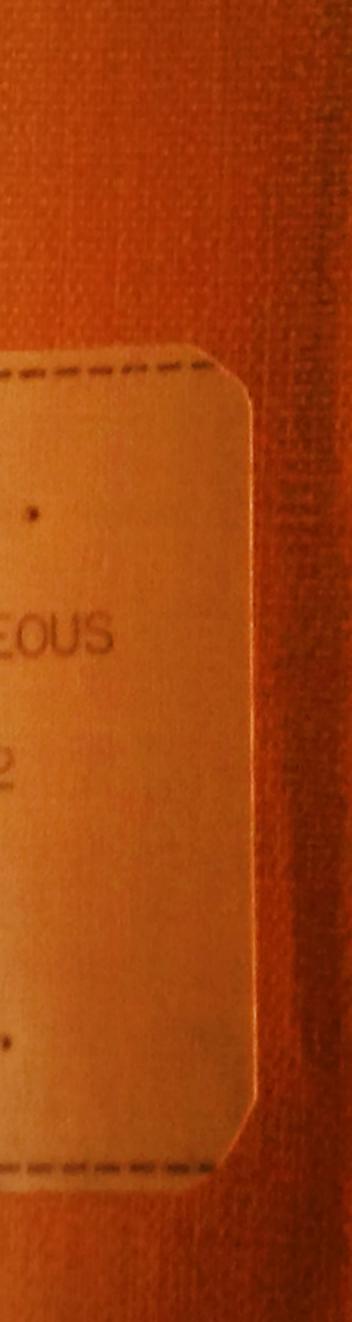
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This will inform you not as an informant but as Dept. Agent for Underwriters &c. that the Light House Keeper at Jupiter Light House does in no manner as his duty and is a man totaly unworthy of so vital and important a situation. The Light of late is frequently out long before day light whilst this man Armour is away at Sand Point charging most of the time often as long as six weeks at a time. He has just left here when his first Asst Charles Carlin comes up. If this is in accordance with the regulation for Board these worthies spend their principal time on the beach wrecking that is the assistants whilst only one watch is kept. This man Armour also barters off the oil and it is now high time it should all be stopped.

This man Armour the Keeper was tried at Key West for piracy by the U.S. gov. convicted for 2 years by some turn he got out and is a man of the very worst character and should be removed at once. This letter is wrote on no [burnt] but one of justice to the government and those who go by the sea. I can send for affidavits if you desire of these facts and I would refer you to Senator Orborne, Hon. Charles St. John on N.Y., also Hon. L. D. Shoemaker, Pa.

Yours respectfully, Henry T. Titus

Titus Ville, Fla. Indian River August 10, 1872

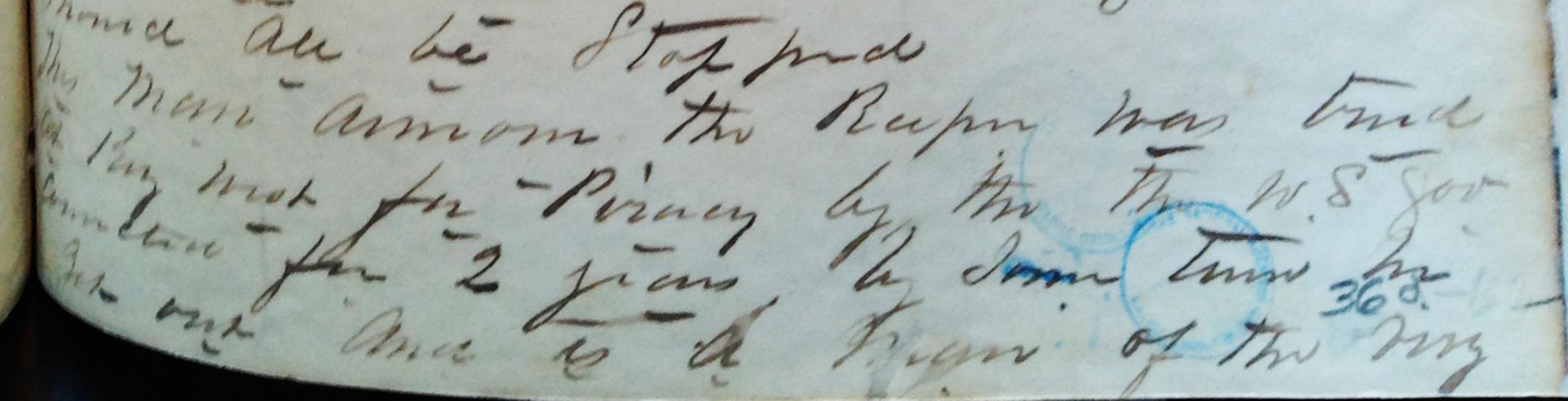
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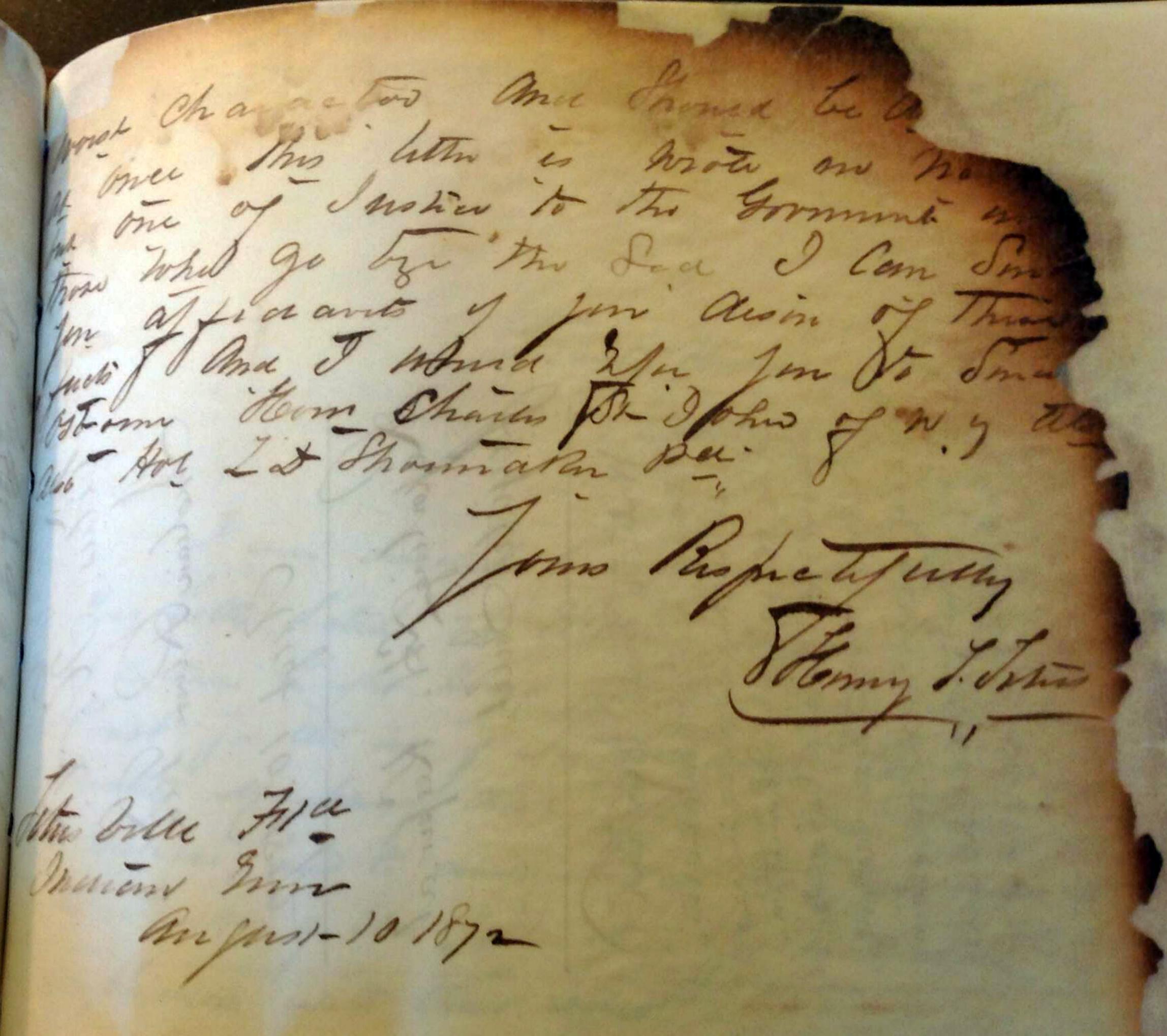
Write to Inspector to further address that if he has implicit confidence in his ills, &c. will send him to investigate the charges; if he has not however he may wait until he returns to his Dist when he will personally examine & report.

Answ'd August 22/72

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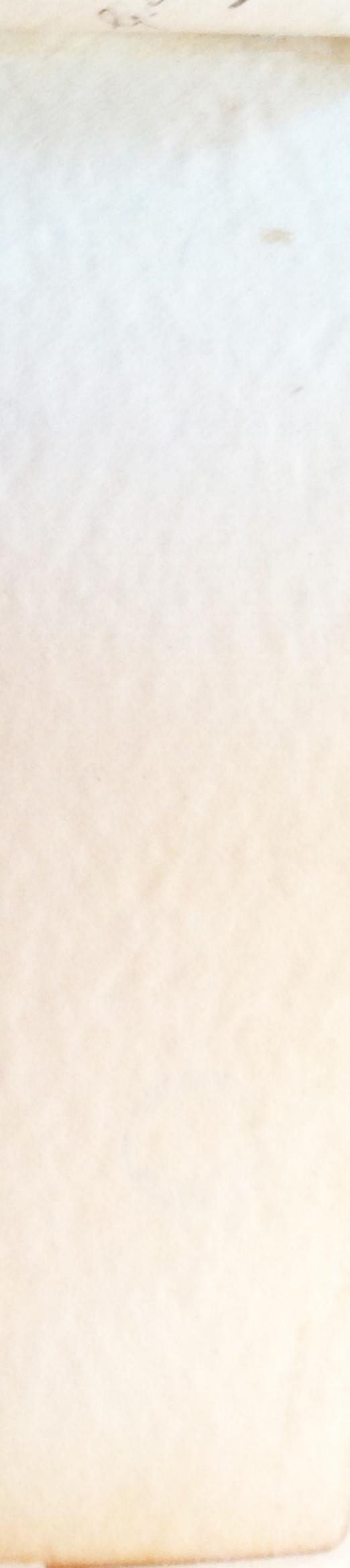
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President of the Light House Board Washington, D. C.

Sir,

The request for affidavits in regard to the Light House Keeper at Jupiter Light is herewith inclosed. They are just and right and the evil should be removed as soon as possible for there is to great a risk to the lives & property depending upon this important Light House. You will please understand that I have no motive in this compromise other being a Special Agent of the Underwriters and a supporter of General Grant and to see all things appertaining to the Government in accordance with the Laws.

Yours Respectfully, Henry T. Titus Special Agent for Underwriters

I refer you to Senator [Thomas Ward] Osborn

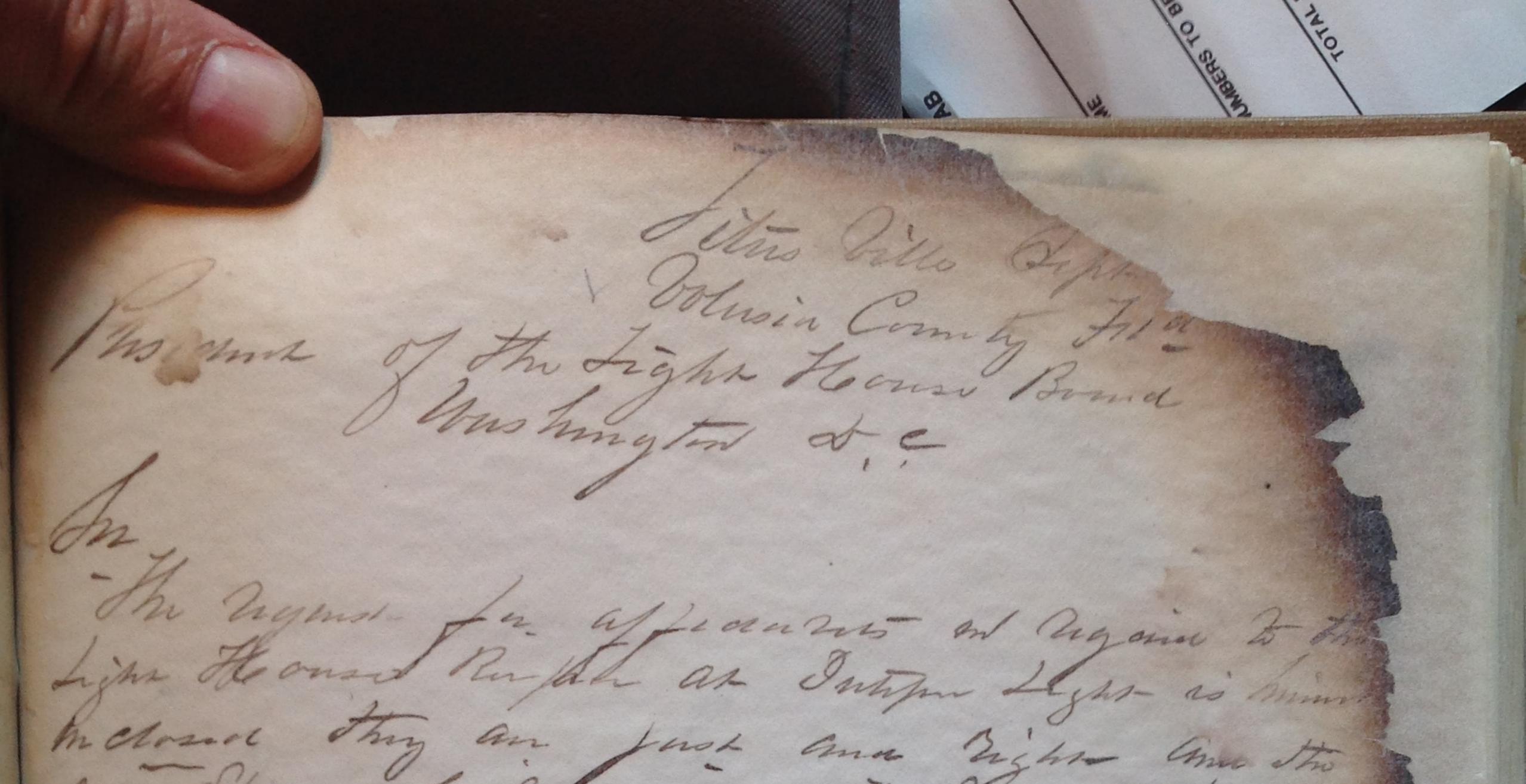
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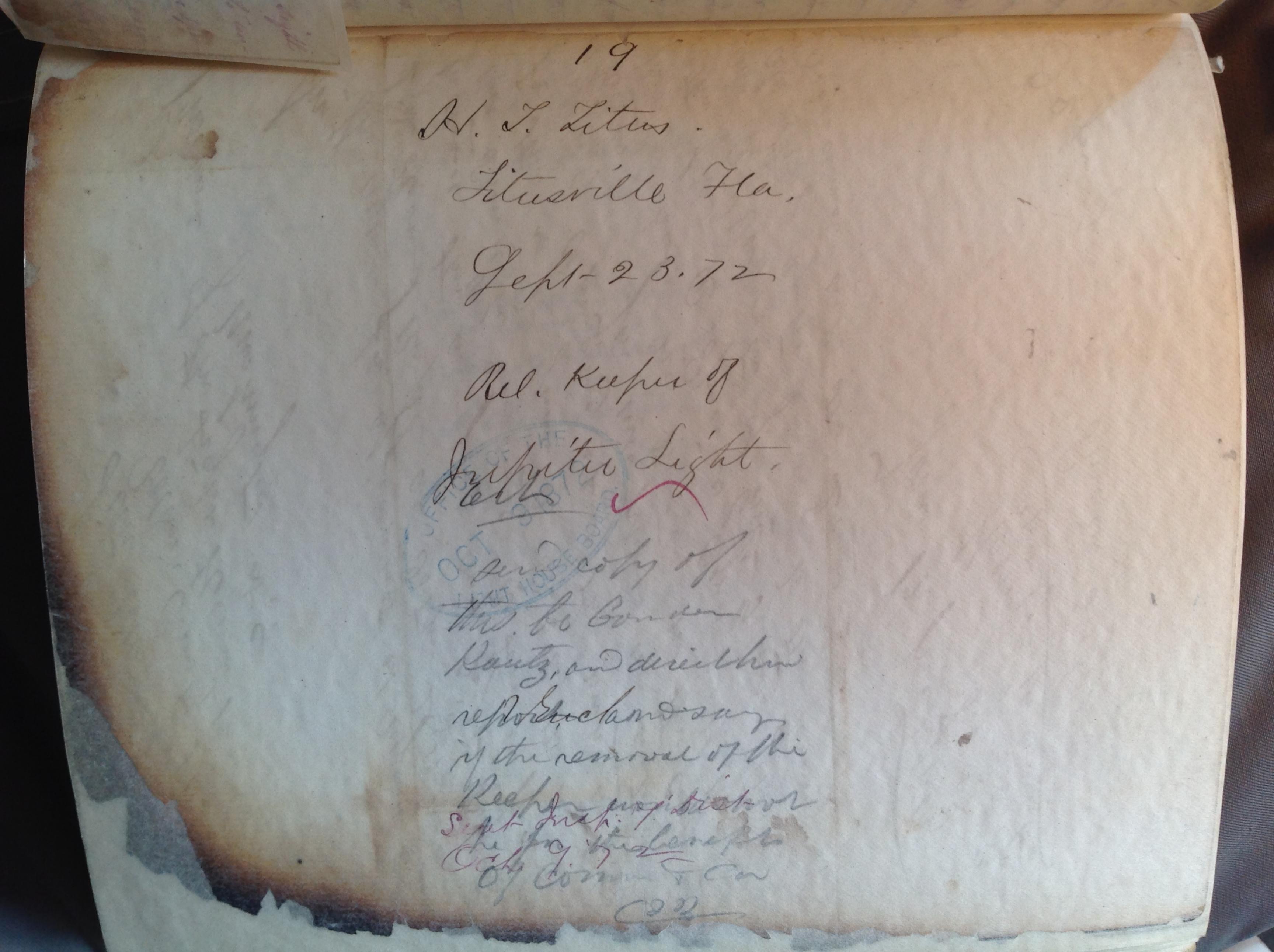
Send copy of this to Gordon Kuntz and direct him report and say if the removal of the Keeper would not be for the benefit of Com. . . & Can

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Titus Ville Fri Sept 23rd [1872]

Personally appeared before me Daniel O'hara who being duly sworn upon his oath avis [burnt] that he has been employed by James Armour the light house keeper at Jupiter Light on the coast of Fla as assistant light keeper with a man by the name of O. P. Barnes that on several occasions and [?] times we have been sent on the beach to pick up wreck goods and wreck vessels whilst the said James Armour took care of the light. He only giving such a flow of oil so it would burn out the night and that I have as well as O. P. Barnes been absent from the light on several times for two or three days. No one being at the light but the said James Amour. It was understood that the goods when to be divided between us and further says that James Armour often leaves the light house for six weeks at a time which the said light house is left in charge of the two assistants and that the two assistants also go away frequently and begone from the post for weeks. He also states the he was employed with O. P. Barnes about one year at said light house. [burnt] states that this James Armour was [burnt] and convicted for felony & piracy and [?] during the war and sentenced to two years imprisonment but go out after being freed sometime and that his present assistant is one Charles Carlin a foreign man not a citizen of the United States all of which is sworn to this day September 25th in the year of our lord one thousand and seventy-two (1872) before me.

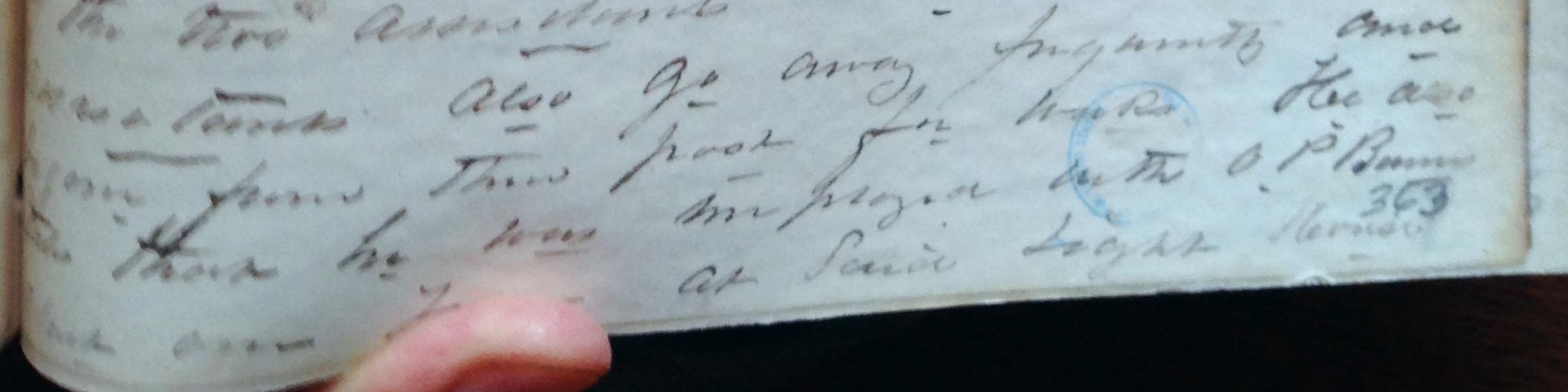
Daniel O'Hara

J. C. C. Feaster Justice of the Peace

We the citizens also make affidavit that the character of Daniel O'Hara is good and reliable.

Henry T. Titus J. D. Parkinson J. C. C. Feaster

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A. S. Johnson Chief Clerk of Light House Board Washington

In sometime since I reported to your board the outrageous acts of the Jupiter Light House Keepers on this coast but no notice of it has been taken of it and now report to you the facts beyond any controversy and if some notice is not taken of it through your Board then I shall take another course. For I cannot conceive for a moment that the government of the United States employs men to steal goods from stranded vessels on the coast. And as Light Keepers spend their time at this place a distance of 150 miles from the Light trading and selling goods taken from the steamer Victor. Mr. Amour the Chief Light Keeper was here and frequently stays here for a month . He returns then [burnt] The Asst. Light Keeper Charles [burnt] [Carlin] is now here and has been [burnt] [absent] from the Light House over 20 days. [burnt] in accordance with the Light [burnt] of the Law and the rule of the Light House Board.

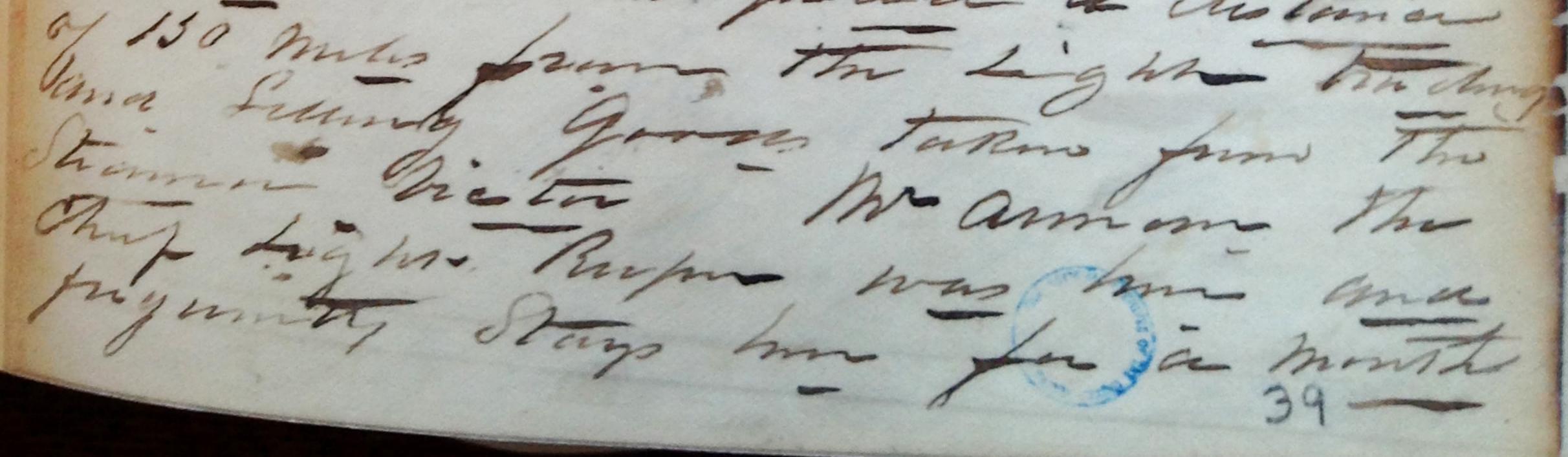
I stated to your Board in a previous letter the character of the men. They say that the Conductor at Key West is their friend and they an[burnt] ask any [?]. I have reported all of these fact to Mr. J. D. Jones Pres. of the Board of Underwriters at New York and unless men in the employ of the United States Government are prevented from by example to the lawless men of this section there is but little use for any person in my position to try to carry out their orders in regard to property belonging to the underwriters.

Yours Respectfully, Henry T. Titus Special Agent for Underwriters

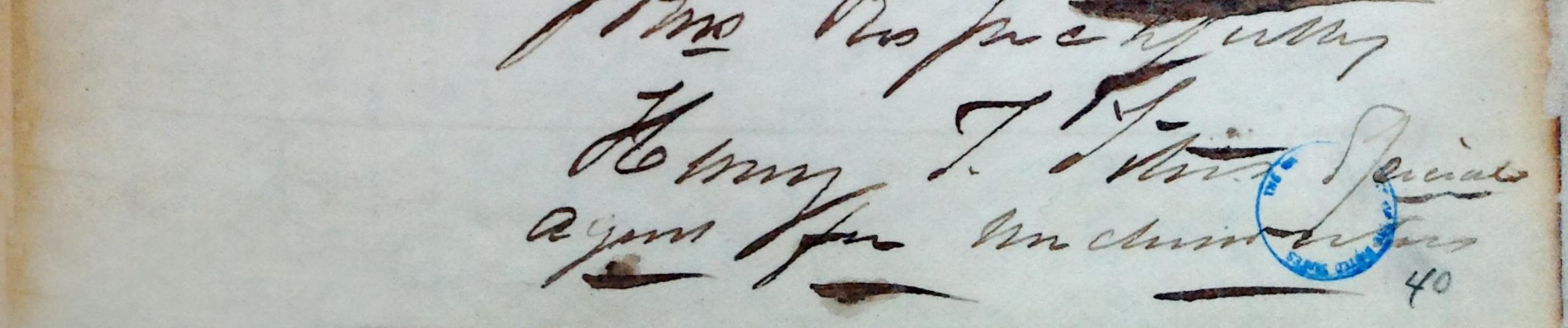
I respectfully before the Light House Board to Sen. Osborn¹ in SS from this State and the Hon. St. John from New York m/c of what I dng to be time since can be proven.

¹ Thomas W. Osborn, born in Scotch Plains, New Jersey, was a Union colonel in command of an artillery brigade at the battle of Gettysburg. Appointed assistant commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau in Florida 1865-66. Served in the Florida state senate in 1868 and the from June 1868 to March 1873 in the U.S. Senate.

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