

of them ; so one of the vessels, called the *Endymion*, fell upon him, and Decatur fought hard against her, and would have taken her ;

11 But the rest of the strong ships came down upon him, and opened their thundering engines, and compelled him to surrender his ship to the fleet of Britain.

12 However, it was a bloody fight ; and there fell of the men of *Columbia* that day twenty and four that were slain outright, and about two score and ten were maimed, after having kept the destroying engines to work about the space of three hours : howbeit, Decatur lost no honor thereby.

13 Two days after this, a strong vessel of the king, called the *Sylph*, was cast away, in a dreadful storm, at a place called *Southampton*, being on *Long-Island*, where more than an hundred men of Britain perished, in the dead of the night ; and the vessel parted asunder and was lost.

14 Moreover, there were six of the men of Britain who survived their brethren, and were preserved on pieces of the wreck, until the next day, when the neighbouring people took them into their houses and nourished them ;

15 And, when they were sufficiently recovered, that misfortune might not bear too heavy upon them, they were clad, and silver given to them, and they were sent to their own country, at the expense of the people of *Columbia*.

16 (Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy, saith the scripture.)

17 Now it came to pass, in these days, whilst the fleet of Britain captured the vessels of *Columbia*, when

they caught ships of *Col* by pairs :

18 Inasmuch of the second strong vessel the brave *S* of the king, forty minute stars of *Col*

19 And there were seven three were of the vessel vant ; but taken by two strong

20 Now great praise of the people thousand people

21 In the ing the private a fighting vessel hour.

22 And rence were slain and ei

23 More day of the

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