

18th of September, at Put-in-Bay gives undoubtedly the truth, viz: "Your anticipating my wishes to bring up the small vessels into close action, thereby contributing largely to our victory," &c., as also using the same language in substance in his report to the Secretary of the Navy. Again, it was but characteristic of Perry to use the language imputed to him by Captain Brevoort, viz: After the action and Captain Elliot returned on board (the "Niagara") Captain Perry caught him by the hand, saying, "I owe much of this to you," &c. This was the outpouring of a generous and chivalrous nature. Perry had gained a grand victory, and he felt like embracing every one who had contributed to the brilliant achievement. Most certainly the volunteering to bring up the distant smaller vessels into close action, and the prompt manner it was executed, and their efficient services afterwards, (Barclay claiming "the raking fire of the gun boats to be terrific on board the 'Detroit,'") Elliot having ordered them to cease firing on the smaller vessels and direct it at the "Detroit" and "Queen Charlotte." Then, if from any implied improper motives he had not closed with his antagonist, the "Queen Charlotte," this gallant act should aid in covering up the sin to some extent.

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## CHAPTER XV.

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"TO ERR is human, to forgive is divine," and that "none of us are infallible," should ever be uppermost in our minds. Perry, with all his nobleness of character, gallantry