

APPENDIX B.

THE AKBAR.

The increasingly keen competition in the 1830's between English and Yankee traders at Canton, created a demand for more ships, speedier ships and bigger ships, and led to the most dramatic and thrilling development which shipbuilding has ever experienced, The China trade gave birth to the clipper ship.

The first full-rigged ship to be built along the lines of the fast little Baltimore schooners, from which the name 'clipper' was derived, was the *Ann McKim*, 493 tons. She was a remarkably handsome vessel and very swift, but on account of her small carrying capacity, was not a commercial success on the Pacific route.

Then in 1839 Samuel Hall of East Boston built for the Forbes China fleet, the clipper ship *Akbar*, 650 tons. She was the second clipper and the first of any commercial use. She mounted six guns and was of very fine construction; the last word in shipbuilding of the period.