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whose commander he refused to deliver his sword, when required, alleging, that if they had been singly engaged, that officer would inevitably have been captured, and that he had struck to the whole squadron. The enemy, however, asserted that the President had been conquered by the Endymion alone; that her damage was sustained in a storm which rose up after the battle; and having repaired both vessels, sent the prize from Bermuda to England, under her convoy. There she was lightened and laid in dock along side an old 74, which was deeply laden, to give her a smaller appearance in the water than the President.

The United States' frigate Constitution, which had been some time repairing at Boston for a cruise, sailed from that port, on the 17th of December, still under the command of captain Stewart. After cruising in various parts of the ocean, and in the track for outward and homeward bound convoys, until the 20th of February, she fell in with two strange men of war sail, at ten minutes past 1, P. M. on that day.—One of these being to windward, was bearing up for the Constitution, and at 2h. 30m. displayed signals and squared away to the westward to join her consort. The Constitution set every rag in chase, and a few minutes before 3, commenced firing from her forward guns on the gun deck. At 3h. 15m. the main royal-mast of the Constitution was carried away, and enabled the enemy's vessels to distance her fire. Before 5, a new royal-mast was completed, and a little while after, the breeze freshened, and the ship to leeward tacked to the southward under all sail. At 6, the two ships hauled to, on the larboard tack, in line, and in ten minutes the Constitution ranged ahead of the sternmost, brought her on the quarter, her consort on the bow, at 200 yards distance, and opened a broadside, which was immediately returned. An exchange of broadsides continued, until the three ships were completely enveloped in smoke, upon the clearing away of which, the Constitution found herself abreast of the headmost ship, and captain Stewart ordered both sides to be manned, backed topsails, and dropped into his first position. The ships on the bow backed sails also. The Constitution's broadsides were then fired from the larboard battery, and in a few minutes the ships on the bow