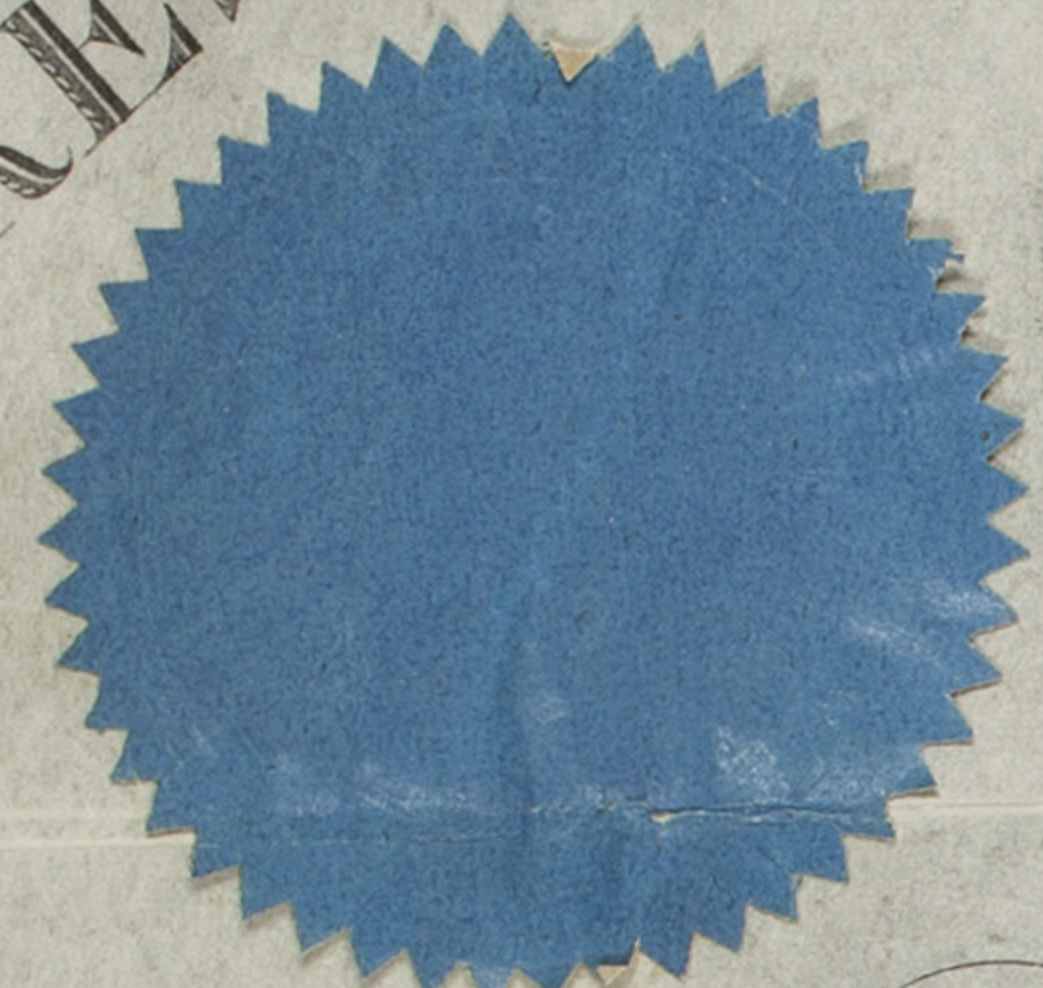


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THE
PRESIDENT of the United States of AMERICA,



(To all who shall see these presents greeting.)

Know Ye, That reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity, and abilities of Louis Smith I have nominated, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint him First Lieutenant in the First Regiment of Infantry in the service of the United States: to rank as such from the eleventh day of June eighteen hundred and sixty one. He is therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of First Lieutenant by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging.

And I do, strictly charge, and require all Officers and Soldiers under his command, to be obedient to his orders as First Lieutenant. 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 the General, or other superior Officers set over him, according to the rules and discipline of War. This Commission to continue in force during the pleasure of the President of the United States, for the time being.

GIVEN under my hand, at the City of Washington, this 5th day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and Sixty two and in the Eighty sixth year of the Independence of the United States.

By the President,

Edwin M. Stanton
Secretary of War.
Abraham Lincoln

