

he had heard that his strong vessels were taken by the ships of Columbia, and his admiral slain, and he was ready to bow down.

27 And Decatur demanded the men of Columbia without ransom, who were held in bondage; and ten thousand pieces of silver, for the evils they had committed against the people of Columbia: and the Dey had three hours to answer him yea, or nay.

28 However, he quickly agreed to the propositions of Decatur: and he paid the money, and signed the treaty which Decatur had prepared for him, and delivered up all the men of Columbia whom he held as slaves.

29 And the treaty was confirmed at Washington the chief city, and signed by James the chief governor, on the twenty and sixth day of the twelfth month, in the same year: and Decatur generously made a present of the ship Misoda to the Dey.

30 Now it came to pass, after Decatur had settled the peace with the Dey of Algiers, according to his wishes, that he sailed against another town of the barbarians, called Tunis.

31 For the governor of this place, who is called the Bey, had permitted great evils to be committed against the people of Columbia, by the ships of Britain, during the late war; inasmuch as they let them come into their waters, and take away the vessels of Columbia that were prizes.

32 So, for these depredations, the gallant Decatur demanded forty thousand pieces of silver, which, after a short deliberation, the Bey was fain to grant, lest, peradventure the city might, from the force of the destroying engines, begin to tumble about his ears.