

Off
March 6th 1919

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Assistant Secretary of the Navy,
Naval Observatory,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;

Mr. Charles W. Abell, of New Haven, Connecticut, requests me, as one of the Four Masters of the Field Glasses trusting that they may be of service to you.

These glasses were used on the Hartford, a Monitor built at New Haven, the Flag-ship of the fleet, in 1862 and used continuously throughout the war. After the war Mr. Abell used them in the service of the government as a Custom officer at New Orleans.

The patriotic attitude of the owner of these glasses during the ordinary and his one desire is to have them preserved for the honor of his country.

Very sincerely yours,

Four minutes after 12 o'clock

The above glasses have been shipped on date indicated