

the king, called the *Penguin*, was taken by the *Hornet*, a strong vessel of *Columbia*, commanded by a man of valor, whose sir-name was Biddle.

24 However, the battle was a bloody one, and the vessels kept their engines of destruction fiercely in motion, for about the space of half an hour before the flag of Britain was lowered to the stripes of *Columbia*.

25 And the slaughter was great; for there fell of the men of Britain two score and one: but the slain of *Columbia* was only one, and the maimed were eleven.

26 And Biddle was honored greatly for his courage:

27 But this was the last sea-fight of importance, being near the close of the war.

28 Now about this time the navy of *Columbia* had increased more than fourfold, and the fame thereof had extended to all nations.

29 For, though *Columbia* was young, even as it were in the gristle of her youth; yet she now began to resume the appearance, and display the vigor of manhood.

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