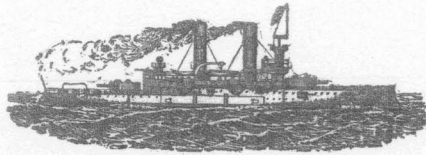


UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.



Navy Department,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

To all who shall see these Presents, Greeting:

Know ye, That reposing special trust and confidence in the Patriotism, Valor, Fidelity, and Abilities of Franz A. Ballaseyus
The President of the United States does hereby appoint him a
Lieutenant, Junior Grade,

in the United States Navy, from the 2d day of June
one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight.

He is, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the duties of an officer of said grade by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging. And all Officers, Seamen, and Marines under his command are strictly charged and required to be obedient to his orders as an officer of said grade. And he is to observe and follow such orders and directions from time to time as he shall receive from the 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 be in force during the continuance of the exigency under which his services are required in the existing war, and during the pleasure of the President of the United States for the time being.

Given under my hand and seal at Washington,
this 2d day of June
1898, and in the 122d year
of the Independence of the United States.

BY THE PRESIDENT:

A large, flowing cursive signature, likely that of the Secretary of the Navy, written in dark ink.

Secretary of the Navy

REGISTERED NO. 4

Armond M.

Registrar.