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GENERAL MANAGER

OFFICE OF RECEIVERS
CHESAPEAKE & OHIO CANAL COMPANY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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October 4, 1938.

Mr. Arno B. Cammerer
Director, National Park Service
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cammerer:

Now that the sale of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to the National Park Service, of the Department of the Interior of the United States, has been consummated with delivery of a Deed from the Receivers to the United States, and payment of the purchase price therefor on September 28, 1938, the question arises as to what can be done for the employees of the Canal Receivers.

The Canal itself had not been operated as a waterway for traffic for some years prior to the sale, and the Receivers had maintained a minimum organization of employees considered necessary for the proper administration, supervision and safeguarding of the Canal property, which extends from Georgetown in the District of Columbia a distance of 185 miles to Cumberland, Maryland. The employees retained in this minimum organization have been paid only a nominal compensation for such services as were regarded as being necessary on a part time basis for the proper care of the physical property, including land, buildings, lock structures, etc.

There is attached for your information a statement of the Canal employees included in the minimum organization referred to in the preceding paragraph, which statement shows the sections into which the property has been divided for purposes of administration and supervision, the employees assigned to each section, their duties, and rates of pay, which rates of pay you will note range from \$10.00 per month allowed to lock tenders, to \$50.00 per month allowed to section supervisors, and \$125.00 per month allowed to Mrs. Worthington who has served as bookkeeper and clerk for the Canal Trustees and Receivers since 1923.

As the National Park Service will wish to safeguard the property which it has here purchased, at least to the extent maintained heretofore, the Receivers would like to urge upon you the propriety of continuing the employment of the present Canal organization, which we believe to be sufficient to safeguard the physical property on say a minimum basis.

The Receivers are hopeful that the National Park Service can arrange to continue the employment of all of the Canal employees who were on the roll of the Receivers at September 30, 1938, which employees, their duties, and rates of pay are as is set out in the statement attached. These employees have all been paid by the Receivers to September 30th, 1938; and while the property has now been transferred to the United States, the

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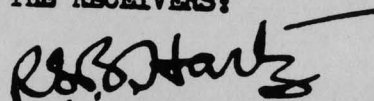
Receivers have not discharged the employees, but have allowed them to continue at their present duties in the hope that the National Park Service would be able to arrange to continue their employment and assume the payroll beginning October 1, 1938.

Respecting Mr. George L. Nicolson, who has served as Chief Engineer and General Manager of the Canal since 1891:

Mr. Nicolson is a competent engineer, and is a life member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He has designed and built many of the existing Canal structures, and is intimately acquainted with every detail of the property. While he does not desire employment on a full time basis, he would be willing to serve in a consulting capacity to those whom you may place in charge of the development of the property, at such rate of compensation as would be in line with the services to be performed. Believing that you would find his services extremely useful in this connection, the Receivers are hopeful that some opportunity may be found to enable Mr. Nicolson to continue to serve the Canal, of which property he has been the Chief Engineer and General Manager since 1891.

Very truly yours,

FOR THE RECEIVERS:



R. S. B. Hartz
Co-Receiver

Encl: Statement of Canal
Employees.

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL PROJECT

Suggested organization of existing employees, to be taken over from the Canal Receivers, for purposes of administration, supervision and the safeguarding of the Canal Property.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>YEARS OF SERVICE ON CANAL</u>	<u>MONTHLY RATE</u>
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OFFICE:

G. L. Nicolson	General Manager		48	
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(The services of Mr. Nicolson, who is an experienced and competent civil engineer and has served as General Manager of the Canal since 1891, would be very valuable in a consulting capacity. Mr. Nicolson would be agreeable to assist whoever may have charge of the Project in a consulting capacity at some suitable compensation in line with the services to be performed.)

Mrs. Frances J. Worthington-

	Bookkeeper and Clerk		15	\$125.00
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(Mrs. Worthington has kept the accounts of the Canal Trustees during this 15-year period, has sent out monthly bills to tenants, made collections, prepared vouchers, etc.).

SECTION I - GEORGETOWN, D. C. to SENECA, MD.

→ S. S. Connell	Supervisor	59	30	\$ 50.00
→ S. Pennifield	Asst. Supervisor	80	50	45.00
Lorenza Hill	Foreman	79	45	25.00
Chas. Shaffer	Lock Tender	82	45	10.00
Chas. Stewart	Lock Tender	76	50	10.00
J. H. Speaker	Lock Tender	88	35	10.00
→ Mrs. A.L. Violette	Lock Tender	77	40	10.00

SECTION II - SENECA, MD. to HARPERS FERRY, MD.

S. E. Fisher	Supervisor	66	40	50.00
Wm. Reynolds	Foreman	66	45	25.00
Mrs. J. S. Riley	Lock Tender	68	45	10.00
L. H. Cross	Lock Tender	56	25	10.00
S. Sigaforce	Lock Tender	85	25	10.00

SECTION III - HARPERS FERRY to HEAD BIG SLACK WATER

G. W. Burgan	Supervisor	65	45	50.00
Mrs. L. Zimmerman	Lock Tender	63	40	10.00
R. C. Garlock	Lock Tender	63	10	10.00

SECTION IV - HEAD BIG SLACK WATER to DAM NO. 5 (WILLIAMSPORT SECTION)

Frank Wine	Supervisor	74	40	50.00
Frank Myers	Lock Tender	61	40	10.00

SECTION V - DAM NO. 5 to DAM NO. 6

Thos. Shives	Supervisor	69	45	50.00
Amos Everitt	Foreman	72	48	25.00
Samuel Taylor	Lock Tender	78	50	10.00