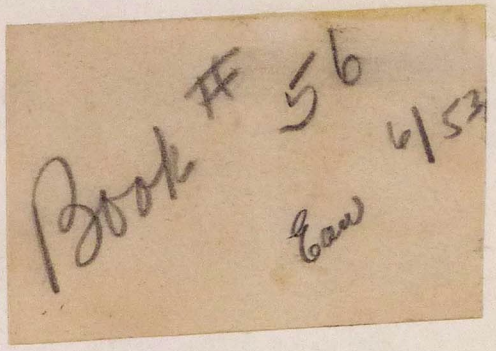

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Coast and Harbor
St Mauks Co
Sept 4 1856

Sir

On the 30th & 31st ult August all along the Coast - Which has Swept away most of the Stakes that Marked the St Mark's Channel. It also took away and beat up the Boat used by the Keeper to Supply himself with Wood Water &c, With Several other Boats the property of the Keeper leaving him distitute of a boat of any Kind.

On the 1st Inst I hired the Sloop Laura of this Port to proceed to the St Mouth and See as to the Keepers Situation fearing he might be destitute of Boats & have none of the Above Salt Water, Sending him by the Sloop a Small Supply of Fresh Water and a boat to use until one Could be procured. For the Service & paid the owner of the Sloop Ten dollars;

Will You please furnish him another boat as Soon as Possible and also direct that the Stakes be replaced as Early as practicable as this being the Commencement of our business Season and

Such aids to navigation are much needed here
I have advised Capt Lewis better of them
by this Mail.

There is no damage done to the
St House and the Bell Boat is Still in
position —

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Sert
Hugh Archer
Collector & Sup. 7th Dist.

Capt T A Jenkins
Sec'y of the L H Board
Washington
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87) Collectors Office
St Marks Fla
Sept 15 1856

Sir

Enclosed please find Estimate of funds required for the Support of the Light Establishment during the current Quarter -

The Sum of Ten dollars Estimated for under the head of Supplies for Light Houses is for the Amount paid the Sloop Louisa of which you were advised in my letter of the 13th Inst;

The Keeper denies he is in want of a Boat - Wants Which to Supply himself with Wood Water in place of the one I advised You he lost in the recent Gale 29 30 Aug

I am also desired by the Merchants Mariners and others to call Your attention to the Secessity Want and necessity for replacing the Stakes marking the Channel of the St Marks River - Most of them having been Carried away during the Gale before alluded to -

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Hugh Archer
Collr Superintendt

Copy to
A Jenkins
Secy Ltd Ho Board
Washington

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Custom House
St Marks Oct 20 1856

Sir

I Enclose herewith my accounts of Expenditures on account of the L H Establishment during the 3 Quarter 1856.

I also Enclose the resignation of A P Crane as Keeper who immediately after drawing his pay left the L H at Sea H Key and forwarded his resignation, under these circumstances A Shelton Dy Collector at Cedar Keys Employed Mr W M Pierson Temporarily to perform the Service as Principal Keeper until Some Suitable person could be Nominated as Keeper, Mr Pierson has I am informed by the Dy Collector at that point faithfully performed the duty as Keeper to the 1st of October and I have paid him the Salary allowed up to that period and Enclose his Voucher for Same With the Enclosed accounts,

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Hugh Archer
Collr & Supt Lts

Capt T A Jenkins
Secretary of the L H Board
Washington
DC

Office of Customs St. Marks Fla
3d December 1856. I 87

Sir,

I informed you some months ago that the last August gale had done considerable injury to the Buoys and Stakes marking the Channel from the Bar to this place. As yet they remain unattended to, —
I have been expecting a visit here from Capt Leadbetter the Inspector not only for the purpose of the work necessary to the Harbor but to select and mark the Site for the Light on South Cape. The difficulty in the way of procuring titles to the Land has been removed by our Court of Chancery and the Agent of the Land Co some time since wrote Capt Leadbetter on the subject. The only obstacle in the way heretofore was the obtaining good titles, otherwise the work would long since have been finished, as I am informed by Capt Leadbetter
Excuse me for calling your attention to this matter, but a deep interest is felt here for the Light on South Cape
I would also mention that the Keeper of the Light at this port lost his boat (allowed him by Government) during the gale and asks for another

it being necessary to him for procuring Wood and sometimes Water—

I forwarded some weeks ago the nomination of Richard S Molloy as Keeper of the Light on Sea Horse Key. Mr Molloy has been in charge of that Light since 1st November last

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Hugh Archer
Collector & Inspector

Lieut Thornton J Jenkins
Secty L. H. Board
Washington
D. C

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St Marks Fla
Collectors Office
10 Dec 1856

Sir

I have the honor to Enclose Estimate for the current Quarters Expenditure at this Port on account of the L H Establishment,

I have not been able up to this time to obtain proposals from any one for furnishing the Rations to the L H Keeper on Sea Horse Key, and for the present Quarter I purchased on the best terms I could procure them for the Keeper and Assistant at that Light House, both Rations delivered at the place amounting to $41.92/100 and have Estimated for the same amount for the Ensuing Quarter as the Rations if reached there in time will have to be purchased and forwarded the present month,

The party Contracting for transportation of the U S Mails have as yet not been able to comply with there Contract & find no Steamer and in consequence we have no regular means of Communication by Water to any of the Gulf Ports except New Orleans — As soon as any proposals for furnishing these Rations regularly I will at once transmit them to You,

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Sert
High Archer
Collector

Col T A Jenkins
Sec'y L House Board
Washington

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Office of Customs
St Marks 20 December 1856

Sir/

I inclose you the statement received from the Light Keeper at this place respecting the loss of the boat furnished him by Government with description dimensions &c of such a boat as he requires to supply the loss.

During the gale in August last, all the small boats on the Light House beach were swept off or destroyed except the Life boat which Mr Allen succeeded in saving

The cost of the boat lost was One hundred and twenty five dollars, and I would estimate that amount for the purchase of the one described

Very Respectfully
Hugh Stocker
Supt Lights

Lieu. Thornton A Jenkins
Secty L. H. Board
Washington

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St Marks 19th Dec 1836

Hugh Archer Esq
Collector } Dr Sir

I have Lost the boat belonging to the Light house at Saint Marks – the boat went adrift in the hurricane on the night of the 30th of August last taking Chain, Anchor, Oars & Sails with her – I have used My best endeavours to recover the boat but She cannot be found

You have asked me to give the dimensions of a boat suitable for My service – and I wish for one of the following dimensions to viz 16 feet Long 5 feet beam 22 inches deep – with Anchor, Chain – Sails and Oars

Yours Respectfully
John L. Allen
Light house Keeper
St Marks

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Office of Customs, St Marks
2d April 1857.

Sir

In consequence of the supply of Oil at the St Marks Light giving out I authorised Mr Allen the Keeper to procure the article from our Store Keepers, until a supply should arrive. He did so, and I find the account therefor, amounts to a much larger sum than I anticipated at the first. He assures me however that the quantity was necessary and was used for the Lamps, in January and a part of February last. The amount so far exceeds the sum named in my (Stipulations) requisition that I felt an explanation necessary

Your obt Servt
Hugh L Archer
Asst Lt Sigts

To
Capt Thornton A Jenkins
Secty L.H. Board.

NB. Please send me a supply blank abstracts and a/cs Currents.

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Lighthouse Service

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Eighth District Inspector and Eng., July 1868- June 1869

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Office of Supt of Lights
St Marks August 22/68.

Sir.

I had the honor to address you the 20th inst. upon the subject of removing the Asst and Principal Keeper, Sea Horse Key Light, this district — and now beg to enquire if the L. H. at this port can be allowed such a boat as the one recently furnished Sea Horse Key Light? As the Keepers are obliged to furnish themselves with wood by picking it up all along shore — the boat now in use (a private one) leaks badly and will soon be unfit for service. The Keepers also have to boat all their provisions from this place a distance of some eight miles. Submitting these facts for your consideration.

I am Sir.
Very Respectfully Yours
(Signed) Thomas A. Stayne
Collector & Supt

Commodore E. R. Thompson
L. H. Inspector 8th district
New Orleans La.

Office of L. H. Inspector 8th Dist
New Orleans Aug 29th 1868

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Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the copy of a letter from the Supt of Lights on St Marks, recommending the purchase of a boat for the St Marks L. H.

I have just returned from the Passes and brought up a worn out skiff belonging to S. Pass to serve as a model to build others by. This skiff combined all the good qualities of a light-keeper's boat for any use except going to sea in a gale of wind. She has all the carrying capacity required, pulls easy and sails well. It was my intention to apply for authority to build six of these for various light-houses in want of boats. These skiffs, half-deck can, I believe be built for about $50 or $60. I will obtain estimates for them in a few days, but in the mean time respectfully ask authority for building one for St Marks at about the figures named.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt,
M. F. Bonzano
Asst L. H. Inspr.

Admiral W. B. Shubrick, U.S.N,
Chairman of L. H. Board.

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Office Light House Inspector 8th Dist
New Orleans La. April 29. 1869.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, seven Annual Returns of Illuminating Apparatus & Supplies (Forms 48a & 48b) on hand June 30. 1868. from the following Light Stations viz- Barrataria Bay, Bolivar Point, E. Pascagoula, Pensacola, Pass à Loutre, St. Marks, & Ship Shoal. - delayed in transmission per causes reported in letter of September 19. 1868.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Chas E Hawley
Inspector 8th Dist.

Rear Admiral
W. B. Shubrick U.S. Navy
Chairman L. H. Board
Washington D.C.

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7TH DIST INSPECTOR
A N D
ENGINEER .

JULY, 1873
TO
JUNE, 1874.

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Office of Light-House Ins[pector]

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Key West, Fla., June 11th, 1[8]

Sir

In obedience to your order of May 9th in regard to "Conduct of Keeper at St Marks", I have the honor to report.

While at that Station June 4th inst, I carefully questioned Mr D. M. Kennedy and found that owing to the delay of the Supply Steamer "Peru" on her last distributing trip he was reduced to a Supply of very poor oil and did his best to keep the light going. He reported the facts to the then Inspector of the District, and also endeavored to purchase oil at St Marks, but could only get Kerosene and did not want to run the risk of using it.

When the Supply Vessel did reach his Station he was entirely out of oil.

I am informed by the Supt of Lights of the St Marks Collection District Mr Isidore Blumenthal

that Mr Kennedy is a perfectly reliable m
and a good Keeper, but that the position of
Keeper at that Light Station is wanted for
another person equally reliable, as a reward
for political Services rendered.

From the condition of the Station as I found
it on Inspection, and from the investigation of
the facts of the case, I can find no reason
for the removal of the present Keepers

Very Respectfully
K B Ihl
S. H. Inspector 7th Dist

Prof Joseph Henry
Chairman L.H.B.
Washington D.C.

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LIGHTHOUSE BOARD
LETTERS RECEIVED
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Office Light House Inspector
New Orleans La. April 30th 1871

Sir:

I have the honor to submit to the Department the following monthly report of services performed in this District for April 1871.

On the morning of the 1st the Tender crossed the Bar at entrance to Matagorda Bay (touching slightly) and anchored near the Lt. House.

This station was inspected by Admiral Stribling and the Inspector and found in a bad condition in every respect with evident neglect and carelessness on the part of the Keepers: The principal Keeper Thomas Harrison Jr. absented himself from the Station on the approach of the Tender on a pretext of mailing his Quarterly Returns. A special inspection report of the station and the conduct of the principal Keeper on the occasion will be made to the Department: A new Cooking Stove and one barrel Lime were delivered. On the same

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the new light at Port [illegible]
and found in good order.
Matagorda Bay and entrance was found
condition. The Tender then proceeded
and arrived at Galveston on the forenoon of
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On the 3rd, Admiral Stribling, accompanied by
the Inspector proceeded to, and inspected the Depot
Vessel "Galveston No 28" - which was found, generally
in good condition so far as cleanliness and
efficiency of the lighting apparatus, and the
security of the moorings were concerned - but the
interior of the vessel and apartments was not
in good condition as to cleanliness or orderly
arrangement.

Bolivar Point, Half Moon Reef, and Red
Fish Bar were then inspected and found in
excellent order, - after which the Tender returned
to Galveston. At 7 P.M. same date, Admiral
Stribling accompanied by the Inspector, took passage
on board the Houston Navigation Company's Steamer
"Bagley" for Clopper's Bar where she arrived at

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midnights. Captain Christian of this boat offering a free passage, and to stop at [illegible] on his return for the Inspector. The Capt. and Officers of this line of Steamers are uniformly courteous and accommodating to the Officers and Employes of the L. H. Service.

On the 4th inspected, and found in good order the light at Cloppers Bar. There are four Stake Lights near this Station marking the channel (or canal) from Cloppers Bar to Magans Point and are paid for by the Navigation Company above referred to. The Keeper at this Station states that he procures firewood at $5.00 per Cord, but has to bring it from a considerable distance, (none having ever been supplied by the Department) and his supplies are brought from Galveston a distance of about 30 miles in a small decked Skiff. As this is an isolated station, and the duties of Assistants are performed by the Keepers wife, - I respectfully recommend

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[illegible] be appointed Assistant
remaining at this Station 26. Hours
to Galveston on the morning of the 5th
called upon the Deputy Collector Mr. Jennings
Mr. C. H. Jordan Agent, and Captain Irvine
-intendent of the Tow Boat Company - in order
investigate the circumstances of the grounding of
the Light Vessel in October last, - and with reference
to the exorbitant charges for services in getting her
afloat. I have also a written statement
and diagram from Captain B. J. Killam of the
Revenue Cutter "Relief" on the same subject, and
which with the result of the investigation will be
forwarded to the Department at an early date.

On the forenoon of the 5th having taken
in 20 tons of Anthracite Coal (of a very inferior quality
and a high price $16.50) the Tender proceeded to sea
on her return to New Orleans. On the 7th, arrived
at Lt. Ho. Wharf in New Orleans - and from the 8th
to the 12th Carpenters and Smiths were employed making
the following necessary repairs upon the Tender -
Oak clamps were bolted on the deck to Stern -

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Frame (the overhang deck having been fore
a further) after Bulkheads to Wheelhouse
and Steps repaired, a Leadsman's Stand and
made, and her after deck caulked: this work
done in a satisfactory manner and at a reasonable
price inclusive of Smiths work, amounting to $201.87

On the afternoon of the 13th Admiral Shubrick
arrived on board the Tender, and on the morning
of the 14th she proceeded to sea - arriving at
Chandeleur Light Station at 11 P.M.

On the 15th after the inspection of
Chandeleur light the Tender proceeded to Mississippi
Sound, and thence to Lake Borgne, where she
was detained 5 hours by low water on the
middle ground of Pearl river - one of the fastenings of
the rudder chain parted which was temporarily
repaired.

On the 16th after passing through the
bridge at the Rigolets she was again detained
on the inner Middle ground, but at noon

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[illegible] at Fort Pickens.

On the morning of the 17th inst. I left New Canal, Bayou St. John and Point Light Stations, when being accompanied by Inspector proceeded to, and inspected Pass Manchac, Pontchartrain River and West Rigolets Light Stations. The latter stations were in an improved condition at last inspection.

The Lamplist visited each of the Light Stations to supply and fit new Burners or make adjustments or slight repairs upon Apparatus as occasion required.

On the 18th inspected the lights at East Rigolets, St. Josephs Island, Merills Shell Bank, Pass Christian and Biloxi and at 10.30 anchored near Round Island: Merills Shell Bank and Biloxi lights were in excellent order, and the other stations in the same condition as at last inspection.

At Merills Shell Bank the Assistant Keeper had been absent fourteen days with the Light House Boat, and the Principal Keeper (one of the best in the district) was sick and short of provisions. By direction of Admiral Stribling

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I addressed a note to Mr. Pinkney Superintendent of Lights at Shildsborough Miss informing him of the condition of affairs at that station and suggesting that a competent and suitable Assistant be appointed as soon as practicable as there was danger of this light being extinguished by the continued sickness of the Principal, and absence of the Assistant Keeper.

On the 19th, inspected Round Island and East Pascagoula lights - both in excellent order. The Keeper of the first mentioned station states that he was required to go to Shildsborough - a distance of about 40 miles, once on the 3rd and again on the 18th to draw his salary - the fare each way on the train after leaving from his boat being $5.00

Proceeded to Gronts Pass (a S.E gale and heavy sea outside) and at 1.30 P.M got aground on a hump in the Pass - the crew of the Tender at work all night to get

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through to Mobile Bay.

On the morning of the 20th I
and inspected Mobile Point light-house
was found in good order so far as the
duties were concerned: the Lamps and R
of the Steamer Lens, as we here are entirely
out and will be replaced by new ones as soon
as practicable. I would respectfully recommend
that a new and more convenient Illuminating
Apparatus be substituted for the old one now
in use.

Inspected Sand Island light, and found
it in good order with a competent and
reliable Keeper: the Island in front of this
station is getting away rapidly and the sand
drifting from under the Lt. House — repairs
will soon be required to keep the structure in
its present position.

The buoyage in Mobile Bay and entrance
is in good condition, with the exception of the
2nd class Can on S. W. Spit which is out of
position.

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At 1.40 P.M crossed the Bar and
to sea: 3.20 John Johnson, Seaman
overboard and was drowned: the Tender was
stopped, backed, and a boat sent to the
assistance, but he being unable to swim,
soon lost sight of.

At 7. P.M the Tender arrived at Fort
Pickens' wharf, Pensacola Bay.

On the morning of the 21st, inspected the
Depot, and Pensacola lights: this station, although
in a somewhat improved condition since last
inspection, was still wanting in cleanliness and
orderly arrangement throughout. In accordance
with the Departments order of the 20th of March
last - I again inspected this station carefully,
the report of which will be forwarded, on the
12th instant.

At 10. A.M the Tender having arrived
at the Navy Yard wharf, Admiral Stribling
was received with a salute of 15. guns.

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5.45 P.M. after taking
Coal - proceeded to sea - at 6
a Navy Yard Cutter, inshore of us
union down - went to her assistance,
contained a fishing party and had
leeward of the Port - towed her back to the
buoy, cast her off and again proceeded to
Eastward: during the night had Northerly winds
and a rough S. E swell.

On the morning of the 22nd arrived at, and
inspected Cape San Blas Light Station which was
found in good order and with an intelligent
and careful Keeper: the Engineer men were
completing the new dwelling, whitewashing the Tower
&c. At noon proceeded to sea, and at
3 P.M arrived at West Pass Apalachicola Bay:
- inspected Cape St. Georges Light Station which was
found in excellent order in every respect: the
buoyage at West Pass is in good order.

The Tender remained at anchor in West Pass
until the morning of the 24th - when she proceeded
to sea - a strong S. E wind and heavy swell, - thus

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is much mud of a buoy in 5 fathom
the Southern extremity of St. Georges

At noon inspected Dog Island
which was not found in good order
Keeper was so informed. The buoyage at
entrance to St. Georges Sound is in good order
so far as positions are concerned, but need
cleaning and repainting.

On the morning of the 25th proceeded to
sea having strong winds with rough sea and
swell from S.E. & E. - at noon arrived at and
inspected the Light Station at St. Marks - this
station was not in good condition as to cleanliness
or orderly arrangement:- delivered a new Cooking Stove
and 3 barrels Lime - and the Lamplist fitted new
burners to Dt. Ho. Lamps: The Keeper complains
of the want of a Boat to enable him to procure
supplies &c: The red Bar Buoy was found near
at Light Station, with loss of moorings.

At 4 P.M proceeded to sea, and at 6.30

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U. M. arrived at Sea [illegible]
Stribling inspected this station.
fitted a new damper and pipe, and
Burners to the L. H. Lamp: at 2 P. M.
up to the town of Cedar Keys - and at
down the Bay, and went to sea.

On the morning of the 27th the
arrived at Egmont Key, Tampa Bay: after the
inspection of this station by Admiral Stribling, the
Tender proceeded to sea.

On the 28th arrived at the Northwest
passage at Key West: after the inspection of this
station by Admiral Stribling - proceeded to Pt. Ko.
Wharf at Key West - arriving at 9 A. M.

At Key West called on board the Flagship
"Seven", paid my respects to, and informed Admiral
Lee of the object of Tender's visit to this place: the
Admiral offered us whatever assistance we might be
in need of.

At 11.30 A. M proceeded to Sand Key
light Admiral Stribling being accompanied by Col.
C. E. Blunt the Engineer, and Comdr. C. A. Babcock -

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the Inspector of the 7th District: after [illegible]
of this Station, the Tender returned to the Y[illegible]
wharf at Key West where she remained [illegible]
end of the month.

There was a large quantity of old and very
inferior Anthracite Coal (from Pensacola) at this Sta[illegible]
from which Admiral Lee offered us a supply at
the Government invoice price – but deeming it more
economical to use a good quality of coal at a
reasonable price, I purchased 35. tons (long) from
Mr. Fernando J. Romo at $12. per ton – which was put
on board the Tender on the 29th.

I am, Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

W. P. McLaren
Comdr. & Inspector 7th Dist.

Rear Admiral Thornton A. Jenkins
U. S. Navy
Naval Secretary Light House Board
Washington, D. C.

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W. P. McLean
Comdr. & Inspector 7th Dist.

Rear Admiral Thornton A. Jenkins
U. S. Navy
Naval Secretary, Light House Board
Washington, D. C.

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Office Light [illegible]
New Orleans La, May [illegible]

Sir:

I have the honor to report to the [illegible]
ment that in obedience to instructions from
Admiral Stribling - to furnish a suitable Surf
for Ship Shoal Light House (to replace the one lost
in a gale on the 14th of March last) I have this
day inspected and received a boat for that
Station from Mr. John Mahony, boat builder
of Algiers La. Deeming it important that
this station should be provided with a larger,
better modeled, and safer boat than it has
heretofore been, I contracted with Mr. Mahony
to construct a Surf boat sufficiently large to
supply the station and that could be easily
handled by two men and hoisted and secured
by the force at the Light House. The
following are the dimensions of the boat: 335

from Keel to deck - 5 mos [illegible]
timbers are of White Oak, planking, [illegible]
bottom boards of Cypress - copper fastened and
two Hoisting Ring Bolts 3/4 inch iron - riveted
from deck to keel: also iron stem band from
deck to keel, and swivel Rowlocks. The Boat is
20 feet, beam 22 feet, gaff 10 feet - with one coat
of paint. The price is $240. which I consider
quite reasonable.

The following named Light Stations are
allowed boats under the rule, and I respectfully
request authority to provide them: -

Redfish Bar Texas - has the use of a boat
loaned by the Houston Navigation Co - and may be
withdrawn at option of owners.

Half Moon Shoal Texas. The boat was lost in
February last whilst towing by Steamer from
Galveston to the Lighthouse.

East Rigolets La - Former Keeper had a boat

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of his own - which was taken
St. Josephs Island Miss. - Very old and
was a small Skiff - private property.
St. Marks Florida - There is a necessity for
boat at this station - one has been promised for
years but never supplied.
Sand Island, Alabama. - Has never had a boat
but needs one to go to Mobile for supplies, salary.
Suitable boats for these stations from
16. to 18. feet long - built of Oak and Cypress - fitted
with Sprit Sails, spars and oars complete can be
purchased for $135. each. The Ship Shoal boat
will be sent to the station the latter part of this week.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

W. P. McCann
Comdr. Inspector

Rear Admiral -
Thornton A Jenkins U.S.N.
Naval Secretary Lt. Ho. Board
Washington D.C.

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Office Light House Inspector
New Orleans La June 3rd 1871

Sir:

In compliance with the Department's ... of the 16th ultimo, I respectfully submit the follow-ing detailed report upon those Light Stations in this District, which, in my opinion it would be to the interest of the public service to furnish with provisions or fuel, or either, for the use of the Keepers.

St. Marks Light, Florida.

The nearest market town to this station is St. Marks, 7 miles distant, and there is no inconvenience or difficulty in procuring provisions at reasonable rates. This is one of the best fishing stations in the district. The Lt.Ho. Boat authorized for this station has been built and will be sent out on the first opportunity. There is no scarcity of firewood near the Light-house

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and on the beach. I do not consider provisions or fuel for this station an expense.

Dog Island Light, Florida.

The Keeper must bring his provisions from Apalachicola - a distance of 30 miles, which is the nearest market town; - has a boat of his own, and states that one has been promised by Inspectors for many years but never furnished.

There is an abundance of fuel on the Island and near the station.

I recommend that rations be furnished this station by the Department, - but no fuel.

Cape St. George Light, Florida.

The Keeper at this station has no difficulty in bringing his supplies from Apalachicola the nearest market town - 7 miles distant.

Has a Lt. Ho. Boat in good order for this purpose. There is ample supplies of fuel

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I am Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
F. O. McCann
Comdr. & Inspector

Rear Admiral—
Thornton A. Jenkins U. S. Navy
Naval Secretary Lt. Ho. Board
Washington, D. C.

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OFFICE SPECIAL AGENT,
I
SAVANNAH, GA., May 4th

Hon W. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir.

I have the hon
to herein enclose an affidavit of Genge P. F
Esq. — Once befor I was informed of the negle
of the Light Keeper therein named, but had n
traced it to any reliable source, But whil
recently in Florida, Mr Fowler informed me
the facts stated in his affidavits, and I re
=quested him to make a memorandum of the
in writing, and he did so and swore to the
same.

Thinking these facts important I respect
forward the same herewith to the Departmen

I have the honor to b
Your most obedient servan
T. Pearson
Special Treasury Ag

Dated J. 566 Dept.

7th CUSTOMS DISTRICT,

SAVANNAH, GA.,

May 4th 1874.

T. Pearson

Special Treasury Agent.

Relating to

Negligence of the
Light Keeper at St.
Marks, Fla. in not
keeping his light burn-
ing — Enclosing affida-
vit of Geo. P. Fowler.

Treasury Dept,
May 8th 1874.

respectfully referred to
the Miss Board,

Chief Clerk.

Send copy to
7th Inspection to
enquire & report
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Riddell House

SAMUEL T. RIDDELL,
PROPRIETOR.

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Fernandina, Fla., _____

On last Winter I think it w
in March of Nov 1873, on occa
I myself saw light House at
St Marks - with no light for
some time greater part of
the night and Capt Be
Sherrill of Apalachicol
and his mate (Name un
known) both informed
me that, they had often
known no light - to be
kept at that light House
others at Apalachicola als
know of the fact - whose
names are to me unknow
but can be ascertained if wan

Geo P. Fowler

Subscribed and Sworn to
Before me this April 30. 1874
T. Pearson
Special Treasury Agent.

(C) 566 Dept.

P-59-1874.

Affidavit of

George P. Fowler Esq

in relation to negli-

gence of Light Keeper

at St. Marks (Fla)

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U.S. LIGHT HOUSE
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Washington D.C
April 11th 1870

Hon. Sec. Treasury
&c &c &c

Sir.

I would respectfully report the Light House at Egmont Key entrance Tampa Harbor be transferred from the Collection District of Key West to the District of St Marks.

The designated limits of the Collection District are at Cedar Keys Harbor only or rather a hundred miles north of Egmont Key. and yet the Light House at Egmont is within the supervision of the Key West District. I should be gratified if one of the Engineers of the Egmont Entrance for the purpose of the Light

Office of Light-House Inspector,
SEVENTH DISTRICT.
Key West, Fla., July 30th, 1881.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform the Board that the amt. of Oil consumed at St. Marks Light Station during the year ending June 30th 1881 is 129 24/32 gallons of Mineral Oil.

In order to complete my annual report of operations, I would respectfully ask that the above amount be inserted.

Very Respectfully,
W. H. Wright
L. H. Inspector, 7th Dist.

The
Chairman, L. H. Board,
Washington, D.C.

Office of L. H. Inspector, 7th Dist.,
KEY WEST, FLA.,
July 25th, 1881.

Office of Light-House Inspector,
SEVENTH DISTRICT,
Key West, Fla., July 20th, 1881.

Sir;

I have the honor to forward my annual report of operations in duplicate for the Year ending June 30th 1881.

I would state that the amt of oil consumed at St. Marks Light Station is not stated, as the returns of that station have not yet been received. As soon as they are received, the amt. of oil consumed at said station will be sent to the Board.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
L. H. Inspector, 7th Dist.

The
Chairman, L. H. Board,
Washington, D.C.

Office of L. H. Inspector, 7th Dist.
KEY WEST, FLA.
July 20th, 1881.

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Office of Light-House Inspector,

SEVENTH DISTRICT,

Key West, Fla., April 22nd, 1887.

Sir:

Refering to a portion of the Boards letter of 17th inst. relative to the stakes and beacons, marking the entrance to St. Marks, Fla. and requesting me to report whether in my opinion the missing aids should be replaced, I beg leave to report that as the entrance to St. Marks is buoyed out, I see no reason why they should be replaced and would recommend that they be erased from the Buoy List of this District.

Very Respectfully

J K Winn

L. H. Inspector, 7th Dist.

The

Chairman, L. H. Board

Washington, D. C.

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Office of L H Inspector, 7th Dist.,

KEY WEST, FLA.,

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Office of Light-House Inspector,

SEVENTH DISTRICT,

Key West, Fla., March 29th, 1883.

Sir:

I respectfully submit for the consideration of the Board the following remarks in relation to the Light House Service in this District.

St. Marks Light Station. I see no possible present or future necessity for this Light. The port of St. Marks is practically abandoned, few or no vessels go there and as it is difficult to navigate the Entrance Channel at night, the old tower would be all that is needed for a daymark. This light is situated far up in the light and is of no use in clearing the shoals to S. and W., and there is no other port that can be opened in the future. Under these circumstances it is a useless Expense, not only for the maintenance of the Light, but the frequent visits for supplies and Inspections are Expensive.

Sanibel Island. As the erection of this Light has not yet been

been commenced, I would ask the Board to consider the advisability of locating it near the Telegraph Station at Punta Rosa. This point is but two miles distant from the proposed location and the land is far less liable to overflow.

Punta Rosa is the only harbor between Tampa Bay and Key West that could be easily entered in a Norther and is a good hurricane harbor, with the light placed as above mentioned, a vessel could get it to bear N.W. ¼ N. and run for it, this would bring them close to buoy No 2, change course to N.W. ¾ W. would take them to Buoy No 1, then in a South Wester they could Keep off and anchor under Sanibel or in a hurricane proceed on up the harbor. If it is placed on Sanibel it can only be of use as a Coast Light and mark for Punta Rosa, though it could not be used to advantage in entering, as it would be abeam. Placed on Punta Rosa it would be of service both as a Coast and harbor light, it would be near a settlement where provisions and Mail could be obtained and but one Keeper would be required, no boat would be needed. These are advantages that should not be overlooked and which I believe

have

have never been brought to the notice of the Board. /

Rebecca Shoal, Florida Reef. The Beacon on this shoal should be made a lighted one, or a Light house erected there. This is the only place on the reef that is not lighted. There being a distance of 20 miles between the circles of visibility of Sand Key and Dry Tortugas Lights, and that is now the only dangerous Place on the reef. I do not exagerate when I say that within the past two years at least 60 per cent of the number of vessels that have struck or been wrecked on the Reef, have done so between Tortugas and Sand Key; a large portion of these were coming from Gulf ports and struck on the northern sides and between these circles of lights, with Rebecca shoal lighted even by a 3rd order light vessels could run close to it, using the channel between that and Tortugas, making a saving of 30 miles.

Cape San Blas Light Station. The work of rebuilding this light should take precedence of all others in the District. It is one of the most important lights north of the Reef and many vessels bound to Pensacola make this finish.

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The present light is not visible over six miles and there is a very dangerous shoal extending out 2 miles to the South and of this Cape. There was a vessel wrecked near this place a short time since and it is a matter of surprise there have not been more casualities since the main light was abandoned in April last.

Very Respectfully,

J K Winn

L. H. Inspector, 7th Dist.

The

Chairman, L. H. Board,

Washington, D.C.

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Office of Light-House Inspector,

SEVENTH DISTRICT,

Key West, Fla., April 5th, 1884.

Sir:

I respectfully ask for authority to purchase a cooking stove for St. Marks light station at a cost of seventeen (17.—) dollars. The stove now in use is entirely used up.

Very respectfully,

W. F. Wilde

L. H. Inspector, 7th Dist.

The

Chairman, L. H. Board,

Washington, D.C.

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Office of L. H. Inspector, 7th Dist.,
KEY WEST, FLA.,

April 5th, 1884.

Lieut Comdr. Geo. F. F. Wilde,
L. H. Inspector.

Asks for authority to purchase a cooking stove for St. marks light station.

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No. of Enclosures,

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Office of Light-House Inspector,

SEVENTH DISTRICT,

Key West, Fla., April 30th, 1884

Sir:

Referring to the Boards letter of 29th ult. relative to discrepancy in the measurment of Cap for G. H. Gibson Keeper of St. Marks Light Station, I beg leave to state that the Keeper informs me that the circumference of head is 21 3/4 inches and the size of cap required is No. 7 1/8, which is the same No. of the Cap now worn by him.

Very respectfully,

R. F. Hyde

L. H. Inspector, 7th Dist.

The

Chairman, L. H. Board,

Washington, D. C.

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Office of Light-House Inspector,

SEVENTH DISTRICT,

Key West, Fla., Dec., 1st, 1885.

The Chairman of the Light House Board,

Sir;

In reply to the Board's letter of the 13th Nov. 1885 in relation to the necessity for assistant Keepers at St. Marks, Cedar Keys and Egmont Key Light Stations, Fla., I have the honor to report that I do not think an assistant Keeper necessary at St. Marks Light Station, In view of the fact that Cedar Keys is a revolving light and that Egmont Key is a comparatively isolated station, I am of the opinion that an assistant Keeper would be desirable at both these stations. If allowed, the assistants should in my judgment receive a salary of ($400.00) four hundred dollars per annum each and neither Keeper nor assistant should receive rations. In this connection it is deemed proper to state that before the Board's letter was received, the semi-annual

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allowance

allowance of rations for one keeper had been delivered to these stations.

Very Respectfully -
John Hubbard Lieut. USN.
L. H. Inspector -

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Office of L. H. Inspector, 7th Dist.,
KEY WEST, FLA.,

December 1st, 1885

Lieut. John Hubbard.
L. H. Inspector.

Reply to Board letter of Nov. 13th rel. to necessity for assistant Keepers at Egmont Key, Cedar Keys and St Marks Light Stations.

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LIGHT HOUSE BOARD

Nash & ask for the appointment of two Assistant Keepers at Egmont Key as requested Dec 1st 85 at Cedar Keys as per.

No. of Enclosures,
None

Office of Light-House Engineer,
SEVENTH AND EIGHTH DISTRICTS,
63 CARONDELET STREET, 27 UNION STREET.

New Orleans, La, January 8th, 1886

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To The
Chairman of the Light House Board
Washington DC

Sir.

As soon as the Light House Tender Magnolia comes off the dock and the contemplated repairs on her finished, I desire to send her to the Seventh District to make necessary repairs at the following named Light Stations.

Egmont Key Light Station Florida.

Rethreyle the dwelling & gallery Store house and Kitchen.
Put in about 10 Under piles to wharf
Repair fences and such other general repairs as are needed to put the station in good order.
For this work there will be required about 23 M Shingles
3. M feet Flooring D & G. 3000 feet Ceiling - 15 Pieces Posts

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6" x 6" x 6 feet long 20 Yellow Pine

200 feet railing 2" x 3"

1000 " one inch Board.

Cedar Keys Florida Light Station

This Station to have a general overhauling.

The amount and kind of lumber can not be decided until workmen arrive and commence to tear into it.

The lumber for this work I would purchase at Cedar Keys where it can be bought as cheaply as at any market.

Cape St Georges Light Station Florida.

To renew sills & sidings in the tower

Rebuild the boat house. and any other repairs as may be found necessary to put the Station in good order.

The lumber for this to be purchased in the Cedar Keys market.

St Marks Light Station Fla

To make such minor repairs as may

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required. and to put in one two Cistern pumps.

Beacon on Porters Bar Shoal channel buoy.

To erect this beacon as has been directed by the S. H. Board November 7th 1885.

The Creosoted piles to be purchased here, as this is the only place this side of Charleston S. C. that they can be had. There are required 4 piles 20' but long.

For the above mentioned work - owing to the isolated places, I would recommend, it being more economical and advantageous to the Government, that this work be done by hired labor and the purchase of material, that may be required, made in open market, here and at such other points, as may be found most convenient.

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
W. H. Heuer.
Major C. E. Engineer

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Treasury Department,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C. August 17th 1882

Chairman of the,
Light-House Board,
Sir.

As recommended in your letter of the 14th instant, the position of Assistant Keeper of the following named Light-House is hereby abolished, to take effect on the 1st of October, 1882.

Egmont Key, Florida
St. Marks, "
Cedar Keys "

Very respectfully

W. A. Hauch
Acting Secretary

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Tallahassee Fla
November

Chairman Light House Board
Sir

Having exausted all means to convince you, and the Board you represent, Of the gross injustice done me, And have failed to receive justice at your hands, Now Sir I have appealed to the court, That tribunal is open for every citizen thank God. Sections 1754 & 1755 of the Revised Statutes declare that Soldiers of the late War, shall be preferred for positions of honor & trust under this Government, Ther is also another Law that declares

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none but citizens are eligible
for positions under this Government
my successor is not a citizen
I bear the marks of two wounds
on my person and still carry
an ounce of lead in my leg
the marks of the Wilderness
and Winchester, You have rec'd
an affidavitte from my Wife
I have a copy, That I propose
to use before the Grand jury
at its next meeting, That in
in connection with your reasons
for my removal will be proof
enough, I earnestly trust
you will give me justice, This
case will bring thousands of
others throughout the U S and
thereby cause considerable trouble
to many men who violated the
the law unknowingly, Trusting

to receive a favorable
reply

I remain Sir
Yours Respectfully
James H Bleon
Late Keeper St Marks Light

L. 22 B.

Breen, James H.

Tallahassee Fla.

——— 1882.

Removal, Kpr.

St. Mark's L H.

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Tallahassee Fla

Chairman Light House Board

Sir

Having waited nearly a year for Justice from you and the Board, And failed to get it, I shall now inform you that I have applied to the Court of this Dist for it.

Revised Statuts 1754 & 1755 have been violated in my case.

You have received one Affidavit from my Wife I have the other or Copy, contradicting the reason giving for my removal, As this may be tried next ~~Oct~~ month you can make up your defence if you have any. This will be the ~~first~~ shot of the war, Time before

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the year is out there will be plenty of such cases all throughout the Union.
As I have told you before I am a pensioner of the Government my successor is a British subject and as none But Citizens can hold Office under this Government according to Law, You have left yourselves liable again keping back this appointment will only aggravate the matter as it is your duty to see that no man holds an office in your Dept until he is regularly appointed, you have paid out the peoples money to a man without first appointing him to the Office this is enough I will see you in Jacksonville shortly

Respectfully

James H Breen

Late Keeper St marks L H

S. 24 B.

Breen, J. H.

Tallahassee Fla.

Nov. — 1882.

Removal as Kpr. St. Marks L. H.

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REMOVED TO 118 PEARL ST. N.Y.

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Gaylord, J. T.
New York.
June 11th 1881.

Relative to St. Mark's
L.H. Keeper, + asks when
present quarter will be
up.

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LIGHT HOUSE BOARD

Read
and Filed June 15-'81

No. 118 Pearl St
New York June 11th/81

Geo. Dewey:
Commander U. S. N.
Naval Secretary

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 27th at hand. Mrs Breen is very thankfull for what you have done for her. I have to inform you that She has moved from 469 Union St to 329 Bergen St, Brooklyn. You say in your letter that Mr Breen will send for her at the end of this quarter Will you please inform me when the quarter is up.

Yours Very Respectfully
Jno T. Gaylord

I have removed to #118 Pearl St.

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#32 South William St

New York April 21st 81

George Dewey Commander U S Navy Naval Secty

Dear Sir

Your letter of March the 18th and enclosures received. I wish to thank you on the part of Mrs James H Breen for what you have done for her, you said in your letter that you sent copies of the papers in the case, concerning James H Breen Keeper of St Marks Light House Florida – to Comdr A H. Wright. U.S.N. Inspector 7th L.H District Key West Florida with directions to investigate the conduct of Mr Breen. I wish you would please inform me if you have heard any thing concerning the case from Comdr A.H Wright, as Mrs Breen is in destitute circumstances and in need of money.

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St Marks Florida
Feb 16th 1882

Chairman Light House Board
Sir

It becomes my duty
to appeal to you for justice
I am Sir a pensioner of the Government
having been appointed Keeper of St Marks
Light House and serving for nearly a year
have been relieved, Not knowing the
cause Officially I desire to know
my successor is not a citizen of the U S
and therfore the Statute Laws of the
Government has been violated,
I know the true inwardness of the matter
and will explain them before the court
if nessesary, But I hope such a scandel
will not come out.
I has enquire into Lt Hurst actions, It is
generally reported throughout this district
that he is running a New Orleans woman
around this district passing Her off as his
sister, Even as such I believe it to be contrary
to orders to allow women to enter a Government
Light, If I dont get justice I shall

know the reason why I am not a
man that can be choked off. Knowing
my rights I certainly shall have them
if I have to appeal to congress,
Trusting that such will not be the case
I remain Sir
Respectfully
James H Breen

Breen, James H.
St. Marks,
Ex-Keeper, asks
reinstatement rel.
Superintendent
This is removal.

St Marks Fla
Feb 16th 1882

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LIGHT HOUSE BOARD

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St Marks Fla
Marck 20th 1882

Chairman Light House Board
Sir

I enclose you herewith letter from my wife acknoledging the receipt of $50.00 on the 12th of November 1881 I have been sick and out of my mind for over a year before I got that place and lost all trace of them, And when I did find them They not knowing my condition and trough the advice of others reported me, Now Sir those are the facts I was heavily in debt from my sickness and that had to be paid. I had no boat to perform the duty was obliged to buy one that cost twenty dollars I also had to buy an axe and furniture Officers of the district will furnish you, I am a pensioner of the Government successor is not even a citizen of the country He tells me he never took oath in his life I certainly have some rights under the Statutes in preferance to foreigners

Very Respectfully James H Breen

Encl. 80 B.

My Dear Sir

I received your letter to day and am very much supriesed that you did not get my letters when you sent me the 30th the 12 of november I answered it on the 14th of the same moonth and did not get a ansuer until the 3 1882 of the same moonth in that letter you toald me you lost your place and expected to get another place soon, that is the last letter I received from you it was dated from Tallahassee which was all the adress you put on that letter.

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you did not tell me to answer
it but i did do so and sent it
this is the adress i put on it
mr J.h Bren poast offic
tallahassee if you go there
i suppose it is wating for you
as to your writing twice to
me sance then i never got
any letters it is just one
month to day since i wrote
and a mounth on three days
since i received your last letter
there is a mistake somewhere
I toald you in my letter that
Willie was verry sick he is
better now thank god for it
i can see by your letter
Dear that you are mad
with me and I was also
with you for not answering

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To the Honorable Light House Board
Washington D.C

Gentlemen

Feeling that I have been at this Light Station so cut off from the outside world for such a length of time, with the only aid of what assistance my wife have been able to render me, and desiring a Change to some place better adapted to my present needs, I most respectfully ask that I may be transfered from this Light Station to the North West Light Station, Key West Harbor, Being the keeper of said Light Station Signifies his willingness to the Change, as his enclosed application will show, I would most humbly invite Your Sympathies with me, for I have been at this present Station over (10) ten Years Cut off from the world, and having a Sickly wife, and Children to be educated therefor I appeal so earnestly (not wishing to leave the Service altogether)

desiring such a change that they may have the advantages of being educated in Key West, I do therefore ask that You will Grant to me the transfer, feeling in myself that I have not asked too much, as I have done over (11) eleven Years Service in the Light-houses, while before I came in this Service I Served a Cruize in the U S Navy on board the U.S. Flag Ship Hartford on the South Atlantic Station hoping this will meet Your favour and approval at an early date.

I beg to remain

Your Obedient Servant

Geo. H. Gibson

Keeper St Marks Light Station

St Marks, Fla

February 22nd 1892.

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To the Honorable Light House Board
Washington D. C.

Gentlemen

I would most respectfully ask that I be transfered from the light at North West to that at St Marks. Mr Gibson Keeper at St Marks is desirous of being transfered to my light, and should it please you to so order it, will work greatly in my benefit. I have been in the Light House service for the past (4) four years at the North West Light and a transfer would tend to alleviate the monotony of a light Keeper's life. Trusting my petition may meet a favorable consideration at your hands

I have the honour to be
Your Obt Servant
Charles Fine
Keeper North West Light House
Key West Harbor

Feb 2nd 1892

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United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

Sept. 15, 1894.

Hon. Secretary of the Light House Board,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find letter giving name of keeper of Light House at St. Marks, Fla.

The people desire the appointment of Mr. Arthur Macon at that place. If in your power to transfer the present incumbent and appoint Mr. Macon, of Greenville, Fla., I will be greatly obliged to you, and the public service will be benefited.

Very respectfully,

Wilkinson Call

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LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD,
Oct. 6, 1900.

(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., Oct. 6, 1900.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Referring to a letter from the Engineer of the 7th Light-House District of 19 Sept., 1900, the Board has the honor to state that it is proposed to make repairs at the St. Marks, Fla., Light-Station.

Authority is asked to expend about $1,500 in so doing from funds allotted from the appropriation Repairs, &c., of Light-Houses, 1901; the work to be done under the direction of the Board by persons in its employ, and by the purchase of the necessary materials of the lowest bidder after due advertisement in accordance with existing regulations, that being the most advantageous method to the Government of having the work done.

Respectfully,

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

Engineer Secretary.

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LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD,
Oct. 6, 1900.

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No bids

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Oct. 6, 1900.

The recommendations of the Light-House Board, made herein, are approved.

Acting Secretary.

Wrote 7 Eng Oct 19, 1900

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July 1900

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Light-House Establishment,

Office of Engineer, Seventh and Eighth Districts,

Custom House,

Inclosures.

Mobile, Ala., September 19, 1900

Subject: Requesting authority to make repairs to St.Marks L.S.Fla.

7th District:

The Light House Board,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, for Board's consideration and approval, estimate of cost of repairs to St.Marks light station, Fla., on form No.85, and I respectfully request authority to make necessary repairs at not exceeding $1,500, to be paid for from the allotment for the 7th District from appropriation for Repairs & Incidental Expenses of Light Houses, 1901. The work to be done by hired labor and materials to be purchased in accordance with present regulations.

This station suffered considerable damage from a storm that occurred in August, 1899. The wharf was broken down and partly carried away; the fences were blown down, the roof of dwelling was partially blown off and otherwise damaged, and the boat house and other buildings almost wrecked.

I certify that the repairs proposed are necessary, and that the method of making them, as outlined above, is the most economical and advantageous for the Government.

Very respectfully,

Lieut Col & L. H. Engineer.

September 19, 1900.

Treasury Department,
Office of Light-House Board.
Form 83.

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ESTIMATE OF COST PROPOSED WORKS.

Estimate of cost of proposed repairs to St.Marks light station Florida.

	ESTIMATE.			ACTUAL COST.			
	Price.	Amount. Dollars.	Cts.	Number or Quantity.	Price.	Amount. Dollars.	Cts.
00 fence posts at 20 cents.		4	00				
424 pickets, dressed and pointed at 3¢.		12	72				
3,000 shingles at $3 per M.		9	00				
7,500 ft.B.M.rough at $16 per M.		120	00				
1-1/2 kegs nails, 2 kegs 10d; 2 kegs 30d; 1 keg 8d; 1/2 keg 4d shingle.		25	15				
2 bbls.cement at $3.		6	00				
1 bbl.lime, Alabama best.			85				
Hardware consisting of round iron, strap hinges, brass screws, &c.		6	15				
200 lbs.yellow metal in sheets at 16¢.		32	00				
20 lbs.yellow metal nails at 16 cents.		3	20				
For labor-							
1 superintendent 2 months at $100		200	00				
3 carpenters 2 months at $75 each.		450	00				
4 laborers 2 months at $45 each.		360	00				
For incidental expenses, transportation, &c.		270	93				
		$ 1,500	00			$	

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Custom House,

Mobile, Ala., June 28, 1898.

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Subject: Report of condition of St.Marks L.S.Fla.

7th District:

The Light House Board,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

I have the honor to submit the following report of condition of buildings,grounds, etc.at St.Marks light station,Fla., as inspected by me on June 13, 1898.

Wharf,tower and fence in good order. There is no boatbelonging to the Government, but the keeper has one of his own. Dwelling woodwork needs painting badly. The oil room is in cellar of house which is a bad location as in stormy weather water gets to the oil. The cistern has a bad stave. Overflow from over-ground cistern to the under-ground cistern should be provided.New screens in dwelling are required, the screen frames are all on hand. Enough cloth should be furnished to put two screen doors in bed-room. New chariot wheels are needed.Lens badly cracked. Lining of lantern dome in bad order.

Keeper present.

Very respectfully,

Lieut.Col. & L. H. Engineer.