

33 From the port of Tunis, Decatur departed and went to a place called Tripoli, which lieth to the south thereof, where the brave Eaton\* fought, and erected the banners of Columbia upon the walls of Derne.

34 Now the chief governor of the Tripolitans, whom they called the Bashaw, had suffered like evils to be done by the British in his dominions which had been permitted by the Bey of Tunis.

35 So likewise, for these evils Decatur demanded thirty thousand pieces of silver, but at first the Bashaw refused to pay it.

36 However, when he saw the strong ships of Columbia were about to destroy the town, he paid the money, save a little, which he was unable to get, and for which Decatur compelled him to release ten captives of other nations, whom he held in bondage.

37 Thus did Decatur, and his brave men in the same year, compel the powers of Barbary to respect the banners of Columbia.

38 Now, having accomplished the object of his expedition, he returned, encircled with glory, to the land of Columbia :

39 And all the people were rejoiced with great joy, and they made feasts for him, and extolled his name.

40 Moreover, the great Sanhedrim of the people honored him for his gallant exploits, and gave unto him and his brave officers and mariners, an hundred thousand pieces of silver.

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\* Gen. Eaton, a hero of the American war with Tripoli, some years ago.

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