

was delivered with such emphasis, by the brave son of Neptune, that it acted like an electric shock on his hearers, who gave him three hearty cheers and unanimously agreed to abide by his opinion; and our hero had the satisfaction of seeing the British flag hoisted on the fort.

There is one interesting, and to me thrilling scene—one, which I would have given anything to witness, to which I must call your attention ere I conclude; the departure of the Baltic fleet last summer from Spithead. That fleet, the most splendid England ever sent afloat, was, on the day of sailing, visited by Her Majesty. The gallant Charley, as he is familiarly called—Admiral Napier, and other officers of the Fleet, had an interview with their Sovereign on board of the Royal Yacht. The fleet then weighed and stood to sea, Her Majesty leading the van; who, as she had passed each ship was greeted with three tremendous British cheers. What a glorious sight—what a proud day for our gracious Queen; was not that a never-to-be-forgotten scene? worthy and emblematic of that Nation to whom belongs the sovereignty of the sea.

And now in conclusion I must, in justice to our brave allies the French, pay them my humble tribute of praise. They have ever been renowned for their valour and prowess in arms, and in no past period of their history have they distinguished themselves more, than during the present contest. 'Tis a grand and glorious spectacle, to behold two mighty Na-