

# George Fearing Hollis Papers

1852 - 1903

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**Contains official correspondence from the United States Navy as well as correspondence regarding an error in Hollis' official discharge papers that he sought to correct**



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Com'dts Office, U. S. Navy Yard,  
Philadelphia, 24<sup>th</sup> July 1861

Sir,

You are hereby appointed an Acting Mas-  
ters Mate, in the U. S. Navy, by authority from  
the Hon. the Secretary of the Navy - and will report  
to Lieut Comdr. Murray for duty on board of the  
"Louisiana" -

I am very respy du

J. L. Granch  
for the Comdr

Mr. Sec. F. Hollis  
Acty. Masters Mate U. S. N  
Phil<sup>a</sup>

Reported July 24<sup>th</sup> 1861

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Navy Department.

Washington, 7<sup>th</sup> June 1864

Sir,

Agreeably to the recommendation of your commanding officer approved by the commanding officer of the Squadron, you are hereby promoted to the grade of Acting Master in the Navy of the United States on temporary service.

You are hereby detached from the Octorara and you will regard yourself as Waiting Orders.

Very Respectfully

William Welles  
Secretary of the Navy.

Acting Master.

Geo F. Hollis, U.S.N.  
Chelsea Mass.



Navy Department,

April 18 1865.

Sir:

You are hereby detached from the Command of  
the "Fernandina"

and you will regard yourself as Waiting Orders.

Keep the Department advised of your address.

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

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Secretary of the Navy.

Acting Master,

G. F. Hollis,

U. S. Navy,

Navy Yard, Philadelphia.

Extract from General Order of January 30, 1846.

"All officers will promptly acknowledge the receipt of orders, and inform the Department immediately on their having reported in obedience to them."

(Commo. Hull.)

Chelsea, Mass.

August 5<sup>th</sup> 1865

Sir:

I respectfully acknowledge the receipt of my formal discharge, and beg leave to call your attention to a mistake made therein: The Discharge states that I served from the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1862.

My first appointment bears the date of July 24<sup>th</sup>, 1861, as a Master's mate; and I served in that capacity on board the U.S.S. "Louisiana" till August 24<sup>th</sup> 1862, when I was promoted Act'g Ensign. As I take pride in my length of service, I trust the error will be rectified.

Very respectfully  
Your obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Geo. F. Hallis

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Hon. Gideon Welles, Act'g Master U.S.N.  
Secretary of the Navy;



Navy Department,  
Bureau of Navigation and Office of Detail,

Washington, D. C., Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> 1865

Sir:

You will forward to this Bureau a copy  
of your original Appointment as Mate in the  
Navy of the United States in temporary  
service.

By direction of the Secy of the Navy  
Respectfully

Daniel D. Porter  
Chief of Bureau and Int.

Acting Master  
Geo. F. Hollis  
Chelsea, Mass.

Navy Department,  
Bureau of Navigation and Office of Detail,

Washington, D. C., September 2<sup>d</sup> 1865.

Sir:

Your communication of the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo has been received.

If you will forward another copy of your original appointment, at the same time returning your honorable discharge, a corrected discharge giving you full credit for your term of service will be sent you.

By direction of the Secy of Navy.

Respectfully,

Samuel J. Jackson

Chief of Bureau

Acting Master,

Geo. F. Hollis, U.S.N.

Chelsea, Mass.



(Corrected copy. Sept. 18/65)  
Navy Department.  
Washington, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> 1865

Sir:

You are hereby honorably discharged  
from the Navy of the United States  
as an Acting Master, from the 10<sup>th</sup> Inst.  
Keep the Department advised of your  
address and a lithographed discharge  
will be sent you bearing the date from  
which this discharges you.

Very respectfully

J. P. Fox.

Acting Secy. of the Navy.

Acting Master

George F. Hollis.

Chelsea

Mass.

Return your former discharge to be cancelled.