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Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Burns, Andrew	4563213
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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
Wraa, Max		Germany

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 B Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (LA/TX)		
From: 1910	To: 1915	
(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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☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

(Name) Hraa, Mart

(Serial No.) 33 (Vessel) TRANSIT

DATE	RATING	E., R., or D.	PAY
Jan 20/09	Sea	E	25.00
June 2/09	Discharged, - S.N.L.B.		

E., enlisted; R., rated; D., disrated.

...charge, desertion, or death.)

...ing.)

SIGNATURE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

Henry L. Beck

Department of Commerce and Labor
U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY
Form 215.
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RECORD OF

SCALE OF MARKS:—0, Bad; 1, Indifferent; 2, Fair;

NAME OF VESSEL.	T., Dis., R., D. D.	DATE.	RATE.	Proficiency in rating QUALITY
Transit	Dis June 2 '09		Seaman	

(Signature of Medical Officer making Examination at date of enlistment.)

HEALTH RECORD.

(The terms Excellent, Very Good, Good, Fair, Indifferent, or Bad must be used to indicate state of health.)
(To be entered at date of transfer, discharge, desertion, or death.)

NAME OF VESSEL.	DATE OF TRANSFER OR DISCHARGE.	STATE OF HEALTH WHILE SERVING ON BOARD.	NUMBER OF DAYS ON BOARD.	NUMBER OF DAYS ON SICK LIST.	SIGNATURE OF MEDICAL OFFICER.
Transit	June 2, '09	Very Good	124	1	

NOTE.—Draw line through all spaces where no information is given.

U. S. C. and G. S. S Chr. Transit

Serial Number 33 at Morgan City, La

ENLISTMENT RECORD

(Must accompany the man during enlistment. Must be forwarded to the Superintendent, U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, upon discharge, desertion, or death.)

OF

Name: Wren, Mat (Full name, surname to the left.) Rate, Seaman

Enlisted Jan. 30, 1909, at Morgan City, La., to serve for a term not to exceed three years.

Previous service in U. S. C. and G. Survey None

Previous service in U. S. C. and G. Survey under Naval enlistment None

Previous service in U. S. Navy None

Trade, Mariner *Citizenship, N. U. S. Residence at date of enlistment: City, New Orleans; State, Louisiana Name and address of next of kin (Parent or Guardian, if minor), (sister) Mrs. H. Slatow, 424 45th St. South Brooklyn N. Y.

Jno. A. Hawley Asst, U. S. C. and G. S., Recruiting Officer.

APPROVED:

Henry L. Beck Asst, U. S. C. and G. S., Commanding U. S. C. and G. S. S Chr. Transit.

(The above to be executed and signed on board the vessel where the man is enlisted.)

DESCRIPTIVE LIST.

Where born Hamburg (Town.), (County.), Germany (State or Country.) Date, Oct. 28, 1865

Age, 44 years 3 months; Height, 5 feet 11 inches; Weight, 173 lbs.;

Eyes, Blue; Hair, Dark Brown; Complexion, Dark

Personal characteristics, marks, etc., None

(Signature of Medical Officer making Examination at date of enlistment.)

HEALTH RECORD.

(The terms Excellent, Very Good, Good, Fair, Indifferent, or Bad must be used to indicate state of health.)

(To be entered at date of transfer, discharge, desertion, or death.)

NAME OF VESSEL.	DATE OF TRANSFER OR DISCHARGE.	STATE OF HEALTH WHILE SERVING ON BOARD.	NUMBER OF DAYS ON BOARD.	NUMBER OF DAYS ON SICK LIST.	SIGNATURE OF MEDICAL OFFICER.
Transit	June 2, 09	very Good	124	1	

Marks, etc., since enlistment, or not previously noted,

Percentage of time on sick list during enlistment, .8

Is ——— physically qualified for reenlistment. Henry L. Beck (Signature of Medical Officer making Examination at date of transfer or discharge.)

No Surgeon available

* CITIZENSHIP.—Native born, use initials U. S. Naturalized, N. U. S. Alien intentions declared, A. D. I. Alien intentions not declared (resident of U. S.), A. U. S. Alien intentions not declared (nonresident), A.

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RECORD OF Max, Wraa

SCALE OF MARKS:—0, BAD; 1, INDIFFERENT; 2, FAIR; 3, GOOD; 4, VERY GOOD; 5, EXCELLENT. (All info

NAME OF VESSEL.	T., Dis., R., D.D.	DATE.	RATE.	PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS.			CONDUCT.		RATING BEST QUALIFIED TO FILL.	OFFENSE,
				Proficiency in rating.	Seamanship.	Value in Survey work.	Sobriety.	Obedience.		
Transit	Dis	June 2 '09	Seaman		3	3	4	5	Sea.	

; CITIZENSHIP, N.U.S.

nation required by columns must be entered each quarter; also, upon transfer, discharge, desertion, or death.)

OR CAUSE OF DISRATING.	PUNISHMENTS. (Note the date of issue of appointments and change in rating.)	SIGNATURE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.
None	None	Henry L. Beck

month at discharge, $ 25.00, State of account, $ 79.27, Paid in full
(State whether "Due," "Paid in full," or "Overpaid,"

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ity, order of superintendent, undesirable, services no longer required, etc.)

Is ___ recommended for reenlistment.

June 2, 1903

Henry L. Beck, Asst., U. S. C. and G. Survey, Commanding.

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ENLISTMENT RECORD

AND

DESCRIPTIVE LIST.

Name, Wragg, Max
(Full name, surname to the left.)

Rating, Seaman

When enlisted, January 30, 1909

Where enlisted, Morgan City, La.

U. S. C. and G. S. S Chas. Transit

Serial Number 33

Forwarded, June 3, 1909

Henry L. Beck, Asst.
U. S. C. and G. Survey, Com'd'g.

Received at U. S. C. and G. Survey Office,

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NOTE.—To be forwarded to Superintendent, U. S. C. and G. Survey, immediately after the discharge, desertion, or death of the enlisted man. 11—704

INSTRUCTIONS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR,

U. S. C. AND G. SURVEY, *May 1, 1904.*

1. Great care must be exercised in marking men for their professional qualifications, conduct, and value to the Survey, as these marks are the guides by which the fitness of men for the service and for the positions of Petty Officers are judged.

2. Marks for proficiency in rating for any period of time are to be understood as showing the intelligence and zeal displayed by a man in his performance of all the particular duties of the rating held by him during that time.

3. Marks for seamanship are to be understood as showing the ability and usefulness of a man in performing all the duties required of a *seaman* as well as his knowledge of all matters relating to seamanship.

4. Commanding officers must pay particular attention to marks for sobriety and obedience, in order that a uniform system of marking conduct may be adopted by which equal weights will be deducted for equally grave offenses and strict justice accorded the enlisted man.

When a mark below a 5 is assigned in sobriety or obedience for a quarter in which no offense has been committed the cause for such action must be entered in the column of offences.

5. Reenlistments will be made in the same manner as original enlistments, excepting that $1.00 shall be added to the pay of the rating. Papers to be marked "Second Enlistment," "Third Enlistment," etc., as the case may be, in a prominent place.

6. All written requests of enlisted men regarding discharge while absent from the United States, or from the coasts of the United States where they may have enlisted, in which claims to transportation at Government expense may be waived, must, if granted, be entered in full on the enlistment record.

7. When any enlisted person deserts, is dishonorably discharged, discharged for bad conduct, incompetency, inaptitude, or as an undesirable person for the C. and G. S. service, a report thereof, with his complete descriptive list, must be sent to the Superintendent and to all vessels in the service. The fact that such report has been sent must be noted on the enlistment record.

8. In the event of the death or desertion of a man, the place, the cause of his death, and the disposition of his remains, or the place of and the circumstances attending the desertion, and state of account, must be written on the enlistment record.

9. A man transferred from one ship to another will retain his serial number and the letter "T" to be written after it.

O. H. TITTMANN,
Superintendent.

NOTE.—Draw line through all spaces where no information is given.
(When completed, detach this sheet and forward it by earliest mail to the Superintendent U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)

U. S. C. and G. S. S. chr. Transit

Serial Number 33 at Morgan City, La.

ENLISTMENT of Wraa, May
(Full name, surname to the left. Duplicate agreement to be signed in the book provided for the purpose.)

on the 30 of January, 1909, as Seaman

I the subscriber, hereby agree to and with Henry L. Beck,
(Name of commanding officer.)
of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, in manner and form following, that is to say:

In the First Place, I agree, for the considerations hereinafter mentioned, to enter the service of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, and in due and seasonable time to repair on board such vessel of the said Service or to such Station as I may be ordered to join, and to the utmost of my power and ability discharge my several services or duties, and be in everything conformable and obedient to the several requirings and lawful commands of the officers who may from time to time be placed over me.

Secondly, I oblige and subject myself to serve on the vessels to which I may be assigned from time to time for a term not to exceed three years, unless sooner discharged by proper authority.

And I also oblige myself, during such service, to comply with, and be subject to such regulations and discipline as are or shall be established by competent authority for the government of the Coast and Geodetic Survey Service of the United States.

Thirdly, I agree that in event of a violation of the above agreement by the act of desertion, that all moneys due me shall be forfeited to the United States.

Fourthly, I further agree that there shall be deducted from the monthly pay due me, such sums as may be needed in the settlement of bills for uniform clothing and small stores furnished to me by order of my commanding officer.

Fifthly, The said Henry L Beck, for and in behalf of the United
(Name of commanding officer.)
States does hereby covenant and agree to and with the said Mat. Wraa
(Name of person enlisting, surname to the right.)
who has hereunto signed his name, that he shall be paid, in consideration of such services, twenty five dollars per month from date of enlistment, or the wages due to the ratings which may, from time to time, be assigned to him during the continuance of his service aforesaid, at such times and in such proportions as are or may be allowed by the regulations for the government of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Previous service in U. S. C. and G. Survey None

Previous service in U. S. C. and G. Survey under Naval enlistment None

Previous service in U. S. Navy None

Trade, Marine; * Citizenship, N. U. S.; Residence at date of enlistment:
City, New Orleans; State, Louisiana; Name and address of
next of kin (Parent or Guardian, if minor), (wife) Mrs. A. Flatow,
424 45th st. South Brooklyn, N.Y.

May Wraa
(Signature of recruit in his own handwriting, surname to the right.)

(Erasures must not be made on this page.)

I CERTIFY to the foregoing signature; that I have inspected the above-named recruit; that he is not intoxicated; that, to the best of my judgment and belief, he is of lawful age, or, being a minor, has lawful consent; and that, in accepting him, I have strictly observed the Regulations for the government of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Ingvald H. Hawley,
, U. S. C. and G. S., Recruiting Officer.

U. S. C. and G. S. S. chr. Transit

Morgan City, La. January 30, 1909
(Place and date.)

Henry L. Beck Asst
U. S. C. and G. S., Commanding.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I, May Wraa, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the UNITED STATES of AMERICA, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies whomsoever; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the Regulations for the government of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. And I do further swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the date of my birth as given in this record is correct; and that I am not a deserter, nor have I been dishonorably discharged from the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Revenue-Cutter Service, Navy, Army, or Marine Corps.

May Wraa
(Signature of recruit, in his own handwriting, surname to the right.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of January, A. D. 1909

Chas. A. Bilbrie
(Signature of Officer administering oath.)
Master Pilot

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* CITIZENSHIP.—Native born, use initials U. S. Naturalized, N. U. S. Alien intentions declared, A. D. I. Alien intentions not declared (resident of U. S. prior to 1908, Alien intentions not declared (nonresident) A.

FIRST SHEET.

SHIPPING ARTICLES

AND

ENLISTMENT RECORD.

Name, Wraa, Max
(Full name, surname to the left.)

(Use two lines for name if necessary.)

Rating, Seaman

When enlisted, January 30, 1909

Where enlisted, Morgan City, La.

U. S. C. and G. S. S chr. TRANSIT

Serial Number, COAST 33

COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

Forwarded January 30, 1909

Henry L. Beck, Asst.
U. S. C. and G. Survey, Com'd'g.

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DESCRIPTIVE LIST.

Where born, Hamburg, (County.) Germany (State or Country.) *Date,* Oct. 23, 18 81

Age, 27 years 3 months; *Height,* 5 feet 7 inches; *Weight,* 173 lbs.;

Eyes, Blue; *Hair,* Dark Brown; *Complexion,* Dark.

Personal Characteristics, marks, etc, None

I CERTIFY that I have carefully examined, agreeably to the Regulations of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, the above-named recruit, and find that, in my opinion, he is free from all bodily defects and mental infirmity which would, in any way, disqualify him from performing the duties of his rating.

Henry L. Beck, *Examining Surgeon.*

Morgan City, La., Jan. 30, 1909.
(Place.) (Date.)

Ass't Surgeon available

Max Wraa

INACTIVE

Max Wraa

STATE FROM WHICH APPOINTED
Louisiana

STATUS

DESIGNATION		SALARY	OFFICE, BUREAU, OR DIVISION	DATE APPOINTED
3rd Asst. Kpr.	Ships Shoal L.S. La	$37.50 mo	L.H.	Jan 4. 1910
2" " "	" " " "	40. "	"	Feb 25. 1910
1" " "	Chandeleur L.S. La.	$516. p.a.	"	Jan. 3, 1911.
Keeper.	Sabine Bank L.S. Tex	$780. "	"	Nov. 8, 1911.
"	Pass A Loutre L.S. La	720. "	"	June 13, 1912
	Removed clerk June 1. 1915			

INACTIVE

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

RECEIVED JAN 15 1910 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

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

New Orleans, La.,

The Light-House Board,

January 7th, 1910. (Date)

Washington, D. C.

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) probationary appointment (Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)

of (2) Mr. Max Wraa (Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) of (3) Louisiana (State of legal residence)

from (4) ..... (Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)

at (5) ..... (Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)

at (6) $..... (Salary now paid) to (7) Third Assistant Keeper (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)

at (8) Ship Shoal Light-Station, La. (Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.) at

(9) $37.50 a mo. (Salary recommended), effective beginning (10) January 4,1910 (the date

of his entrance on duty) (~~XXXX

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

12797

January 17, 1910.

Mr. Max Wrae, of Louisiana, having qualified under the civil-service regulations, is hereby appointed Third Assistant Keeper of Ship Shoal Light-Station, Louisiana, in the Light-House Service, with compensation at the rate of Thirty-seven and 50/100 dollars per month, for a probationary period of six months, effective beginning January 4, 1910, he having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served in the above-mentioned position. (vice Clarence P. Rollingson.)

Retention in the service after the expiration of probationary period shall be equivalent to absolute appointment.

Payment of the compensation authorized in this appointment is subject to the oath of office being taken.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION, REPORTED JAN 18 1910 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

CARDED.

Acting Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

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CHANGE REPORTED
JAN — 1910
C. S. COMMISSION.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
MAR 21 19
NO. 12797
Enclosure.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
MAR 28 1910
NO.

I, Max Wraa,

do solemnly[a] swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: SO HELP ME GOD.

Max Wraa

[b] Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 10th day of March, A. D. 1910

(Affix official seal here.)

[c](Name:) Walter T. Gelwood.

(Official title:) Notary Public.

OFFICIAL TITLE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Third Assistant Keeper	Ship Shoal Light-Station, Louisiana.	Germany.	Louisiana.

(Bay-Bishop 4-7-10) $540.00.

OFFICE OF THE Inspector, 8th LIGHT-HOUSE DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La. (Address.), March 12, 1910. (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on January 4th, 1910. (Date.)

CARDED

(Signed:) W. M. Wood

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

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

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

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

NOTE CAREFULLY.

The oath may be executed at any time subsequent to the actual issuance of the appointment certificate, but no compensation should be paid until the oath is executed in proper form. Whenever possible the oath should be executed upon the date of actual entrance upon duty.

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

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

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DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
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APR 8 1910
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Office of the Inspector, 8th L. H. Dist.,
New Orleans, La.,
March 2, 1910.
(Date)

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

The Light-House Board,
Washington, D. C.

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) promotion
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)
of (2) Mr. Max Wraa Ef not reported of (3) Louisiana
(Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) (State of legal residence)
from (4) Third Assistant Keeper
(Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (5) Ship Shoal Light-Station, La.,
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
at (6) $37.50 a mo. to (7) Second Assistant Keeper
(Salary now paid) (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (8) Ship Shoal Light-Station, La., at
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
(9) $40.00 a mo., effective beginning (10) February 25,1910 (the date
(Salary recommended)
of his entrance on duty) (XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX)
(Strike out the clause not appropriate)
in the place of (11) Mr. George C. Pickett
(State name of *last* person holding position)
who (12) was transferred on (13) January 24,1910.
(Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) (Last day of service)

Mr. (14) ..... stands No. (15) ..... in list of eligibles,
Mr. Wraa should be promoted as this is a very undesirable station *
Class (16) ....., with an average of (17) ..... per cent, and
and no one already in the service would desire to be transferred to
was considered with (18) .....
it.
(19) letters of declination of ..... herewith.

Respectfully,

W. M. Whitsel
Comdr., U.S.N., Rtd.
Inspector 8th L. H. District.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED MAR 11 1910 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

* Submerged reef + Most undesirable station in the district; ~~dirty~~ miles by boat through one of the worst mosquito regions. Eleven miles in the open gulf. Quarters for keepers only. D.

March 9, 1910, 190

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

3-11-10

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED MAR 11 1910 TO APPOINTMENTS DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

13797

March *

February 12, 1910.

Mr. Max Wraa, of Louisiana, is hereby appointed Second Assistant Keeper of Ship Shoal Light-Station, La., in the Light-House Service, at a salary of Forty dollars per month, this appointment to be effective beginning February 25, 1910, he having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served in the above-mentioned position. (vice George C. Pickett.)

Payment of the compensation authorized in this appointment is subject to the oath of office being taken.

(By promotion from Third Assistant Keeper at $37.50 per month.)

CARDED.

Acting Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190

The Light-House Board.

CHANGE REPORTED
MAR 1910
C. S. COMMISSION.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
REPORTED
MAR 14 1910
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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Form 111

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
APR 8 1910
NO. 12797

Enclosure

OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, Max Wraa,

do solemnly [a] swear (See below.) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

Max Wraa
(Appointee signs here.)

[b] Sworn (See below.) and subscribed before me, this 7th day of April, A. D. 1910

(Affix official seal here.)

[c] (Name:) Chas A Dibbins

(Official title:) Notary Public

Official Title.	Pay.	Name of Station.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which last appointed.
Second Assistant Keeper	$40 mo.	Ship Shoal Light-Station, La.	Germany.	Louisiana.

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

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

New Orleans, La. (Address.), April 4, 1910. (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on February 23, 1910. (Date.)

(Signed:) W. H. Whittle
Commander, U. S. N., Retd.,
Inspector, 8th L.-H. District.

CARDED

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

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

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

NOTE CAREFULLY.

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

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

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

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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
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NO. 12797
Enclosure

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
APR 12 1910
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

May 15, 1909.

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

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.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
FORWARDED
APR 12 1910
TO APPOINTMENTS
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Charles Nagel
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.)

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

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

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

City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.
New Orleans	La	Orleans	First

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

5. Where were you born? Germany

6. When were you born?

Month.	Day.	Year.
Octbr	23	1864.

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

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

Mrs Chas Thomsen (Name.) 3124 Park Ave N.Y. (Number and street.)

New York (City or town.) New York (State or Territory.)

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

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

Assist Lighthouse Keeper Dec 29 1909

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

None

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
No	No	No	No	No	No

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

No

14. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during the Civil or Spanish-American War? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
	No		

15. 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.

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
	None		

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 12, 13, 14, and 15.)

Sailor

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.)

Public School.

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").

Sailor & Carpenter.

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

Asst Light house Keeper

Dec. 29 1909

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.)

Yes.

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. March 4th, 1910

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

(Signature) Max Wraa

P. O. Address: Morgan City
City or town.

Morgan City
Number and street.

La
State or Territory.

(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 April 8th, 1910

(Signature) A. W. Witzel Comdr. U.S.R., Rtd.

(Official title) Inspector 8th L.H. Dist.

PART II.

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

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1. State the Bureau or Service, place, and district in which the person who answered the foregoing questions is employed

Light House Service. | Pine Island Sd. Lt. Sta. Fla. Place (city, town, station, or vessel.) | 8th District.

2. To what position has he been appointed? 3rd Assistant Keeper.

3. State the date of appointment. January 17, 1910.

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

January 4, 1910.

5. State the date of the oath. March 10, 1910.

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. January 4, 1910.

7. What is his salary? $37.50 per month.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries of Keepers of Light Houses.

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.)

Examination as Assistant Light House Keeper, form 1025 rated Dec. 29, 1909.

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.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) W. P. Potter.

(Official title) Captain, U. S. N., Naval Secretary.

Date: April 11, 1910., 19

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

OFFICE OF LIGHT-HOUSES RECEIVED DEC 24 1910 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Office of Inspector, 8th District,
New Orleans, La., December 20, 1910.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED DEC 24 1910 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

The Commissioner of Light-Houses,

Washington, D. C.

Sir: I have the honor to recommend the (1) transfer & promotion (Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)
of (2) Max Wraas, (If not reported) (Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) of (3) Louisiana, (State of legal residence)
from (4) Second Assistant Keeper (Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (5) Ship Shoal Light-Station, Louisiana, (Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
at (6) $40 a month, (Salary now paid) to (7) First Assistant Keeper (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (8) Chandeleur Light-Station, Louisiana, (Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.) at
(9) $510 a year, (Salary recommended) effective beginning (10) January 1, 1910, (1911) (~~the date of his entrance on~~ duty) (or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty) (Strike out the clause not appropriate)
in the place of (11) John A. Richards, (State name of *last* person holding position)
who (12) resigned (Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) on (13) November 30, 1910.
Mr. (14) ..... stands No. (15) ..... in list of eligibles,
Class (16) ....., with an average of (17) ..... per cent, and
was considered with (18) .....
(19) letters of declination of ..... herewith.

Respectfully,

A. Whitaker

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

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES

12-24-10

DEC 23 1910

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

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS APPOINTMENT WRITTEN DEC 27 1910 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

WRITE BUREAU DEC 27 1910

G. P. Putnam

Commissioner

11—2314

December 27, 1910.

Sir:

Referring to the nomination of the Eighth Inspector, dated the 20th instant, of Max Wrad to be first assistant keeper of Chandeleur Light-Station, Louisiana, with pay at the rate of $510 per annum, forwarded approved by the Bureau on the 23rd instant, the Department notes that the rate of pay recommended by the Inspector is not in accordance with the plan suggested by the Committee on Department Methods.

Before acting upon the Inspector's nomination, the Department requests that the Bureau recommend a rate of pay which will accord with the recommendation of the Committee on Department Methods.

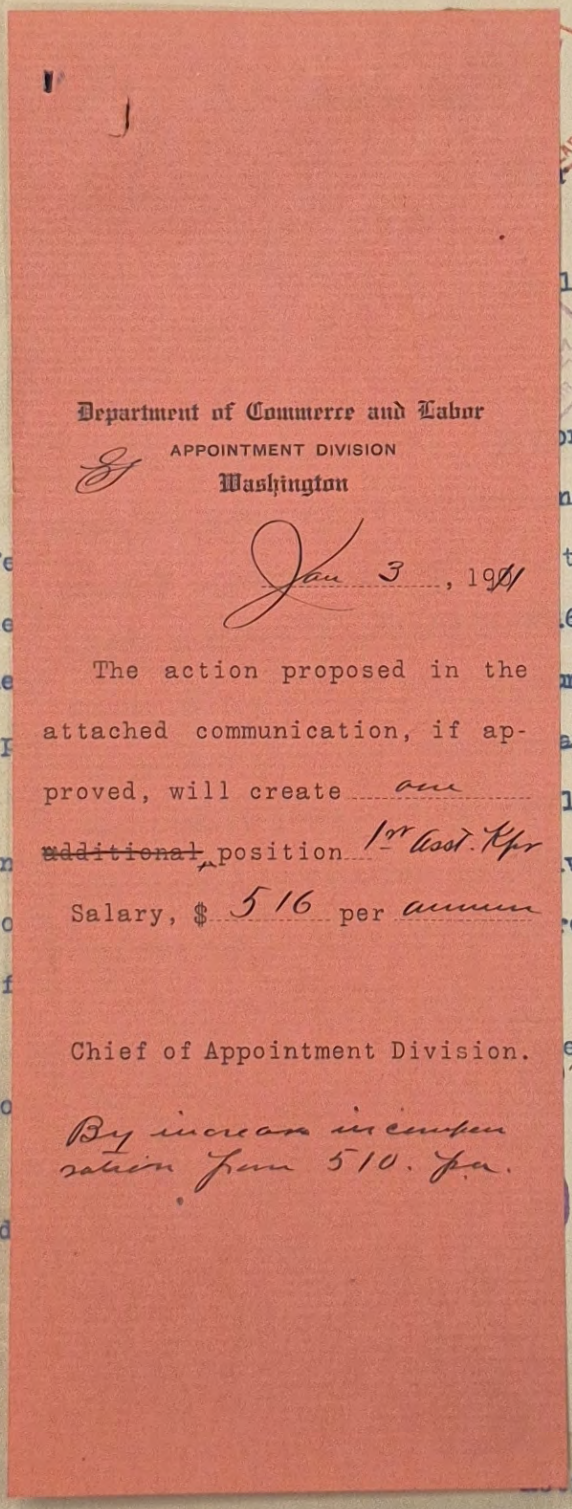
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Respectfully,

Acting Chief Clerk.

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The Commissioner of Light-Houses.



Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

Jan 3, 1911

The action proposed in the attached communication, if approved, will create one ~~additional~~ position 1st Asst. Kpr

Salary, $ 516 per annum

Chief of Appointment Division.

By increase in compensation from 510. p.a.

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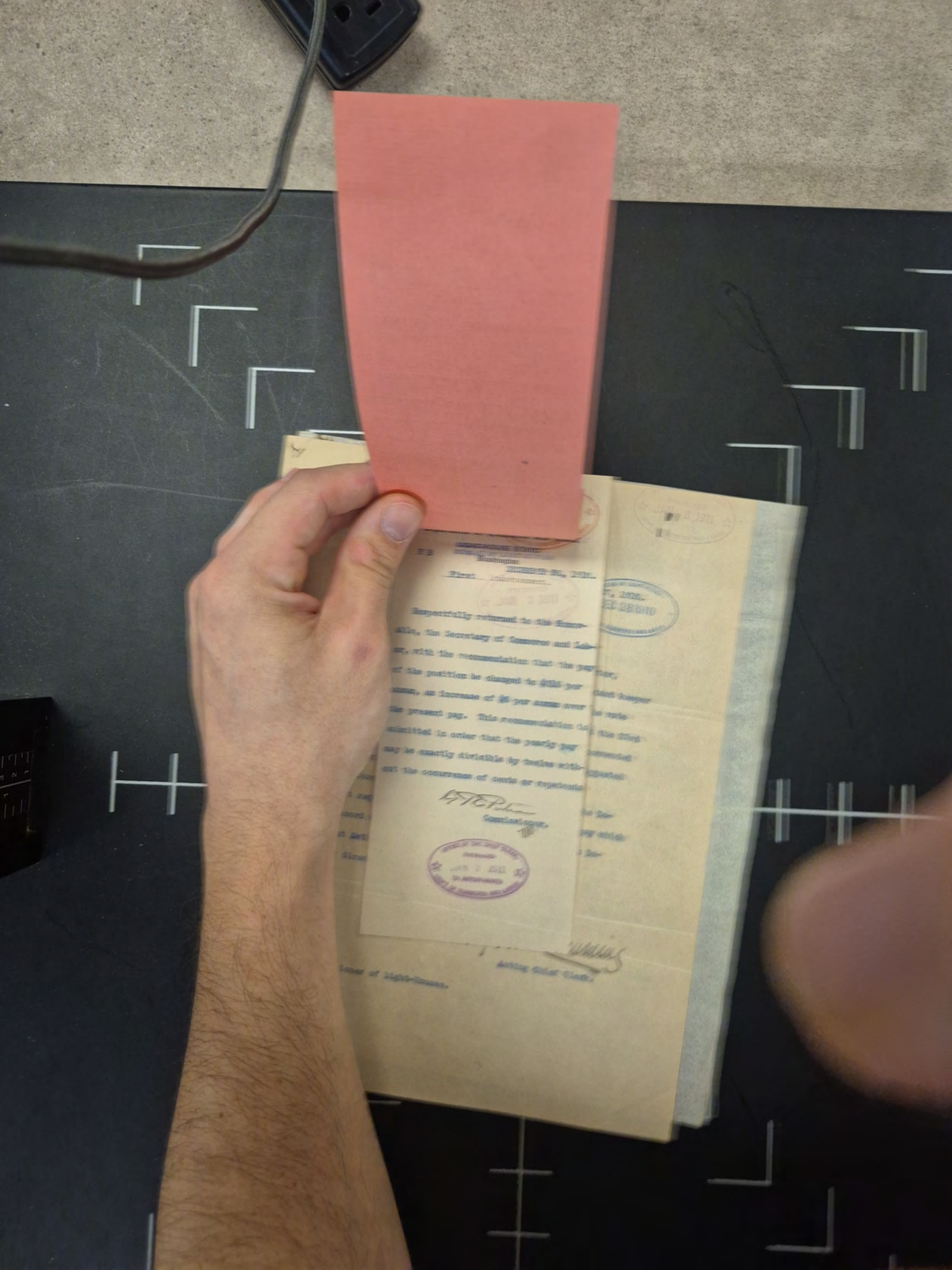
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The Commissioner of Light-Houses.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

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December 27, 1910.

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
DEC 28 1910
DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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Before acting upon the Inspector's nomination, the Department requests that the Bureau recommend a rate of pay which will accord with the recommendation of the Committee on Department Methods.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Alexander Cummings

Acting Chief Clerk.

The Commissioner of Light-Houses.

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Mr. Max Wraa.

Through the Commissioner of Light-Houses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, First Assistant Keeper of Chandeleur Light-Station, Louisiana, in the Light-House Service, at a salary of Five Hundred and Sixteen dollars per annum, effective beginning January 3, 1911, or as soon thereafter as you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By transfer from Second Assistant Keeper of Ship Shoal Light-Station, Louisiana, at $40 per month.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED.

Acting Chief Clerk.

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CHANC_ REPORTED
JAN [illegible] 1911
C. S. COMMISSION.

Appropriation:

Vice: John A. Richards.

Legal Residence: Louisiana.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
FEB 3 1911
DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, Max Wraa,

do solemnly [a] swear (See below.) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

Max Wraa
(Appointee signs here.)

[b] Sworn to (See below.) and subscribed before me, this 28 day of January, A. D. 191/

(Affix official seal here.)

[c] (Name:) Chas. E. Chidsey

(Official title:) Notary Public

Official Title.	Pay.	Name of Station.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which last appointed.
1st Assistant Keeper.	Annum $516.00	Chandeleur Light-Station, La.	Germany.	Louisiana.

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

CARDED

Office of the Inspector 8th Light-House District,

New Orleans, La., (Address.) February 1, 1911. (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on January 3, 1911. (Date.)

By direction of the Lighthouse Inspector:

(Signed:) Thomas P. Brown

Superintendent, 8th L.-H. Dist.

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

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

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

DIVISION OF DISBURSEMENTS
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FEB 17 1911
DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

NOTE CAREFULLY.

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

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

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

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Ent'd FEB 16 1911

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

L-J.

New Orleans, La.
May 12, 1911.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

1. Name Max Wraa 2. Age 46. (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau of Lighthouses. 4. Position 1st Assistant Keeper.

5. Compensation $516 p.a. 6. Where employed Chandeleur Lighthouse, La.

7. When appointed (*a*) Jan. 17, 1910. 8. How appointed (*b*) Through Civ. Ser. Exam.

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

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

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

12. Other Government service None.

13. Duties (describe fully) Assists in the exhibition of 3½-order light and care of dwelling and Government property. Station is extremely isolated, and is reached by boat.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? Don't know. From my limited experience, If so, state them with him, seems to be an excellent man.

15. Efficiency (*d*):

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

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

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

17. Is this employee a purely routine employee, or does he manifest interest, not only in his own work but also in the work of the office or bureau as a whole, to the extent of overtime work or voluntary efforts by suggestion or otherwise to add to its efficiency? (Answer fully.) Has been in the service but a short time, but promises well.

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

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

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

20. Remarks: (e)

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

Inspector.

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

G. K. Tittmann

Chief of Bureau or Office.

T. S. C.

Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

L-J.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED OCT 17 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES OCT 16 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., October 14, 1911.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED OCT 17 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Transfer and promotion.

Name, Max Wraa. Eff 100.

Legal residence, Louisiana.

Position, Keeper.

Salary, $780 per annum, from appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses, 1912. — was 65. p m

Location, Sabine Bank Light Station, Tex.

Effective on the actual date of entrance on duty.

Former position, 1st Asst. Keeper.

Former salary, $516 per annum.

Location, Chandeleur Light Station, La.

Rank in list of eligibles,

Rating,

Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, Wm. B. Thompson.

Services terminated, September 30, 1911. Oct 1. 11

Reason, Transfer as Keeper, Matagorda Light Station, Texas.

Remarks: This position was tendered to several assistant keepers who have been in the service for some time.

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

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Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

OCT 16 1911

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

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C M Cleaver
Acting Commissioner

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

October 18, 1911.

Mr. Ike Iles,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper of Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Seven Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum,

effective beginning October 18, 1911, or as soon thereafter

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

(By transfer and promotion from First Assistant Keeper of Chandeleur Light Station, Louisiana, at $516 per annum.)

CHANGE REPORTED
OCT 20 1911
U. S. COMMISSION.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

P. CARDED.
D.

Acting Chief Clerk

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Wm. E. Thompson.

Legal Residence: Louisiana.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION.
REPORTED
OCT 19 1911
TO PUBLISHING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Form 111

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
NOV 18 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
RECEIVED
NOV 27 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

I, Max Wraa

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.

☞ Max Wraa
(Appointee signs here.)

[2] Sworn to (See below.) and subscribed before me, this[3] 14 TH day of Nov, A. D. 1911

(Affix Official seal here.)

[4](Name) W. J. Grace

(Official title) Notary Public.

Official Title.	Rate of Pay.	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Keeper.	$780 pr. annum	Sabine Bank Light Station, Tex.

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

CARDED.

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 8th District

New Orleans, La., (Address.), November 16, 1911. (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on November 8, 1911. (Date.)

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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C. H. Eaton
(Signature, followed by title.)
Commander, U. S. N., Retd.,
Inspector, 8th L. H. District.

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

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

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

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

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

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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES APR 26 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED APR 29 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT, 10.10

New Orleans, La., April 23 1912

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Transfer

Name, Max Wraa Ef 100% Legal residence, Louisiana.

Position, Keeper in Lighthouse Service. Salary, $720. per annum, appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses, 1912.

Location, (Pass A Loutre Light Station, La.)

CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED TO APPTS. APR 29 1912 COMMERCE AND LABOR

Effective ---------- on the actual date of entrance on duty.

Former position, Keeper Former salary, $780. per annum

Location, Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.

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

Other eligibles considered, ----------

Letters of declination inclosed, ----------

Previous incumbent, Charles A. Thompson Services terminated, Will terminate April 30, 1912.

Reason, Resigned.

Remarks: This transfer involves a reduction in pay, but the location of Pass A Loutre L.S. is considered more desirable than Sabine Bank. Mr. Wraa was asked if he desired this transfer and his letter accepting same is herewith inclosed.

4-29-12

Extm

Inspector, 8th Lighthouse District.

One inclosure.

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON APR 26 1912

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

11—2314

Acting Commissioner

Sabine April 20. 1912.

Com. C. P. Eaton. U. S. N. ret.
Light House Inspector 8th Dist. N. O.

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
APR 28 1912
DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

Sir.

Left Station April 19. 10 a m. arrid 2 p m. As send in reports of letters will gladly accept position as Keeper at Pass a Loutre. I will leave as soon as weather permits or if otherwise ordered.

Respectfully.
Max Maas.
Keeper Sabine Bank light

Mr. James W.c Cabe. I Asst. and Mr W.m c Lean left Station March 31. 2 p m. Mr James W.m c Cabe arrived at Station April 1st 2 p m. alone. Mr W.m c Lean left Sabine and his where about is unknown as he left no word for me.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR,
EIGHTH DISTRICT.
APR 21 1912
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Respectfully.
M. Maas.

(*) Mr. Wasser says we will get something in this case
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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DAT

Department of Commerce and Labor

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Washington

April 29, 1912.

Mr. Max Gras,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

(By transfer from keeper at $780 per annum.)

CHANGE REPORTED
JUN - - 1912
C. S. COMMISSION.

CARDED.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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D

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Charles A. Thompson.

Legal Residence: Louisiana.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION.
REPORTED
APR 30 1912
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

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BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES ☆ JUN 21 1912 ☆ DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR EIGHTH DISTRICT JUN 19 1912 NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Carded in the Disbursing Office.

I, Max Wraa

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☞ Max Wraa
(Appointee signs here)

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[2] Swear (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 17th day of June, A. D. 1912

(Affix official seal here)

[4](Name) D. D. King J. P. Pre No 3

(Official title) Ex officio Notary Public Jefferson Co Tex

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Keeper in the Light-house Service.	$720 p.a.	Pass A Loutre Light Station, Louisiana.

(By transfer from Keeper at Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas, at $780 p.a.)

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

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED JUN 25 1912 G LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Eighth District

New Orleans, La., (Address) June 19, 1912. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on June 15, 1912. (Date)

In the absence and by direction of Inspector:

CARDED.

Conway.
(Signature, followed by title)
Chief Clerk.

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

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

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

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

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

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JUN 24 1912

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES JUN 10 1915

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
June 8, 1915.

Max Wraa,
Charges against.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS ANSWERED JUN 14 1915 DEPT OF COMMERCE

CHIEF CLERK JUN 14 1915

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The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. I enclose herewith copy of charges dated May 11th, made against Max Wraa, Keeper of Pass a Loutre Light Station, Louisiana, together with his replies dated May 13 and 21, 1915. $720.

APPOINTMENTS JUN 14 1915

2. There is also enclosed written statements from employees and others persons residing in the vicinity of the light station as to the actions of Mr. Wraa.

MEMORANDUM WRITTEN. JUN 16 1915

3. Letter from Mr. Wraa of June 1, 1915, resigning his position, also attached.

4. It is not considered that Mr. Wraa has satisfactorily answered the charges preferred against him, as, from the various written statements received from uninterested parties, it is clearly evident that, in addition to falsifying the Watch Book at his station, he has been guilty of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Under the circumstances, he is not considered a desirable person and recommendation is made that his resignation be not accepted, but that he be dismissed from the Lighthouse Service, effective at the close of June 1, 1915.

Sorry

Inspector.

Enclosures-

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUN 12 1915

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information, and recommending that Wraa be dismissed from the Service, effective at the close of June 1, 1915. It is also recommended that Wraa be required to make proper restitution for any Government oil and oil cans improperly disposed of by him. The Inspector has been requested to make statement as to whether or not Wraa has taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

G. B. Putnam
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
MAY 10 1915
8th DIST. U.S.L.H.S.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
May 11, 1915.

Mr. Max Wraa, Keeper,

Pass A Loutre Light Station, La.

The following is an extract of report made by Assistant Keeper Thomasen while recently caring for the Pass A Loutre Light Station during the absence of yourself and Assistant Keeper Brown:

"When I examined the 'Watch Book,' I found that the Keeper had signed for watches up to Sunrise 'May 6, 1915.' No name of any 'Substitute' noted in the Journal; later I was informed by Mr. Wm. Loga that Mr. Max Wraa had asked him to go to Pass A Loutre Light Station and sign the book as 'Substitute,' after which he could immediately return to the Pilot Station, where he is regularly engaged.

"At 10 A.M. May 6, 1915, Mr. Max Wraa was brought down in the station launch by Mr. T. Bower, Mr. Wraa being unable to handle the launch, owing to overindulgence in intoxicating beverages. Mr. Wraa assured me that he would be able to operate the light that evening, after he 'straightened up.' He gave me a signed release, and I brought Mr. T. Bower back to Pilot Town.

"Mrs. Marion Brown stated that shortly after Mr. Max Wraa arrived Pilot Town, about 5 P.M. May 5th, he was under the strong influence of liquor and used abusive language to her, in the presence of several people, in Delesdernier's store, because Mr. M. Brown had left the station before he (Mr. Wraa) returned. And Mr. Wraa stated that he would have Mr. Brown thrown out of the Service for doing so. This is not the first time that Mr. Wraa has been under the influence of liquor whilst in Pilot Town. At one time he fell into the river and narrowly escaped being drowned from the same cause."

In view of the serious nature of the charges preferred against you by assistant keeper Thomasen, you are hereby given five (5) days in which to make an answer to the same, in writing, to this office and show cause as to why you should not be dismissed from the Lighthouse Service.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

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Superintendent.

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...RLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,
MAY 10 1915
8th DIST. N. O., LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Head of the Passes La.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Pilot Town, La., May. 8., 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

I hereby respectfully report, that on May, 3. 1915. at the request of the Keeper of this station, I went to Pilot Town, to see the Assistant Keeper of Pass au Loutre Lightstation, before proceeding to that station, as per wired instructions. I found Mr. Brown, lying on the floor of Delesdernier's store, suffering very much from being bitten by a snake. His arm was badly swollen. He stated to me that he left the station at 4. A.M. The light still burning. And he would not have been able to reach Pilot Town, had it not been for the assistance of his wife, who was visiting him at the time. She knew how to operate the Gasoline engine, and took Mr. Brown to Quarantine station, for medical attention. The Doctor in charge, instructed Mr. Brown to proceed immediately to New Orleans for further treatment.

I secured the Lighthouse Launch safely at Judge Delesdernier's wharf, and proceeded immediately to Pass au Loutre Lightstation, where I arrived at 4.10 P.M. Light still burning. I proceeded to put apparatus in order for operation, according to Regulations.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,
9th DIST.
MAY 10 1915
N. O., LA.

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Very respectfully,

Refer charges & Data for report

C. G. Thomassen,

Assistant Keeper.

ARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,
MAY 17 1915
8th DIST., S. O., U.S.

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EIGHTH DISTRICT

Pass a Loutre Light Station
(Station, Vessel, or Vessel)

May 12, 1915

Light House Inspector New Orleans

Sir:

Your letter dated May 11. 1915: I beg to say that Charges made against me by Mr Thomas are not true that I was under the influence of Liquor at Pilot town, as I can prove it by people at Pilot town. I was sick as I eat nothing for two days. Mrs Marion Brown is at the Station and she says that it is not so, that I was talking words Toward her By me telling in the water some time ago was due to the boat leaving the dock, and nobody made a complaint of it. By me signing the watch book up To May 6. is a mistake and I never told Mr Logan that he could come and sign up and then go home again. I have not touched any Whisky at the Station for a Year and I can bring Witnesses To prove, that I was sick but not under the influence of Liquor Hoping this to be satisfactory

Respectfully
Wm Knox
Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

May 18, 1915.

Max Wtan, Keeper,

Pass a Loutre Light Station, La.

Your letter of the 15th instant is simply a general denial of all the charges preferred against you in letter from this office of the 11th instant. A general denial of charges is not considered as a proper answer thereto, and you are hereby given another apportunity to answer each of the charges in detail.

It is noted that you claim to be able to secure witnesses to substantiate your denials, and, if such is the case, forward written statements from such witnesses, having same accompany your reply.

Giv e this matter prompt attention.

(Sgd) Dorry,

Inspector.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,
MAY 24 1915
8th DIST.

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EIGHTH DISTRICT
Pass a Loutre Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
May 21, 1915

Capt B. B. Dorry!
Light House Inspector New Orleans Light Dist.
Sir!

Your letter dated May 18. 1915 received, and will answer against all Charges against me. That I signed my Name in the Watchbook, yes I did, but with no intention to defraud you. As I had been granted leave of absent for 12 days from May 6. till May 18. 1915. I received a letter from home as to sickness. Been to late to communicate with the Office. I told Mr Brown that I would leave on the first and return on the 12 th of May, returning 6 days earlier, when he would come up and get me. As Willie Lorgo had to stay a few days longer, as to delay of another man, but as the Light is in a perfect Order, and I spend two Months alone at one time and 7 days at another he said he could do it alone for a few days. I am sorry that it happened, but I never thought he would be bitten, and if Willie Lorgo could not come he may get Mr Wright who took my place before.

ADDRESS ALL ... LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, MAY 24 1915 8th Dist., N. O., La.

As to me been brought to the Station, intoxicated is not true which Mr Borrin can prove also Mr & Mrs Kiger in whos home I slept that night. As I could not find the keys for the boat been put away for safe keeping. I was in a bad humor as I wanted to go down and may have said a few words but not intended to Mrs Brown or Mrs Delcarion as she is used to me talking loud. They can prove I was not under the influence of Liquor Else how could I be the next day when I had nothing to drink I was to nervous & excited, but I run the boat just the same only. Mr Borrin went with me. Mr Thomann stated that I said to take a drink to steady me, no it is not true I never lost a day in my life on acount of drink and I spent 15 years in one place. On acount of sickness, and enjoin at Mr Brown yet bitten after telling him not to fool around the March I was upset I am used of talking loud, and people dont know me think I am under the spell of Liquor

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,
MAY 24 1915
8th DIST., N. O., LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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Mr Thomson arrived is a sign that the Lamp is in
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want to pay, and now say I am no good, but any
other Mr Leatherock, Mr Matulich. Mr Hunter Conway
speak good of me. As I am a supporter of a family
and would not like to be dismissed, I hope this
to be satisfactory

Respectfully
Mary D'Aria
Keeper.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,
MAY 15 1915
3th DIST., N. O., LA.

Head of the Passes Lightstation.

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Pilot Town, La., May, 12, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

I hereby respectfully enquire whether the Keepers of Light-stations in this District, have the Authority to SELL or GIVE away, Mineral Oil, which is supplied to the stations for general use? I make this respectfull enquiry, as I have reliable information that Mineral Oil has been so disposed of, from the Pass au Loutre Lightstation, by the Keeper of that station.

Having the best interests of the Service at heart, I wish to obtain all the information that I can, regarding the disposal of Government property. As I understand the "Rules & Regulations of the Lighthouse Service", all surplus supplies should be retained at the stations and properly accounted for.

Very respectfully,

C. T. Thomasen.

Assistant Keeper.

Dictated by C. T. T.

Forwarded as requested.

John W. Stg. Gibbon.

Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

May 15, 1915.

Mr. C. T. Thomasen, Asst. Keeper,

Head of Passes Light Station, La.

(Through the Keeper)

Your letter of May 12, 1915, received. There was no necessity to ask this office whether keepers of light stations have the authority to sell or give away Government property. The Regulations and the law fully cover the matter and you should have sufficient information without submitting such an inquiry to this office.

If you have knowledge that anyone has disposed of Government property illegally, it is your duty to report same to this office in a concrete manner, and not write letters reflecting on the honesty of other employees wihtout immediately forwarding full particulars in the matter.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

(Sgd) Lanphier.

Superintendent.

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Pilot Town, La., May, 20, 1915.

...thouse Inspector,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Your letter of May, 15, 1915. received. And I will respectfully say, that when I addressed the enquiry to the Office and also reported that I had "Reliable information, that Mineral Oil had been disposed of from the Pass A Loutre Lightstation, by the Keeper of that station" I did not intend in the least to reflect upon the honesty of the employees of the service, in general. Therefore I specified in my report, the "Keeper of the Pass A Loutre Lightstation"

On May, 11, 1915. Mr. Marion Brown, Assistant Keeper of Pass A Loutre Lightstation, whilst stopping at this station, on his way to Pass A Loutre Lightstation, informed me, in the presence of the Keeper of this station, that Mr. Max Bros, Keeper of Pass A Loutre Lightstation, had to his knowledge, disposed of 5 gallons of Mineral Oil, by giving it to Mr. E. Loge, of Pilot Town, La. He further stated, that Mr. Bros instructed him not to give any Mineral Oil, to any person else, but, Mr. E. Loge. Later, I asked Mr. E. Loge, in the presence of a witness, about this matter. He stated that Mr. Bros, had offered him Mineral Oil, in compensation of some Private service. I found by personal experience, that Mr. E. Loge, was not always reliable in his statements. Mr. E. Loge,

2.-(Lighthouse Inspector, May, 20.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,
MAY 22 1915
8th DIST., N. O., LA.

has several times asked me to give him Mixed Paints, if any could be spared from this station, but I refused his requests.

If I in my former letter, have not complied with the Regulation I hereby tender apoligies for not doing so, and further more state that my sincere wishes are to comply with the Regulations, for the best interests of the Service.

Very respectfully,

C. T. Thomasen.

Assistant Keeper.

Dictated by C.T.T.

Forwarded as requested,

John W. Stg. Gibbon
Keeper.

Pilot Town, La. May, 15, 1915.

This is to certify that Mr. Max Wraa, visited our store at Pilot Town, on the evening of May, 5th. at which time, he was apparently under the influence of intoxicants. He used such language as no GENTLEMAN would use in the presence of Ladies.

I refused his request that he be allowed to sleep at my house, owing to the absence of male members of our family. His apparent condition, was such, that I did not wish to have him on our premises, therefore I sent one our our employees to take Mr. Wraa further down the river.

On the morning of May, 20th. Mr. Wraa visited my residence in Pilot Town, and requested me to write a letter to the Light-house Inspector, that he was NOT under the influence of Liquor, & had not misbehaved himself at our store, but I refused his request.

Mrs G. W. Delesdernier

Wife of proprietory of "PILOT TOWN STORE"

60 or yer now the next age of 87 as when Mr Wraa was here. is now on vacation & I could not see him

Respectfully
Charles W Hartt

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,
JUN 2 1915
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8th DIST., N. O., La.

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Pilot- Town La. May 31 1915

Light-house Inspector
New Orleans La.

Sir

In the matter of
Mr Wraa the Keeper at
Pass a Loutre well say
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the mail-boat the boat-
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JUN 2 1915

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yours Truly
Geo. Barnes
Keeper of Polo Club

JUN 2 1915

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,
MAY 24 1915
8th DIST., P. O., La.

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,
MAY 24 1915
8th DIST., N. O., La.

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECT
JUN 2 1915
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECT.
JUN 2, 1915
8th DIST., N. O., LA.

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EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cubits Gap
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 31st, 1915

Lighthouse Inspector
New Orleans La

Sir.

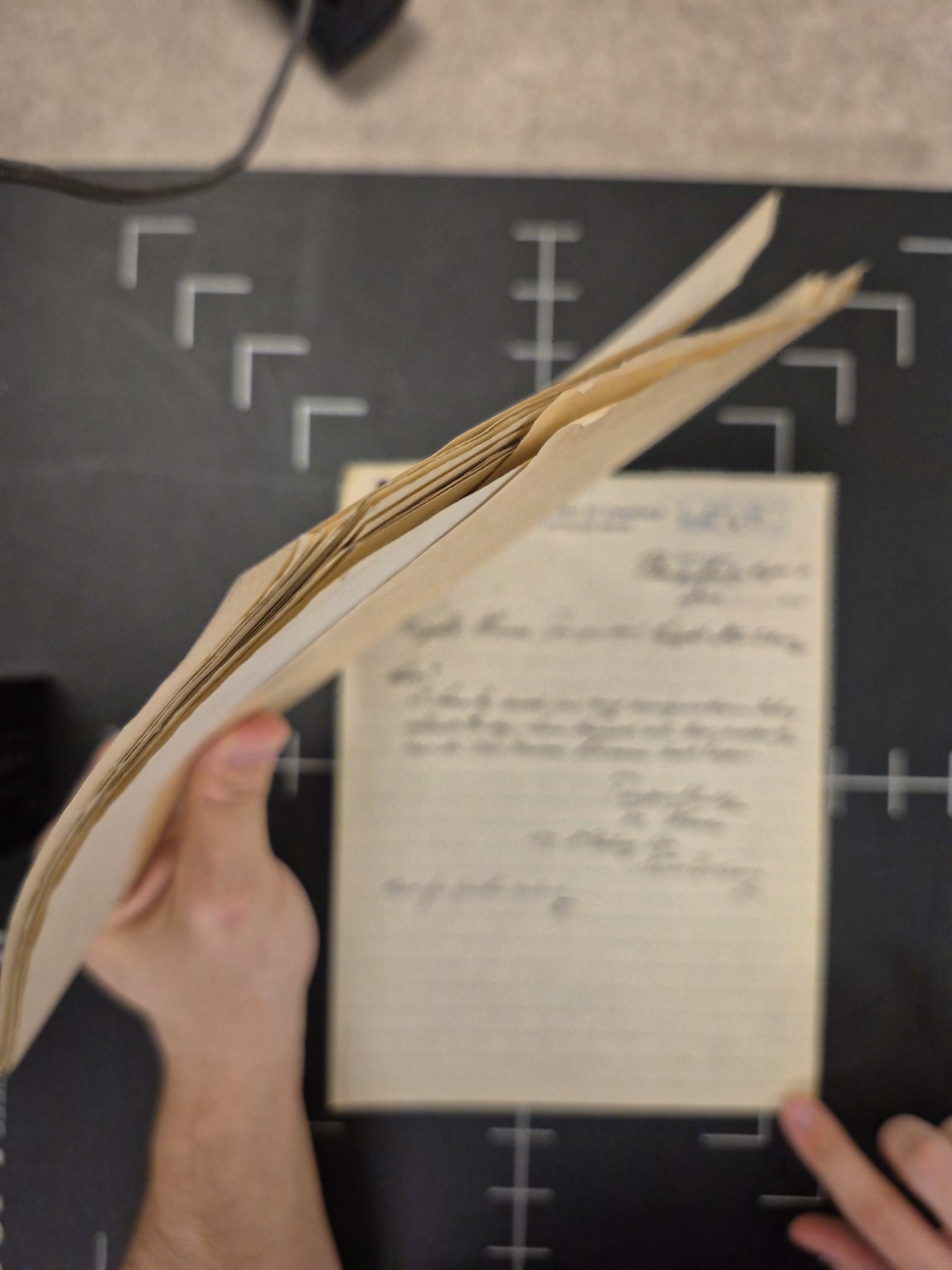
In the matter of Mr Max Wraa Keeper of Pass a Loutre Light Sta will Say. I Spoke to Mr B J Williams Pool Mgator & Book Keeper for the Bar Pilots about the actions of Mr Wraa on his return to Sta about the 6th of this Month he Says Mr Wraa was under the influence of Intoxicants. But dislikes to have anything to do with him as he is not Pleasant in his dealings. Wm Logan & Geo Leeson the Boatmen for Crescent Pilots Say they will write you Statingthe was intoxicated & his actions when the Mail Boat Landed at Lighthouse that evening I saw Mr Wraa & he was then Intoxicated. the Pilot-in Charge of Sta. when Mr Wraa was here. is now on vacation & I could not See him

Respectfully
Charles W Hartt

Pilot Town, La., May, 1915.

I hereby certify that on the night of May, 5th. 1915. Max Wraa, Keeper of the Pass A Loutre Lightstation,was brought to my residence for shelter. The way he acted when he arrived, was as if he was under the influence of Liquor. He statedthat he had just cursed out the people of Pilot Town, and could not get a place to sleep there. He was informed at my house, that he would be allowed to stay, if he behaved himself. He stated to us that he was in lots of trouble and had to lie tofolks at the Lighthouse Office to save himself from the consequences of having left his station and gone on a vacation without Leave.

James Kiger Constable



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

CHIEF CLERK
JUN16 1915

WROTE BUREAU
JUN 17 1915

June 16, 1915.

APPOINTMENTS
JUN 17 1915

The Assistant Secretary:

Attached hereto is letter dated the 8th instant, with enclosures, from the Inspector of the Eighth Lighthouse District, forwarded by the Bureau on the 12th instant, recommending that Max Wraa, keeper of Pass a Loutre Light Station, Louisiana, at $720 per annum, be dismissed from the service, effective at the close of June 1, 1915.

It appears from the correspondence in the case that during the absence of Mr. Wraa from the station the assistant keeper was bitten by a snake and had to be taken to shore immediately by his wife for treatment, leaving the station unattended. The assistant keeper of Head of Passes Light Station, Louisiana, C. T. Thomasen, was on May 3, 1915, temporarily assigned to Pass a Loutre Light Station until relieved by Mr. Wraa on May 6. Mr. Thomasen reported to the Inspector that he had found false entries made in the watch book by Mr. Wraa; that the latter had returned to the station suffering from overindulgence in intoxicants; and that Mr. Wraa had been drunk and disorderly while at Pilot Town, Louisiana, on the night of May 5. Formal charges were thereupon preferred against Mr. Wraa by the Inspector under date of May 11, 1915, to which Mr. Wraa replied under dates of May 15 and May 21, stating that the entries in the watch book had been made by mistake and denying the charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. The facts in

the case, together with a number of written statements from disinterested persons, failed to bear out Mr. Wraa's contentions.

Under date of June 1, 1915, Mr. Wraa tendered his resignation to the Inspector, to take effect immediately. The Inspector states, however, that Mr. Wraa is not considered a desirable person and inasmuch as it is clearly evident that, in addition to falsifying the watch book at his station, he has been guilty of drunkenness and disorderly conduct, recommends that his resignation be not accepted, but that he be dismissed from the service. The Bureau concurs in the Inspector's recommendation and also recommends that Mr. Wraa be required to make proper restitution for any Government oil and oil cans improperly disposed of by him, in view of the statement of C. T. Thomasen to the effect that Mr. Wraa had given five gallons of mineral oil to a Mr. W. Loga of Pilot Town, Louisiana.

Clifford Harding
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

APPROVED:

E. F. Sweet
Assistant Secretary.

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June 17, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 12th instant, the Department has, by separate letter of this date, dismissed Max Wraa from the position of keeper of Pass a Loutre Light Station, Louisiana, at $720 per annum, effective at the close of June 1, 1915. It is noted that the Inspector has been directed to state whether or not Mr. Wraa had taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

The Department has also approved the Bureau's recommendation to the effect that Mr. Wraa be required to make proper restitution for any Government oil and oil cans improperly disposed of by him.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) GEO. C. HAVENNER

C-R

June 17, 1915.

Sir:

It having been charged that you made false entries in the watch book at your station, and that you had been guilty of disorderly conduct and excessive use of intoxicants, as set forth in letter of charges addressed to you under date of May 11, 1915, by the Inspector of the Eighth Lighthouse District, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of keeper of Pass a Loutre Light Station, Louisiana, at $720 per annum, effective at the close of June 1, 1915, your last day of service.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

FINANCE REPORTED
JUN 1915
U. S. COMMISSION.

Mr. Max Wren,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED
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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES JUN 18 1915

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
CHIEF CLERK
June 16, 1915.

Max Wraa,
charges against.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Bureau's letter of the 12th instant in regard to charges against Max Wraa, Keeper of Pass A Loutre Light Station, La.,

APPOINTMENTS JUN 23 1915

2. Mr. Wraa has not been granted leave of absence in excess of the amount allowed by the Regulations.

3. In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

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Superintendent.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUN 22 1915

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

See Department letter of June 17, 1915, in this case. Measures are being taken to have Wraa make proper restitution, in accordance with 2d par. Department letter of June 17, 1915.

Acting Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Max Wraa,
disposition oil cans.

July 13, 1915.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
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Secretary of Commerce:

Referring to Department letter of June 17, dismissing Max Wraa from the position of keeper of Pass a Loutre Light Station, La., effective at the close of June 1, 1915, and to Department letter of the same date, relative to Wraa making restitution for any Government oil and oil cans improperly disposed of by him.

Under date of June 29, 1915, the Eighth Inspector informed the Bureau that Wraa, instead of destroying the empty oil cans, as he was instructed to do, gave them away to dealers in the neighborhood; and that there was no evidence that he improperly disposed of any oil, but only of the empty cans, which have no value.

The Bureau therefore recommends that no further action be taken in this case.

S Cureton

Acting Commissioner.

July 14, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Bureau's letter of the 13th instant in the case of Max Wraa, formerly keeper of Pass a Loutre Light Station, Louisiana, who was thought to have improperly disposed of oil and oil cans belonging to the Government. As it appears, however, that Mr. Wraa did not dispose of any oil, but only of empty cans which have no value, the Department approves the Bureau's recommendation that no further action be taken and will regard the case as closed.

(SIGNED) E. F. SWEET

Acting Secretary.

C-R

Max Thrasher

August 26, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department acknowledges receipt of the Bureau's communication of the *23rd instant, transmitting letter addressed to Hon. George R. Putnam under date of June 29, 1915, by Q. Z. Breeland of New Orleans, Louisiana, containing charges against certain lighthouse keepers in the Eighth District, together with letter of the 16th instant from the Eighth Inspector on the subject and copies of statements from the keepers concerned.

Inasmuch as it appears that reasonable effort was made to substantiate the charges, without success, and as there is nothing to show that further action would be warranted at this time, the Department approves the Bureau's recommendation to the effect that it be authorized to advise Mr. Breeland that the several matters referred to in his letter have been investigated and that the Bureau has been unable to find proof of his statements.

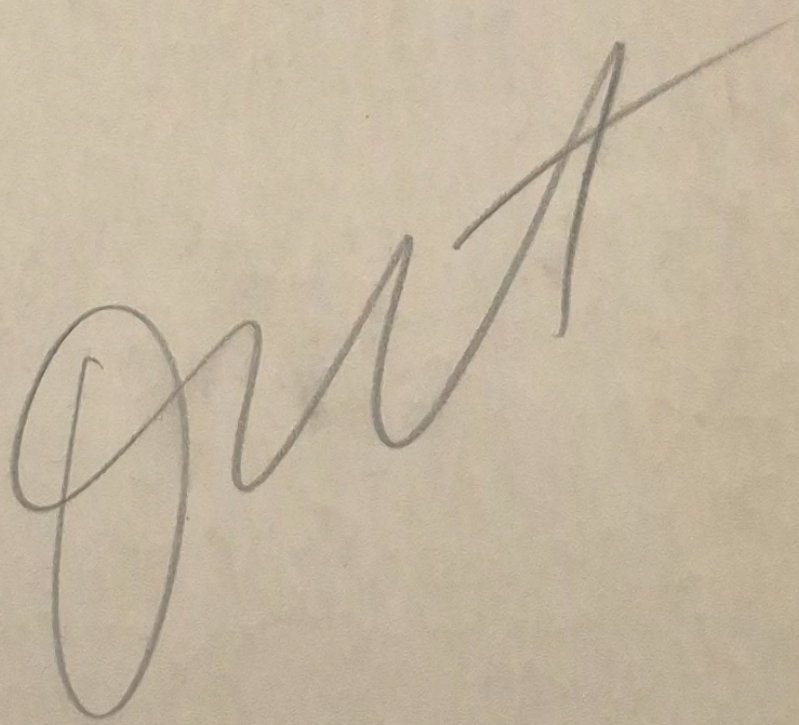
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* Sidney Gibbon (Signed) S E Thrasher

Acting Secretary.

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WRAA, MAX.



Form 73 a

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Office of Inspector, 8th District,
New Orleans, La., December 20, 1910.

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BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
DEC 22 1910
DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

The Commissioner of Light-Houses,

Washington, D. C.

Sir: I have the honor to recommend the (1) transfer & promotion
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)
of (2) Max Vraa, (Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) of (3) Louisiana, (State of legal residence)
from (4) Second Assistant Keeper
(Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (5) Ship Shoal Light-Station, Louisiana,
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
at (6) $40 a month, (Salary now paid) to (7) First Assistant Keeper (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (8) Chandeleur Light-Station, Louisiana, (Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.) at
(9) $510 a year, (Salary recommended) effective beginning (10) January 1,1910, (~~the date of his entrance on duty~~) (or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty)
(Strike out the clause not appropriate)
in the place of (11) John A. Richards,
(State name of *last* person holding position)
who (12) resigned (Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) on (13) November 30, 1910.
Mr. (14) ..... stands No. (15) ..... in list of eligibles,
Class (16) ....., with an average of (17) ..... per cent, and
was considered with (18) .....
(19) letters of declination of ..... herewith.

Respectfully,

J. M. Whitzell

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

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES

DEC 23 1910

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

Commissioner

11—2314

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

January 3, 1911.

Mr. Max Wrau,

Through the Commissioner of Light-Houses.

Sir:

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

First Assistant Keeper of Chandeleur Light-Station, Louisiana,

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Five Hundred and Sixteen dollars per annum,

effective beginning January 3, 1911, or as soon thereafter

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

(By transfer from Second Assistant Keeper of Ship Shoal Light-Station, Louisiana, at $40 per month.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. GORDON-CUMMING

Acting Chief Clerk.

Lc
D

Appropriation:

Vice: John A. Richards.

Legal Residence: Louisiana.

11—3692

Form 73

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

L-J.

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES ☆ OCT 16 1911 ☆ DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., October 14, 1911.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Transfer and promotion.

Name, Max Wraa. Legal residence, Louisiana.

Position, Keeper. Salary, $780 per annum, from appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses, 1912.

Location, Sabine Bank Light Station, Tex.

Effective on the actual date of entrance on duty.

Former position, 1st Asst. Keeper. Former salary, $516 per annum.

Location, Chandeleur Light Station, La.

Rank in list of eligibles, Rating, Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, Wm. B. Thompson. Services terminated, September 30, 1911.

Reason, Transfer as Keeper, Matagorda Light Station, Texas.

Remarks: This position was tendered to several assistant keepers who have been in the service for some time.

C F Eaton

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

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON OCT 16 1911

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

11—2314

C A Bevier

Acting Commissioner

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

October 18, 1911.

Mr. Max Vraa,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper of Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas,

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Seven Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum,

effective beginning October 18, 1911, or as soon thereafter

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

(By transfer and promotion from First Assistant Keeper of Chandeleur Light Station, Louisiana, at $516 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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D

(Signed) A. GORDON-CUMMING
Acting Chief Clerk.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Wm. B. Thompson.

Legal Residence: Louisiana.

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TELEGRAM.

New Orleans, La.,

March 11, 1912.

Lighthouse Commissioner,

Washington, D C.

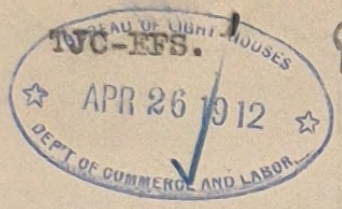
Please return recommendations transfer Max Wraa Joseph Sprinkle forwarded ninth. Sprinkle now declines.

Thompson.

OK

Received over phone March 11, 1912, 1157 Tate/FCR.

Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE



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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., April 23 1912

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Transfer

Name, Max Wraa — Legal residence, Louisiana.

Position, Keeper in Lighthouse Service. — Salary, $720. per annum, appropriation, Salaries, Keeper of Lighthouses, 1912.

Location, Pass A Loutre Light Station, La.

Effective ----------on the actual date of entrance on duty.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $780. per annum

Location, Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.

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

Other eligibles considered, ----------

Letters of declination inclosed, ----------

Previous incumbent, Charles A. Thompson Services terminated, Will terminate April 30, 1912.

Reason, Resigned.

Remarks: This transfer involves a reduction in pay, but the location of Pass A Loutre L.S. is considered more desirable than Sabine Bank. Mr. Wraa was asked if he desired this transfer and his letter accepting same is herewith inclosed.

Ewin

Inspector, 8th Lighthouse District.

One inclosure.

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

APR 26 1912

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

11—2314

Acting Commissioner

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Washington

April 29, 1912.

Mr. Max Wraa,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

(By transfer from keeper at $780 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY.

P
D

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Charles A. Thompson.

Legal Residence: Louisiana.

11—1303

WRW-McC.

Max Wraa,
charges against.

June 12, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, La.

Referring to your recommendation of June 8, 1915, for the dismissal of Max Wraa, keeper of Pass A Loutre Light Station, La., etc.

Submit proper report and recommendation as to whether or not Wraa has taken leave in excess of the accrued rate. Follow Regulations, 1914, par. 470 (3d par).

Your recommendation for the dismissal of Wraa has been submitted to the Department recommended for approval and you will be advised in due time of Department action.

Acting Commissioner

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
June 8, 1915.

Max Wraa,
Charges against.

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JC Purnell

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. I enclose herewith copy of charges dated May 11th, made against Max Wraa, Keeper of Pass A Loutre Light Station, Louisiana, together with his replies dated May 13 and 21, 1915.

2. There is also enclosed written statements from employees and other persons residing in the vicinity of the light station as to the actions of Mr. Wraa.

3. Letter from Mr. Wraa of June 1, 1915, resigning his position, also attached.

4. It is not considered that Mr. Wraa has satisfactorily answered the charges preferred against him, as, from the various written statements received from uninterested parties, it is clearly evident that, in addition to falsifying the Watch Book at his station, he has been guilty of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Under the circumstances, he is not considered a desirable person and recommendation is made that his resignation be not accepted, but that he be dismissed from the Lighthouse Service, effective at the close of June 1, 1915.

Sorry

Inspector.

Enclosures-

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUN 12 1915

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information, and recommending that Wraa be dismissed from the Service effective at the close of June 1, 1915. It is also recommended that Wraa be required to make proper restitution for any Government oil and oil cans improperly disposed of by him. The Inspector has been requested to make statement as to whether or not Wraa has taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Commissioner.

TJC-MCC

Pilot Town, La., May 6, 1915.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
May 11, 1915.

Mr. Max Wraa, Keeper,

Pass A Loutre Light Station, La.

The following is an extract of report made by Assistant Keeper Thomasen while recently caring for the Pass A Loutre Light Station during the absence of yourself and Assistant Keeper Brown:

"When I examined the 'Watch Book,' I found that the Keeper had signed for watches up to Sunrise 'May 6, 1915." No name of any 'Substitute' noted in the Journal; later I was informed by Mr. Wm. Loga that Mr. Max Wraa had asked him to go to Pass A Loutre Light Station and sign the book as 'Substitute,' after which he could immediately return to the Pilot Station, where he is regularly engaged.

"At 10 A.M. May 6, 1915, Mr. Max Wraa was brought down in the station launch by Mr. T. Bower, Mr. Wraa being unable to handle the launch, owing to overindulgence in intoxicating beverages. Mr. Wraa assured me that he would be able to operate the light that evening, after he 'straightened up.' He gave me a signed release, and I brought Mr. T. Bower back to Pilot Town.

"Mrs. Marion Brown stated that shortly after Mr. Max Wraa arrived Pilot Town, about 5 P.M. May 5th, he was under the strong influence of liquor and used abusive language to her, in the presence of several people, in Delesdernier's store, because Mr. M. Brown had left the station before he (Mr. Wraa) returned. And Mr. Wraa stated that he would have Mr. Brown thrown out of the Service for doing so. This is not the first time that Mr. Wraa has been under the influence of liquor whilst in Pilot Town. At one time he fell into the river and narrowly escaped being drowned from the same cause."

In view of the serious nature of the charges preferred against you by assistant keeper Thomasen, you are hereby given five (5) days in which to make an answer to the same, in writing, to this office and show cause as to why you should not be dismissed from the Lighthouse Service.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

Langhier
Superintendent.

Head of the Passes Light Station, La.

Pilot Town, La., May 6, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I hereby respectfully report, that on May 3, 1915, at the request of the keeper of this station, I went to Pilot Town, to see the assistant keeper of Pass a Loutre Light Station, before proceeding to that station, as per wired instructions. I found Mr. Brown lying on the floor of Delesdernier's store, suffering very much from being bitten by a snake. His arm was badly swollen. He stated to me that he left the station at 4 a. m., the light still burning. And he would not have been able to reach Pilot Town, had it not been for the assistance of his wife, who was visiting him at the time. She knew how to operate the gasoline engine, and took Mr. Brown to Quarantine station, for medical attention. The Doctor in charge, instructed Mr. Brown to proceed immediately to New Orleans for further treatment.

I secured the Lighthouse Launch safely at Judge Delesdernier's wharf, and proceeded immediately to Pass a Loutre Light Station, where I arrived at 4:10 P. M., Light still burning. I proceeded to put apparatus in order for operation, according to Regulations.

When I examined the "Watch Book," I found that the Keeper had signed for watches up to sunrise "May 6th, 1915." No name of any"Substitute" noted in the Journal; later I was informed by Mr. Wm. Loga, that Mr. Max Wraa had asked him to go to Pass a Loutre Light Station and sign the book as "Substitute," after which he could immediately return to the Pilot Station, where he is regularly engaged.

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Very respectfully,

C. T. Thomasen,

Assistant Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Pass a Loutre Light Station,

May 15, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your letter dated May 11, 1915. I beg to say that charges made against me by Mr. Thomasen are not true that I was under the influence of liquor at Pilot Town as I can prove it by people at Pilot Town. I was sick as I eat nothing for two days. Mrs. Brown is at the station and she says it is not so that I used insulting words toward her. By me falling in the water some time ago was due to the boat leaving the dock, and nobody made a complaint of it. By me signing the watch book up to May 6 is a mistake and I never told Mr. Loga that he could come and sign up and then go home again. I have not touched any whiskey at the station for a year and I can bring witnesses to prove that I was sick but not under the influence of liquor.

Hoping this to be satisfactory.

Respectfully,

Max Wraa, Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

May 18, 1915.

Max Wtan, Keeper,

Pass a Loutre Light Station, La.

Your letter of the 15th instant is simply a general denial of all the charges preferred against you in letter from this office of the 11th instant. A general denial of charges is not considered as a proper answer thereto, and you are hereby given another apportunity to answer each of the charges in detail.

It is noted that you claim to be able to secure witnesses to substantiate your denials, and, if such is the case, forward written statements from such witnesses, having same accompany your reply.

Giv e this matter prompt attention.

(Sgd) Dorry,

Inspector.

Pass a Loutre Light Station.

May 21, 1915.

Capt. B. B. Dorry, Lighthouse Inspector,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your letter dated May 18, 1915, received, and will answer against all charges against me. That I signed my name in the Watchbook, yes I did, but with no intention to defraud you as I had been granted leave of absence for 12 days from May 6 till May 18, 1915. I received a letter from home as to sickness being too late to communicate with the office I told Mr. Brown that I would leave on the first and return on the 12th of May, returning 6 days earlier, when he would come up and get me. As Willie Loga had to stay a few days longer, as to delay of another man, but as the light is in a perfect order and I spent two months alone at one time an 7 days at another he said he could do it alone for a few days. I am sorry that it happened, but I never thought he would be bitten, and if Willie Loga could not come he may got Mr. Wright who took my place before. As to me been brought to the station intoxicated is not true which Mr. Borrius can prove also Mr. & Mrs. Kiger in whose house I slept that night. As I could not find the tools for the boat been put away for safe keeping I was in a bad humor as I wanted to go down and may have said a few words but not intended to Mrs. Brown or Mrs. Delesdernier as she is used to me talking loud. They can prove I was not under the influence of liquor then how could I be the next day when I had nothing to drink. I was too nervous and excited but I run the boat just the same only Mr. Brown went with me. Mr. Thomasen stated that I had to take a drink to steady me, no it is not true I never lost a day in my life on account of drink and I spent 15 years in one place. On account of sickness, and sur-

prised at Mr. Brown got bitten after telling him not to fool around the marsh I was upset. I am used to talking loud, and people dont know me think I am under the spell of liquor. But on that account the pilots knows I dont hear so well and they told me that any time they will vouch for me being sober around Pilot Town. Mr saying that I would have Mr. Brown fired is ridiculous as it is not my duty but the Inspectors. I had said anybody leaving the light alone during the night may get in trouble not knowing how bad he was bitten. As the light burned for 20 hours and still burning when Mr. Thomasen arrived is a sign that the lamp is in good order. I never had any trouble with any Asst. but the last one who beat me on groceries he dont want to pay and now says I am no good, but any other Mr. Zettwoch, Mr. Matulich, Mr. Thurlow Conoway speak good of me. As I am supporter of a family and would not like to be dismissed, I hope this to be satisfactory.

Respectfully,

Max Wraa, Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Head of the Passes Light Station.

Pilot Town, La., May 12, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I hereby respectfully inquire whether the keepers of light stations in this District, have the authority to sell or give away, mineral oil, which is supplied to the stations for general use? I make this respectful inquiry, as I have reliable information that mineral oil has been so disposed of from the Pass a Loutre Light Station by the keeper of that station.

Having the best interest of the Service at heart, I wish to obtain all the information that I can regarding the disposal of Government property. As I understand the "Rules & Regulations of the Lighthouse Service" all surplus supplies should be retained at the stations and properly accounted for.

Very respectfully,

(Sgd) C. T. Thomasen,

Assistant Keeper.

Dictated by C. T. T.

Forwarded as requested.

John W. St. C. Gibbon,

Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

May 15, 1915.

Mr. C. T. Thomasen, Asst. Keeper,
Head of Passes Light Station, La.
(Through the Keeper)

Your letter of May 12, 1915, received. There was no necessity to ask this office whether keepers of light stations have the authority to sell or give away Government property. The Regulations and the law fully cover the matter and you should have sufficient information without submitting such an inquiry to this office.

If you have knowledge that anyone has disposed of Government property illegally, it is your duty to report same to this office in a concrete manner, and not write letters reflecting on the honesty of other employees wihtout immediately forwarding full particulars in the matter.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

(Sgd) Lanphier.

Superintendent.

Head of the Passes Light Station.

Pilot Town, La., May 20, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your letter of May 15, 1915, received. And I will respectfully say that when I addressed the inquiry to the office and also reported that I had "Reliable information, that mineral oil had been disposed of from the Pass a Loutre Light Station, by the keeper of that station." I did not intend in the least to reflect upon the honesty of the employees of the service, in general. Therefore I specified in my report the "Keeper of the Pass a Loutre Light Station."

On May 11, 1915, Mr. Marion Brown, assistant keeper of Pass a Loutre Light Station, whilst stopping at this station, on his way to Pass a Loutre Light Station, informed me, in the presence of the keeper of this station, that Mr. Max Wraa, Keeper of Pass a Loutre Light Station, had to his knowledge, disposed of 5 gallons of mineral oil, by giving it to Mr. W. Loga, of Pilot Town, La. He further stated, that Mr. Wraa instructed him not to give any mineral oil, to any person else, but, Mr. W. Loga. Later, I asked Mr. W. Loga, in the presence of a witness, about this matter. He stated that Mr. Wraa, had offered him mineral oil, in compensation of some private service. I found by personal experience, that Mr. W. Loga, was not always reliable in his statements. Mr. W. Loga, has several times asked me to give him mixed paints, if any could be spared from this station, but I refused his request.

If I in my former letter, have not complied with the Regulations I hereby tender apologies for not doing so, and further more state that my sincere wishes are to comply with the Regulations, for the best interest of the Service.

Very Respectfully,

Dictated by C.T.T. C. T. Thomasen, Assistant Keeper.

Forwarded as requested: John W. St. G. Gibbon, Keeper.

Pilot Town, La., May 15, 1915.

This is to certify that Mr. Max Wraa, visited our store at Pilot Town, on the evening of May 5, at which time, he was apparently under the influence of intoxicants. He used such language as no GENTLEMAN would use in the presence of ladies.

I refused his request that he be allowed to sleep at my house, owing to the absence of male members of our family. His apparent condition, was such, that I did not wich to have him on our premises, therefore I sent one of our employees to take Mr. Wraa further down the river.

On the morning of May 20, Mr. Wraa visited my residence in Pilot Town, and requested me to write a letter to the Lighthouse Inspector, that he was NOT under the influence of liquor, and had not misbehaved himself at our store, but I refused his request.

Mrs. G. W. Delesdernier

Wife of proprietory of "PILOT TOWN STORE."

Pilot Town, La., May 31, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

In the matter of Mr. Wraa the keeper at Pass a Loutre will say when he came down on the mail boat the boat spot at the lighthouse at Cubits Gap I was standing on the gallery at the Polo Club I seen Mr. Wraa on the bow of the boat and he look to me like he was under the influence of liquor. Now the next day when he went to his station I was informed that he was sober.

This is all that I can say about Mr. Wraa.

Yours truly,

Geo. Bancis,

Keeper of Polo Club.

Pilot Town, La., May 1915.

I hereby certify that on the night of May 5, 1915, Max Wraa, keeper of the Pass a Loutre Light Station, was brought to my residence for shelter. The way he acted when he arrived was as if he was under the influence of liquor. He stated that he had just cursed out the people of Pilot Town, and could not get a place to sleep there. He was informed at my house, that he would be allowed to stay, if he behaved himself. He stated to us that he was in lots of trouble and had to lie to folks at the Lighthouse office to save himself from the consequences of having left his station and gone on a vacation without leave.

James Kiger, Constable.

Pass a Loutre Light Station.

June 1, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector, Eight District,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I hereby send in my resignation taking effect today. Have turned all Govt. property over to Mr. Marion Brown, Asst. Keeper.

Respectfully,

M. Wraa,

117 N. Galvez St.

New Orleans, La.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

June 16, 1915.

Max Wraa,
charges against.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Bureau's letter of the 12th instant in regard to charges against Max Wraa, Keeper of Pass A Loutre Light Station, La.

2. Mr. Wraa has not been granted leave of absence in excess of the amount allowed by the Regulations.

3. In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

Laughlin.
Superintendent.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUN 22 1915
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

See Department letter of June 17, 1915, in this case. Measures are being taken to have Wraa make proper restitution, in accordance with 2d par. Department letter of June 17, 1915.

Acting Commissioner.

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LIGHT
JUN 18 1915
HOUSES

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June 17, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 12th instant, the Department has, by separate letter of this date, dismissed Max Wraa from the position of keeper of Pass a Loutre Light Station, Louisiana, at $720 per annum, effective at the close of June 1, 1915. It is noted that the Inspector has been directed to state whether or not Mr. Wraa had taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

The Department has also approved the Bureau's recommendation to the effect that Mr. Wraa be required to make proper restitution for any Government oil and oil cans improperly disposed of by him.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) GEO. C. HAVENNER.

JEL

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
JUN 18 1915

To Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, La.,
for his information, guidance, and files of office. See Bureau letter of June 12, 1915.

Require Wraa to make a statement of any Government oil and oil cans improperly disposed of by him and require him to make proper restitution to to this Service. Make report and recommendation in this case as soon as practicable.

C-R

Acting Commissioner

June 17, 1915.

Sir:

It having been charged that you made false entries in the watch book at your station, and that you had been guilty of disorderly conduct and excessive use of intoxicants, as set forth in letter of charges addressed to you under date of May 11, 1915, by the Inspector of the Eighth Lighthouse District, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of keeper of Pass a Loutre Light Station, Louisiana, at $720 per annum, effective at the close of June 1, 1915, your last day of service.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Max Wraa,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

C-R

JUN 18 1915

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSE JUL 1 1915

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
June 29, 1915.

Max Wraa.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Bureau's indorsement of June 18th on Department letter of June 17th relative to dismissal of Max Wraa, Keeper of Pass A Loutre Light-Station, La.

2. When making a personal investigation of Wraa's conduct in the vicinity of the station, it was learned that the improper disposition of Government property mentioned by Assistant Keeper, C. T. Thomasen, was that Wraa instead of destroying the empty oil cans as he was instructed to do, gave them away to dealers in the neighborhood. There was no evidence that he improperly disposed of any oil, but only of the empty cans which have no value. No mention was therefore made of this matter when preferring charges against Wraa.

Inspector.

HRW-McC.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
July 7, 1915.

Returned to Eighth Inspector for recommendation, in accordance with Bureau indorsement of June 18, 1915, referred to by the Inspector. In the event you do not consider that further action should be taken in this case, state your reasons therefor.

Acting Commissioner.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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7-13-15 wrote DEpt
Max Wraa.

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

June 29, 1915.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 8th DIST., JUL 9 1915 N. O., LA.

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TJC-MCC

Office of Inspector, Eighth District,
New Orleans, La., July 9, 1915.

suggest letter & reply
no further action
HRW 7/12

1. Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Conway
Acting Commissioner

2. Wraa was ordered to destroy the empty oil cans at the station, but instead of doing so he gave them away to dealers in the neighborhood. He disobeyed instructions and has been discharged. The empty cans were of no value and Wraa, therefore, should not be required to make restitution. Under the circumstances, it is recommended that no further action be taken in this case.

Sorry
Inspector. JC

McC.

Max Wraa,
disposition oil cans.

July 13, 1915.

Secretary of Commerce:

Referring to Department letter of June 17, dismissing Max Wraa from the position of keeper of Pass a Loutre Light Station, La., effective at the close of June 1, 1915, and to Department letter of the same date, relative to Wraa making restitution for any Government oil and oil cans improperly disposed of by him.

Under date of June 29, 1915, the Eighth Inspector informed the Bureau that Wraa, instead of destroying the empty oil cans, as he was instructed to do, gave them away to dealers in the neighborhood; and that there was no evidence that he improperly disposed of any oil, but only of the empty cans, which have no value.

The Bureau therefore recommends that no further action be taken in this case.

Acting Commissioner.

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July 14, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Bureau's letter of the 13th instant in the case of Max Wraa, formerly keeper of Pass a Loutre Light Station, Louisiana, who was thought to have improperly disposed of oil and oil cans belonging to the Government. As it appears, however, that Mr. Wraa did not dispose of any oil, but only of empty cans which have no value, the Department approves the Bureau's recommendation that no further action be taken and will regard the case as closed.

(SIGNED) E. F. SWEET

Acting Secretary.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.

JUL 15 1915

To Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, La.,
for his information, guidance, and files of office.

Acting Commissioner.

C-R

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

L-J.

New Orleans, La.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

May 12, 1911.

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

1. Name Max Wraa 2. Age 46. (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau of Lighthouses. 4. Position 1st Assistant Keeper.

5. Compensation $516 p.a. 6. Where employed Chandeleur Lighthouse, La.

7. When appointed (*a*) Jan.17,1910. 8. How appointed (*b*) Through Civ.Ser.Exam.

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

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

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

12. Other Government service None.

13. Duties (describe fully) Assists in the exhibition of 3½-order light and care of dwelling and Government property. Station is extremely isolated, and is reached by boat.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? Don't know. From my limited experience, If so, state them with him, seems to be an excellent man.

15. Efficiency (*d*):

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

11—4250

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

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

17. Is this employee a purely routine employee, or does he manifest interest, not only in his own work but also in the work of the office or bureau as a whole, to the extent of overtime work or voluntary efforts by suggestion or otherwise to add to its efficiency? (Answer fully.) Has been in the service but a short time, but promises well.

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

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

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

20. Remarks: (*e*)

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

Inspector.

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

Chief of Bureau or Office.

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JAMES McCREERY & CO.
Thirty-Fourth Street
NEW YORK

12/12/18 Ackgd
1/2/19 Wrote McCreery & Co
Copy 8th

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES NEW ORLEANS DEC 16 1918 U.S.L.H.S.

12 1918

M W. S. S. Light House Service
Washington D.C.

LIGHT DEC 20 1918 HOUSES

M Max Wraa HAS ~~worked~~ for us

APPLIED TO US FOR A POSITION AS sorter

AND STATES THAT he WAS IN YOUR EMPLOY FOR

1908 to 1914

WILL YOU KINDLY FAVOR US WITH ANY INFORMATION YOU MAY POSSESS REGARDING his CHARACTER AND ABILITY AND OBLIGE.

YOURS RESPECTFULLY,

SPECIAL JAMES McCREERY & CO.

McC. Bureau of Lighthouses, Dec. 12, 1918.
Referred to Supt. of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., for report and return. Furnish Bureau information as to character, ability, etc., and duties performed, and whether you know of any reason why Wraa should not be employed.

(OVER)

Acting Commissioner.

Mcc

McC-MCW
1 inclosure.

December 12, 1918.

Messrs. James McCreery & Co.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

1. Referring to your communication of December 7, 1918, requesting information regarding the character and ability of Mr. Max Wraa, a former employee of the Lighthouse Service.

2. I have to inform you that the matter is being investigated and that you will be further advised in regard thereto at a later date.

3. The stamped addressed enveloped which accompanied your communication is inclosed.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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DEC 20 1918
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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1/2/19 Wrote McCreery & Co Copy 8th / Ltr covering copy & file Dec 20

December 17, 1918.

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3. For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

Chief Clerk.

McC.

Max Wraa,
service record.

January 2, 1919.

James McCreery & Co.,
Thirty-Fourth Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

1. Referring again to your letter of December 17, 1918, regarding the service record of Max Wraa, formerly employed in the Lighthouse Service.

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Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JAN 2 - 1918

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans La

for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner, See your report of Dec 17, 1918.

Chief Clerk.

(Copy)

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JAMES McCREERY & CO.

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Acting Commissioner.

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Chief Clerk.

(COPY) EC

JAMES McCREERY & CO.

THIRTY-FOURTH STREET

NEW YORK

.....12-7-18.....

M.....U. S. S. Lighthouse Service.....

...Washington, D.C.....

M....Max Wraa, 3042 Park Ave. Bl.....has

Applied to us for a position as...sorter.....

and states that...he.....was in your employ

for.....1908 to 1914.....

WILL YOU KINDLY FAVOR US WITH ANY INFORMATION YOU

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MAX WRAA

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Promoted Feb.25,1910, 2 A.K. do.

Trsfrd. Jan. 3,1911, 1 A.K., Chandeleur L.S.

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" June 15, 1912, Kpr., Pass A Loutre L.S.

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Kpr. Efficiency rating for 1915------86%

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June 8, 1915.

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Inspector.

Enclosures-

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Retained

Max Wraa,
Charges against.

June 8, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. I enclose herewith copy of charges dated May 11th, made against Max Wraa, Keeper of Pass A Loutre Light Station, Louisiana, together with his replies dated May 13 and 21, 1915.

2. There is also enclosed written statements from employees and other persons residing in the vicinity of the light station as to the actions of Mr. Wraa.

3. Letter from Mr. Wraa of June 1, 1915, resigning his position, also attached.

4. It is not considered that Mr. Wraa has satisfactorily answered the charges preferred against him, as, from the various written statements received from uninterested parties, it is clearly evident that, in addition to falsifying the Watch Book at his station, he has been guilty of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Under the circumstances, he is not considered a desirable person and recommendation is made that his resignation be not accepted, but that he be dismissed from the Lighthouse Service, effective at the close of June 1, 1915.

Enclosures-

Inspector.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

May 11, 1915.

Mr. Max Wraa, Keeper,

Pass A Loutre Light Station, La.

The following is an extract of report made by Assistant Keeper Thomasen while recently caring for the Pass A Loutre Light Station during the absence of yourself and Assistant Keeper Brown:

"When I examined the 'Watch Book,' I found that the Keeper had signed for watches up to Sunrise 'May 6, 1915.' No name of any 'Substitute' noted in the Journal; later I was informed by Mr. Wm. Loga that Mr. Max Wraa had asked him to go to Pass A Loutre Light Station and sign the book as 'Substitute,' after which he could immediately return to the Pilot Station, where he is regularly engaged.

"At 10 A.M. May 6, 1915, Mr. Max Wraa was brought down in the station launch by Mr. T. Bower, Mr. Wraa being unable to handle the launch, owing to overindulgence in intoxicating beverages. Mr. Wraa assured me that he would be able to operate the light that evening, after he 'straightened up.' He gave me a signed release, and I brought Mr. T. Bower back to Pilot Town.

"Mrs. Marion Brown stated that shortly after Mr. Max Wraa arrived Pilot Town, about 5 P.M. May 5th, he was under the strong influence of liquor and used abusive language to her, in the presence of several people, in Delesdernier's store, because Mr. M. Brown had left the station before he (Mr. Wraa) returned. And Mr. Wraa stated that he would have Mr. Brown thrown out of the Service for doing so. This is not the first time that Mr. Wraa has been under the influence of liquor whilst in Pilot Town. At one time he fell into the river and narrowly escaped being drowned from the same cause."

In view of the serious nature of the charges preferred against you by assistant keeper Thomasen, you are hereby given five (5) days in which to make an answer to the same, in writing, to this office and show cause as to why you should not be dismissed from the Lighthouse Service.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

(sgd.) E.S.L.

Superintendent.

Copy AC

Head of the Passes Light Station, La.

Pilot Town, La., May 6, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I hereby respectfully report, that on May 3, 1915, at the request of the keeper of this station, I went to Pilot Town, to see the assistant keeper of Pass a Loutre Light Station, before proceeding to that station, as per wired instructions. I found Mr. Brown lying on the floor of Delesdernier's store, suffering very much from being bitten by a snake. His arm was badly swollen. He stated to me that he left the station at 4 a. m., the light still burning. And he would not have been able to reach Pilot Town, had it not been for the assistance of his wife, who was visiting him at the time. She knew how to operate the gasoline engine, and took Mr. Brown to Quarantine station, for medical attention. The Doctor in charge, instructed Mr. Brown to proceed immediately to New Orleans for further treatment.

I secured the Lighthouse Launch safely at Judge Delesdernier's wharf, and proceeded immediately to Pass a Loutre Light Station, where I arrived at 4:10 P. M., Light still burning. I proceeded to put apparatus in order for operation, according to Regulations.

When I examined the "Watch Book," I found that the Keeper had signed for watches up to sunrise "May 6th, 1915." No name of any "Substitute" noted in the Journal; later I was informed by Mr. Wm. Loga, that Mr. Max Wraa had asked him to go to Pass a Loutre Light Station and sign the book as "Substitute," after which he could immediately return to the Pilot Station, where he is regularly engaged.

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Very respectfully,

C. T. Thomasen,

Assistant Keeper.

Copy AC

Pass a Loutre Light Station,

May 15, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your letter dated May 11, 1915. I beg to say that charges made against me by Mr. Thomasen are not true that I was under the influence of liquor at Pilot Town as I can prove it by people at Pilot Town. I was sick as I eat nothing for two days. Mrs. Brown is at the station and she says it is not so that I used insulting words toward her. By me falling in the water some time ago was due to the boat leaving the dock, and nobody made a complaint of it. By me signing the watch book up to May 6 is a mistake and I never told Mr. Loga that he could come and sign up and then go home again. I have not touched any whiskey at the station for a year and I can bring witnesses to prove that I was sick but not under the influence of liquor.

Hoping this to be satisfactory.

Respectfully,

Max Wmaa, Keeper.

Pass a Loutre Light Station.

TJC-HCC

May 21, 1915.

Capt. E. B. Derry, Lighthouse Inspector,

New Orleans, La.

May 18, 1915.

Sir:

Max Wraa, Keeper,

Pass A Loutre Light Station, La.

Your letter of the 15th instant is simply a general denial of all the charges preferred against you in letter from this office of the 11th instant. A general denial of charges is not considered as a proper answer thereto, and you are hereby given another opportunity to answer each of the charges in detail.

It is noted that you claim to be able to secure witnesses to substantiate your denials, and, if such is the case, forward written statements from such witnesses, having same accompany your reply.

Give this matter prompt attention.

Inspector.

Hold out

Pass a Loutre Light Station.

May 21, 1915.

Capt. B. B. Dorry, Lighthouse Inspector,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your letter dated May 18, 1915, received, and will answer against all charges against me. That I signed my name in the Watchbook, yes I did, but with no intention to defraud you as I had been granted leave of absence for 12 days from May 6 till May 18, 1915. I received a letter from home as to sickness being too late to communicate with the office I told Mr. Brown that I would leave on the first and return on the 12th of May, returning 6 days earlier, when he would come up and get me. As Willie Loga had to stay a few days longer, as to delay of another man, but as the light is in a perfect order and I spent two months alone at one time an 7 days at another he said he could do it alone for a few days. I am sorry that it happened, but I never thought he would be bitten, and if Willie Loga could not come he may got Mr. Wright who took my place before. As to me been brought to the station intoxicated is not true which Mr Borriis can prove also Mr. & Mrs. Kiger in whose house I slept that night. As I could not find the tools for the boat been put away for safe keeping I was in a bad humor as I wanted to go down and may have said a few words but not intended to Mrs. Brown or Mrs. Delesdernier as she is used to me talking loud. They can prove I was not under the influence of liquor then how could I be the next day when I had nothing to drink. I was too nervous and excited but I run the boat just the same only Mr. Brown went with me. Mr. Thomasen stated that I had to take a drink to steady me, no it is not true I never lost a day in my life on account of drink and I spent 15 years in one place. On account of sickness, and sur-

prised at Mr. Brown got bitten after telling him not to fool around the marsh I was upset. I am used to talking loud, and people dont know me think I am under the spell of liquor. But on that account the pilots knows I dont hear so well and they told me that any time they will vouch for me being sober around Pilot Town. Mr saying that I would have Mr. Brown fired is ridiculous as it is not my duty but the Inspectors. I had said anybody leaving the light alone during the night may get in trouble not knowing how bad he was bitten. As the light burned for 20 hours and still burning when Mr. Thomasen arrived is a sign that the lamp is in good order. I never had any trouble with any Asst. but the last one who beat me on groceries he dont want to pay and now says I am no good, but any other Mr. Zettwoch, Mr. Matulich, Mr. Thurlow Conoway speak good of me. As I am supporter of a family and would not like to be dismissed, I hope this to be satisfactory.

Respectfully,

Max Wraa, Keeper.

Copy AC

Head of the Passes Light Station.

Pilot Town, La., May 12, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I hereby respectfully inquire whether the keepers of light stations in this District, have the authority to sell or give away, mineral oil, which is supplied to the stations for general use? I make this respectful inquiry, as I have reliable information that mineral oil has been so disposed of from the Pass a Loutre Light Station by the keeper of that station.

Having the best interest of the Service at heart, I wish to obtain all the information that I can regarding the disposal of Government property. As I understand the "Rules & Regulations of the Lighthouse Service" all surplus supplies should be retained at the stations and properly accounted for.

Very respectfully,

(Sgd) C. T. Thomasen,

Assistant Keeper.

Dictated by C. T. T.

Forwarded as requested.

John W. St. G. Gibbon,

Keeper.

Head of the Passes Light Station.

Pilot Town, La., May 20, 1915.

ESL-MCC Inspector,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

May 15, 1915.

Your letter of May 15, 1915, received. And I will respectfully say

Mr. C. T. Thomasen, Asst. Keeper,

Head of the Passes Light Station, La.

(Through the Keeper.)

Your letter of May 12, 1915, received. There was no necessity to ask this office whether keepers of light stations have the authority to sell or give away Government property. The Regulations and the law fully cover the matter and you should have sufficient information without submitting such an inquiry to this office.

If you have knowledge that anyone has disposed of Government property illegally, it is your duty to report same to this office in a concrete manner, and not write letters reflecting on the honesty of other employees without immediately forwarding full particulars in the matter.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

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Superintendent.

Head of the Passes Light Station.

Pilot Town, La., May 20, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your letter of May 15, 1915, received. And I will respectfully say that when I addressed the inquiry to the office and also reported that I had "Reliable information, that mineral oil had been disposed of from the Pass a Loutre Light Station, by the keeper of that station." I did not intend in the least to reflect upon the honesty of the employees of the service, in general. Therefore I specified in my report the "Keeper of the Pass a Loutre Light Station."

On May 11, 1915, Mr. Marion Brown, assistant keeper of Pass a Loutre Light Station, whilst stopping at this station, on his way to Pass a Loutre Light Station, informed me, in the presence of the keeper of this station, that Mr. Wax Wraa, Keeper of Pass a Loutre Light Station, had to his knowledge, disposed of 5 gallons of mineral oil, by giving it to Mr. W. Loga, of Pilot Town, La. He further stated, that Mr. Wraa instructed him not to give any mineral oil, to any person else, but, Mr. W. Loga. Later, I asked Mr. W. Loga, in the presence of a witness, about this matter. He stated that Mr. Wraa, had offered him mineral oil, in compensation of some private service. I found by personal experience, that Mr. W. Loga, was not always reliable in his statements. Mr. W. Loga, has several times asked me to give him mixed paints, if any could be spared from this station, but I refused his request.

If I in my former letter, have not complied with the Regulations I hereby tender apologies for not doing so, and further more state that my sincere wishes are to comply with the Regulations, for the best interest of the Service.

Very Respectfully,

Dictated by C.T.T. C. T. Thomasen, Assistant Keeper.

Forwarded as requested: John W. St. G. Gibbon, Keeper.

AC

Pilot Town, La., May 15, 1915.

This is to certify that Mr. Max Wraa, visited our store at Pilot Town, on the evening of May 5, at which time, he was apparently under the influence of intoxicants. He used such language as no GENTLEMAN would use in the presence of ladies.

I refused his request that he be allowed to sleep at my house, owing to the absence of male members of our family. His apparent condition, was such, that I did not wich to have him on our premises, therefore I sent one of our employees to take Mr. Wraa further down the river.

On the morning of May 20, Mr. Wraa visited my residence in Pilot Town, and requested me to write a letter to the Lighthouse Inspector, that he was NOT under the influence of liquor, and had not misbehaved himself at our store, but I refused his request.

Mrs. G. W. Delesdernier

Wife of proprietory of "PILOT TOWN STORE."

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Pilot Town, La., May 31, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

In the matter of Mr. Wraa the keeper at Pass a Loutre will say when he came down on the mail boat the boat spot at the lighthouse at Cubits Gap I was standing on the gallery at the Polo Club I seen Mr. Wraa on the bow of the boat and he look to me like he was under the influence of liquor. Now the next day when he went to his station I was informed that he was sober.

This is all that I can say about Mr. Wraa.

yours truly,

Geo. Banois,

Keeper of Polo Club.

AC

Cubits Gap Light Station, La.

May 31, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector:

Sir:

In regard s to Max Wraa I took him direct to the station the next morning after he came as he could not find the tools. I was told Mr. Thompson said he was under the influence of liquor. No it is not the case but he was so nerous but he run his engine just the same. Mr. Thompson has a very poor name around the station no one has no use for him.

Respectfully,

Thomas Camour

Steph. Mozier.

Cubits Gap Light Station, La.

May 31, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

In the matter of Mr. Max Wraa, Keeper of Pass a Loutre Light Station, will say, I spoke to Mr. B. J. Williams, postmaster and bookkeeper for the Bar Pilots about the actions of Mr. Wraa on his return to station about the 6th of this month he says Mr. Wraa was under the influence of intoxicants. But dislikes to have anything to do with him as he is not pleasant in his deglings. Wm. Loga and Geo. Levine the boatmen for Crescent Pilots say they will write you stating he was intoxicated and his actions. When the mail boat landed at lighthouse that evening I saw Mr. Wraa and he was then intoxictaed. The pilot in charge of station when Mr. Wraa was here is now on vacation and I could not see him.

Respectfully,

Charles W. Heartt.

Pilot Town, La., May 1915.

I hereby certify that on the night of May 5, 1915, Max Wraa, keeper of the Pass a Loutre Light Station, was brought to my residence for shelter. The way he acted when he arrived was as if he was under the influence of liquor. He stated that he had just cursed out the people of Pilot Town, and could not get a place to sleep there. He was informed at my house, that he would be allowed to stay, if he behaved himself. He stated to us that he was in lots of trouble and had to lie to folks at the Lighthouse office to save himself from the consequences of having left his station and gone on a vacation without leave.

James Kiger, Constable.

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...Brown, Asst. Keeper.

Respectfully,

M. Wrna,

117 N. Galvez St.

New Orleans, La.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,
JUL 19 1915
9th Dist. U. S. L. H.

July 14, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Bureau's letter of the 13th instant in the case of Max Wraa, formerly keeper of Pass a Loutre Light Station, Louisiana, who was thought to have improperly disposed of oil and oil cans belonging to the Government. As it appears, however, that Mr. Wraa did not dispose of any oil, but only of empty cans which have no value, the Department approves the Bureau's recommendation that no further action be taken and will regard the case as closed.

E. F. Sweet

Acting Secretary.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
JUL 15 1915

To Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, La.,
for his information, guidance, and files of office.

Acting Commissioner.

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June 29, 1915.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Bureau's indorsement of June 18th on Department letter of June 17th relative to dismissal of Max Wraa, Keeper of Pass A Loutre Light-Station, La.

2. When making a personal investigation of Wraa's conduct in the vicinity of the station, it was learned that the improper disposition of Government property mentioned by Assistant Keeper, C. T. Thomasen, was that Wraa instead of destroying the empty oil cans as he was instructed to do, gave them away to dealers in the neighborhood. There was no evidence that he improperly disposed of any oil, but only of the empty cans which have no value. No mention was therefore made of this matter when preferring charges against Wraa.

D.
Inspector.

HRW-McC.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
July 7, 1915.

Returned to Eighth Inspector for recommendation, in accordance with Bureau indorsement of June 18, 1915, referred to by the Inspector. In the event that you do not consider that further action should be taken in this case, state your reasons therefor.

(Sgd.)CONWAY,
Acting Commissioner

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Office of Inspector, Eighth District,
New Orleans, La., July 9, 1915.

1. Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses.

2. Wraa was ordered to destroy the empty oil cans at the station, but instead of doing so he gave them away to dealers in the neighborhood. He disobeyed instructions and has been discharged. The empty cans were of no value and Wraa, therefore, should not be required to make restitution. Under the circumstances, it is recommended that no further action be taken in this case.

D.
Inspector.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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ommissioner of Light Houses.

Bureau's indorsement of June 8th on Department letter of June 17th relative to dismissal of Max Wraa, Keeper of Pass a Loutre Light Station, La.

2. When making a personal investigation of Wraa's conduct in the vicinity of the station, it was learned that the improper disposition of Government property mentioned by Assistant Keeper C.T. Thomsen, was that Wraa instead of destroying the empty oil cans as he was instructed to do, gave them away to dealers in the neighborhood. There was no evidence that he improperly disposed of any oil, but only of the empty cans which have no value. No mention was therefore made of this matter when preferring charges against Wraa.

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,
JUN 21 1915
8th DIST., N. O., LA.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
JUN 18 1915

To Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, La.,
for his information, guidance, and files of office. See Bureau letter of June 12, 1915.

Require Wraa to make a statement of any Government oil and oil cans improperly disposed of by him and require him to make proper restitution to to this Service. Make report and recommendation in this case as soon as practicable.

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Conway
Acting Commissioner

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June 17, 1915.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,
JUN 21 1915
8th DIST., N. O., LA.

See Inspector about Bureau's endorsement as to oil & cans improperly disposed of by Wraa

Oil cans referred to simply Cans that the keeper was directed to destroy, but from the dealer in the vicinity

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Mr. Wraa had taken leave in ex-

The Department has also approved the Bureau's recommendation to the effect that Mr. Wraa be required to make proper restitution for any Government oil and oil cans improperly disposed of by him.

By direction of the Secretary:

Conway

JEL

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
JUN 18 1915

To Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, La.,

for his information, guidance, and files of office. See Bureau letter of June 12, 1915. Require Wraa to make a statement of any Government oil and oil cans improperly disposed of by him and require him to make proper restitution to to this Service. Make report and recommendation in this case as soon as practicable.

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Conway
Acting Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
WASHINGTON

LIGHT JUN 18 1915 HOUSES

June 17, 1915.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, JUN 21 1915 8th DIST., N. O., LA.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 12th instant, the Department has, by separate letter of this date, dismissed Max Wraa from the position of keeper of Pass a Loutre Light Station, Louisiana, at $720 per annum, effective at the close of June 1, 1915. It is noted that the Inspector has been directed to state whether or not Mr. Wraa had taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

The Department has also approved the Bureau's recommendation to the effect that Mr. Wraa be required to make proper restitution for any Government oil and oil cans improperly disposed of by him.

By direction of the Secretary:

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
JUN 18 1915

To Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, La.,
for his information, guidance, and files of office. See Bureau letter of June 12, 1915.

Require Wraa to make a statement of any Government oil and oil cans improperly disposed of by him and require him to make proper restitution to to this Service. Make report and recommendation in this case as soon as practicable.

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Conway
Acting Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

June 12, 1915.

Max Wraa,
charges against.

June 16, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Bureau's letter of the 12th instant in regard to charges against Max Wraa, Keeper of Pass A Loutre Light Station, La.

2. Mr. Wraa has not been granted leave of absence in excess of the amount allowed by the Regulations.

3. In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

L.
Superintendent.

Conway
Acting Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

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charges against.

June 12, 1915.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,
JUN 16 1915
8th DIST., N. O., La.

Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, La.

Referring to your recommendation of June 8, 1915, for the dismissal of Max Wraa, keeper of Pass A Loutre Light Station, La., etc.

Submit proper report and recommendation as to whether or not Wraa has taken leave in excess of the accrued rate. Follow Regulations, 1914, par. 470 (3d par).

Your recommendation for the dismissal of Wraa has been submitted to the Department recommended for approval and you will be advised in due time of Department action.

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Acting Commissioner