

noughs, and the other heroes whose deeds will live as long as the world endures.

The modest, the unassuming, the youthful Perry, by his victory saved a whole frontier, men, women, and children, from the murderous tomahawk ; Macdonough's has certainly saved another, and prevented the enemy from establishing his winter quarters far within our territory. These are debts and claims hardly ever to be paid off : and the obligation of gratitude they impose on the nation by their immense advantages, is incalculably enhanced by the illustrious display of transcendent talents and distinguished bravery they manifested.

If England, whom in this respect we ought to aspire to emulate, gave 500,000l. sterling to a Wellington, let the United States give some solid and substantial proof of their gratitude, besides the mere broker's value of the ships they destroy, to their naval Wellingtons. I need not add that I do not calculate upon such very extravagant rewards as the British parliament voted "the great lord," as he has been styled. But the gift ought to be worthy of the donor and acceptor ; ought to operate as a reward to the meritorious, and a stimulus to excite others to emulation.

This is somewhat of a digression. But I hope I shall not have a reader whose feelings will not be sufficiently in unison with these sentiments, not to require any apology. I therefore make none.

I feel confident, that the nation has lost ten times as much through the want of a small navy, as it would have cost. Numbers of instances have occurred, of valuable merchantmen having been captured by petty pickaroons or pirates, with one or two guns. Our ports have been insulted and outraged by privateers and sloops of war, which a few vessels would have forced to keep a respectful distance. There is none of the points on which the two hostile parties have differed, in which the democrats are so very far below their adversaries in consulting the real, the permanent honour and interest of the country, as in the establishment of a naval force.

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