

To view it in the abstract, it is not surpassed by any naval victory on record; to appreciate its results, it is perhaps one of the most important events in the history of our country.

That it will be justly estimated, and the victors duly honored by the councils of the nation, the justice and liberality hitherto displayed on similar occasions, is a sufficient pledge.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. JONES.

The hon. Charles Tate,

Chairman of the naval committee of the senate.

(Copy.)

United States' ship Saratoga, off

Plattsburgh, Sept. 11, 1814.

SIR,

The Almighty has been pleased to grant us a signal victory on lake Champlain, in the capture of one frigate, one brig, and two sloops of war of the enemy.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. MACDONOUGH, *com.*

Hon. William Jones, secretary of the navy.

(Copy.)

United States' ship Saratoga,

at anchor off Plattsburgh, Sept. 13, 1814.

SIR,

By lieut. commandant Cassin I have the honor to convey to you the flags of his Britannic ma-