

NAVY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

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July 25, 1922.

My dear Mr. Olds:

I have your letter of 19 July, requesting the return to the North Carolina Historical Commission, Raleigh, N. C., of the silver service set presented to the Cruiser RALEIGH by the people of the State of North Carolina.

This silver service is now in storage at the Navy Yard, Charleston, S. C. Inasmuch as this set of silver became the property of the United States as soon as it was accepted from the State of North Carolina, it can now be lent to the State of North Carolina only upon condition that it must remain subject to recall by the NAVY at any time.

In order to effect the return of the silver service, upon the above condition, a request from the Governor of the State upon the Secretary of the Navy will be necessary. Immediately upon receipt of such request, the Commandant at the Navy Yard, Charleston, will be directed to inform the Governor of the cost of packing the service for shipment and to furnish him with an itemized list of the articles. Upon receipt by the Commandant of check to cover expenses in connection with packing, and necessary shipping instructions from the Governor, shipment collect will be made.

Sincerely yours,

T. Russell
Acting Secretary of the Navy.

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