

Theodore Roosevelt

President of the United States of America.

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS,

Greeting:

Know Ye, that reposing special Trust and Confidence in the Patriotism, Valour, Fidelity and Abilities of Harold S. Black, I have nominated, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint him an Ensign in the Navy, from the 2nd day of December, 1905, in the service of the **UNITED STATES**. He is therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the Duties of an Ensign by doing and performing all Manner of Things thereto belonging.

And I do strictly charge and require, all Officers, Seamen and Marines, under his Command to be obedient to his Orders as an Ensign. And he is to observe and follow such Orders and Directions from time to time as he shall receive from me; or the future **PRESIDENT** of the United States of America, or his Superior Officer set over him: according to the Rules and Discipline of **THE NAVY**. This **COMMISSION** to continue in force during the pleasure of the President of the United States for the time being.

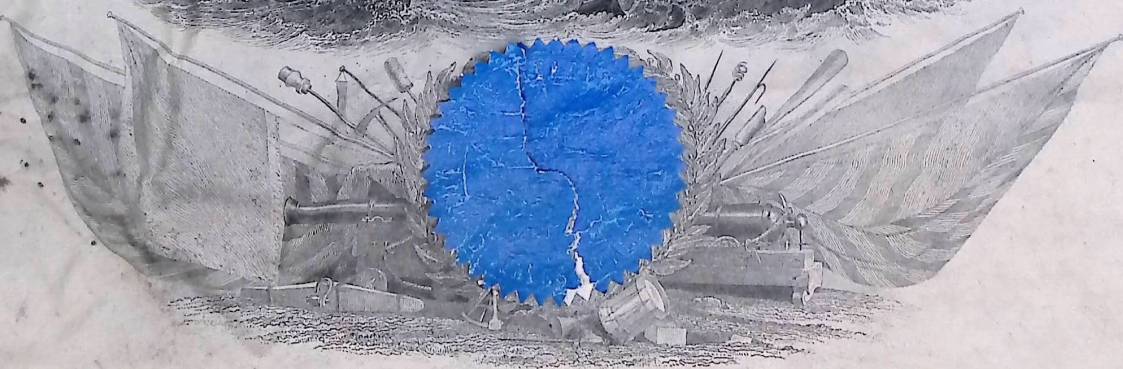
(By the President)

Given under my Hand at Washington, this twentieth day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and 05 and in the 130th year of the Independence of the United States.

Acting Secretary of the Navy

W. B. Cullum
Secretary of the Navy

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Received by the
Secretary of the Navy
the 21st day of Dec 1905