From Naval Secretary Comdr. Geo. F. F. Wilde, [illegible]

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Sir: — The Board sends you to-day by Express, a silver watch, which has been awarded by the Canadian Government to Mr. R. E. Dobbins, son of the Keeper of the Moose Peak, Me., light-station, in recognition of the heroic services he rendered, in connection with his father, in rescuing the shipwrecked crew of the British Schooner Ashton, of Weymouth, Nova Scotia.

Please have this watch carefully delivered to Mr. Dobbins, and a receipt therefor, duly signed, obtained from him, which please forward to the Board for transmission, through the Department of State, to the British Ambassador, at Washington

the British Consular Service, of Weymouth, Nova Scotia.

Please have this watch carefully delivered to Mr. Dobbins, and a receipt therefor, duly signed, obtained from him, which please forward to the Board for transmission, through the Department of State, to the British Ambassador, at Washington.

The Canadian Government has also awarded a gold watch to Mr. C. R. Dobbins, the Keeper of the Moose Peak light station, but as he is in the employ of the Government, it is necessary that Congress shall grant him permission to accept the proffered testimonial.

Application will be made to Congress for the required permission.