the occasion in question, which fact will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

Mr. George H. Smith,
Keeper, Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station,
and Galveston Bay Light No. 2, Texas.,
Through, Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's files.

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Exact copy as signed by.....

Mailed NOV 1 1 1913 by.....

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

To Lighthouse Inspector New Orleans, La.
for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner:

TSC

Chief Clerk.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

LIGHT FEB 11 1914 HOUSES

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTORS FEB 14 1914 8th Dist. N. O., LA.

LIGHT FEB 19 1914 HOUSES

LIGHT FEB 28 1914 HOUSES

TJC-WB

Keepers Red Fish Bar Cut
L.S., Tex.
Commendation.

FEB 26 1914

Keeper & asst Commended

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Mar. Engr.
E. C. G.
Examiner.
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Chf. Clk.
Commr.

attached for further information. Feb 12 11

February 9, 1914.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

I inclose herewith two copies of a letter from this office, dated February 4, 1914, commending the keepers of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, for assistance rendered to the power boat "Florence" on January 29, 1914.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

Conway
Chief Clerk.

Inc.

Geo. R. Smith

Bureau of Lighthouses,
February 12, 1914.

Returned to the 8th Inspector, with request that he make report as to details as to what assistance was rendered by the keepers of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, in this case.

Dep. Commr.
Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
E. C. G.
Examiner.
Personnel.
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Chf. Clk.
Commr.

Have usual letts be sent
I think they have some time ago
note gch

G McFaul
Acting Commissioner.

TJC-WB

Office of Lighthouse Inspector,
New Orleans, La., February 17, 1914.

Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Copy of letter from the Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, dated January 31, 1914, on the subject, herewith inclosed for the information of the Bureau.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

Brown
Superintendent.

Inc.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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------C O P Y--------

Department of Commerce ~~and Labor~~

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
FEB 11 1914
HOUSES

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HOUSES

FEB 19 1914
HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA

February 4, 1914.

Keepers of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, San Leon, Tex.

You are hereby commended for assistance rendered to the powe~~e~~r boat "Florence" on January 29, 1914. Advise this office as to whether you desire to make claim for reimbursement for provisions furnished in this instance.

(Signed) Dorry,

T.J.C.

COPY-----



Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station

Jan. 31, 1914.

Light House Inspector, 8th District,

New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir:

On the 29th of the above month during a severe squall from the northwest the power boat Florence of Galveston blew ashore on a reef about two miles east of this station with seven men aboard, 4 drummers and three men belonging to the power boat. The Assistant Keeper, Leon R. Smith, went to their rescue, brought them to the station and when the wind moderated put the four drummers on the mail boat bound for Galveston. We kept three men composing the crew on the station over night and went with them next day and rendered them assistance in getting the boat afloat; during this time we furnished them with bed clothing and provisions.

Respectfully,

(Signed) George R. Smith,

Keeper.

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LIGHT FEB 28 1914 HOUSES

FEB 26 1914

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on January 29, 1914, to seven men who were aboard the power boat Florence which blew ashore on a reef about two miles east of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, you are commended for the assistance rendered on that occasion, which fact will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary.

Mr. George R. Smith, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, and
Galveston Bay Light No. 2, Texas,
Through, Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's files. E. F. Sweet

Exact copy as signed by .....
Mailed FEB 28 1914 by .....

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

To Lighthouse Inspector New Orleans, La.,
for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner:

T F C

Chief Clerk.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSES

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Hydrog.
Engr Cons.
Mar Engr.
Engrg.
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dr. Chemist
Cmdr.

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

JAN 27 1915
HOUSES

Jan. 19, 1915.

Dept commended
JC Jan 22

Assistant rendered
by Keepers of Red
Fish Bar Cut L.S.,
Texas.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
commended
Jan 26 1915
DEPT. OF COMMERCE

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Letter sent Jan. 21

1. I have to report that on the 11th inst., George R. Smith, Keeper, and Leon R. Smith, Assistant Keeper, of Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station, Texas, rendered assistance to a disabled launch one mile south of the light, and the four occupants of the boat were furnished a night's lodging. At the time the assistance was rendered the wind was blowing hard and cold from the north.

2. I consider this case worthy of commendation by the Secretary.

Inspector.

JEL

LIGHT JAN 27 1915 HOUSES

JAN 26 1915

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on January 11, 1915, to the four occupants of a launch which was disabled in a strong, cold wind, off Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, you are commended for the assistance rendered on that occasion, which fact will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

E. F. SWEET.
Acting Secretary.

Mr. George R. Smith, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station and
Galveston Bay Channel No.2 Light, Texas,
Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau
LIGHTHOUSES---~~Secretary's~~ files.

E. F. SWEET.
Exact copy as signed by.....
Mailed JAN 27 1915 by.....

Inclosure

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

JAN 27 1915

To Lighthouse Inspector .....New Orleans, La.,.....
for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner: Copy of Similar letter to Assistant Keeper Leon R. Smith is inclosed. See your letter of January 19, 1915.

TS
Chief Clerk.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
APR 11 1910
NO. 1181
Enclosure

EFFICIENCY REPORT

(Read the instructions on the reverse side of this Form before attempting to fill it out.)

1. Bureau Light-House Establishment. 2. Where employed Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station, Texas.
3. Name George R. Smith 4. Where born Texas.
5. Age 39 6. Position Keeper.
7. Compensation $675 pa. 8. When appointed (a) June 11, 1898.
9. How appointed (b) Through Civil-Service Examination.
10. Appointed from: State Texas. ~~(Resident Light-station keeper)~~ Congressional District Seventh. County Galveston.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (c) Classified Competitive.
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service None.
14. Duties (describe fully) Exhibits 5th-order light and post-lantern light; cares for dwelling and government property; renders necessary reports and return. Station is in water, 3 miles from North Galveston, Tex., and is reached by keeper in station boat. Operated bell fog-signal.
15. Efficiency: Quantity of work (d) 10/10; Quality of work (e) Good.; Interest manifested in work (f) Good.
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (g) No further disciplinary action should be taken against this keeper.

Apr. 12/10. Insts Dept.

S. H. Whitall
Inspector, 8th L.-H. District.

Comdr., U.S.N., Retd.,
Head of Bureau or Office.

April 8, 1910.

11—3005

EFFICIENCY REPORT

(Read the instructions on the reverse side of this Form before attempting to fill it out.)

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
JUN 9 1909
NO.

1. Bureau **Light-House Establishment.** 2. Where employed **Red Fish Bar Cut Light-Station, Tex.**
3. Name **George R. Smith.** 4. Where born **Texas.**
5. Age **39** 6. Position **Keeper.**
7. Compensation **$675 pa.** 8. When appointed (*a*) **June 11, 1898.** oath July 15, 1898.
9. How appointed (*b*) **Through Civil-Service Examination.**
10. Appointed from — State **Texas.** Congressional District **Seventh.** County **Galveston.**
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) **Classified Competitive.**
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? **No.**
13. Other Government service **None.**
14. Duties (describe fully) **Exhibits 5th-order light and post-lantern light; cares for dwelling and government property; renders necessary reports and returns. Station is in water, 3 miles from North Galveston, Tex., and is reached by keepers in station boat. Operates bell fog-signal.**
15. Efficiency — Quantity of work (*d*) **8/10** (Lett. 15, 6-9-1911 - Lapsb. requests he be reprimanded & that Engr. be directed to carefully observe his official conduct & make report at end of 6 mos.) Quality of work (*e*) **Average.** Interest manifested in work (*f*) **Average.**
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? **Yes.**
17. Remarks (*g*) **Had had to be reprimanded for absenting himself from the station unnecessarily.** Dept letter of April 18, 1910, "..Department has amended the efficiency record of Keeper George R. Smith to read 10/10 for quantity and good on quality and interest manifested. As this employee is now rendering efficient service, the Department will regard his case as closed."

A. N. Mitzel Comdr., U.S.N., Retd.,
Inspector, 8th L.-H. District, *Head of Bureau or Office.*

June 7, 1909.

11—3005

L-J.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

New Orleans, La.

May 12, 1911.

(The parenthetical letters refer to instructions on page 3, which instructions should be read and understood before attempting to fill out the form.)

1. Name George R. Smith. 2. Age 41. (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau of Lighthouses. 4. Position Keeper.

5. Compensation $675 p.a. 6. Where employed Red Fish Bar Cut Lighthouse, Red Fish Bar & Galveston Bay Channel Light No. 2, Tex.

7. When appointed (*a*) June 11, 1898. 8. How appointed (*b*) Through Civ. Ser. Exam.

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified competitive.

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.

11. Does the employee receive a pension? No. If so, state the amount

12. Other Government service None.

13. Duties (describe fully) Exhibits 5th-order light and two others, one a lens lantern and the other a post lantern light; cares for dwelling and Government property; renders necessary reports and returns. Station is in the water and is reached by boat. Operates bell fog signal.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? No. If so, state them

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	100	2	200
Quality of work	100	3	300
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	100	3	300
Attendance		2	
Total		8 ~~10~~	800
Average percentage			100

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16. In the following form state the number of days of annual leave, sick leave, and leave without pay taken in each of the years 1908, 1909, and 1910:

1908.			1909.			1910.		
Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.

17. Is this employee a purely routine employee, or does he manifest interest, not only in his own work but also in the work of the office or bureau as a whole, to the extent of overtime work or voluntary efforts by suggestion or otherwise to add to its efficiency? (Answer fully.) He has one of the neatest and cleanest stations in the district.

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) The pay is fair.

If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be.

19. Is this employee superannuated? No. If so, what percentage of salary is unearned?

20. Remarks: (*e*)

The official who is primarily responsible for the statements herein submitted will sign here—

J. M. Stitzel
Inspector.

The official who approves the statements thus submitted will sign here—

Chief of Bureau or Office.

LIGHT
SEP 24 1915
HOUSE

JEL

SEP 23 1915

9-30-15 Memo to Bu of L.H.
(Tele C.B. Dorry)

Sir:

Referring to report of the service rendered by you in maintaining the light under your charge during the trying and hazardous conditions caused by the hurricane of August 16 and 17, 1915, when the lower portion of the station was badly damaged, you are commended for the service rendered by you on that occasion, which fact will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD
Secretary.

Mr. George R. Smith, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, and
Galveston Bay Channel No. 2, Light, Texas,
Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's files.

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Exact copy as signed by .....

Mailed SEP 23 1915 by G. F. M.

Inclosure

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

SEP 24 1915

To Lighthouse Inspector New Orleans La.,

for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner: Copy of similar letter addressed to assistant keeper Leon R. Smith is inclosed. See your report of September 11, 1915.

Chief Clerk.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
DEC2 1915
HOUSES

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Engr. Cons
Mar. Engr.
Inspectors
Accounts.
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Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr
Commr.

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

November 29, 1915.

George R. Smith and
Leon R. Smith,
Assistance rendered by.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. I enclose herewith for the information of the Bureau copy of letter dated 27th instant from George R. Smith, Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, etc., Texas, relative to assistance rendered by himself and Assistant Keeper Leon R. Smith on the 25th instant.

2. It is not considered that this case is worthy of special commendation by the Secretary under the conditions noted in Bureau's Circular Letter No. 19.

Inspector.

COPY (MCC)

LIGHT
DEC2 1915
HOUSES

Red Fish Bar Cut, Nov. 27, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector, 8th District,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I respectfully report that on the 25th of the above month that I, the Keeper, and the Assistant Keeper, Leon R. Smith, rescued two men and a lady that were marooned on a reef about one mile from the station during a severe squall from southwest shifting to the northwest with heavy rain. The party were from Texas City in a small skiff. We brought them to the station, gave them board and lodging two days and nights. We were compensated for board and lodging. They were very fine people.

Respectfully,

GEORGE R. SMITH,

Keeper.

E R + L R Smith

JEL

June 28, 1916.

SUBJECT: Two letters of June 20, 1916, in regard to assistance rendered by the keepers of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station.

Returned to Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, La.,

It is desired that the namesoof the persons who performed the services be reported in these and future similar cases.

Submit expression of opinion as to whether or not you consider these cases worthy of commendation by the Secretary of Commerce, in accordance with Bureau circular letter No. 19, December 12, 1914. See also item 44, page 45, Minutes of Conference of Lighthouse Inspectors, Coast and Lake Districts, held February 7, 1916, regarding commendations and reprimands.

B.

Acting Commissioner

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

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~~Dep. Commr.~~
Commr.

Commend
WM
Jun 22

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

June 20, 1916.

LIGHT
JUN 22 1916
HOUSES

Lighthouse Inspector
JUL 3 1916
New Orleans

LIGHT
JUL 22 1916
HOUSES

Commendation.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with paragraph 478 of the Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, 1914, the Bureau is informed that on May 18, 1916, the schooner "Adele" foundered about one-half mile west of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station during a violent squall. The Keeper and Assistant Keeper went to the assistance of the schooner and rescued the crew of two men, bringing them to the Light Station and furnishing them with food and dry clothing.

Dorry
Inspector.

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

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Dep. Commr.
Commr.

Noted JR June 22

Commend KMD Jun 22

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

LIGHT JUN 22 1916 HOUSES

Lighthouse Inspector JUL 3 1916 New Orleans

LIGHT JUL 22 1916 HOUSES

June 20, 1916.

Commendation.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with paragraph 478 of the Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, 1914, the Bureau is informed that at 1:00 A.M. on June 5, 1916, the motor tug "Fortune" sunk two miles south of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station. The Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, having discovered the condition of the tug at 6:30 A.M., went to her assistance and found three men clinging to the top of the pilot house, exhausted. He rescued the men, brought them to the Light Station, gave them food and dry clothing and transferred them to the towboat "William J. Kelly" bound for Galveston. The wrecked tug is about three-quarters of a mile west of the channel in eight or nine feet of water.

Dorry
Inspector.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
TF-MCC

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
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Dep. Commr.
Commr.

Noted GR June 22

Command KMD Jun 22

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

LIGHT JUN 22 1916 HOUSES

Lighthouse Inspector JUL 3 1916 New Orleans

LIGHT JUL 22 1916 HOUSES

June 20, 1916.

Commendation.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

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Dorry
Inspector.

JEL

Lighthouse Inspector
JUL 3 1916
New Orleans.

August 4 1916
Commended -

LIGHT
JUL 22 1916
HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

June 28, 1916.

SUBJECT: Two letters of June 20, 1916, in regard to assistance rendered by the keepers of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station.

Returned to Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, La.

It is desired that the names of the persons who performed the service be reported in these and future similar cases.

Submit expression of opinion as to whether or not you consider these cases worthy of commendation by the Secretary of Commerce, in accordance with Bureau circular letter No. 19, December 12, 1914. See also item 44, page 45, Minutes of Conference of Lighthouse Inspectors, Coast and Lake Districts, held February 7, 1916, regarding commendations and reprimands.

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~~Personnel~~ OK IMM July 22
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Bowerman
Acting Commissioner

TF-MCC

Office of Inspector, 8th District,
New Orleans, La., July 19, 1916.

Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

The names of the Keepers at Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station are as follows:

George R. Smith, Keeper,
Leon R. Smith, Assistant Keeper.

It is the opinion of this office that these keepers are worthy of commendation by the Secretary of Commerce, in accordance with Bureau's Circular Letter No. 19, of December 12, 1914, in the case of the schooner "Adele," and that the Keeper, George R. Smith, is worthy of further commendation by the Secretary of Commerce in the case of the motor tug "Fortune." The Assistant Keeper was not present during the rescue of the men on the motor tug "Fortune."

Dorry
Inspector

JEL

May 15

LIGHT AUG 5 1916 HOUSES

AUG - 4 1916

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on the following occasions:

On May 18, 1916, to the schooner ADELE, which foundered in the vicinity of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, and

On June 5, 1916, to three men on the motor tug FORTUNE, which was wrecked off Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station,

You are commended for the services rendered by you on those occasions, which fact will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

E. F. SWEET.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

AUG 5 - 1916

Acting Secretary.

Inclosure

To Lighthouse Inspector New Orleans La. copy of letter of commendation addressed to assistant keeper Geo R. Smith for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner to method

JOR

Acting Chief Clerk.

Mr. George R. Smith, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, etc., Texas.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.)

LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's files. E. F. SWEET.

Exact copy as signed by _____

Mailed AUG 4 - 1916 by _____

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Memorandum for the Chief, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

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On August 5, 1916, the Acting Secretary of Commerce commended George R. Smith, keeper, and Leon R. Smith, assistant keeper, of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, for assistance rendered the schooner ADELE, which foundered in the vicinity of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, and also commended keeper George R. Smith for assistance rendered three men on the motor tug FORTUNE, which was wrecked off Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station.

HB-HDW
4-incl.

J. W. Sprinkle,
commendation.

January 19, 1917.

Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, La.

Referring to your letters of January 11 and 16, 1917, with reference to assistance rendered by J. W. Sprinkle, laborer in charge of Pass Aux Herons Lights, Ala., and the keeperand assistant keeper at Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas.

The said letters together with their inclosures, are inclosed and the Inspector's attention is invited to Bureau Circular Letter No. 19 of December 12, 1914, and to the minutes of the Conference of Inspectors, Coast & Lake Districts, (1916) with reference to reporting the saving of life, etc., in which circular mention is made of the fact that the Bureau desires that these reports be accompanied by an expression of opinion as to whether or not the Inspector considers the case worthy of commendation by the Secretary under the condistions noted by him.

It is desired that you return the inclosures with such recommendation as the circumstances warrant.

Acting Commissioner

George R. Smith

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Memorandum for the Chief, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

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On February 16, 1917, the Secretary of Commerce commended George R. Smith, keeper, and Leon R. Smith, assistant keeper, of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, for assistance rendered on January 2, 1917, to the disabled launch EMMY, with a party of three men aboard, and furnishing the men with provisions, water, and other necessities. W. Sprinkle, Jabor

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Lighthouse Inspector
JAN 5 1917
New Orleans.

LIGHT
JAN 18 1917
HOUSES

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Rentfish Bar Gulf
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 2 ~~1917~~ 1917

Lighthouse Inspector
FEB 1 1917
New Orleans.

LIGHT
FEB 5 1917
HOUSES

Light House Inspector 8th District
New Orleans
Louisiana

Sir. I respectfully make report that on the above date we keepers of this Station. Assisted the Launch Emma which was disabled having three men aboard. Furnished the men with provisions water ranges other necessaries. Assistant Keeper went to Dredge boat and had spars of engine repaired.

Fully repaid No. charges.

Respectfully
George R Smith Keeper
Leon R Smith Asst "

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NEW ORLEANS, LA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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HOUSES

Lighthouse Inspector
FEB 1 1917
New Orleans.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
January 16, 1917.

LIGHT
FEB 5 1917
HOUSES

Red Fish Bar Cut L.S.,Tex.,
Keepers' assistance.

Commended
Feb 1917

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The attached letter has been received from the Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, and is forwarded for the information of the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

Lanphier.
Superintendent.

LIGHT
FEB 17 1917
HOUSES

Jan. 2

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FEB 16 1917

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on January 2, 1917, to the disabled launch EMMY, with a party of three men aboard, and furnishing the men with provisions, water, and other necessities, the Department commends you for the service rendered on that occasion, which fact will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Secretary.

Mr. George R. Smith, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses)

LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's files.

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Exact copy as signed by _____

Mailed FEB 16 1917 by _____

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

2 - Inclosures

To Lighthouse Inspector New Orleans, La.
for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner: See your letter of January 11 and 16, 1917. Inclosed is copy of similar letter addressed to L R Smith, asst. keeper. There is also inclosed copy of letter to J. W. Sprinkle, laborer in charge of Pass Cut Herons Light Ala.

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Adtg. C.

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COPY (MCC) Recd. Feb. 4, 1918.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES FEB 11 1918

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Red Fish Bar Cut L.S., Texas.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

January - - -, 1918.

Lighthouse Inspector,
8th District,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

On the 16th of the above month the Keepers of this Station went to the assistance of a man on a disabled launch, brought the man to the Station, gave him a meal, transferred him back to the launch, and towed launch about one mile with yawl boat to a tug boat, where the man got a tow to Galveston. The man said he was partly out of food for two days, drifting all over Galveston Bay in a cold northerly to northwesterly wind.

George R. Smith, Keeper.

Leon R. Smith, Assistant.

Respectfully,

GEORGE R. SMITH,

Keeper.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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~~Inspector~~
Commr.

LIGHT
FEB 11 1918
HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
February 8, 1918.

Assistance rendered by
Keepers of Red Fish Bar
Cut L.S., Texas.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Herewith is copy of letter from Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, reporting that Keeper George R. Smith and Assistant Keeper Leon R. Smith rendered assistance to a man on a disabled launch in Galveston Bay during rough weather January 16, 1918.

It is recommended that both the Keeper and Assistant Keeper be commended for this worthy service.

Inspector.

McC-JMT

LIGHT
FEB 20 1918
HOUSES

FEB 19 1918

Sir:

Referring to report of the assistance rendered by you during the rough weather on January 16, 1918, to a man in a disabled launch in Galveston Bay, the Department commends you for the service thus rendered, which will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

E. F. SWEET

Acting Secretary.

Mr. George R. Smith, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas,
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.)

FEB 19 1918

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

To Lighthouse Inspector ...New Orleans, Louisiana,
for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner: See your report of February 8, 1918. There is inclosed a copy of commendation addressed to the Assistant Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas.

T E C
Chief Clerk

HOUSES

April 17, 1918.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation, dated April 8, 1918, as keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, and Galveston Bay Channel Light No. 2, Texas, at $684 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, effective at the close of June 8, 1918.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. George R. Smith,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
September 15, 1920.

George R. Smith, Keeper,
Leon R. Smith, Asst.Kpr.,
Red Fish Bar Cut L.S.,Tex.,
commendation

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9/21/20 Commended Kpr & asst
Ltr to 8th Supt
U.S. Bulletin
Light Lists
Abstract

Noted
LIGHTHOUSES
1920 SEP 24 AM 8 33

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Herewith is copy of letter dated September 2, 1920, from George R. Smith, Keeper, Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, reporting assistance rendered on two occasions on August 24, 1920, by himself and the assistant keeper, Leon R. Smith, to the occupants of disabled launches.

2. It is recommended that these employees be commended for the worthy services rendered.

E. J. Lanpher.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

COPY (MCC) Recd. Sep. 4, 1920.

LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1920 SEP 24 AM 8 33

Eighth District
Red Fish Bar Cut L.S., Tex.
Sep. 2, 1920.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

On August 24, we keepers rendered assistance to a disabled launch with one man in it one mile and a quarter south of the station.

And on the above date rendered assistance to an old man and a boy that were in a launch that sunk in a severe north squall. Got the launch in shallow water, bailed her out, got her in running order and helped them get started for home. They were from Seabrook, Texas. The man and boy were in a very (bad) shape when we got them.

Respectfully,

(Sgd.) GEORGE R. SMITH, Keeper

(Sgd.) LEON R. SMITH, Asst. Keeper.

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LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 24 1920 AM 8 33
SEP 21 1920

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on August 24, 1920, to a disabled launch with one man aboard, and in rescuing a man and a boy whose launch had sunk, the Department is pleased to commend you for the services rendered, which will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

J. W. ALEXANDER

Secretary of Commerce.

George R. Smith, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses)

Inclosure

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
SEP 21 1920

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner. See your report of Sept. 15, 1920. Inclosed is copy of letter of commendation addressed to Geo. R. Smith, Asst. Kpr.

Acting Chief Clerk.

LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's files.

J. W. ALEXANDER

Exact copy as signed by _____

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

July 6th, 1921.

WJB.

G. R. Smith, Keeper,
L. R. Smith, Asst.Kpr.
Commendation.

7/9/21 commended G.R. Smith & L.R. Smith
copies to Supt
" " Sect
" " For & Dom. Comp.
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The Commissioner of Lighthouses,

1. The attached letter, received from G. R. Smith, Keeper, and L. R. Smith, Asst. Keeper, at Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Tex., reporting the assistance rendered two sick men on the Launch "Daisy" from Lake Charles, La., which had grounded in the vicinity of the light station, is forwarded with the recommendation that the above named keepers be commended for this service.

E. S. Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Red Fish Bar Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 25, 1921

Superintendent of Light Houses
New Orleans
Louisiana

Sir. On the above date we Keepers assisted two sick men on the launch Daisy from Lake Charles Louisiana. They were bound for Houston Texas They grounded on the east side of the channel. The two men were in a very shape both were sick with a hot fever had no water nothing to eat and scarcely any clothes, we put them on a boat and sent them to Houston. The launch is still grounded to the eastern of the Station. It was impossible for us to float her.

Respectfully
Geo R Smith, Keeper
Leon R Smith, Asst "

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JUL 19 1921

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on June 25, 1921, to two sick men aboard the launch DAISY, which had grounded in the vicinity of the station, the Department is pleased to commend you for the service rendered, which will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,
HERBERT HOOVER.

Secretary of Commerce.

G. R. Smith, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses).

Inclosure

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 8th Dist. Inclosed is copy of letter of commendation addressed to L. R. Smith, Assistant Keeper.

LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's files HERBERT HOOVER.

Exact copy as signed by

Mailed JUL 19 1921 by

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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George R. Smith, Keeper,
Leon R. Smith Asst.Keeper,
commendation.

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

November 2nd, 1921.

11/8/21 Commended Geo. Smith & Leon Smith.
Copies to Sent.
" " Sec't Dom. Com.
" " Fort Lt. Bd.

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Dept advised
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The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. The attached letter received from the Keepers of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, George R. Smith, Keeper and Leon R. Smith, Asst. Keeper, reporting the assistance rendered to three men and two women in a small launch which went ashore on a shell dump near the above station and sank, is forwarded with the recommendation that the above named keepers be commended for the services rendered on October 13th and 14th, 1921.

E. S. Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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EIGHTH DISTRICT

Red Fish Bar Lent
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

Oct 13 & 14. , 1921

Superintendent of Light-Houses
New Orleans
8th District
Louisiana

Sir: On the above dates we Keepers rendered assistance to 3 men and two women from Houston that were in distress on the shell dump on the west side of the channel near this Station. They were in a small Launch that went a shore on the dump and sunk. Furnishing them with water food and tobacco. Assisting in refloating the Launch and helping the women to the main land. The men did not know much about a boat owned not take our advice in securing there boat which could have been done the evening before.

Respectfully
George R Smith Keeper
Leon R Smith Asst.

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Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on October 13 and 14, 1921, to five occupants of a small launch, which went ashore on a shell dump near your station and sank, the Department is pleased to commend you for the service rendered, which will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

HERBERT HOOVER

Secretary of Commerce.

George R. Smith, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Tex.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses).

Inclosure

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 8th Dist. Inclosed is copy of letter of commendation addressed to Leon R. Smith, Assistant Keeper.

LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's Files HERBERT HOOVER.

Exact copy as signed by _____

Mailed NOV 14 1921 by Bureau

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

December 6th, 1922.

George R. Smith, Keeper,
Leon R. Smith, Asst.Kpr.,
Red Fish Bar Cut L.S., Tex.,
Commendation.

Ltr 12/22 Commending Lead
Copy to Asst. Dir.
" to Insp. 8th Dist.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Transmitted herewith is letter dated Nov. 29th, received from George R. Smith, Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, reporting the assistance rendered by himself and Asst. Keeper Leon R. Smith to the Launch "Mallarce", with three men aboard, which had grounded near the station. The Keeper states that he and the Assistant Keeper worked in water above their waist for 6 or 8 hours, and furnished the men with provisions and matches.

2. It is recommended that the above mentioned keepers be commended for the assistance rendered.

E. S. Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Report in full to Bureau

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 6 1922
NEW ORLEANS.

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EIGHTH DISTRICT

Red Fish Bar Depot
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

Nov 29, 1922

Superintendent of Light Houses. 8th Distict
New Orleans
Louisiana

Sir. On the above date we Keepers at this Station George P Smith. Keeper and Leon P Smith Asst. Keeper rendered assistance to the launch Wallace with three men aboard that grounded near the Station. Furnished the men with provision and matches. The above grounding was caused through negligence of the Master of the launch. The launch came near drifting into the Station we worked 6 or 8 hours in the water above our waist.

Respectfully
George P Smith
Keeper

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DEC 15 1922
1922 DEC 19 AM 11 07

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on November 29, 1922, to the launch MALLARDE, with three men aboard, which had grounded in the vicinity of the light station, the Department is pleased to commend you for the services rendered, which will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

HERBERT HOOVER

Secretary of Commerce.

George R. Smith, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses).

also commended Leon R. Smith asst kpr.

LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's files.

Exact copy as signed by HERBERT HOOVER

Mailed ____ by Bureau

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

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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1924 MAY 9 PM 12 07

Red Fish Bar
Cut L. S., Tex.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
May 7, 1924.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. During the month of April George R. Smith, Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Tex., suffered an attack of pneumonia, followed by a case of measles, and a report has been received from the Assistant Keeper, L. R. Smith, to the effect that the Keeper became demented and had to be removed from the station at the close of April 30th.

2. In view of the Keeper's efficiency and length of service this office has granted him leave of absence, without pay, beginning May 1st, as it is believed that his mental derangement is of a temporary nature and that with proper medical treatment and rest he will be able to resume his duties later on.

3. In the emergency, and in order to safeguard life and property, Mr. Jewel L. Hardy was assigned to duty as Laborer (acting Keeper) on May 3, 1924, with pay at the rate of $720 per annum. Red Fish Bar Cut is an isolated two-keeper station.

4. It is recommended that the additional position of Keeper, with pay at the rate of $720 per annum, be authorized for Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, during the absence, without pay, of Keeper G. R. Smith.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. A. Mutt
First Assistant Superintendent.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAY 10 1924

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval

G. R. PUTNAM
Commissioner

May 15, 1924.

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LIGHTHOUSES

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of May 10, 1924, the Department has authorized an additional position of Keeper at Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, at $720 per annum, during the absence, without pay, of Keeper G.R. Smith.

By direction of the Secretary:

EDW. J. GARDNER

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Dep. Comr.
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9 MAY 16 1924

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 8th Dist. Be guided accordingly.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Geo.R.Smith,Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut L.S.,Tex.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
June 19, 1924.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to the accompanying nomination of John D.Balsillie for reinstatement in the Lighthouse Service as Keeper, to succeed George R. Smith as Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas.

2. In letter from this office of May 7, 1924, it was reported that George R. Smith, Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Tex., had suffered an attack of pneumonia and measles and became demented necessitating his removal from the station on April 30th,1924. He was granted leave without pay beginning May 1st as it was believed at the time that his mental derangement was of a temporary nature and that with proper medical treatment and rest he would be able to resume his duties.

3. A report has been received from the Keeper's brother stating that he has shown no improvement and it is hardly probable that he will return to duty. It is therefore recommended that his services be discontinued, without prejudice, effective at the close of April 30th, 1924.

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Adm Asst.
~~Dep.~~ Comr.
Comr.

E. J. Langlier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUN 23 1924

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval

Acting Commissioner of

CLAY STONE BRIGGS
7TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

August 18, 1924.

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8/20/24 wrote Briggs copy to 8th

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Hon. George R. Putnam,
Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

8/20/24 wired 8th, 8/20/24 and

9/5/24 wrote Briggs copy to 8th

My dear Commissioner:

I am handing you herewith letter dated 8-12-24 from Mr. Leon R. Smith of San Leon, Texas, together with letter dated August 14, 1924, from Hon. Joe H. Eagle of Houston, Texas; both of which are self explanatory, and indicate immediate need of assistance for Mr. George R. Smith, former keeper of Red Fish Cut lighthouse.

It will be noted that the condition of this man is apparently serious and that he is in great need of immediate treatment in some Government hospital, such apparently as St. Elizabeth's here. I hope, therefore, that it will be possible to take immediate steps to secure such hospitalization for him without delay, and that I may be advised to same effect.

It is also to be noted that his family is in very needy circumstances and that a distressing condition of other illness and want prevails. Is it not possible for Mr. Smith to receive financial aid for himself and family during this period of his illness?

It is to be noted that he has served twenty-six years in the lighthouse service, and surely it ought to be possible in some way for the Government to give both financial and hospital relief in the existing situation.

Sincerely yours,

Clay Stone Briggs

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JOE H. EAGLE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
601-605 WEST BUILDING
HOUSTON, TEXAS

August 14th, 1924.

Honorable Clay Stone Briggs,
Galveston, Texas,

My dear Briggs:

Now here is an opportunity for you to do a very real and great service to really worthy people; and knowing you as I do, I well know, in advance, that you will do all possible - and that at once.

You see, Briggs: I owned all the 5,500 acres making up San Leon. I laid it out as a townsite to the extent of 1,000 acres, and 4,500 acres as small tracts - all of which I sold. I paid your good old county over 25,000.00 in taxes. It took me several years to finish the job. I was down at San Leon a good deal of my time. That accounts for my acquaintance with those worthy people; and that is why Mr. Leon Smith takes the matter up with me. Of course, I know, from my knowledge of you, that you would act as quickly for him direct as for him at my request: but he knows me - and hence he takes the matter up with me. So I, in turn, pass it on to you, where it belongs.

I personally know Mr. Smith is telling me the truth about his brother. The man's wife was in here to see me recently; and I advised her to take up with the county Judge the matter of his mental condition

May I, therefore, ask your immediate assistance? It seems to me that is what a just goverm ment is partly for - to do duty by those who have done duty by it. I do hope you can get money for these poor but worthy people at once, by some law or regulation already in existence. I do not know of such a law; but I hope it exists. I am sending a copy of this to Mr. Leon Smith, and he may call on you in person - if he can do so and if he can leave his work: otherwise, wont you please write him direct at San Leon, Galveston County.

With kind regards and good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Joe H. Eagle

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Sam Leon Texas 5-12-24

Hon Jos. N. Eagle,

Houston, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Am writing you today in the interest of my brother George R. Smith, formerly Keeper at Red Fish Bar Cut Light house. In the present circumstances I deem it my duty to call upon someone. Do therefore have decided to appeal to you. thinking perhaps thru your influence you might assist me in the matter I am about to relate to you.

Will hereby state the facts as they exist:

Mr Eagle, my brother has served and spent the best part of his life 26 years in the U.S. Light-house Service, three months ago he had to be removed from the light house on account of illness. he is now impaired in mind and not capable of doing anything. His services as Keeper has since been discontinued without prejudice. And as near as I can understand it he is entitled to some pension. Fifty years

Service of course is the length of time one must serve to receive a full pension. but from what I can glean indirectly he is entitled to a certain amount upon serving twenty five years.

My brother has a helpless wife and two small girls the eldest of which has just undergone an operation for appendicitis. Therefore you may imagine just how they are situated.

It really seems to me Mr Eagle, that after serving the government as long and faithfully as my brother has done that the department would have him treated by a specialist, especially after serving in such an isolated position.

My brother seems to recognize everybody he knows and asks many pointed questions. but he is at such high nervous tension.

I have not the means myself to have him properly treated which I would most certainly do if I could. Leaving the family and him to support. aside from Hospital and Operation bills as the little girls illness me to the limit.

Now what I wish to ask Mr Eagle is, if you could use your influence and get me

Communication with the Hon Clay D. Bruyd
Congressman from this district and see
what might be done in the matter.

Any thing you might do in Eagle, I assure
you would be greatly appreciated by me his
only brother

Thanking you in advance.

Yours very sincerely

Leon R. Smith

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Washington, D. C., August 19, 1924

Lighthouse Superintendent New Orleans Louisiana

Smith former keeper red fish bar cut separated april thirty has applied hospital treatment through congressman briggs wire any objection nominal reinstatement also whether qualified free treatment public health service

CONWAY

CONFIRMATION:

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

ACTING COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES

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To keep apointment.
11 A.M.
8/19/24

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

TELEGRAM

AUG 19 1924 Sent to Dept.

9/3/24 wrote 8th

Rn New Orleans, La., Aug. 19th., 1924.

Lighthouse Commissioner,
Washington, D.C.

9/5/24 wrote Bruggs
Copy to 8th

Strongly recommend hospital treatment George R Smith formerly keeper RedFish Bar Cut Light station Texas on leave ~~without pay~~ due to sickness incurred in line of duty Nominal reinstatement recommended if necessary Smith entitled free treatment public health service.

Lanphier.

8th appears in service in this, as he was discharged Apl 30 on Rec to Dept for reinstatement, then 8th to take steps for obtaining free treatment. also ask re appeal for S might be allowed until later for appeal

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2:10 P.M.

#1140 ind. long. at time of disc. services 4/30/24.

might add HHS could have prob done something for this keeper in first instance if retirement act provided for disability retirement

RT 8/19

Concur
WPH
8/19

(COPY)

TELEGRAM

New Orleans, La. August 19, 1924.

Lighthouse Commissioner,
Washington, D. C.

STRONGLY RECOMMEND HOSPITAL TREATMENT GEORGE R SMITH FORMERLY KEEPER RED FISH BAR CUT LIGHT STATION TEXAS ON LEAVE WITHOUT PAY DUE TO SICKNESS INCURRED IN LINE OF DUTY NOMINAL REINSTATEMENT RECOMMENDED IF NECESSARY SMITH ENTITLED FREE TREATMENT PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

2:10 P.M. (S) LANPHIER

SPECIAL

LGJ Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. August 20, 1924.

Inclosures

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that George R. Smith be reinstated as additional keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, at $1140per annum, including longevity, and that the additional position be authorized at this station, for the purpose of allowing Mr. Smith to avail himself of treatment by the Public Health Service, in view of long and meritorious service as keeper and the fact his present condition was due to illness incurred in line of duty. Attention in this connection is invited to Bureau indorsements of May 10 and June 23, 1924. Should this recommendation be approved Mr. Smith will be placed on a leave without pay status, and proper nomination covering his reinstatement will be submitted at a later date. Inclosed are copies of correspondence from Congressman Briggs in regard to this case.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG-EK

Washington D C August 20 1924

Lighthouse Superintendent New Orleans La

Submit nomination reinstatement Smith former keeper Red Fish Bar Cut same pay

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Commissioner of Lighthouses

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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August 20, 1924.

Hon. Clay Stone Briggs,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Briggs:

1. Referring to your letter of August 18, and its inclosures, and also to telephone conversation this morning with reference to medical treatment for Mr. George R. Smith, former keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station:

2. It appears that it will be possible to obtain free medical treatment for Mr. Smith through the facilities of the U. S. Public Health Service, and this office is taking the necessary steps to obtain same. You will later be advised in regard to the matter.

3. Notwithstanding Mr. Smith's long service it was not possible, at the time he became incapacitated to retire him under the Act of June 20, 1918, which provides for retirement of field employees of this Service, because that act does not at present provide for retirement on account of disability. An effort to amend that act by making such provision was unsuccessful in the last session of Congress.

Very truly yours,

L S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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RG-EK
Incls.

COPY to 8th Superintendent. The Bureau wired you today to submit nomination for Smith's reinstatement at his former pay and has recommended to the Department that an additional keeper at Red Fish Bar Cut be authorized for this purpose. As soon as your nomination is received and approved by the Department it is suggested that you place Smith on a leave without pay status and take the necessary steps to provide for his treatment by the Publick Health Service. The Bureau understands that the Public Health Service has facilities for treating cases of this kind in New Orleans, and that if necessary further treatment can be provided at St. Elizabeths Hospital in this city. The Bureau will advise you promptly in regard to Department action in regard to Smith's reinstatement. Inclosed are copies of correspondence from Congressman Briggs.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

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George R. Smith,
reinstatement:

9/5/24 note Briggs Comm to S

AUG 27 1924 Treas Dept.

August 21st 1924.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. In accordance with Bureau telegram of August 20th, nomination is this day being submitted for the reinstatement of George R. Smith as Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, so that he may receive treatment by the U.S. Public Health Service.

2. Mr. Smith entered the Lighthouse Service on July 1st 1898, and served as Keeper at various stations until April 30th 1924, when his services as Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, were discontinued, without prejudice, due to sickness and at that time he did not seek admittance to the Marine Hospital. His record is excellent having served for more than 25 years, and having been commended by the Department nine times.

3. Authority is requested for an additional position of Keeper at Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, with pay at the rate of ~~$960.00~~ $1140 incl. $60 long. per annum, effective from September 1st 1924.

E. S. Lanphier.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
August 18, 1924

Smith, George R.

9/5/24 wrote Briggs
copy to 8

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. It is deemed pertinent to bring to the attention of the Bureau the case of George R. Smith, Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, whose services were discontinued without prejudice at the close of April 30, 1924, due to his mental condition. Mr. Smith has had more than twenty-five years' service as a lighthouse keeper and has been commended by the Department nine times. His record is excellent.

2. Due to the fact that the field employees of the Lighthouse Service have no law authorizing their retirement on account of disability (and they are the only employees of the government not protected at present by retirement for disability) there is no way of rendering assistance to Mr. Smith or his family, who are in extreme need. 8th might have recommended leave with pay

3. It is deemed important that this instance should be brought to the attention of the Bureau and the Department for presentation to Congress and that, if retirement for disability is secured, it be made retroactive to cover persons who have been separated from the Service during the past five years

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RG-EK

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
August 23, 1924.

1. Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La. In connection with paragraph three you attention is invited to copy of Bureau letter to Congressman Briggs sent you August 20,

2. With regard to paragraph two, attention is invited to your recommendation of June 19. Had you been aware of meritorious circumstances at that time it appears that it would have been practicable for you to recommend waiver of the Regulations in order to grant this keeper extended leave with pay. In the event of future similar cases you should consider the advisability of a recommendation to that effect.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
August 18, 1924

Smith, George R.

9/5/24 wrote Bruggs copy to B

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E. S. LAWRHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
August 23, 1924

George R. Smith

9/3/24 wrote Briggs Copy to 8th

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Form 73 to Supt.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Bureau's indorsement on copy of letter dated August 20, 1924, to Honorable Clay Stone Briggs, M.C., it is proper to report that, under date of April 9, 1924, when the sickness of George R. Smith, Keeper, Red Fish Bar Cut Lighthouse, was reported to this office, a telegram was sent to the Officer in charge of the Marine Hospital, Galveston, Texas, as follows:

"Permit entrance your hospital George R Smith Keeper
Red Fish Bar Cut Lighthouse Letter follows"

and a letter was sent to the Merical Officer in charge of the U. S. Public Health Service, Galveston, Texas, stating that information had just been received from the assistant keeper to the effect that the keeper was seriously ill and that the assistant had been directed to proceed with the keeper to Galveston for treatment by the Public Health Service and Form 207, Application for Medical Examination and Treatment, was signed by this office and mailed to the Medical Officer in Charge, Galveston, Texas.

2. This treatment was declined by Mr. Leon R. Smith, the assistant keeper, and brother of the sick man.

3. It is recommended that the information contained in this letter be conveyed to the Honorable Clay Stone Briggs.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Has this been for present ill declines treatment for which effort is now being made to render him eligible to advise me of the circumstances

Hastings planned Could not be reinstated JC Aug 25

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Form 73 LIGHTHOUSES

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NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., August 20th, 1924.
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Reinstatement.

Name, George R. Smith
Addl.

Legal residence, Texas.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

Salary, ~~$960 per annum.~~ $1380 per annum (incl. $60 long.)

Location, Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Tex.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective September 1, 1924. {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the L.H.Service.

Former salary, $960 per annum.

Location, Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Tex.

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

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Previous incumbent, New position.

Services terminated, See accompanying letter.

Reason,

Members of family in Government Service, L.R.Smith, Kpr.in Lighthouse Service, San Leon, Texas.

Date of birth, Feb. 26, 1870.

Remarks: See accompanying letter.

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

E.J.K.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Bureau Copy

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

August 27, 1924.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Attention is invited to Bureau recommendation of August 20, 1924 in this matter, in which the pay recommended was $1140 per annum, including $60 longevity. As this did not include the former $240 bonus added to the pay of keepers on July 1, it is recommended that the pay be changed to read $1380 per annum, including $60 longevity.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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{ Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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RG-EK

September 2, 1924.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

1. With reference to your telegram of August 19 relative to George R. Smith, former keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, the statement is noted that illness occured in line of duty.

2. Your attention in this connection is invited to circular dated June 9, 1924 of the U. S. Employees' Compensation Commission, with respect to an amendment of the Federal Compensation Act providing for compensation for any disease proximately caused by employment. In view of this amendment of the act it appears legitimate claim for compensation in his case might be made, and it is requested that you take the necessary steps in the matter. The matter of Smith's reinstatement at this time is understood to be before the Civil Service Commission and it is also understood that favorable action is likely. The Bureau will inform you definitely as soon as it is notified by the Department.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Washington D C September 3 1924

Lighthouse Superintendent New Orleans La

Reinstatement George R Smith approved

CONWAY

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CONFIRMATION: to 8th Supt. See Bureau letter of September 2, 1924 in this matter.

Commissioner of Lighthouses

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

To Supt
+ Auditor 9/5/24
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Wire to Supt.
9/5 to Yarota Briggs
copy to Supt
JR

Re promn Kpr Smith
Red Fish Bar Cut 8th dist
Hastings just phoned me
CS Comm has phoned him
they wd recm Cath S.
I presume we will get
pp soon,
Pls expedite,
all pass & adv MC inls
in case a pt. also 8th

JS Aug 26

Kept advised
each week
with
8/-2 Supt

Returned to Supt
from C.S. today
O.K. for reinstatement
EJ 9/3

LGJ-EK

September 5, 1924.

Hon. Clay Stone Briggs,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Briggs:

1. Referring again to your letter of August 18, 1924, and its inclosures, in behalf of Mr. George R. Smith, former keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station:

2. I take pleasure in advising you that it is now possible for Mr. Smith to avail himself of free medical treatment through the facilities of the U. S. Public Health Service, and that the district office of this Service at New Orleans has been instructed to arrange with that Service for his treatment.

3. It also appears that it will now be possible for Mr. Smith to make claim for compensation, on account of disease proximately caused by employment, under the U. S. Employees' Compensation Act due to an amendment to that Act approved by the President June 9, 1924. This application of the law to cover occupational diseases was not in effect at the time Mr. Smith became incapacitated. The necessary action to have his case passed upon by the Compensation Commission is being taken.

Very truly yours,

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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September 9, 1924.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In issuing the appointment, by reinstatement, of Mr. George R. Smith, as keeper at $1380 per annum (including $60 per annum longevity pay), the Department does so with the understanding that Mr. Smith will be immediately placed on leave without pay.

By direction of the Secretary:

Edw J Gardner

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

St. Elizabeth Hosp. says he has been a patient there since 5/2/25 Mm 5/18/29

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

Incl. Inclosed is Department notice of appointment issued to Mr. Smith.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

George R. Smith
10/14/24 Mrs. Geo. Briggs
Copy to B-W

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Bureau's telegram of August 19, 1924, and subsequent correspondence, the Bureau is advised that, under date of September 3, 1924, Mr. George R. Smith was written a letter stating that he had been reinstated as additional keeper at Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, and placed on leave without pay; that request had that day been made upon the U. S. Public Health Service, Galveston, Texas, to admit him as a patient at the hospital at that place. A copy of this letter was sent to his brother, Leon R. Smith, Assistant Keeper, Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, and to his wife at San Leon, Texas.

2. Under date of September 10, 1924, a letter was addressed to his brother, Leon R. Smith, Assistant Keeper, Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, advising him that George R. Smith might make claim for compensation on account of his disease being proximately caused by his employment, under the U. S. Employees Compensation Act, also advising that this application of the law was not in effect at the time his brother became incapacitated. A copy of this letter was sent to Mrs. George R. Smith at San Leon, Texas. Necessary papers to make the claim were inclosed and one copy of each was filled out in pencil in order to indicate the manner in which the blank should be prepared. The papers comprising the claim have not been returned.

3. Under date of September 30th, a letter was addressed to Leon R. Smith, Assistant Keeper at Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, asking him to advise by return mail whether or not his brother had taken advantage of the treatment of the U. S. Public Health Service and to report, if he had not done so, the reason for not so doing.

4. A letter dated October 7, 1924, has been received from the Surgeon in Charge of the Public Health Service Relief Station No. 245, Galveston, Texas, referring to letter from this office of September 3, 1924, and stating that, under date of September 10, 1924, the Public Health Service had addressed a letter to George R. Smith requesting him to report for treatment but that, up to October 7th, he had failed to do so.

5. In addition to the usual request on Form 207 to the Medical Officer in Charge of the U. S. Public Health Service requesting examination and treatment of George R. Smith, a letter was addressed to that Service at Galveston, Texas, stating that Mr. Smith had more than twenty-five years of service in the Lighthouse Service, and that his case was a worthy one and it was requested that, if impossible to provide proper treatment in the hospital at Galveston, he be sent to the Public Health Service Hospital (St. Elizabeth's) in Washington, D.C., or even to the Public Health Service hospital at New Orleans.

Memo attached RP 10/11

6. It is recommended that the Honorable Clay Stone Briggs, M.C., be furnished with a copy of this letter or the gist of same and that he be advised also that, under date of April 9, 1924, when the sickness of George R. Smith, Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Lighthouse, was first reported to this office, a telegram and letter were sent to the Officer in Charge of the Marine Hospital, Galveston, Texas, to permit entrance of George R. Smith and that, at that time, no advantage was taken of the action of this office by Mr. Smith or his brother.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

kpr

Memo. re G. R. Smith, 8th.

Since MC's first letter to ~~this~~ Bureau, everything possible seems to have been done by LHS to make provision for this kpr., and give his case the utmost consideration on acct. of his long service. Besides free medical treatment being provided, it appears that total disability claim could be established under the recent amendment of the Employees' Compensation Act.

~~The~~ Reasons for the kprs. (or his relatives') ~~failure~~ failure to take advantages of these provisions up the present are not apparent from the 8th's report. Recom. advise MC that since Bureau letter of Sept. 5 ~~xx~~ the kpr. has not availed himself of the provisions made for him, although he and his relatives have several times been advised of the status of the matter.

10/14/24 wrote Briggs
~~copy~~ also did not avail himself ~~of~~ the medical treatment last apl when first inspected
copy to 8th

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RG-EK

October 14, 1924.

Hon. Clay Stone Briggs,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Briggs:

1. Referring to Bureau letter of September 5, advising you of provisions made by the Bureau in the case of light keeper George R. Smith with regard to whom you wrote the Bureau on August 18:

2. The Bureau is in receipt of report that up to the present time neither Mr. Smith nor his relatives have taken advantage of the provisions referred to. It also appears that in April, 1924, when Mr. Smith became incapacitated by illness he failed to avail himself of free medical treatment which was provided for him at that time.

Very truly yours,

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

OCT 15 '24

Pers

Former Kpr Smith
Red Fish Bar Cut L S
10/15/24 wrote 8th dist.

Compr. Briggs, phoned 945 am
to-day re Bro left to him
saying ab. named Kpr had not
taken advantage medical treatment
tc. Compr. B. said he had
recently heard from S.P relation,
thanking him tc, and wd take
up again w them + let us know.
Compli + adv 8th

JS Oct 15

CLAY STONE BRIGGS
7TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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October 15, 1924.

10/15/24 wrote 8th inclosing copy of this letter.

Hon. G. R. Putnam,
Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Your file: RG-EK

My dear Mr. Commissioner:

Yours of the 14th instant is at hand, and in reply I beg to say that I do not know why treatment extended has not been availed of by Lighthouse Keeper George R. Smith or his relatives, and I am taking occasion to forward your letter today to Mr. Leon R. Smith, brother of Mr. George R. Smith, and will be glad to advise you further when I have received a reply.

With best wishes, I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,

Clay Stone Briggs

RG-EK
Inclosure

October 16, 1924.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

1. Referring to Bureau letter of October 14, addressed to Congressman Briggs, with regard to the case of Keeper George R. Smith, copy of which was furnished your office:

2. Congressman Briggs today telephoned the Bureau that he had recently heard from Mr. Smith's relatives, thanking him for what he had done in the case. He stated that in view of the Bureau's advice he would again take the matter up and advise the Bureau further at a later date. The Bureau will inform you of any developments that may occur.

3. Inclosed is copy of letter received from Congressman Briggs.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
October 20, 1924

George R. Smith

Pers 10/23/24 note Briggs
Copy to Smith

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Since writing the Bureau on October 5th relative to the failure of George R. Smith to avail himself of treatment by the Public Health Service, this office has received a letter from his brother as per copy inclosed.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

On Oct 14 Bur wrote Smith urging him that he not avoided treatment & previously wrote for him the Acted called to ... up again requiring Bur action. Bur in answer Kpr L.R. Smith's letter, copy to Bur 10/17/24

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COPY

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Red Fish Bar Cut
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

10-16, 1924

Superintendent of Lighthouses

New Orleans La

Sir

This is to report to you in answer to your inquiry that my brother has not yet entered the hospital. He has been sick with a bad cold and a very severe cough and I didn't think it advisable to move him until he becomes better. He is improving now and will try and have him taken to the hospital not later than next week.

In regards to the compensation papers, will attend to them as soon as practicable.

Respectfully

Leon R. Smith

Asst.Keeper

RG-EK

October 23, 1924.

Hon. Clay Stone Briggs,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Briggs:

1. Referring to Bureau letter of October 14, advising that Keeper George R. Smith had not up to that time availed himself of the provisions made for him by this Service:

2. The Bureau is pleased to inform you that a letter from Mr. Leon R. Smith has been forwarded to this office stating that he shortly expects to move his brother to the hospital and that he will file the compensation claim papers as soon as practicable.

Very truly yours,

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

WJB.

George R. Smith.

November 3rd, 1924.

11/7/24 wrote Buggs
Copy to file

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to previous correspondence in connection with the case of George R. Smith, Keeper, Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas:

2. The Bureau is informed that report has been received from Leon R. Smith (his brother) stating that George R. Smith entered the John Sealy Hospital at Galveston, Texas, for treatment by the Public Health Service, on October 28th, 1924.

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E. S. Lamplier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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RG-EK

November 7, 1924.

Hon. Clay Stone Briggs,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Briggs:

1. Referring to Bureau letter of October 23, 1924, in further regard to the case of Keeper George R. Smith.

2. The Bureau is pleased to advise you that it has received a report to the effect that Mr. Smith entered the John Sealy Hospital at Galveston, Texas, for treatment by the Public Health Service on October 28, 1924.

Very truly yours,

C. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

CLAY STONE BRIGGS
7TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

LIGHTHOUSE
925 MAR 20 AM 11 32

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

March 19, 1925.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Your file: RG-EK

Attention: Mr. J. S. Conway, Deputy Commissioner.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

Referring to the case of Keeper George R. Smith of the Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, who was recently found to be suffering from mental trouble as the result of his service and who, I am advised, has recently been receiving treatment as a patient of the United States Public Health Service in the John Sealy Hospital at Galveston, I beg to ask if under the provisions of Public Law 598, approved March 4, 1925, he is not entitled to receive disability compensation during the period for which he is incapacitated for service and until his recovery and restoration to duty?

Your early advices will be appreciated.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Clay Stone Briggs

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Mar. 21, 1925.

Congressman Briggs' letter Mar. 19 re keeper Geo R Smith, 8th dist.

Smith now has a claim pending with the Employees' Comp Com. Under the proposed rules of disability retirement from LHS, compensation may not be drawn from the LHS and the Emp Com Act at the same time. The Emp Comp Com advises informally that Smith's claim is being considered.

Smith entered LHS in 1898 and apparently is covered by the disability amendment to LHS Act. Appears likely that compensation from Emp Comp Com Claim would be greater than from LHS Act.

Appears advisable to ~~defer~~ wait for action of Emp Comp Com on its claim.

Sugg advise MC accord, copy to 8th.

RG-EK

March 24, 1925.

Hon. Clay Stone Briggs,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Briggs:

1. With reference to your letter of March 19, regarding the status of Keeper George R. Smith under Public Law 598, approved March 4, 1925:

2. It appears that Mr. Smith has a claim pending under the Employees' Compensation Act. Rules prescribed in accordance with Public Law 598 will probably contain a provision that claimants may not benefit concurrently under that law and under the Employees' Compensation Act. It, therefore, appears advisable to wait for the decision of the Employees Comepnsation Commission. Should that Commission disallow Mr. Smith's claim, this Service will be pleased to consider his status for disability retirement.

Very truly yours,

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Incl.
COPY to 8th Supt. Inclosed is copy of letter from Congressman Briggs referred to above.

Camp [redacted] 3/-28

Kpr Smith, Red Fish Bar Cut

Camp Briggs Tex phoned 14⁵ pm re case of ab. Kpr. Said he took up w Empl. Camp. Comm who advised him were consid. case but did not have suff. evidence to prove that insanity resulted from his employment in L H S, & that they wd call on us for furth info.

I told M C we wd be glad to give any addtl info. desired.

Camp 4 to 8th if nec.

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LGJ

April 18, 1925.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

1. Referring to your nomination of August 20, 1924 for the reinstatement of George R. Smith as additional keeper, Red Fish Bar Cut L. H., for the purpose of hospital treatment:

2. You are advised that an oath should have been submitted to complete the Department records. In view of the fact that Department appointment certificate sent you by Bureau indorsement of September 10, 1924, was dated September 2, 1924, it is suggested that the oath bear that date as the date of entrance on duty.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

WJB Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District.
New Orleans, La., April 25, 1925.

Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. It has been learned that Keeper George R. Smith is an inmate of the LOUISIANA RETREAT, an asylum for the insane, and is therefore not responsible for anything he signs. Further instructions are requested.

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

LGJ Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. April 27, 1925.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information contained, and with request that the Bureau be advised if further action in the matter is necessary, in view of the fact that keeper Smith was reinstated with the understanding that he would be immediately placed on leave without pay, attention being invited to Department letter of September 9, 1924 in this connection.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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May 1, 1925.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Eighth Superintendent's endorsement on Bureau letter of April 18, 1925, concerning oath of office in the case of George R. Smith, who was reinstated to the position of Keeper at $1320 per annum on September 9, 1924, in order that he might avail himself of treatment by the Public Health Service.

In view of the Superintendent's statement that Keeper Smith is now confined to the Louisiana Retreat, an asylum for the insane, and of the further fact that Mr. Smith's appointment does not involve duty or pay, waiver of oath of office in this case is approved.

(Signed) J. Walter Drake.

Acting Secretary of Commerce.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 8th Dist. Be guided accordingly.

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Pres 5/13/15 wrote Brigg
5/13/15 2nd " " BF

Geo R. Smith

Camp Briggs, Tex, phones 10:20 am re above K/p, primarily @ Red Fish Bar Cut, Galv. B. & Tx dist, nerv insane. Says Empl. Comp. Comm. has decided against him. Says he thinks shd nerv be adm. to Lt disab. retmt. Says will write us to-day. Told him wd be plsd to give case prompt consid.

Rec'd 5/15

J.O. Mayo

Pt advised me recently probably necy to send to St Elizabeth's

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CLAY STONE BRIGGS
7TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

May 8, 1925.

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5/17/25 2d to 8th
6/15/25 wrote Dist
7/6/25 To Hon. Briggs, letter copy to 8th

Lighthouse Bureau file: RG:EK
Compensation Commission file: 160 779

Hon. George R. Putnam,
Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

I am handing you herewith copy of letter dated May 7, 1925, just received from Mrs. Bessie P. Brueggeman, Chairman of United States Employees Compensation Commission, which is self explanatory.

You will note that unfavorable action has been taken by the Commission upon the claim of Mr. Smith for compensation, and it is now desired that the Lighthouse Bureau give consideration to his application for disability compensation under the provisions of the Act of June 20, 1918, as amended by Act of March 4, 1925.

I understand that Mr. Smith has had about twenty six years of lighthouse service and there is, of course, no question regarding his disability and that he is eligible under the Lighthouse Retirement Act for disability compensation even though such disability may not be, as held by the Compensation Commission, chiefly and proximately attributable to his lighthouse service.

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Will you not, therefore, give this matter your earliest and most favorable consideration, as I understand through the Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Conway, that any action upon the claim for disability under the Lighthouse Retirement Act has been postponed pending outcome of the claim before the Compensation Commission.

Under the Compensation Commission Law it is required that the disability shall be one arising out of the occupation of claimant, but this requirement is not imposed by

the Lighthouse Retirement Act.

Awaiting your advices, I beg to remain, with best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Clay Stone Briggs

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May 7, 1925

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Honorable Clay Stone Briggs,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Briggs:

In reply to your letter of April 29, I regret to inform you that from the evidence asubmitted in the case of Gerorge R. Smith, a claimant of the Commission, it does not appear from the medical standpoint that his present disability can be justly attributed to his occupation.

Detailed statements regarding his occupation have been considered by the Commission in connection with a careful medical report, and although there is no question but that Mr. Smith suffered a certain degree of isolation in the course of his work, this in itself could not be considered the proximate cause of his mental condition, which is one of manic-depressive insanity. The chief causative factor of this condition appears to be a rather advanced arteriosclerosis, which, of course, is in no way related to his work.

I regret the necessary delay due to the assembling of all relevant information before the Commission could accord final consideration to Mr. Smith's claim.

Very truly yours,

(sgd) Bessie P. Brueggeman
(Chairman.

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CLAY STONE BRIGGS
7TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. May 11, 1925

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Hon. G. R. Putnam,
Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Lighthouse Bureau file: RG:EK

6/15/25 wrote Dist

7/6/25 To Hon. Briggs, Letd. copy to 8th

My dear Mr. Commissioner:

I am handing you herewith letter, dated 5/6/25, just received from Mr. Leon R. Smith, brother of Mr. George R. Smith, former keeper of Red Fish Cut Light, which is self explanatory.

You will observe that Leon Smith advises that his brother has been transferred to St. Elizabeth's Hospital here for treatment, and is now there.

I do not assume that anything more will be required than a certificate from the Superintendent of such Asylum, that Mr. George R. Smith is under treatment there for mental disability in order to supply you with any further data regarding his condition and treatment in that Government hospital.

Awaiting your further advices with reference to the claim of Mr. George R. Smith for retirement disability allowance, I beg to remain, with best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Clay Stone Briggs

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U.S. Employees Compensation
Commission file: 160 779
(George R. Smith)

Hon Stuyvesant Briggs,
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr Briggs:

Have just rec'd your letter advising me that you are looking into matter concerning my brothers claim for which I am very thankful.

My brother as I am informed has been removed from the institution where he was placed in Neworleans and sent to The "St-Elizabeth

Hospital" at Washington D.C.
Am very anxious to hear
about him and am
therefore writing the authorities
of that Hospital.
Again thanking you.
I beg to remain
very Respectfully yours
Lem P. Smith

Re Geo R. Smith

5/13/55 wrote Briggs
5/13/55 and to St E

Present status is leave w.o. pay.
Has had about 26 yrs
service. In view Emp comp
com's action, appears ok
to consider disability retire-
ment, as per Bur let May 11
to me
Rec ack Mtr
with advice & direct
recommend

TPG 5/11

Concur - but as noted before, PHS is transferring Smith to St. Elizabeths Hosp. Having been eligible for PHS service they will care for him as long as disabled. He can not, however, have PHS treatment and disability retirement, and before latter is made effective think his guardians shd be asked to state which is preferred. Retirement pay probably will not exceed $600 + care by PHS might be more desirable

WPR 5/11

RG-EK

May 13, 1925.

Hon. Clay Stone Briggs,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Briggs:

1. With reference to your letters of May 8 and 11, relative to disability retirement of Keeper George R. Smith:

2. You are respectfully informed that the matter is under consideration and you will be further advised at an early date. Should Mr. Smith's retirement be effected, he would not then be eligible for his present free medical treatment by the Public Health Service, and it appears necessary for his family to consider this circumstance in connection with his proposed retirement.

Very truly yours,

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Incls.

May 13, 1925.

SUBJECT: Two letters of May 8 and 11, from Congressman Briggs, re disability retirement Keeper George R. Smith.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., for report and recommendation. Should Keeper Smith's retirement be effected, he will not then be eligible for free medical treatment by the Public Health Service. It appears advisable that your office take this circumstance up with Smith's guardians before taking any steps toward his retirement, as it may be possible that free medical treatment by the Government may be preferred instead of retired pay.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

CLAY STONE BRIGGS
7TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

May 14,1925.

7/6/25 Ltr to Hon. Briggs
5/18/25 - Answered. copy to file

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Hon. G. R. Putnam,
Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Commissioner:

Yours of the 13th instant is just at hand, and I note that it is indicated that in the event Mr. George R. Smith's retirement is effected he would not be eligible for the present free medical treatment by the Public Health Service.

In this connection I am taking occasion to call your attention to the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 4, 1925, copy of which is herewith enclosed, and particularly Section 2 thereof.

It will be observed that the Statute specifically provides that

"Any such officer or employee, may, upon recovery, be restored to active duty".

This part of the Statute to my mind clearly indicates that the status of such retired officers or employees of the Lighthouse Service is not altered as such, and that when they are retired, they are really only transferred to inactive duty. In the event of their recovery, then it is provided that they may be restored to active duty, apparently without any change in their status or the rights and privileges enjoyed under their original office or employment from which they became severed by disability.

The Act approved August 28, 1916 (39 Statutes at Large, 538) provides for free medical treatment for light keepers and assistant light keepers.

It would, therefore, appear that it was the intent of Congress that the illness or disability of a lighthouse keeper such as Mr. George R. Smith should, even if he were retired under the Lighthouse Retirement Act, not operate to

deprive him of his status of an employee of the Department of Commerce, but simply operate to transfer him to inactive duty and leaving him still within the protection of the Statute providing free medical treatment.

Instead of saying any "such officer or employee" it would have been easy enough to have adopted the term person or any such former officer or employee, to have indicated a construction of the Act that, after retirement, persons so retired were not regarded as any longer officers or employees. It is therefore reasonable to conclude that Congress did not intend that the status of the individual as an officer or employee of the Lighthouse Service should be affected during retirement for disability, pending recovery, but that such retirement should only constitute a transfer to inactive duty during the period of disability.

The use of the word "active" in the Statute in connection with the word "duty" adds weight to the contention that the relationship of the employee, with the Department was not terminated, but simply created an inactive status, rendering the employee subject to orders to active duty upon his recovery from his disability.

Will you not, therefore, have the matter reviewed and if necessary, referred by the Secretary of Commerce to the Attorney General of the United States for a ruling?

Sincerely yours,

Clay Stone Briggs

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(PUBLIC--No. 596--68th CONGRESS)

(S. 3613)

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ERTIREMENT FOR DISABILITY IN THE LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of American in Congress assembled, That hereafter any officer or employee to whom section 6 of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize aids to navigation and for other works in the Lighthouse Service, and for other purposes," approved June 20, 1918, as amended, applies, who has been in the active service of the Government fifteen years or more and who is found, after examination by a medical officer of the United States, to be disabled for useful and efficient service by reason of disease or injury not due to vicious habits, intemperance, or willful misconduct on his part, shall be retired under rules to be prescribed by the Secretary of Commerce on an annuity computed in the manner provided in such Act.

Sec. 2. Any such officer or employee may, upon recovery, be restored to active duty, and shall from time to time, before reaching the age at which he may be retired under such Act, be reexamined by a medical officer of the United States upon the request of the Secretary of Commerce.

Approved March 4, 1925.

C O P Y

EXTRACT FROM ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED AUGUST 28, 1916, 39 STAT. 538; PAGE 1866, BARNES' FEDERAL CODE 1919.

Sec. 7847. MEDICAL SERVICE TO LIGHT KEEPERS.-- Hereafter light keepers and assistant light keepers of the Lighthouse Service shall be entitled to medical relief without charge at hospitals and others stations of the Public Health Service under the rules and regulations governing the care of seamen of the merchant marine: PROVIDED, That this benefit shall not apply to any keeper or assistant keeper who receives an original appointment after the passage of this Act, unless the applicant passes a physical examination in accordance with rules approved by the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Treasury.

Keeper Geo. R. Smith
Medical treatment after retirement.

5/18/25 Wrote Adm Stone Briggs.

Free medical treatment after retirement is not authorized by Act, ~~xxxxxxx~~ of June 20, 1918, according to decision of Compt. of Treas. of Mar. 17, 1919, because such medical treatment is an allowance. The Act provides that retired pay shall not include "any amount on account of subsistence or other allowance."

Bu. circ. #90 of April 3, 1919 also quotes Treas. letter advising that retired personnel not entitled to medical treatment.

Appears sufficient to advise MC fully of decision when matter previously arose, copy to 8th.

compts decision here.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

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George R. Smith,
claim for compensation.

May 15, 1925.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Transmitted herewith for the Bureau's information is copy of letter addressed by the U. S. Employees' Compensation Commission to Mr. Leon R. Smith, brother of George R. Smith, formerly Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, relative to his brother's claim for compensation on account of disability alleged to be the result of his employment as a lighthouse keeper.

2. It will be noted that the Commission finds that George R. Smith's employment was not the proximate cause of his disability and that compensation and medical treatment cannot be granted to him as a beneficiary of that Commission.

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Bu previously advised that this matter has been referred to the Commission for consideration disability retirement

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UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
THE INTERIOR BLDG.
WASHINGTON

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May 12, 1925.

Mr. Leon R. Smith,
Assistant Keeper, Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station,
San Leon, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the claim for compensation filed by your brother, George R. Smith, on account of disability alleged to be the result of his employment as a lighthouse keeper.

The Commission has very carefully considered all the evidence and has found it necessary to hold that your brother's employment was not the proximate cause of his disability, as required by the terms of the law. It is regretted, therefore, that compensation and medical treatment cannot be granted to him as a beneficiary of this Commission.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Mrs. Bessie P. Brueggeman,
Chairman.

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Official copy to the Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District, New Orleans, La.

(Signed) Bessie P. Brueggeman,
Chairman.

WPH-MC

May 18,1925.

Hon. Clay Stone Briggs,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Take up with Dept on retirement

My dear Mr. Briggs:

1. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 14,1925, in regard to status of Mr. George R. Smith, former keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Lighthouse, Texas, and to advise you that the suggestions made by you will receive very careful consideration by the Department.

2. It is my view, however, that this case is covered by the decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury rendered March 17,1919 (25 Comp. Dec., 655), in which it was held, with reference to persons retired under Section 6 of the Act of June 20,1918, that such retired persons of the Lighthouse Service are not entitled to medical attendance by the Public Health Service. You will note that the Act of March 4, 1925, providing for disability retirement provides that its beneficiaries "shall be retired and paid an annuity computed in the manner provided in such Act", viz, the Act of June 20,1918; and in the latter Act it is provided that retirement pay shall not include any amount on account of subsistence or other allowance; also that the Comptroller in the decision referred to held that medical attendance is an allowance within the meaning of this Act.

3. It would, therefore, seem from the two Acts cited that Congress did not intend that persons retired on account of disability should receive any other or additional compensation or allowance than persons retired on account of age. It is true that persons retired for disability may be reinstated on active duty in which case they would nodoubt regain the privilege of receiving medical attendance. In other words they may have two different kinds of status at different times, but each has its separate and distinct pay and emoluments.

4. I shall be glad, however, to take this matter up with the law officers of the Department with a view to allowing Mr. Smith whatever may be consistent with the law applicable to his case.

Very truly yours,

G. R. PUTNAM,
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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May 13, 1925.

6/25/25 Note Dft
7/6/25 To Hon. Briggs Ltr - copy to 8th

SUBJECT: Two letters of May 8 and 11, from Congressman Briggs, re disability retirement Keeper George R. Smith.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., for report and recommendation. Should Keeper Smith's retirement be effected, he will not then be eligible for free medical treatment by the Public Health Service. It appears advisable that your office take this circumstance up with Smith's guardians before taking any steps towardhis retirement, as it ~~may be~~ is possible that free medical treatment by the Government may be preferred instead of retired pay.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.
New Orleans, La., May 28th, 1925.

Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Attached is a letter received under date of May 24th from Leon R. Smith, brother of George R. Smith, wherein he states that the family of George R. Smith would prefer that he receive free medical treatment by the Government in lieu of retired pay for disability, and this office so recommends.

E. S. Laughlin.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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EIGHTH DISTRICT

Red Fish Bar Cut
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 24, 1925

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of may 16th relative to my brother Geroge P Smith and requesting me to state whether his family would prefer his free treatment by the U.S. Public Health Service or retired pay for disability I beg to say that it is their desire to have him receive free treatment by said U.S. Public Health Service. I am not able to have him treated at a Private Sanitarium. and his family nor myself would not like to see him placed in a State Asylum and besides as I understand the asylums in this State are overcrowded.

Respectfully
Geo P. Smith.

Keeper Geo. R. Smith - S.I.

Dept's informal view is – no objection to continuing pres. status (leave w.o. pay) indefinitely. If recovers, retirement to be taken up. Suggs. ok to Dept. to handle case this way, also ~~them~~ taking up concurrent benefits L.H.S. Retirement act + P.H.S. ~~treatment~~, as per ¶ 4, Bu letter May 1, F to Cong Briggs. 2nd first to return Mrs letters of May

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Concur w/pt 6/1

I Concur & add Mc a.p.t.
JC Jones

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Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

1. With reference to your indorsement of May 28, regarding retirement status of Keeper George R. Smith:

2. Congressman Briggs' letters of May 8 and 11, referred to, were not received by the Bureau with your indorsement, and it is requested that they be returned.

J. S. CULVER

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.
New Orleans, La., June 5, 1925.

Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Congressman Briggs' letters of May 8th and 11th, referred to above, are being returned herewith.

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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June 15, 1925.

Secretary of Commerce:

1. With reference to Bureau recommendation of August 20, 1924, for the reinstatement of Keeper George R. Smith, in the 8th district, and to Department approval of September 9, 1924:

2. The Department is advised that Mr. Smith's present status is that of leave without pay. Since his reinstatement he has been receiving medical treatment from the U. S. Public Health Service under the Act of August 28, 1916, for mental disorder, and at the present time is in St. Elizabeths Hospital, this city.

3. The Employees' Compensation Commission has not approved Keeper Smith's claim for compensation, his disability not being considered a consequence of his occupation from a medical standpoint.

4. Keeper Smith's retirement for disability under the Act of March 4, 1925, amending the Act of June 20, 1918, has been under consideration. It does not appear, however, that he could continue to receive free medical treatment by the Government in the event that he is retired from this Service, this view being considered in accordance with the decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury rendered March 17, 1919 (25 Comp. Dec., 655). Representative Clay Stone Briggs has had this matter up with the Bureau and was advised accordingly under date of May 18, 1925, a copy of the Bureau's letter being inclosed.

5. It is recommended that this question be referred to the Solicitor for an opinion and if the Department concurs in the Bureau's view it is further recommended that Keeper Smith's present status of leave without pay be continued indefinitely. This recommendation is made in view of the fact that Keeper Smith's brother has advised the 8th Superintendent that his family prefers Smith to continue to receive free medical treatment rather than to be retired from the Lighthouse Service. It is understood that continuing Keeper Smith's present status will make it practicable to consider him eligible for retirement at a later date, in the event that it becomes desirable, if otherwise complying with the law.

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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June 17, 1925.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

For the reasons stated in your communication of June 15, 1925, the Department has authorized the continuance of Keeper George R. Smith, Eighth Lighthouse District, in his present status of leave without pay for an indefinite period, it being the understanding that he will later be recommended for retirement on annuity.

By direction of the Secretary:

EDW. J. GARDNER,
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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

ment, and the Department's view is that Mr. Smith's retirement would render him ineligible for free medical treatment, as was indicated in Bureau letter of May 19.

3. Under the circumstances Mr. Smith's present status of leave without pay has been approved by the Department for an indefinite period, thus permitting the continuance of medical treatment and making it practicable to consider him for retirement at a later date, in the event that it becomes desirable and if otherwise complying with the law.

Very truly yours.

(Signed) J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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July 6, 1925.

Hon. Clay Stone Briggs,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Briggs:

1. With reference to Bureau letters of May 13 and May 18 regarding the retirement on account of disability of Keeper George R. Smith:

2. You are respectfully informed that under date of May 24 Mr. Leon R. Smith, brother of George R. Smith, advised this Service that the latter's family would prefer that he continue to receive free medical treatment by the Government in lieu of retired pay for disability. Upon receipt of this information the Bureau submitted the question of continuing free medical treatment after retirement to the law officers of the Department, and the Department's view is that Mr. Smith's retirement would render him ineligible for free medical treatment, as was indicated in Bureau letter of May 18.

3. Under the circumstances Mr. Smith's present status of leave without pay has been approved by the Department for an indefinite period, thus permitting the continuance of medical treatment and making it practicable to consider him for retirement at a later date, in the event that it becomes desirable and if otherwise complying with the law.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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October 30, 1926.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

On September 2, 1924, the Department authorized the reinstatement of George H. Smith as a Keeper at $1380 per annum in the Eighth Lighthouse District with the understanding that he be immediately placed in a leave without pay status. As it appears that Mr. Smith has been carried on the rolls without pay for a period of over two years, information is requested as to what action the Bureau proposes taking in his case.

(SIGNED) E. W. LIBBEY

Chief Clerk.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. November 3, 1926.

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

G:C

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
November 29, 1926

SUBJECT: Letter to the Commissioner from Chief Clerk of the Department dated October 30, 1926, transmitted to this office by Bureau indorsement of November 3, 1926, relative to status of George R. Smith, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

1. Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses:

2. Upon receipt of the above referred to letter, this office wrote Leon R. Smith, Assistant Keeper at Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, who is a brother to George R. Smith, and he has informed this office that George R. Smith is still an inmate of St. Elizabeth Hospital, Washington, D.C., and that his mental condition has not much improved.

3. In view of this report, this office would recommend that George R. Smith be retained in his present status, as he is entitled to free treatment by the Public Health Service if he is not placed on the retired list. If he is retired, it is questionable whether the retired pay (slightly less than $50.00 per month) will be sufficient to care for him in an asylum.

E. S. LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. December 2, 1926.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce with statement that the Bureau concurs in the Superintendent's views and recommends approval of the action indicated in paragraph 3, attention being invited to Department letter of October 30 in the matter.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

April 6, 1932.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

Your letter of November 29, 1926, re status of former Keeper George R. Smith.

In view of the fact that retired lighthouse keepers are now eligible for free medical treatment, your report and recommendation as to Smith's retirement at this time are requested. Bureau Circular No. 193 dated October 8, 1930, cites the act providing for free medical treatment for Lighthouse Service employees retired under the Act of June 20, 1918.

(432)

For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

RG:EMF

WJB:LEC

Office of Supt. of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.,
New Orleans, La., April 18, 1932

1. Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses:

4/21/32 - wrote Surgeon General U.S. Public Health Service

2. It is now recommended that George R. Smith, formerly Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, who was granted leave without pay for an indefinite period, beginning May 1, 1924, be retired effective at the close of April 30, 1932, with retired pay at the rate of $565.31 per annum. Formal recommendation and statement of active service, etc., on Form 9 is transmitted herewith. The application has not been signed by George R. Smith as he is an inmate of the St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D.C. Retired pay is computed to the close of April 30, 1924.

3. If this recommendation is approved, Form 1055 will be sent to the legally appointed guardian of the incompetent applicant for execution.

E. S. LAMPHIER
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Superintendent of Lighthouses 13

April 21, 1932.

The Surgeon General,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Washington, D. C.

Attention of Dr. Smith, Chief,
Hospital Division.

Dear Sir:

In 1925 George R. Smith, formerly Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, was a patient of the Public Health Service at the Marine Hospital, Galveston, Texas, under authority of the Act of September 7, 1916 (39 Stat., 742). Smith was non compos mentis and was later removed to St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C., where so far as this Service has information he is still an inmate.

At the time that Smith became a patient of the Public Health Service he had served in the Lighthouse Service about twenty-six years and was eligible for retirement on account of disability under provision of the Act of March 4, 1925 (43 Stat., 1261). However at that time persons retired under the retirement law for the Lighthouse Service were not entitled to medical treatment by the Public Health Service, and Smith's guardian elected for him to receive medical treatment in lieu of retirement pay. By the Act of June 24, 1930 (46 Stat., 807) provision was made "to extend hospital facilities to certain retired officers and employees of the Lighthouse Service" etc. This law required joint regulations to be promulgated by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce which regulations were promulgated effective September 30, 1930. A copy of same is inclosed for ready reference.

In view of the passage of the Act last referred to application has been made for Smith to be retired under the Lighthouse Service retirement law, it being assumed in the application that he would not thereby lose the benefits of treatment by the Public Health Service. Whether he would do so appears to depend on whether the treatment being furnished Smith at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, or other hospital of the Public Health Service where He might receive treatment necessary to his condition, is such treatment as is authorized by the regulations promulgated under the Act of June 24, 1930.

The Bureau will be pleased to receive your opinion in the matter.

Very truly yours,

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

WPH:ORM
Incl.

PHS 1616-Smith, Geo. A.

IN REPLYING
ADDRESS THE SURGEON GENERAL
U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
AND REFER TO

LIGHTHOUSES
1932 APR-26- AM 9:49

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

BUREAU OF
THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

WASHINGTON

April 23, 1932.

5/2/32 Wrote 8th

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant, the admission of former Lighthouse Keeper George R. Smith to St. Elizabeth's Hospital as a beneficiary of the Public Health Service, was based upon the Act of September 7, 1916, or in other words, upon his being an active member of the U. S. Lighthouse Service, and his eligibility will continue under that status only.

If Smith is placed in retirement status, his eligibility as a beneficiary of the Public Health Service at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, will terminate. It is suggested however, that the matter of his retention therein, after retirement, be taken up with the Superintendent of the hospital.

Respectfully,

Acting Surgeon General.

JCS:OFB:SAH

Mr. Kniseley of PHS says the charge to them for patients at St Elizabeths is $1.80 p.d.
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May 2, 1932.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Former Keeper George R. Smith; Bureau letter April 6, 8th District endorsement April 18.

1. When the Bureau made its suggestion for the retirement of Smith, it had not fully investigated all the circumstances of the case. Upon receipt of application for retirement forwarded by you it was thought best to ascertain positively whether Smith in the event of being retired would continue to receive hospital treatment as at present. Letter of April 21 was written to the Public Health Service in reply to which letter of April 23 was received. Copies of both letters are inclosed.

2. It will be noted that Smith would lose his eligibility to Public Health Service treatment at St. Elizabeth's Hospital if retired. It appears that this is due to the fact that St. Elizabeth's Hospital is not a regular hospital or station of the Public Health Service and the treatment furnished Smith is not of the kind provided in the regulations promulgated under the Act of June 24, 1930, which are included in Bureau circular No. 193. It appears further that there are no regular hospitals or stations of the Public Health Service which have facilities for caring for insane persons, and that whenever the Public Health Service finds it necessary to care for such a patient it must go outside its own facilities and pay for it, this being the case with Smith.

3. If you have already taken this matter up with Smith's guardian, it will be advisable to inform him of these circumstances and ascertain his preference with respect to continuing hospital treatment or retirement. The suggestion in the last sentence of letter of April 23 from the Public Health Service has reference to possible arrangement for retaining Smith at St. Elizabeth's Hospital at a pay basis if he should be retired. It was also informally suggested by an officer of the Public Health Service that Smith might be entitled to care at some institution in the State of Texas of which he is understood to have been a legal resident, either without charge or at a cost which might make it advantageous to have him retired. It was further stated informally that the Public Health Service would be able to defray Smith's expenses to Texas, with the understanding however that he would not be returned in the future as a charge upon the Public Health Service.

For the Commissioner:

WPH

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant.

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

George R. Smith,
retirement.

1932 MAY - 7 - AM 9:21

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
May 5, 1932.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Replying to Bureau letter of May 2, 1932, relative to George R. Smith, former keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, now an inmate of the St. Elizabeth's Hospital at Washington.

2. The Bureau is advised that the matter of Smith's proposed retirement was not taken up with his guardian, nor with anyone else, and it is believed and recommended that the proper course to pursue would be to leave Smith's case status quo.

For me 5/7/32

E. S. Lamplier
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

This case is now in the same stage as in 1925, when Smith's family elected to have him continue free medical treatment in lieu of retirement - See attached letter 5/14/25 from Smith's brother. Recommend return to S.L. approved

Dept raised this question informally. Suggest file dept also the outcome

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAY 12 1932

Returned approved.
For the Commissioner:
W. P. HARMAN
Administrative Assistant.

Service of George R. Smith

Entered on duty	July 15, 1898
Resigned	June 8, 1918
Reinstated	Feb. 6, 1919
Disc.	Apr. 30, 1924

Reins. by Dept. of Commerce letter of Sept. 2, 1924 and put in a leave without pay status

HLM

Pay was	$675 pa on	July 1,1903
Inc.	684	Nov.11,1911
Reins.	720	Feb. 6,1919
Incr. on trans.	900	June 6,1919
Inc.	960	Feb. 6,1924

File shows increase to $1140 but effective date not given. The Department's letter covering the increase from $960 to $1140 is dated April 14, 1924, and states "effective upon entrance on duty." Presumably the district office made it effective as of date of the Department's notice, but this should be verified, if necessary.

HLM (from Dept. file which was returned this date)
3/20/40

30 January, 1940.

Superintendent,
St. Elizabeths Hospital,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Mr. George R. Smith, formerly keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, has been a patient in St. Elizabeths Hospital since about May 2, 1925, as a beneficiary of the Public Health Service, under the terms of the Act of August 28, 1916.

The record shows Mr. Smith's date of birth as February 26, 1870, and as the Lighthouse Service Retirement Law provides for compulsory retirement at age 70, it will be necessary for this Service to separate Mr. Smith in the manner indicated at the close of February next. The Public Health Service stated in a letter of April 23, 1932, that upon retirement it would terminate its arrangement with your institution for his care and suggested that the matter of his retention after retirement be taken up with the Superintendent of the Hospital.

Mr Smith has had approximately 25 years of active service, on the basis of which his retirement pay will amount to approximately $565.14 per annum. This employee was placed in the hospital in lieu of disability retirement at the expressed wish of his family, who it is understood was unable to give him the proper care and attention. In view of this condition, it will be appreciated if you will advise this office promptly whether or not Mr. Smith may be continued in your institution after his retirement, and if so on what basis as respects cost, attention being invited to the approximate retirement pay above referred to. Mr. Smith was a civilian employee and his retirement is proposed as such.

By direction of the Commandant,

Very truly yours,

C. H. JONES,
Chief Personnel Officer.

MAILED
JAN 31 1940
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Dear Mr. LeBlanc:

Referring to your recent phone inquiry relative to Lighthouse Keeper GEORGE R. SMITH, that case has been reviewed.

The Regulations (Par.643(provide that a retired Lighthouse Keeper may be hospitalized at the expense of this Service only in a "marine hospital" and Saint Elizabeths is not a "marine hospital".

At that time, of course, the Lighthouse Service had not become a part of the Coast Guard Service and, Smith was not a Coastguardsman who could be hospitalized in Saint Elizabeths at Coast Guard expense.

I believe you have copies of the files in this case. It appears that (from L.H.letter of Apr.21,1932), Smith was not formally retired because of the ruling that he would then become ineligible as our beneficiary in that institution. He is, according to the records, still under treatment there as our beneficiary.

Whether or not he could now be given a formal status of retirement and then be carried therein as a Coast Guard beneficiary, appears doubtful, but would seem to be for determination.

O F B
1/18/40

Capt Howe

This is a peculiar special sort of case, in view of the circumstances, it now seems that the practical course is to drop any further action and let the status quo continue

PS

2/23/40

Approved

C.H.J.

Geo R Smith
Asst

COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS

Date 30 January, 1940

Memorandum for Mr. LeBlanc:

In reference to information given you by the Public Health Service in connection with the status of George R. Smith, a ~~xxx~~ keeper who is a patient at St. Elizabeths Hospital, owing to the fact that 70 years is the compulsory retirement age under the law concerned, and also to the fact that the previous record indicated that action toward this end was contemplated, steps to effect this employee's retirement under the law appears necessary; and in this connection it seems desirable to have some statement in the matter from St. Elizabeths Hospital, in order that this office will be in a position to advise Mr. Smith's guardian of the future arrangements which may be possible with regard to him in respect to hospitalization.

RG

Monday
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1:00 PM

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
SAINT ELIZABETHS HOSPITAL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

#32328

ADDRESS ONLY
THE SUPERINTENDENT
SAINT ELIZABETHS HOSPITAL

February 6, 1940

In re: George R. Smith,
P.H. S.

U. S. COAST GUARD
REC'D FEB 10 1940

The Commandant,
U. S. Coast Guard,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Your letter of January 30, 1940 under reference CP 75 and signed by C. H. Jones, Chief Personnel Officer, has been received regarding Mr. George R. Smith, formerly keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, who has been under care and treatment here as a Public Health Service patient since May 2, 1925.

The authorization for Mr. Smith's admission stated his status as a member of the lighthouse service, an insane patient of the Public Health Service, and authorized his transfer to Saint Elizabeths Hospital, to be cared for as prescribed by the Acts of Congress approved March 3, 1875 and July 1, 1918.

Mr. Smith's name is included in the list of those for whom the Public Health Service pays the costs of board and maintenance here and it would appear to be proper and the intention of the Acts under which he was admitted to continue in that status notwithstanding his retirement from active service which is expected to occur at the close of February, 1940. There is no obligation apparently on the part of the District of Columbia to pay the costs of Mr. Smith's maintenance here even if he were to be adjudged of unsound mind in the District Court. In the absence of any pressure for such procedure, therefore, it does not seem to be necessary at this time. The patient's condition appears to be such that he will require hospitalization indefinitely and in view of his long period of care and treatment here it is likely that the State of Texas, where his family resides, would be unwilling to consider his transfer from Saint Elizabeths Hospital to a Texas State Institution. At the same time we believe the relatives, who are recorded here as his wife, his daughter, and his brother, would prefer that he remain in Saint Elizabeths Hospital as they have apparently been satisfied with the attention and care that he has received here.

From the foregoing our suggestion would be that regardless of Mr. Smith's retirement he is understood to be entitled to continued care and treatment under the Acts of Congress originally authorizing

his admission and this would, of course, necessitate the payment of his board and maintenance at the approved rate. Whether or not any part of this may be payable from his retired pay cannot be stated at this time but your office may wish to give some consideration to that possibility.

Pending any further information or instructions as to Mr. Smith's care he will be continued on our rolls as a patient of the U. S. Public Health Service and will be included on the quarterly board bills for Public Health Service patients here.

Very truly yours,

Winfred Overholser

Winfred Overholser, M. D.,
Superintendent.

After further consideration of this whole matter and in view of the fact that the Public Health Service advised that it would not continue him as its beneficiary in St. Elizabeths if he were retired and also in view of the fact that Mr. Smith's family has heretofore expressed a preference for his hospitalization in St. Elizabeths in lieu of retirement, appears no further action is necessary.

A/m 2/16/40

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IN REPLYING
ADDRESS THE SURGEON GENERAL
U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY
U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
WASHINGTON

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MEDICAL SECTION BY

April 11, 1940

U. S. COAST GUARD
RECD APR 12 1940

Commandant
United States Coast Guard
U. S. Coast Guard Headquarters
Washington, D. C.

Att: Medical Director

Sir:

Reference is made to patient George R. Smith of the former Lighthouse Service who at the present time is receiving care at St. Elizabeths Hospital.

It is desired to know the present employee status of Mr. Smith as related to the Coast Guard, and a reply at your early convenience will be appreciated.

By direction of the Surgeon General.

Respectfully,

W. W. Nesbit

W. W. Nesbit, Surgeon
Assistant Chief, Hospital Division

RDK:RTH:jmf

April 17, 1940.

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M. Le B.

Surgeon General,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

With reference to letter from your office of April 11, 1940, the record shows that after approximately twenty-five years of active service as a keeper in the Lighthouse Service, Mr. George R. Smith became mentally unbalanced and entered St. Elizabeths Hospital, Washington, D. C., on May 2, 1925, as a beneficiary of the Public Health Service under the Act of August 28, 1916, where he is still confined.

Pursuant to the President's Reorganization Plan No. II of May 9, 1939, the Lighthouse Service was consolidated with the Coast Guard effective July 1, 1939. Mr. Smith was among the Lighthouse personnel brought into the Coast Guard by the reorganization plan referred to; however, his civil service status as keeper was not changed.

By direction of the Commandant,

Very truly yours,

APR 17 1940

M. C. GUTHRIE,
Medical Director.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
SAINT ELIZABETHS HOSPITAL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ADDRESS ONLY
THE SUPERINTENDENT
SAINT ELIZABETHS HOSPITAL

June 1, 1940

U.S. COAST GUARD
REC'D JUN 3 - 1940

The Commandant,
U. S. Coast Guard,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have to report that the only change which occurred in the list of Coast Guard patients on the rolls of this Hospital during the month of May, 1940, was the addition of the name of George R. Smith, Lighthouse Service, as of January 1, 1940, as the U. S. Public Health Service advised us, on April 26, 1940, that the Lighthouse Service with which Mr. Smith had service, was consolidated with the U.S.Coast Guard July 1, 1939.

Yours very truly,

U. S. COAST GUARD
REC'D JUN 3 1940 BY
MEDICAL SECTION

R H Guthrie

Riley H. Guthrie,
First Assistant Physician.

Regional Office - Love Field
Dallas 9, Texas

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Chief, Personnel Officer
U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters
1300 East Street, N.W.
Washington 25, D.C.

Re: SMITH, George Randolph

Dear Sir:

An application for compensation has been received for the above named mentally incompetent veteran. Very little identification can be furnished; however, it is believed that the veteran has served in the U.S. Coast Guard between 1900 and 1924. It is believed that the claimant worked as a light-house keeper at Cut light-house Station, Texas, at Red Fish Base, while in the Coast Guard and was relieved of duty in April, 1924. This claimant was in the U.S. Marine Hospital in New Orleans, La. from February 11, 1925 to March 21, 1925, as a mental case. Claimant was born February 26, 1870, at Houston, Texas.

It will be appreciated if as much as possible of the following information will be furnished.

Date & place of Birth: February 26, 1870 - Texas

Service Serial Number: ----

Date & place of entry into service: July 15, 1890

Date & place of Discharge: April 30, 1924

Rank & Orgarization: Keeper, Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas

It is believed possible that the claimant may be drawing retirement pay from the Coast Guard. No

Very truly yours,

R. W. WATTS
Chief, Administrative Division