

slain and maimed: the loss in the privateer was six slain, and about a score wounded.

5 Now this battle happened in the same month in which more than a thousand men of the warriors of Britain, commanded by the Marquis of Tweedale, were defeated at Black Creek, in Upper Canada, and driven to their strong holds by the men of Columbia, under the gallant Bissel.*

6 Ten days after which the steam frigate, *Fulton* the First, was launched forth into the waters at New-York.

7 And it came to pass, on the fifteenth day of the first month of the next year, that one of the tall ships of Columbia fell into the hands of the servants of the king;

8 And she was called the President, after the title of the chief magistrate of the land of Columbia; moreover, she was commanded by the gallant Decatur,

9 Who, but for an accident that befel his ship the day before,† whilst he was moving out of the harbor of New-York, would have outsailed the fleet of Britain, and escaped, as did the brave and persevering *Hull*, of the Constitution, in the first year of the war.‡

10 Nevertheless, it was so, that Decatur was, as it were, surrounded by the ships of the king, even five

* *Gen. Bissel.*

† *She was injured by grounding off Sandy Hook.*

‡ *Commodore Hull, in this affair, gained much applause, for his manœuvres in escaping from the British fleet.*