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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
Welch, Silas		

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:

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 (AL)		
From: 1917	To: 1920	
(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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Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s): Submitted to Arc. Search 7/23/25

Remarks:

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SCREENING NOTES

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- ☐ Items Removed and User Informed

Hold Requested:
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items:

- ☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

Silas M. Welch

Silas M. Welch

LEGAL RESIDENCE.
Florida.

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
2nd asst Kpr. Sand Island Ala	$780	L.H.	Oct 23, 1911.
Resigned close May 2, 1916.			
~~Keeper Rev. S. Sand Island Ala.~~	~~600~~	~~R.S.~~	
Canceled			
Reinstatement Keeper Cape San Blas Fla.	660	L.H.	
Canceled.			

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No applications or other papers which need be considered

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES OCT 29 1917

CHIEF CLERK OCT 30 1917

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., October 27, 1917.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, **Silas M. Welch.**

Legal residence, **Florida**

APPOINTMENT OCT 30

Position, **Second Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.**

Salary, **$480 per annum.**

Location, **Sand Island Light Station, Alabama.**

Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **October 23, 1917,** {'the actual date of entrance on duty, or ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~.

Former position, - - -

Former salary, - - -

Location, - - -

Rank on eligible list, Second. Rating, Assistant Keeper Percentage, **79.2**, Other eligibles considered:

John R. Rowland, C; Michael J. Carter, FR.

Previous incumbent, Riley V. Castleberry. Services terminated, **October 22, 1917.**

Reason, **Assigned to duty as First Assistant Keeper, Sand Island Light Station, Ala., on October 23, 1917 (nomination forwarded through Civil Service Secretary this day).**

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Silas M. Welch has never been employed under any branch of the Department of Commerce. Quarters are not provided at Sand Island Light Station for the family of the Second Assistant Keeper. Due to the necessity for maintaining the full authorized complement at Sand Island Light Station, Mr. Welch was assigned to duty on October 23, 1917.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission Oct. 27, 1917.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector

E. J. Hanson
Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

J. A. Shadinger
Chief Clerk.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

OCT 29 1917

RECEIVED DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS ACTION TAKEN NOV 1 1917 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 1, 1917.

Mr. Silas H. Welch,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Second Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. - - - -) issued by the local Civil Service Board for the Eighth Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) W. S. GILCHRIST

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Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Riley V. Castleberry.

Legal Residence: Florida.

(See reverse side.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED NOV 1 1917 BUREAU DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Lighthouse Inspector NOV 20 1917 New Orleans.

LIGHT NOV 22 1917 HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK NOV 23 1917

I, Silas M. Welch,

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.

Silas M. Welch
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 17th day of November, A. D. 1917.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) James A. Manning

(Official title) Notary Public Mobile Co Ala

My commission expires July 16 1918

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present 2d Asst. Keeper in the Lighthouse Service	$480 p.a.	Sand Island Light Station, Alabama.
Former[5] Probationary appointment.		

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

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., November 20, 1917.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on October 23, 1917.
(Date)

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

E. J. Langlois
(Signature, followed by title) 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, 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.

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Lighthouse Inspector
NOV 20 1917
New Orleans.

LIGHT
NOV 22 1917
HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK
NOV 23 1917

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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET
(When forwarding this form no letter of transmittal is required)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

March 5, 1913.

ATTORNEYS
NOV 23 1917

To the Chiefs of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce:

For the purpose of enabling the Department to maintain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are requested to have every person hereafter appointed or employed in your Bureau, immediately upon his entrance on duty, answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. The information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved in accordance with instructions. The information in Part II should be supplied as indicated and the form forwarded to the Department.

William C. Redfield
Secretary.

PART I.

(Part I should be filled out 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 should 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.)

Signed.

1. What is your full name? (Include middle name or names. Do not use initials, but spell out each name and state whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. Example: Mr. John Richard Doe. If name itself is merely a letter, it should be so stated.)
Mr Silas Marion Welch

2. How do you intend to write your name on the pay roll? (*This should agree with signature to your oath of office.*) Silas Marion Welch

3. What is your present legal (voting) residence? (Give city or town, State or Territory, county, and Congressional district. See question 13, Part II.)
Ft Linchews (City or town.) Florida (State or Territory.) Bay (County.) ~~Third~~ Fifth (Congressional district.)

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

5. Where were you born? (See question 14, Part II.) Marianna Florida

6. When were you born? September (Month.) Second (Day.) 1892 (Year.)

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

Mrs Mae Welch (Name.) 205 St Emanuel Stuet (Number and street.)

Mobile (City or town.) Alabama (State or Territory.)

8. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? no If so, give below their names, relationships, the Departments and Bureaus or Services in which they are employed, and the positions they occupy.)

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.

9. 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: "By reinstatement," or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.) Assistant Lighthouse Keeper February 14-1917

Appointed through a Civil service Examination

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

No

11. Have you ever held any other position in the civil service of the United States? no (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.

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

No

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

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

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

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

15. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.) no

Relationship (widow or orphan) .....

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service .....

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

16. 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 11, 12, 13, and 14.)

Fisherman Deep Water

17. 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 8th Grade

18. 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.")

Deep Water Fisherman

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

~~None~~ Assistant Lighthouse Keeper--February 14, 1917.

20. 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.)

By Me

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. November 12, 1917

(Signature) Silas Marion Welch

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Fort Morgan
City or town.
C/o Lighthouse Sand Island
Number and street.
Alabama
State or Territory.

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(Where the appointee is to be employed outside of the District of Columbia the information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer in immediate charge before forwarding to the Bureau. Where he is to be employed in the District of Columbia, Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer who executes Part II.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded November 20, 1917

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector

(Signature) E. S. Lanphier.

(Official title) Superintendent, 8th Lighthouse District.

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PART II.

(Part II should be executed by the executive officer of the Bureau of the Department to which the employee is assigned, or by some authorized 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 foregoing questions is employed:

Lighthouse (Bureau or Service.) Sand Island Light Station, Alabama. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)) Eighth. (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? Second Assistant Keeper.

3. State the date of appointment. November 1, 1917.

4. State the date the appointment was effective. (If appointment was made to take effect on date of oath, so state.)

Date of entrance upon duty (October 23, 1917).

5. State the date of the oath. November 17, 1917.

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. October 23, 1917.

7. What is his salary? $480.00 per annum.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

9. Is the position excepted, competitive, or unclassified under the civil service rules? Competitive.

10. If classified, state the date of classification. May 6, 1896.

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

From Assistant Lighthouse Keeper Examination.

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No.

13. When the legal residence given in answer to question 3, Part I, differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

St. Andrews (Bay Co.), Florida.

14. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out. Not foreign born.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector

(Signature) E. S. Zaiser

(Official) Superintendent, 8th Lighthouse District.

Date: November 20, 1917.

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION ~~OR DEATH~~

LIGHT MAY 7 1918 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

MAY 7 1918 11 31 AM

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 8th DISTRICT.

CHIEF CLERK 1918 MAY 8 PM 3 42

New Orleans, La., May 4, 1918.

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THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Silas M. Welch — Position, 2d Asst. Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

Legal residence, Florida. — Station, Sand Island Light Station, Alabama.

Salary, $480.00 per annum.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN MAY 8 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of May 2, 1918.

APPOINTMENTS

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

1918 MAY 8 PM 3 57

Remarks:

It was impracticable for this office to transfer Mr. Welch to a station with family quarters and also secure the services of a person to take his place at Sand Island within the time specified by him. He was offered promotion to the position of First Assistant Keeper at Sand Island Light Station, but declined stating that he had secured other employment. He left Sand Island Light Station at the close of May 2, 1918.

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
[redacted] Inspected
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Comsr.
Comsr.

Inspector.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON
MAY 8 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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1918 MAY 8 PM 2 05

Acting Commissioner

Sand Island Light Station

Fort Morgan Ala April 26 1918



Light House Inspector New Orleans. La.

Sir

I having served on this station for Six Months and Appearently no Chance for a Transfer to Station where I can have my family with me and as things stand I have a hard time Making ends meet Where I have to pay Rent and two Grocery Bills. Conditions are such that it is Necessary for me to seek Another Position unless there is a Chance for me to Be transfered to some Station Where I Can have quarters for my family I Request that my Resignation Be accepted to take effect on the 10th of May. 1918.





But I hope that there Will be a Chance for me to transfer as I have Been in the service long enough to get Acustom to the Work and I like it. Very Well.

Respectfully yours

Silas M. Welch

2nd asst Sand Island L. S.

Sydney Gibbon.

Keeper.

May 9, 1918.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation, dated April 2, 1918, as second assistant keeper of Sand Island Light Station, Alabama, at $480 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, effective at the close of May 2, 1918.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Silas M. Welch,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAY 10 1918 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., (City.) July 20 (Date.), 1918.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Reinstatement.

Name, Silas M. Welch. Legal residence, Florida.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $600 per annum.

Location, Sand Island Light Station, Alabama. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective August 1, 1918, {the date of acceptance of appointment, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, 2d Asst.Kpr.in L.H. Service. Former salary, $480 per annum.

Location, Sand Island Light Station, Alabama.(Resigned at close of May 2, 1918.)

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

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Previous incumbent, Riley V. Castleberry. Services terminated, March 31, 1918.

Reason, Dismissed by Department letter of April 23, 1918.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks:

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission July 22, 1918.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUL 26 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JUL 29 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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H. D. Bowman

Acting Commissioner

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Form 381.
May, 1910.

REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT.

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

Washington, D. C., July 29, 1918.

To the U. S. Civil Service Commission:

Request is made for certificate under Rule IX for the reinstatement of Silas M. Welch, a legal resident of the State (or Territory) of Florida, to the position Keeper, now vacant (or to become vacant on), at a salary of $600 p.a., in the Lighthouse Service [Bureau or Office.], for which a certification of eligibles has not been requested.* Mr. Welch was, without delinquency or misconduct on his part, separated by resignation [Removal or resignation.] on May 2, 1918, from the position of Second Assistant Keeper at a salary of $ 480 p.a., in the Lighthouse Service [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: (SIGNED) E. W. LIBBEY

Signature:.....

Official title: Chief Clerk.

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*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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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 31, 1918.

Mr. Silas M. Welch,

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 dollars per annum,

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

Reinstated

(By reinstatement in accordance with authority contained in the Civil Service Commission's certificate No. 13864.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 1 - 1918 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Clifford Hastings

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice Riley V. Castleberry.

Legal Residence Florida.

CARDED

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
AUG 26 1918
HOUSES

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

August 21, 1918.

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Silas M. Welch,
Cancellation of
appointment.

CHIEF CLERK
1918 AUG 30 AM 11

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Returned herewith, for cancellation, is Department letter dated July 31, 1918, reinstating Silas M. Welch in the Lighthouse Service in the position of Keeper at Sand Island Light Station, Alabama, at a salary of $600 per annum.

Under date of August 19, 1918, Mr. Welch reported that owing to the condition of the wife's health he would be unable to report for duty at a station where family quarters are not provided.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
AUG 29 1918
1918 AUG 30 AM 10 45

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

Acting Commissioner.

CHIEF CLERK
1918 AUG 30 PM 12 47

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 31, 1918.

Mr. Silas M. Welch,

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 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 the Civil Service Commission's certificate No. 13864.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Clifford Harding
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Riley V. Castleberry.

Legal Residence Florida.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 31, 1918.

LIGHT HOUSES AUG 1 1918

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LIGHT HOUSES AUG 26 1918

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR AUG 5 1918 New Orleans, La.

Mr. Silas M. Welch,

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 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 the Civil Service Commission's certificate No. 13864.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Howard Clifford Hastings

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Riley V. Castleberry.

Legal Residence: Florida.

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Insp.

August 30, 1918.

Gentlemen:

Returned herewith is certificate No. 13864 authorizing reinstatement of Silas M. Welch as keeper at $600 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, Mr. Welch having declined the position.

(SIGNED) E. W. LIBBEY

Chief Clerk.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 31 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ON JOURNAL

Civil Service Commission.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

New Orleans, La., November 29, 1918.
(City.) (Date.)

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 2 1918

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THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Reinstatement.

CHIEF CLERK

Name, **Silas M. Welch** Legal residence, **Florida**

Position, **Keeper in the Lighthouse Service** Salary, $~~660~~ per annum.

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Location, **Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

1918 NOV 1 PM 2 47

Effective **December 5, 1918,** {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Hydrog.
Engr. Corps.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk
Insp. Constr.
Constr.

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

Location, - - - -

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

Previous incumbent, John Y. Gresham Services terminated, **April 15, 1918.**

Reason, **Transferred to St. Marks Light Station, Florida, as Keeper, effective April 16, 1918.**

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Silas M. Welch previously served as Second Assistant Keeper, Sand Island Light Station, Alabama, $480 per annum, from October 23, 1917, to May 2, 1918, inclusive.

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

DEC 2 - 1918

1918 DEC 2 PM 3 31

Acting Commissioner

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

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Form 381.
May, 1910.

REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT.

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

Washington, D. C., December 4, 19 18.

To the U. S. Civil Service Commission:

Request is made for certificate under Rule IX for the reinstatement of Mr. Silas M. Welch, a legal resident of the State (or Territory) of Florida, to the position Keeper, now vacant (or to become vacant on), at a salary of $660 per annum in the Lighthouse Service, for which a certification of eligibles has not been requested.* Mr. Welch was, without delinquency or misconduct on his part, separated by resignation on May 2, 1918, from the position of Second Assistant Keeper at a salary of $ 480 per annum in the Lighthouse Service
[Bureau or Office.]

[Removal or resignation.]

[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 .....

Signature: (SIGNED) E. W. LIBBEY

Official title: Chief Clerk.

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Ho *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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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 05 1918.

M Mr. Silas M. Welch,

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 Sixty dollars per annum,

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

CARDED

(By reinstatement in accordance with authority of Civil Service Certificate No. 15249.)

By direction of the Secretary:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 9 1918 DEPT. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Huntington.

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: John Y. Gresham.

Legal Residence: Florida.

11—3092

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
March 3, 1919.

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Silas M. Welch,
reinstatement

CHIEF CLERK

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

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1. Returned herewith, for cancellation is carbon copy of Department letter dated December 5, 1918, reinstating Silas M. Welch in the position of keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of $660 per annum, for duty at Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida.

2. The original copy of Department letter was forwarded to the Keeper in charge of Cape San Blas Light Station under date of December 16, 1918, for transmittal to Welch upon his entrance on duty. Welch, however, never reported for duty, and the original Department letter, which the Keeper states was returned to this office, has evidently been lost in the mails as same has never been received.

MAR 8 - 1919

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAR 6 - 1919

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending for approval.

1919 MAR 7 AM 11 41

Acting Commissioner.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON December 5, 1918.

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 10 1918

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES DEC 13 1918 NEW ORLEANS

LIGHT MAR 8 1919

M Mr. Silas M. Welch,

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 Sixty dollars per annum,

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

(By reinstatement in accordance with authority of Civil Service Certificate No. 15249.)

CANCELED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: John Y. Gresham.

Legal Residence: Florida.

11—3693

March 10, 1919.

Gentlemen:

The Department has to state that it has cancelled its order of December 5, 1918, whereby Silas M. Welch would have been reinstated in the position of Keeper at $660. per annum in the Lighthouse Service. The Bureau states that Mr. Welch failed to report for duty.

The Commission's Certificate No. 15249 authorizing Mr. Welch's reinstatement is returned herewith for cancellation.

By direction of the Secretary:



Respectfully,

(SIGNED) E. W. LIBBEY
Chief Clerk.

The Civil Service Commission.
G-M
Inclosure No. 37.

SILAS M. WELCH SILAS M.



SILAS M. WELCH SILAS M.

Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
OCT 29 1917
HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., October 27 (City.) (Date.) 1917.

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THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, **Silas M. Welch.** Legal residence, **Florida**

Position, **Second Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.** Salary, **$480 per annum.**

Location, **Sand Island Light Station, Alabama.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **October 23, 1917,** {'the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or~~ ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~.

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

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

Location, - - -

Rank on eligible list, Second. Rating, **Assistant Keeper** Percentage, **79.2** , Other eligibles considered:

John R. Rowland, C; Michael J. Carter, FR.

Previous incumbent, Riley V. Castleberry. Services terminated, **October 22, 1917.**

Reason, **Assigned to duty as First Assistant Keeper, Sand Island Light Station, Ala., on October 23, 1917 (nomination forwarded through Civil Service Secretary this day).**

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Silas M. Welch has never been employed under any branch of the Department of Commerce. Quarters are not provided at Sand Island Light Station for the family of the Second Assistant Keeper. Due to the necessity for maintaining the full authorized complement at Sand Island Light Station, Mr. Welch was assigned to duty on October 23, 1917.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission. Oct 27, 1917

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector

C A Farmer
Secretary, 16 Civil Service District.

J A Shadringer
Chief Clerk.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

OCT 29 1917

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

H P B S

Acting Commissioner

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
NOV 2 1917
HOUSES

Mr. Silas M. Welch, November 1, 1917.

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Second Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. - - - -) issued by the local Civil Service Board for the Eighth Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) W. E. GILCHRIST

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Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Riley V. Castleberry.

Legal Residence: Florida.

(See reverse side.)

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May 9, 1918.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation, dated April 2, 1918, as second assistant keeper of SandIsland Light Station, Alabama, at $480 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, effective at the close of May 2, 1918.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Silas M. Welch,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT AUG 26 1918 HOUSES

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

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Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr.
Commr.

August 21, 1918. AUG 26 1918 9 31 AM

Silas M. Welch,
Cancellation of
appointment.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Returned herewith, for cancellation, is Department letter dated July 31, 1918, reinstating Silas M. Welch in the Lighthouse Service in the position of Keeper at Sand Island Light Station, Alabama, at a salary of $600 per annum.

Under date of August 19, 1918, Mr. Welch reported that owing to the condition of his wife's health he would be unable to report for duty at a station where family quarters are not provided.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
AUG 29 1918

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

Acting Commissioner.

Note in Welch's card
file of this failure to report
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March 3, 1919.

Silas M. Welch,
reinstatement

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Returned herewith, for cancellation is carbon copy of Department letter dated December 5, 1918, reinstating Silas M. Welch in the position of keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of $660 per annum, for duty at Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida.

2. The original copy of Department letter was forwarded to the Keeper in charge of Cape San Blas Light Station under date of December 16, 1918, for transmittal to Welch upon his entrance on duty. Welch, however, never reported for duty, and the original Department letter, which the Keeper states was returned to this office, has evidently been lost in the mails as same has never been received.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Capt. San Blas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Tebruary 28, 1919

To the Light House Supirintendent
New orleans La

Sir your Letter of Tebruary 19 1919
Recived and Will Say that I Have not Recived
any appointment of Silas M Welch I Sent all
Letters that I Recived Back to office

W J Knickmeyer
Keeper

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February 19, 1919.

W. J. Nickmeyer, Keeper,
Cape San Blas Light Station,
Port St. Joe, Fla.

1. Replying to yours of February 16, you are informed that it is desired that you return all papers sent you in connection with the appointment of Silas M. Welsh as Assistant Keeper, which appointment has been cancelled.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

First Assistant Superintendent.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATION TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

C O P Y

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, NEW ORLEANS, LA. FEB 19 1919

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
December 23, 1918

Silas M. Welch,
St. Andrew,
Florida.

1. Referring to your telegram of the 21st and letter of same date regarding your reinstatement as Assistant Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., it is noted that you will report for duty at Cape San Blas on January 1, 1919, and in this regard you are informed that same will be satisfactory to this office.

2. The papers covering your appointment and oath of office have been forwarded to the Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station.

(Signed) Dorry

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy furnished W. J. Knickmeyer, Keeper. Cape San Blas Light Station, Port St. Joe, Fla., for his information and files.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Capt. San Blas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

February 14, 1919

To the Light House Superintendent
New orleans La

Sir your Letter of February 10 1919 Recived and Will Say Have not Recived Mr Silas M Welch oath of office yet But Recived Letter Dated December 23 1919 Wich I Will Mail to Office

W J Knickmeyer
Keeper

February 10, 1919.

W. J. Knickmeyer, Keeper,
Cape San Blas Light Station,
Port St. Joe, Fla.,

1. It is requested that you return to this office for cancellation, Department appointment, dated December 5th, covering reinstatement of Silas M. Welch, together with the form of Oath of Office which was forwarded to you under date of December 16th, 1918.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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December 23, 1918

Silas M. Welch,
St. Andrews,
Florida.

1. Referring to your telegram of the 21st and letter of same date regarding your reinstatement as Assistant Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Fla., it is noted that you will report for duty at Cape San Blas on January 1, 1919, and in this regard you are informed that same will be satisfactory to this office.

2. The papers covering your appointment and oath of office have been forwarded to the Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished W. J. Knickmeyer, Keeper, Cape San Blas Light Station, Port St. Joe, Fla., for his information and files.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

St Andrews Fla
Dec.

Supt. Lighthouses
New Orleans La

Sir.

Replying to your letter of Nov 27th ult. 16th appointing me Asst Keeper at Cape San Blas. I Regret that I was out of Town and didnt Receive same sooner Will Say that it will be Impassible for me to Proceed Cape San Blas L.S. sooner than Jany 1st 1919 so let me know if that will be satisfactory and I will Prepair to leave here on above date-

J. M. Helch

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 23 1918
NEW ORLEANS

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
Day Message	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a day message. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT — GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a day message. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

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LIGHTHOUSE DEPT

NEWORLEANS LA

WILL ACCEPT POSITION AT CAPESANBLAS BUT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO REPORT BEFORE JANUARY 1 ST ADVISE ME BY LETTER

S M WELCH.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES DEC 22 1918 NEW ORLEANS

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TELEGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IDENTIFICATION CARD NO._____

RECEIVER'S No.	TIME FILED	CHECK PAID, GOVERNMENT RATE

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—EXEMPT FROM TAX

New Orleans La December 20, 1918
(Place and date)

SEND TO Silas M Welch
Saint Andrews Florida

Advise if you intend accept position Assistant Keeper Cape San Blas When will you report Telegraph reply

LANPHIER

CHARGE BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, WASHINGTON, D. C.

APPROPRIATION FOR "GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE."

ATTEST: For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

[SIGNED] LANPHIER
(Name)

First Assistant Superintendent
(Title)

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 20 1918
NEW ORLEANS

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape San Bla
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

December 14, 1918

To the Light House Superintendent
New orleans La

Sir the asst Kiper Has ~~Not~~ Reported for Duty yet

W J Kriedmeyer
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December 16, 1918.

Mr. Silas M. Welch,
St. Andrews,
Florida.

Sir:

1. No reply has been received from you to letter from this office dated November 20, 1918, reading as follows:

> "Replying to your request for reinstatement, dated November 27, 1918, and applying for the position of assistant keeper at Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida:
>
> "You are informed that your application has been favorably considered and you have this day been nominated for the position of Assistant Keeper for duty at Cape San Blas Light Station at a salary of $660 per annum plus 45¢ per day commutation of rations.
>
> "In view of the above, it is desired that you report for duty to the Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Mr. William J. Knickmeyer, on December 5th or as soon thereafter as practicable.
>
> "Acknowledge receipt of this letter, stating when you will leave your home enroute to above station."

2. It is desired that you proceed to Cape San Blas Light Station immediately upon receipt of this letter. Advise this office by return mail the exact date of your departure.

3. For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. S. LANPHIER,
First Assistant Superintendent.

Copy furnished W.J.Knickmeyer, Keeper, Cape San Blas Light Station, Port St. Joe, Fla., for his information and the station files. Inclosed is Department letter dated December 5, 1918, appointing Mr. Welch in above position, which you will hand to him upon his arrival. He should return inclosed "Oath of Office" properly executed, to this office as soon as practicable.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

Form 111.

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Silas M. Welch,

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.

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(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] _____ day of December, A. D. 1916.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (*Name*) _____

(*Official title*) _____

My commission expires _____

OFFICIAL TITLE	RATE OF PAY	NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.
Present Keeper in the Light-house Service	$660 p.a.	Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida.
Former [5] Reinstatement.		

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

MCC

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., December, 1916.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on _____
(Date)

_____
(Signature, followed by title)

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
[3] The oath may be taken any time 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.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES ~~[illegible]~~ Eighth DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., November 29, 1918.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Reinstatement.

Name, **Silas M. Welch** Legal residence, **Florida**

Position, **Keeper in the Lighthouse Service** Salary, **$660 per annum.**

Location, **Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **December 5, 1918,** {[1] ~~the date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

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

Location, - - - -

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

- - - - - - - - -

Previous incumbent, John Y. Gresham Services terminated, **April 15, 1918.**

Reason, **Transferred to St. Marks Light Station, Florida, as Keeper, effective April 16, 1918.**

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Silas M. Welch previously served as Second Assistant Keeper, Sand Island Light Station, Alabama, $480 per annum, from October 23, 1917, to May 2, 1918, inclusive.

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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November 29, 1918.

Mr. Silas M. Welch,
St. Andrews,
Florida.

Sir:

Replying to your request for reinstatement, dated November 27, 1918, and applying for the position of assistant keeper at Cape San Blas Light Station, Florida:

You are informed that your application has been favorably considered and you have this day been nominated for the position of Assistant Keeper for duty at Cape San Blas Light Station at a salary of $660 per annum plus 45¢ per day commutation of rations.

In view of the above, it is desired that you report for duty to the Keeper of Cape San Blas Light Station, Mr. William J. Knickmeyer, on December 5th or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Acknowledge receipt of this letter, stating when you will leave your home enroute to above station.

Respectfully,

(Signed) B. B. DORRY,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished W. J. Knickmeyer, Keeper, Cape San Blas Light Station, Port St. Joe, Florida, for his information and the station files.
Advise this office promptly the exact date Mr. Welch reports to you for duty.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.



St Andrews Fla

Nov 27th 1918

Lighthouse Inspector

Neworleans La

Sir Please inform me what steps I will have to take to be Reinstated in the light Service and if there is any likelyhoods of me getting asst; Keeper at Sand Blast Light Station

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Silas M. Welch

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Silas M. Welch,
Cancellation of
appointment.

August 21, 1918.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Returned herewith, for cancellation, is Department letter dated July 31, 1918, reinstating Silas M. Welch in the Lighthouse Service in the position of Keeper at Sand Island Light Station, Alabama, at a salary of $600 per annum.

Under date of August 19, 1918, Mr. Welch reported that owing to the condition of the wife's health he would be unable to report for duty at a station where family quarters are not provided.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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August 21, 1918.

Mr. Silas M. Welch,
259 South Royal St.,
Mobile, Alabama.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 19, 1918, declining reinstatement in the Lighthouse Service in the position of First Assistant Keeper at Sand Island Light Station, Alabama.

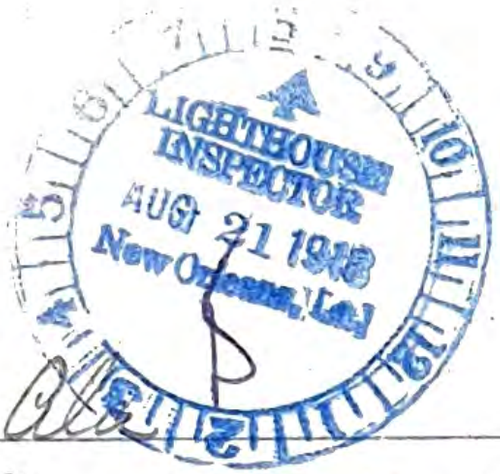
Respectfully,

(Signed) DORRY
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished Sydney Gibbon, Keeper, Sand Island Light Station, Fort Morgan, Alabama, for his information and the station files.

You are directed to continue the services of temporary additional Keeper Joseph T. Olsen until the arrival of a regularly appointed assistant keeper.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.



Mobile Ala

Aug 19. 1918

Light house Inspector

New Orleans La

Sir

Sorry to inform you that it will be impossible for me to accept the Position offered me at Sand Island Light Stat. on account of the Present Condition of my Wife. But will be glad to get on a Station Where I can have my family with me. And will accept same at any time offered me

Resp. yours

Silas M. Welch

MCC

August 5, 1918.

Mr. Silas M. Welch,
259 South Royal St.,
Mobile, Alabama.

Sir:

The Department has authorized your reinstatement as Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of $600 per annum and an allowance of 45¢ per day in cash instead of rations, effective upon the date you enter upon duty at Sand Island Light Station.

You are directed to report to Mr. Sydney Gibbon, the Keeper, at Sand Island Light Station as soon as practicable after the receipt of this letter.

Subscribe to inclosed "Oath of Office" before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths and return same promptly.

"Experience Statement" should be completed and returned promptly.

Acknowledge receipt of this letter by return mail, stating the exact date you will leave Mobile enroute to Sand Island.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent of Lighthouses:

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. S. LANPHIER,
First Assistant Superintendent.

Copy furnished Sydney Gibbon, Keeper, Sand Island L.S., Fort Morgan, Alabama, for his information and the station files.

Immediately upon Mr. Welch's arrival, you will place him on duty as First Assistant Keeper and discontinue the services of temporary additional keeper Joseph T. Olsen, advising this office the exact date. Also state the address to which Mr. Olsen desires his salary check mail

For and in the absence of the Superintendent of Lighthouses:

First Assistant Superinte

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Silas M. Welch,

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.

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(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] day of August, A. D. 1918.

(Affix official seal here)

[4](*Name*)

(*Official title*)

My commission expires

OFFICIAL TITLE	RATE OF PAY	NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.
Present Keeper in the Light-house Service	$600 p.a.	Sand Island Light Station, Alabama.
Former [5] Reinstatement in accordance with authority contained in the Civil Service Commission's certificate No. 13864.		

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

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., August, 1918.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on
(Date)

(Signature, followed by title)

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
[3] The oath may be taken any time 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.

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July 27, 1918.

Silas M. Welch,
259 South Royal St.,
Mobile, Alabama.

Sir:

You are informed that nomination has been forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses recommending your reinstatement as Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of $600 per annum and a ration allowance of 45¢ per day in cash, for duty at Sand Island Light Station. You will be duly advised of the Department's action in the matter, at which time definite instructions will be given you as to the exact date it is desired to have you report for duty.

Acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Respectfully,

(Signed) B. B. DORRY,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished S. Gibbon, Keeper, Sand Island Light Station, Fort Morgan, Ala., for his information and the station files. Immediately upon Mr. Welch's arrival at the station, you will discontinue the services of temporary additional keeper Joseph T. Olsen, advising this office the exact date.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., July 20, 191 8.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Reinstatement.

Name, **Silas M. Welch.** Legal residence, **Florida.**

Position, **Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.** Salary, **$600 per annum.**

Location, **Sand Island Light Station, Alabama.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **August 1, 1918,** {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, 2d Asst.Kpr.in L.H. Service. Former salary, **$480 per annum.**

Location, **Sand Island Light Station, Alabama.(Resigned at close of May 2, 1918.)**

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

Previous incumbent, Riley V. Castleberry. Services terminated, **March 31, 1918.**

Reason, **Dismissed by Department letter of April 25, 1918.**

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks:

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

Through C.S.Seavey 7/29/18.
Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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Booked MCC

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sand Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

July 15th, 1918

Light-House Superintendent.
New Orleans. La.

Sir.

Replying to your Letter of the 10th relative to the services of Silas M Welch as 2nd Asst Keeper at this Station. I beg to state that he was obedient, & faithful in the performance of his duties while here, and in my opinion is a good man for the Service, being a good worker & an excellent Boatman, I therefore consider him worthy of reinstatement, would like to have him back here.

Respectfully
Sydney Gibbon.
Keeper.

JAM-MCC

July 10, 1918.

Sydney Gibbon, Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Fort Morgan, Alabama.

Referring to the services of Silas M. Welch as Second Assistant Keeper at Sand Island Light Station:

You are requested to inform this office as soon as practicable whether or not you consider Mr. Welch sufficiently qualified and worthy of reinstatement in the Lighthouse Service.

D

Superintendent.



Mobile Ala
July 1st 1918

Lighthouse Inspector
New Orleans La

Sir

Will you Please advise me what I will have to do to Be Re-instated in the service and oblige. I. Paid J. Gibbons my station Mess. Bill when I Received my Check.

you sent Check for $64.00 that Was for April

LIGHT
MAY 11 1918
HOUSES

May 9, 1918.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation, dated April 2, 1918, as second assistant keeper of SandIsland Light Station, Alabama, at $480 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, effective at the close of May 2, 1918.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hostetter

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Silas M. Welch,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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2 inclosures

July 11, 1918.

Silas M. Welch,
259 South Royal St.,
Mobile, Alabama.

Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated May 9, 1918, accepting your resignation as Second Assistant Keeper at Sand Island Light Station, Alabama, effective at the close of May 2, 1918.

Check for $4.26 in payment of your services on May 1 and 2, is also inclosed.

(Signed) DORRY,

Superintendent.

Copy furnished S. Gibbon, Keeper, Sand Island Light Station, Fort Morgan, Ala., for his information and the station files.

Superintendent.

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June 17,1918.

Mr. S. M. Welch,
205 St. Emanuel Street,
Mobile, Ala.

Sir:

Herewith is check in amount of $64.00, payment in full for your services in the Lighthouse Service.

The amount you owe the station mess has not been deducted. As you state that you would immediately settle this account upon receipt of check it is expected that you do so; your failure to do so will be entered on your Service Record in this office.

Respectfully,

S
Inspector.

Form 98

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION ~~OR DEATH~~

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., May 4, 1918.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Silas M. Welch — Position, 2d Asst. Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

Legal residence, Florida. — Station, Sand Island Light Station, Alabama.

Salary, $480.00 per annum.

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of May 2, 1918.

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

Remarks:

It was impracticable for this office to transfer Mr. Welch to a station with family quarters and also secure the services of a person to take his place at Sand Island within the time specified by him. He was offered promotion to the position of First Assistant Keeper at Sand Island Light Station, but declined stating that he had secured other employment. He left Sand Island Light Station at the close of May 2, 1918.

Inspector.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Copy.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Sand Island Light Station

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Fort Morgan, Ala.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April, 1918

Light House Inspctor,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I having served on this station for six (6) months and appearently no chance for a transfer to a station where I can have my family with me, and as things stand I have a hard time making ends meet where I have to pay rent and two grocery bills. Conditions are such that it is necessary for me to seek another position unless there is a chance for me to be transferred to some station where I can have quarters for my family. I request that my resignation be accepted to take effect on the 10th of May, 1918.

But I hope that there will be a chance for me to transfer as I have been in the service long enough to get acustom to the work and I like it very well.

Respectfully yours,

Silas M. Welch.

2nd Asst. Sand Island L. S.

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April 23, 1918.

Silas M. Welch, 2d Asst. Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Fort Morgan, Alabama.
(Through the Keeper.)

Referring to your recent letter requesting information relative to the possibility of your transfer to a station where family quarters are provided, and submitting resignation, etc.

You are informed that you have been recommended for promotion to the position of First Assistant Keeper at Sand Island Light Station, Alabama, at a salary of $660 per annum, plus 10% during the present fiscal year, and the usual ration allowance.

In view of above promotion, you are requested to advise this office whether you still wish to resign from the Service.

Inclosed letter is returned to you to be forwarded through the Keeper in accordance with paragraph 55 (subparagraph 6) of "Instructions to Employees, 1915."

(Signed) DORRY,
Inspector.

Copy furnished S. Gibbon, Keeper, Sand Island Light Station, for his information and the station files.

Inspector.



Mobile Ala
June 3. 1918

Mr. B. B. Harry
New Orleans La

Sir. Would like to get some understanding about my Money whether I will get it or not it has Been 32 days since I left the Station I think it is time you did something about my Check.
Would like to impress on your mind that I have a family to support and times are Hard. And also when I was natified to go to the Station I didnt wait a month to start I went Right then and did the Work just as good as it lay in my

Power to do so and I dont
think that you have dial
me Right By any means
whatever. Mr Gibbons is
expecting me to Pay my
mess Bill at the Station But
I cant Pay it untill I get my
money. So Pleas think the
matter over and give me
a Fair deal I am a Hard
working man and have to
labor for what I get People
dont give me a living at
all. it comes from the
Sweat of my Brow
Because Gibbons lost $10.00
By Paying Castlebery's Bills is
no Reason why my money
Shouldnt Be Payd me for
I didnt tell Gibbons that I
would Stand good for it

and I dont see where you
have any Right to hold my
money for some one elses
debts I told Gibbons that
when I got my check I would
turn my Part of the Bills in
to A. M. Bright Grocery Co. he
said it would Be all Right
with him so what more
can I do. Please let me
hear what you are going to
do By Return Mail so as
if I am not going to get
my money I wont Be
expecting it any longer and
can make other arrangements
about Paying my Bills

And Oblig

Silas M. Welch

205 St Emanuel Street

Mobile Ala



Mobile Ala
May 18 1918

Light House Inspector
Neworleans La

Sir

I am in need of my money Would like to know if I Will Be Paid this Salary or is the Department going to Keep it untill I file a claime for it Please let me Know By Return Mail so as I will know what to do. as I dont want to loose it

S. M. Wilson

205 St. Emanuel Street
Mobile
Ala



Mobile Ala. May 7th 1918

Light House Inspector. N.O. La
in Reply to yours of the 6th
Advise you that former asst.
Keeper Castleberry did not Pay
me any money on the march
Bill at all.
And am sending S. Gibbon
Keeper of Pascal Island $121.97c
for my Part of mess. Bill for
April Mr. S. Gibbon advised
me to Pay A.M. Bright Co. Co
this Amount Providing a separate
Check was not sent and if
separate Check was sent to me
for me to indorse same and
turn over to A.M. Bright Co Co
this I expect to do. for I have not
been making enough to Save up
$121.97 and will have to Pay same
out of my Check

Yours Truly
[illegible]
205 St Emanuel St Mobile Ala.

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May 6, 1918.

Silas M. Welch, Former 2d Asst. Keeper,
U. S. Lighthouse Service,
205 St. Emanuel St.,
Mobile, Alabama.

The Keeper of Sand Island Light Station reported to this office that when former Assistant Keeper Castleberry left he owed the station mess $10.72. Upon taking this matter up with Castleberry, he stated that he paid you the $10.72 the day on which he left the station.

Your check is being held until a satisfactory adjustment of this matter can be reached. Please advise this office all information you may have at hand in regard to this case.

Inspector.

JAM-MCC

May 6, 1918.

Silas M. Welch, Former 2d Asst. Keeper,
U. S. Lighthouse Service,
205 St. Emanuel St.,
Mobile, Alabama.

Your letter of resignation dated April, 1918, has been received and forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses with recommendation that it be accepted effective at the close of May 2, 1918, the date on which you left the station. You will be duly advised of the Department's action in the matter.

Referring to your request that this office deduct $12.97 from your April check and mail same to Mr. S. Gibbon, the Keeper of Sand Island Light Station, in payment of your mess account, you are informed that this cannot be done and you are therefore directed to forward a check or money order to Mr. Gibbon in payment of the account.

(Signed) DORRY,
Inspector.

Copy furnished S. Gibbon, Keeper, Sand Island L.S., Fort Morgan, Ala., for his information and the station files.

Promptly advise this office upon receipt of the $12.97 from Mr. Welch.

Inspector.

Sand Island Light station

Fort Morgan Ala

May 2nd 1918



Light house Inspector Newaleans La

Sir

As I have secured a position with a Company in Mobile. it Will be necesary for me to leave here at once in order to hold that Position and I am leaving this P.M. At 7 oclock.

I did entend to stay But as I have secured this Position it Will Be necesary for me to take it at once in order to have something to depend on for the future. hope I have give satisfaction here as 2nd asst. Keeper.

and I Reguest that you deduct $12.97 from my april Check and mail this $12.97 to Mr Gibbons as my Part of the mess Bill at this Station and mail Bal. to me at the address Below and obliges & Remain

S. M. Welch

205 St. Emanuel Street

Mobile Ala

Sydney Gibbon.

Keeper.

Left Sta. 7 P.M. make seperate cheque if posible.

Copy.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Sand Island Light Station

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Fort Morgan, Ala.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April, 1918

Light House Inspctor,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I having served on this station for six (6) months and appearently no chance for a transfer to a station where I can have my family with me, and as things stand I have a hard time making ends meet where I have to pay rent and two grocery bills. Conditions are such that it is necessary for me to seek another position unless there is a chance for me to be transferred to some station where I can have quarters for my family. I request that my resignation be accepted to take effect on the 10th of May, 1918.

But I hope that there will be a chance for me to transfer as I have been in the service long enough to get acustom to the work and I like it very well.

Respectfully yours,

Silas M. Welch.

2nd Asst. Sand Island L. S.

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT HOUSES NOV 2 1917

Lighthouse Inspector NOV 6 1917 New Orleans.

Mr. Silas H. Welch, November 1, 1917.

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Second Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. - - - -) issued by the local Civil Service Board for the Eighth Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

C
H Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Riley V. Castleberry.

Legal Residence: Florida.

(See reverse side.)

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COPY (MCC) Recd., L.H. Inspector, N.O., La., Nov.20,1917.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Silas M. Welch,

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.

SILAS M. WELCH.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 17th day of November, A. D. 1917.

(Affix official seal here)

S(James F. Maury,
E(Notary Public,
A(Mobile Co.,
L(Alabama.

[4](*Name*) JAMES F. MAURY.

(*Official title*) Notary Public, Mobile Co., Ala.

My commission expires July 16, 1918.

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present	2d Asst. Keeper in the Lighthouse Service	$480 p.a.	Sand Island Light Station, Alabama.
Former[5]	Probationary appointment.		

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

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Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Eighth District

New Orleans, La., November 20, 1917.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on October 23, 1917.
(Date)

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

E.S.L.
(Signature, followed by title) 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, 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.

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November 6, 1917.

Silas M. Welch, 2d Asst. Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Fort Morgan, Alabama.
(Through the Keeper.)

Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated November 1, 1917, appointing you Second Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of $480 per annum (plus 10% during the fiscal year to end June 30, 1918) and an allowance of 30¢ per day in cash instead of rations, for duty at Sand Island Light Station, effective commencing October 23, 1917.

Subscribe to inclosed "Oath of Office" before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths and return same promptly, as no compensation will be paid you until the oath is received in proper form.

Part I of "Personal Question Sheet" should be executed in duplicate, all questions being answered, even if only "Yes" or "No" is necessary. Part II will be completed in this office.

Form 124, "Declaration of Appointee," should be filled out and signed by you in the presence of Mr. Sydney Gibbon, the keeper of Sand Island Light Station; then dated and signed by him and forwarded to this office.

Give the above your careful attention.

(Signed) DORRY,

Inspector.

Copy furnished Sydney Gibbon, Keeper, Sand Island L.S., Ala., for his information and the station files.

Inspector.

Booked MCC.

Lighthouse Inspector
NOV 20 1917
New Orleans.

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET
(When forwarding this form no letter of transmittal is required)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

March 5, 1913.

To the Chiefs of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce:

For the purpose of enabling the Department to maintain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are requested to have every person hereafter appointed or employed in your Bureau, immediately upon his entrance on duty, answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. The information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved in accordance with instructions. The information in Part II should be supplied as indicated and the form forwarded to the Department.

William C. Redfield
Secretary.

PART I.

(Part I should be filled out 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 should 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? (Include middle name or names. Do not use initials, but spell out each name and state whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. Example: Mr. John Richard Doe. If name itself is merely a letter, it should be so stated.)
Mr Silas Marion Welch

2. How do you intend to write your name on the pay roll? (*This should agree with signature to your oath of office.*) Silas Marion Welch

3. What is your present legal (voting) residence? (Give city or town, State or Territory, county, and Congressional district. See question 13, Part II.)
St Andrews (City or town.) Florida (State or Territory.) Bay (County.) ~~Third~~ (Congressional district.)

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

5. Where were you born? (See question 14, Part II.) Marianna Florida

6. When were you born? September (Month.) Second (Day.) 1892 (Year.)

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

Mrs Mae Welch (Name.) 205 St Emanuel St (Number and street.)

Mobile (City or town.) Alabama (State or Territory.)

8. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? no (If so, give below their names, relationships, the Departments and Bureaus or Services in which they are employed, and the positions they occupy.)

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.

9. 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: "By reinstatement," or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.) Assistant Lighthouse Keeper February 14 - 1917

Appointed through a Civil Service Examination

10. Have you any physical disabilities? no (If so, describe briefly. If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.)

No

11. Have you ever held any other position in the civil service of the United States? no (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.

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

No

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

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

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

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

15. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? no (If so, 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.

16. 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 11, 12, 13, and 14.)

Fisherman Deep Water

17. 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 8th Grade

18. 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.")

Deep Water Fisherman

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

~~xxxxxxx~~ Assistant Lighthouse Keeper--February 14, 1917.

None

20. 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.)

By me

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. November 12, 1917

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

(Signature) Silas Marion Welch

P. O. Address Fort Morgan
City or town.

c/o Lighthouse Sand Island
Number and street.

Alabama
State or Territory.

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(Where the appointee is to be employed outside of the District of Columbia the information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer in immediate charge before forwarding to the Bureau. Where he is to be employed in the District of Columbia, Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer who executes Part II.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded November 20, 1917

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector

(Signature) E. S. L.

(Official title) Superintendent, 8th Lighthouse District.

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PART II.

(Part II should be executed by the executive officer of the Bureau of the Department to which the employee is assigned, or by some authorized 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 foregoing questions is employed:

Lighthouse (Bureau or Service.) Sand Island Light Station, Alabama. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)) Eighth. (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? Second Assistant Keeper.

3. State the date of appointment. November 1, 1917.

4. State the date the appointment was effective. (If appointment was made to take effect on date of oath, so state.)

Date of entrance upon duty (October 23, 1917).

5. State the date of the oath. November 17, 1917.

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. October 23, 1917.

7. What is his salary? $480.00 per annum.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

9. Is the position excepted, competitive, or unclassified under the civil service rules? Competitive.

10. If classified, state the date of classification. May 6, 1896.

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

From Assistant Lighthouse Keeper Examination.

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No.

13. When the legal residence given in answer to question 3, Part I, differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

St. Andrews (Bay Co.), Florida.

14. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out. Not foreign born.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector

(Signature) E. S. L.

(Official Title) Superintendent, 8th Lighthouse District.

Date: November 20, 1917.

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Form 124.
May, 1915.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Lighthouse Inspector
NOV 20 1917
New Orleans.

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

[Branch of service or department.]

Sand Island L.S., Alabama.
[Name of city.] [State.]

November 12, 1917.

DECLARATION OF APPOINTEE.

This form must be executed by the appointee before he enters on duty. If the answer to question 6 includes two or more names, and is not IDENTICAL in every respect with answer to similar question in the application, this form must be submitted by the appointing officer for approval before appointment may be authorized. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE PROVISIONS OF LAW AS QUOTED ON ATTACHED FORM. False personation in an examination is a criminal offense, and will be prosecuted accordingly.

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1. What was your age on your last birthday and what was the date of your birth?	Age 26 Sept. 2nd Birth 1892
2. Where were you born?	Marianna Fla.
3. What were the names of the persons who signed the vouchers to your application?	S.J. Rainer J.S. Montgomery W.W. Watkins C.D. Smithstone
4. In what city or town, and in what building were you examined?	Customhouse Building, New Orleans, La.
5. To what position have you been appointed? State the salary. If temporary, so state.	St Andrews Fla Dixie Drug Store. Second Asst. Keeper salary $840. per Year

6. Are any members of your family in the U. S. Government Service? Answer "yes" or "no" No If so, fill in the following blanks. If additional space is necessary use back of this sheet.

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

7. Have any of the above-named persons entered the Government service since the execution of your application for examination? No If so, give the name of each such person

8. Will you inform yourself of and observe the provisions of the civil service law and rules and Executive orders concerning political activity, political coercion, political assessments, use of influence to secure promotion, etc., as quoted on the attached form? yes

I hereby certify that the answers to the foregoing questions are true in every particular.

Silas Marion Welch
[Signature.]

Fort Morgan Ala c/o Sand Island
[Give here your present post-office address, city and state, including street and number.]

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

The above certificate was executed before me, in his own handwriting, by the identical person who has reported for assignment to duty.

Was photograph of appointee furnished you? No If so, is it a correct likeness of the person who executed this form?

This is to be signed by an officer of the department or bureau to which the appointee belongs, not by a notary public, and does not need to be sworn to.
The paper should be returned to Chief Clerk of bureau when completed.

6—2099

Signature Sydney Gibbon

Official title Keeper

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Form 73
JAS-MCC

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., October 27, 1917.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Silas M. Welch. Legal residence, Florida

Position, Second Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $480 per annum.

Location, Sand Island Light Station, Alabama. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective October 23, 1917, {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.}

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

Location, - - -

Rank on eligible list, Second. Rating, Assistant Keeper Percentage, 79.2, Other eligibles considered:

John R. Rowland, C; Michael J. Carter, M.

Previous incumbent, Riley V. Castleberry. Services terminated, October 22, 1917.

Reason, Assigned to duty as First Assistant Keeper, Sand Island Light Station, Ala., on October 23, 1917 (nomination forwarded through Civil Service Secretary this day).

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Silas M. Welch has never been employed under any branch of the Department of Commerce. Quarters are not provided at Sand Island Light Station for the family of the Second Assistant Keeper. Due to the necessity for maintaining the full authorized complement at Sand Island Light Station, Mr. Welch was assigned to duty on October 23, 1917.

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

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector

Jas S

Chief Clerk.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Lighthouse Inspector
OCT 27 1917
New Orleans.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sand Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

October 24th, 1917

Light House Inspector.
New Orleans. La.

E.O.D. Oct. 23/17

Sir.

Mr Silas M. Welch, who was ordered to report here as 2nd Assistant Keeper, arrived at "Fort Morgan" yesterday, and here at the Station today, where he was placed on duty as instructed by you.

I will subscribe for one Liberty through First National Bank of Mobile.

Respectfully
Sydney Gibbon.
Keeper.

JAS-MCC

October 17, 1917.

Sydney Gibbon, Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Fort Morgan, Alabama.

You are directed to inform Second Assistant Keeper Riley V. Castleberry that recommendation will be made to the Commissioner of Lighthouses for his promotion to the position of First Assistant Keeper at Sand Island Light Station at a salary of $600 per annum (plus 10% during the fiscal year to end June 30, 1918) and the usual ration allowance.

Mr. Silas M. Welch, of St. Andrews, Florida, has this day been directed to proceed to Sand Island Light Station and report to you for duty as Second Assistant Keeper. Promptly advise this office the exact date you place Mr. Welch on duty at the station.

Inspector.

Form 156
JAS-MCC

TELEGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IDENTIFICATION CARD NO. _____

RECEIVER'S No.	TIME FILED	CHECK
		PAID, GOVERNMENT RATE

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

New Orleans La October 17, 1917
(Place and date)

SEND TO Silas M. Welch
Saint Andrews
Florida

Proceed Sand Island immediately Quartermasters boat will transport you Mobile to Fort Morgan Light Keeper there will take you to Sand Island

DORRY LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR

CHARGE BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, WASHINGTON, D. C.
APPROPRIATION FOR "GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE."

ATTEST:
B. B. DORRY
(Name)
Inspector, 8th Lighthouse District.
(Title)

11—4649

Form 1204

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
Day Message	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a day message. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, VICE-PRESIDENT BELVIDERE BROOKS, VICE-PRESIDENT

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RECEIVED AT SUGAR EX. BLDG., NO. FRONT & BIENVILLE ST., NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Lighthouse Inspector OCT 19 New Orleans 8-30

5 EX W 17 GOVERNMENT

STANDREWS FLO 750A OCT 17-1917

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,

NEWORLEANS LA.

I WILL ACCEPT SECOND ASSISTANT KEEPER OF SANDISLAND LIGHT STATION

SILAS M WELCH

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JAS-MCC

October 15, 1917.

Mr. Silas M. Welch,
St. Andrews,
Florida.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 9, 1917, stating that you will accept the position of First Assistant Keeper at Sand Island Light Station, Alabama:

You are informed that this position has been filled by promotion of the Second Assistant Keeper at that station. If you desire appointment to the position of Second Assistant Keeper with salary at the rate of $480 per annum (plus 10% during the fiscal year to end June 30, 1918), wire this office at once to that effect. Address telegram to "Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, La.," and mark it "Government Rate Collect."

Quarters are not provided at Sand Island Light Station for the family of the Second Assistant Keeper. You will be required to pay your own traveling expenses.

In addition to salary mentioned above, you will be allowed thirty cents ($.30) per day in cash instead of rations.

Respectfully,

Inspector.

If he accepts give him instructions about reaching station.