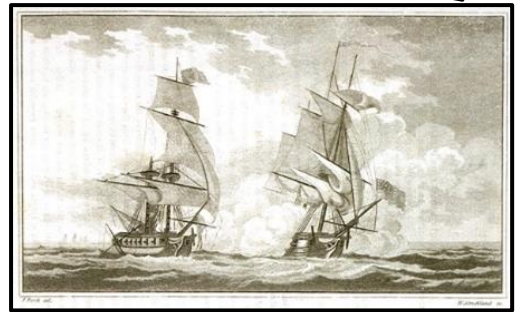
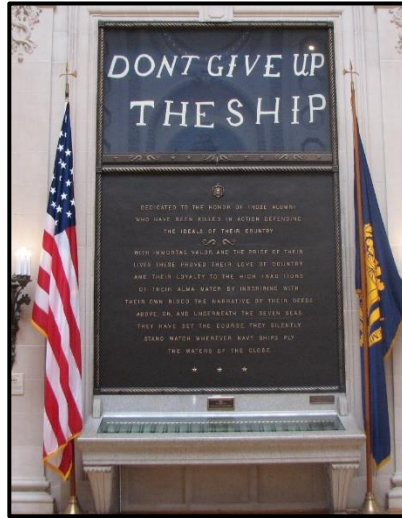
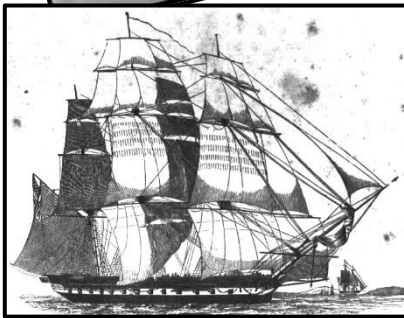
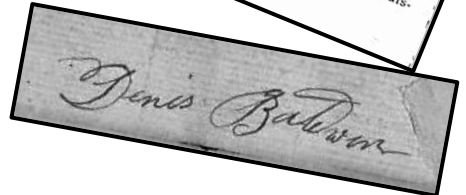
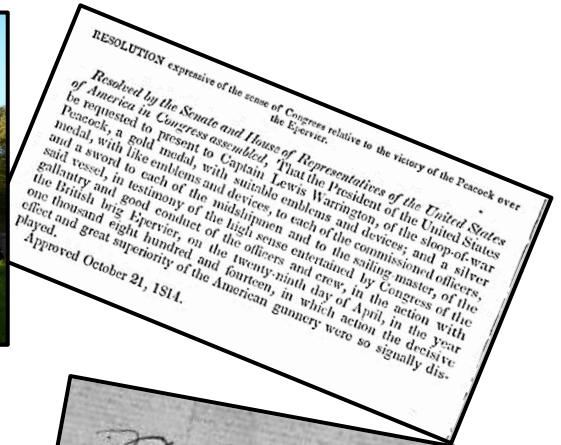
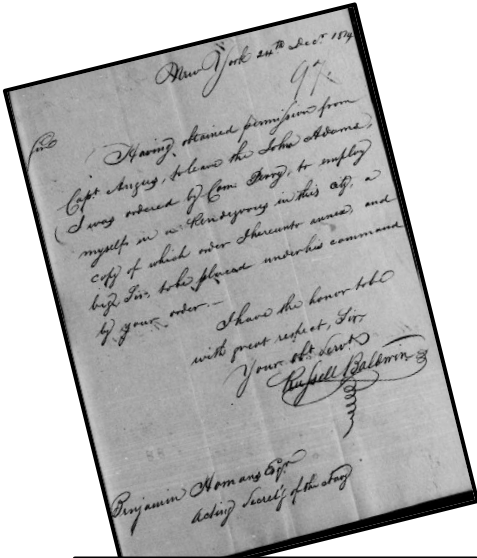


# Rose-Baldwin-Baker-Phelon House

## Addendum D: Documentation – The Sons of Lieutenant Jacob Baldwin serve in The U.S. Navy: The War of 1812 . . .



**USS United States, USS Chesapeake, USS Peacock, USS Epervier  
USS John Adams, USS Franklin, USS Constellation, USS Guerriere  
&  
The Lt. Russell Baldwin Letters  
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Know all Men by these presents that I Denis Baldwin of Granville a minor above the age of fourteen years, viz fourteen years the twenty second day of August Eighteen hundred and five Son of Jacob Baldwin late of Granville in the County of Hampshire Gent Deceased have named, ordained and made, and by these presents do make and constitute John Phelps of Granville to be my Guardian with full power and Authority for me in my name and to my use to ask demand, sue for, receive and take into his possession and custody all and singular such part and portions of Estate which is or may be coming to me as heir to the Estate of the said Deceased or which, by any other way or means whatsoever both of right appertain or belong to me, and to manage employ and improve the same for my best advantage and profit during my minority, and to do all and whatever may be necessary in and about the premises, as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes, as I might or could do personally being of full age, praying that he may be accordingly accepted into the same powers and trust—

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Second Day of September in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and five —

Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of  
 Francis Estlin  
 Abner Goss

Denis Baldwin

**Figure D1.** Denis Baldwin (signed) lived in Granville until age 8 (1800) with rights to his father’s house at age 22 (1813) and thereafter. On Sept. 2, 1805, 11 days after his fourteenth birthday, Denis, then resident in Hartford, CT, agreed to his guardianship by John Phelps, resident in Granville. Jacob Baldwin Estate Hampshire County, MA Probate Court Records, Box 8-1:42. For entire document, see Addendum Fig. B5 and <https://www.americanancestors.org/databases/hampshire-county-ma-probate-file-papers-1660-1889/image?pageName=8-1:42&volumeId=33926>. Online database. AmericanAncestors.org. New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2016, 2017. Records from Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Archives and Hampshire County Court. Digitized images provided by FamilySearch.org)

...fifteen rods then west 19 1/2 degrees north four rods and fourteen links then South 19 1/2 degrees West on the West side of the North Kitchen through the hearth to the road, five rods then west 19 1/2 degrees north two rods and eleven links to the place of beginning containing one hundred and seventeen rods of land with the privilege of passing through that part of the house set off to Heman to go into the Chamber and Cellar and also with the privilege of going through the Kitchen to the well stand ing over the door on Heman Baldwin's part — and we have appraised the same to be worth the sum of two hundred and ninety four dollars and eighty three cents in full of the said Denis part of the real Estate of said Jacob —

**Figure D2.** Jacob Baldwin’s six children continued to own their father’s home and land after each received an equal apportionment from the court, May 1813. Detail of Denis Baldwin’s legal “privilege” as Jacob’s second oldest son, to the western half of the house and homestead land with the right to pass through the west side of the “North Kitchen” to the “well stand” in 1813 (blue arrows); followed by the portions designated for his brothers Heman and Russell; sisters Polly, Fannie and Lucy. On October 10, 1814, Denis who as an adult, preferred to be called Denizen, was killed in action at age 23 aboard the *USS Peacock*. Jacob Baldwin Estate, Hampshire County, MA Probate Records, 1660-1889, Box 8-1:3 (April 20, 1813). For a more recently photographed image, see <https://www.americanancestors.org/databases/hampshire-county-ma-probate-file-papers-1660-1889/image?volumeId=33926&pageName=8-1:3>

New York July 3. 1813

Sir

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Having been on board of the U.S. Frigate Chesapeake, as an acting Midshipman under the particular auspices of Captain Lawrence at the time of her unfortunate capture; I was directed by Lieutenant Budd on my arrival at Boston to report myself to Commodore Bainbridge, from whom I obtained permission to proceed to this place (where my friends reside) here to remain until exchanged or til further orders; and by the Commodore was directed to report myself to the Navy Department, and hope, Sir, as I was previously an applicant, I may be deemed worthy of a warrant on the arrival of Lieutenant Budd at Washington.

I have the honor to be

with the greatest respect

Your obt. Servt

Russell Baldwin

The Honble

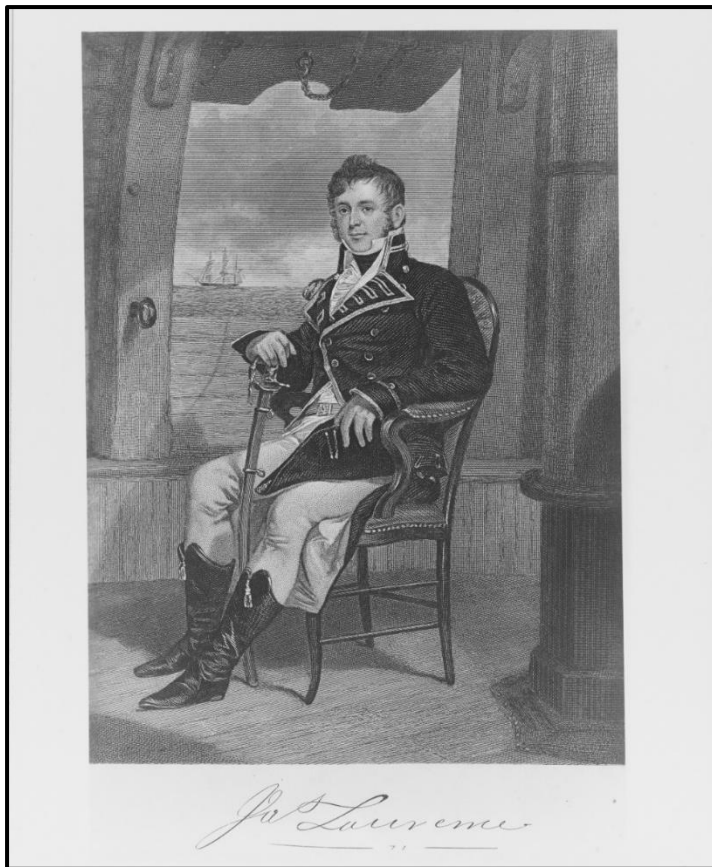
William Jones

**Figure D3a.** Less than three weeks after court papers were finalized and while his father's homestead in West Granville still belonged to his children, acting Midshipman Russell Baldwin, "under the particular auspices of Captain Lawrence," was aboard the *USS Chesapeake* and fought in the Battle of Boston Harbor on June 1, 1813. Seventy-one members of the crew were killed in action fighting to honor the orders of their mortally wounded captain, whose last words have echoed through naval history, "Don't give up the ship." It is not known how Russell came to reach Boston after the vessel was captured, but he may have been 'exchanged', a word he uses, in lieu of the modern 'transferred', in his letter from New York of July 3, 1813 to William Jones, Secretary of the Navy. Courtesy, National Archives and Record Administration, Washington, D.C. and Fold 3.



**Figure D3b.** Acting Midshipman Russell Baldwin was aboard the *USS Chesapeake* “under the particular auspices” of Captain James Lawrence and fought in the Battle of Boston Harbor on June 1, 1813. Seventy-one of the crew were killed in action, finally fighting hand to hand on the quarter deck, to honor the command of their mortally wounded captain, whose last words have echoed through naval history, “**Don’t give up the ship.**” (Upper Right) Captain James Lawrence, USN (1781-1813), Portrait in oils, 28 x 22, by J. Herring (1794-1867), after Gilbert Stuart. Painting in the U.S. Naval Academy Museum Collection. Gift of Mrs. Albert Gleaves, 1938. Official U.S. Navy Photograph, now in the collections of the National Archives. Accessed at

<https://www.history.navy.mil/content/history/nhhc/our-collections/photography/us-people/l/lawrence-james/80-g-k-17587.html> (Upper Left) Oliver Hazard Perry’s Battle of Lake Erie Flag, specially sewn, September 1813, with his friend Lawrence’s words for Perry’s flagship *Lawrence*, at Bancroft Hall, United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Photograph by Patrick McConnell. See U.S. Naval Academy Virtual Memorial Hall at [https://usnamemorialhall.org/index.php/File:DGUT\\_S\\_large.jpg](https://usnamemorialhall.org/index.php/File:DGUT_S_large.jpg) and [https://usnamemorialhall.org/index.php/USNA\\_Virtual\\_Memorial\\_Hall](https://usnamemorialhall.org/index.php/USNA_Virtual_Memorial_Hall)

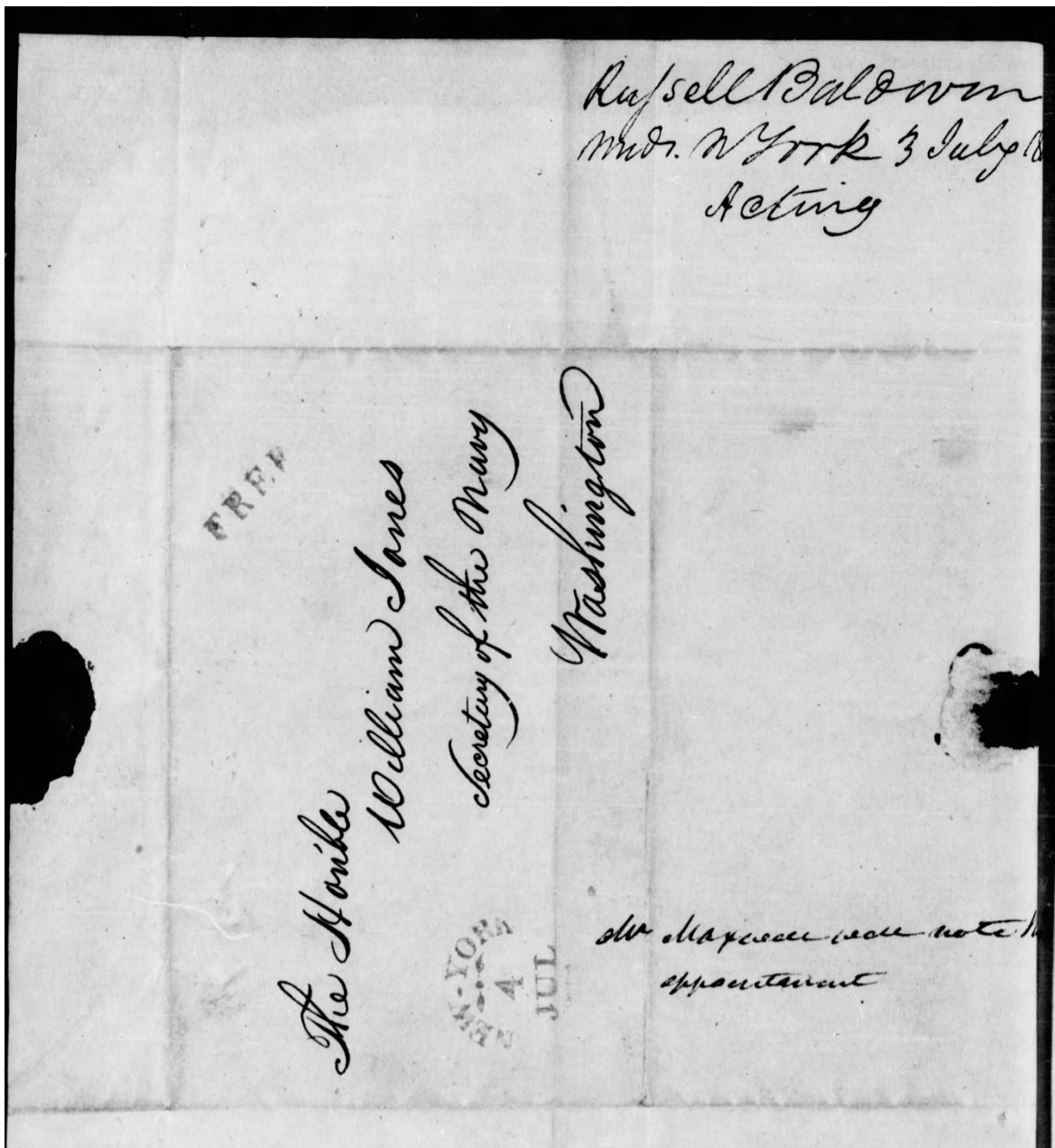


**Figure D3c.** Captain James Lawrence with a facsimile of his signature. Engraving ca. 1850, after Alonzo Chappel, published by Johnson, Fry & Company, New York. Courtesy of the Navy Art Collection, U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command, Washington, D.C. Photograph at <https://www.history.navy.mil/content/history/nhhc/our-collections/photography/us-people/l/lawrence-james/nh-61180.html>



**Figure D3d.** Midshipman Russell Baldwin reported to Commodore William Bainbridge (1774-1833), on arrival in Boston, in early summer 1813, following the capture of the *Chesapeake* on June 1. On the Commodore's order, Russell traveled to New York (where his brother Heman Baldwin worked as a merchant and accountant), and reported to the Navy Department, writing to the Secretary of the Navy from New York on July 13, 1813.

When Russell Baldwin reported to Bainbridge, the Commodore was a national hero, having served as Captain of the *Constitution*, defeating *HMS Java* on December 29, 1812. Off the coast of Brazil, he ordered the *Java* destroyed. In 1814-1815, the United States built and commissioned the 44-gun frigate *Java*, named after Bainbridge's victory and Russell would assemble a crew for it under the orders of Captain Oliver Hazard Perry, with whom he would sail on the *Java*. Portrait of Commodore William Bainbridge, Oil on wood, 30 by 21, by John Wesley Jarvis (1780-1840). Painted circa 1814. Painting in the U.S. Naval Academy Museum Collection. See Naval History and Heritage Command, Washington, D.C. at <https://www.history.navy.mil/our-collections/photography/us-people/b/bainbridge-william/kn-1365.html>



**Figure D3e.** Russell Baldwin wrote to the Hon. William Jones, Secretary of the Navy, July 3, 1813, noting he was on the *Chesapeake* “under the particular auspices of Captain Lawrence” when it was captured. Russell Baldwin, Letter to Hon. William Jones, Secretary of the Navy, July 3, 1813. From *Officers' letters to the Secretary of the Navy by officers assigned to ships, stations, and Navy bureaus, 1802-1884*, NARA M148, RG 45, Roll 0012 at <https://www.fold3.com/image/635855811>. Courtesy, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C. and Fold 3.

Miss: Russell Baldwin  
 Present  
 Navy Department  
 Jan. 25. 1814.

Sir. Herewith you will receive a Warrant as a Midship-  
 man in the Navy of the United States, dated the 17<sup>th</sup> of  
 May 1813. —

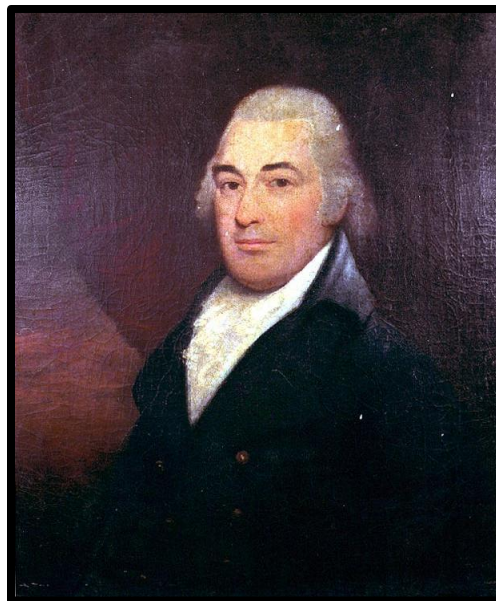
I enclose a Copy of the Navy rules and regulations,  
 a copy of the uniform, and the requisite Oath, which  
 you will take and return to me. —

This appointment must be accepted by letter, from  
 the date of which letter your pay will commence. —

P.S. You will repair to  
 New York and report yourself  
 to the officer Commanding Ship  
 John Adams. —

I am Sir W<sup>m</sup> Jones.

**Figure D4a.** Russell Baldwin, January 25, 1814 Notification of becoming a Midshipman in the Navy of the United States, dated May 17, 1813 with notice to report to New York and the officer commanding the ship *John Adams*. Entry of Hon. William Jones, Secretary of the Navy, January 25, 1814. *Appointments . . . Miscellaneous Records of the Navy Department*, NARA T829; RG 45; Roll 0382 at <https://www.fold3.com/image/624530177> Courtesy, National Archives and Record Administration, Washington, D.C. and Fold 3.



**Figure D4b.** To receive and confirm orders, Russell Baldwin corresponded directly with the Hon. William Jones, Secretary of the Navy (January 19, 1813–December 1, 1814) who was instrumental to the success of the United States Navy during the War of 1812. Jones sent notice of Baldwin’s warrant as a Midshipman, dated May 17, 1813, a week after the apportionment of Jacob Baldwin’s homestead and land was finalized in the court. Jones would also forward to the Naval Committee the official account and other papers related to the capture of the *Epervier* by the U.S. sloop *Peacock* on which Denizen Baldwin served in April 1814 (see below). Image, Public Domain from Wikimedia.org at <https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:William-Jones.jpg>

## EXHIBIT C.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,  
October 3, 1814.

Sir: Agreeably to your request, I have the honor to enclose the official account, and other papers, relating to the capture of the enemy's sloop-of-war *Epervier*, on the 29th April last, by the United States sloop-of-war *Peacock*, commanded by Captain Warrington.

If the relative force and comparative effect of the fire of the combatants, and the speedy termination of the contest, though protracted by the early loss of the *Peacock's* fore-yard, be taken as the criterion, then does it display a steady valor and superior skill on the part of the commander, officers, and crew of the *Peacock*, which may fairly challenge any single action on record.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
W. JONES.

THE HON. CHARLES TAIT,  
*Chairman of the Naval Committee, Senate.*

**Figure D4c.** Secretary of the Navy William Jones sent the Naval Committee the official account of the capture of the brig *HMS Epervier* by the U.S. sloop-of-war *Peacock* on April 29, 1814, a battle that Denizen Baldwin fought in and, according to a letter to his mother preserved by his great-grandson, then assisted First Lieutenant John B. Nicolson, in bringing the prize-of-war into Savannah. Excerpt from Captain Lewis Warrington, *Memorial* .... April 26, 1848. House of Representatives Misc. No. 74, Exhibit C, p. 17. Image, from Google Books for study only.



**Figure D5.** Denizen Baldwin was aboard the 22-gun sloop, *USS Peacock* on April 29, 1814 when it defeated the *HMS Epervier* of 'equal force' and assisted First Lieutenant John B. Nicolson to sail the prize – with 45 holes in the hull, 20 at or below the water line -- into Savannah where it was refitted to be recommissioned as the *USS Epervier*. Print from Boston engraver Abel Bowen (1790-1850), "*The Naval Monument, Containing Official and Other Accounts of All the Battles Fought Between the Navies of the United States and Great Britain During the Late War*," 1836. Engraving by Abel Bowen after English born American marine painter Thomas Birch (1779-1851). From *USS Constitution* Museum Art Collection at Digital Commonwealth, Massachusetts Collections Online at <https://www.digitalcommonwealth.org/search/commonwealth:66830m78g>



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**Muster Table** of the United States Vessel of War the  
*Peacock* between 26 Sept. 1813 and the 9<sup>th</sup> March 1814  
Com. in a. d. by L. Warrington Esquire -

| MUSTERED.  |        |          | Muster letter.<br>Complement. | SHIP'S COMPANY. |           |          |       | MARINES PART OF COMPLEMENT. |           |          |        | SUPERNUMERARIES.      |          |               |        |           |          |       |
|--|--------|----------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|-------|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|--------|-----------------------|----------|---------------|--------|-----------|----------|-------|
| When.  | Where. | By whom. |                               | Borne.          | Mustered. | Checked. | Sick. | Borne.                      | Mustered. | Checked. | Sick.  | For wages & victuals. |          | For victuals. |        |           |          |       |
|  |        |          |                               |                 |           |          |       |                             |           |          | Borne. | Mustered.             | Checked. | Sick.         | Borne. | Mustered. | Checked. | Sick. |
| <p style="font-size: 2em; opacity: 0.5;">Muster Roll</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; opacity: 0.5;">Peacock</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;"> <p>300</p> <p>247</p> <p>365</p> <p>490</p> <p>36</p> <p>1258</p> <p>1095</p> <p>365</p> <p>15500</p> <p>1460</p> <p>200</p> <p>330</p> <p>170</p> </div> <p style="font-size: 2em; opacity: 0.5;">1813-14</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; opacity: 0.5;">Peacock. 426.</p> <p>95</p> |        |          |                               |                 |           |          |       |                             |           |          |        |                       |          |               |        |           |          |       |

**Figure D6a.** Muster roll for the *USS Peacock* for “between 26 Sept. 1813 and the 9<sup>th</sup> March 1814 Commanded by L. Warrington, Esquire.” Denison Baldwin, Master’s Mate, also considered a Sub-Lieutenant, was entered on the *Peacock’s* Muster Roll on October 3, 1813, a few weeks after his father Jacob Baldwin’s estate in Granville was apportioned by the court and Denison received the legal right to the west side of the house and homestead land. NARA T829, RG 45, Entry 68 Muster Rolls and Pay Rolls for US Navy Vessels. Courtesy, National Archives and Record Administration, Washington, D.C. For study purposes herein only.

| No. | ENTRY. |                      | Appear-<br>ance<br>on board. | Where.   | Names.                        | Stations.         | Time last<br>settled<br>and<br>paid to. | D.<br>D.<br>R.<br>or<br>P. | WHEN.          |       | Whither<br>or<br>For what reason. |
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|     | Year.  | Month<br>and<br>Day. |                              |          |                               |                   |   |                            | Day,<br>Month. | Year. |                                   |
| 1   | 1813   | Aug 16               | 15 Sept                      | New York | Lewis Warrington              | Comdr             |   |                            |                |       |                                   |
| 2   | "      | Oct 20               | 13 Nov                       | "        | Int. Bz. Nicholson            | Lieut             |   |                            |                |       |                                   |
| 3   | "      | Oct 14               | 2 "                          | "        | Sam <sup>r</sup> Hurley       | "                 |   |                            |                |       |                                   |
| 4   | "      |                      | 15 Sept                      | "        | Philip <sup>r</sup> Voorhees  | "                 |   |                            |                |       |                                   |
| 5   | "      | Sept 23              | 20 "                         | "        | Chas <sup>r</sup> D. Hamilton | Surgeon           |   |                            |                |       |                                   |
| 6   | "      | " 24                 | 15 Sept                      | "        | Herward Thorn                 | Surgeon           |   |                            |                |       |                                   |
| 7   | "      | Aug 17               | " "                          | "        | James Parker                  | St. Master        |   | D                          | Jan 20         | 1814  | N York                            |
| 8   | "      | Oct 8                | 12 Oct                       | "        | John Cadell                   | Surj. Mat.        |   |                            |                |       |                                   |
| 9   | "      | " 3                  | 4 "                          | "        | Denison Baldwin               | Mr. Mat.          |   |                            |                |       |                                   |
| 10  | "      | Apr 27               | 7 Oct                        | "        | Thomas Greaves                | " "               |   |                            |                |       |                                   |
| 11  | "      | Sept 24              | 29 Sept                      | "        | Nehemiah Tilton               | " "               |   |                            |                |       |                                   |
| 12  | "      | " 31                 | 4 Oct                        | "        | Philip S. Meyer               | " "               |   |                            |                |       |                                   |
| 13  | "      | Oct 14               | " "                          | "        | Richardson Buck               | Miss <sup>r</sup> |   |                            |                |       |                                   |
| 14  | "      | Sept 18              | 25 Sept                      | "        | Wm <sup>r</sup> H. Jenkins    | "                 |   |                            |                |       |                                   |
| 15  | "      | " 29                 | 10 Oct                       | "        | John M. Dale                  | "                 |   |                            |                |       |                                   |
| 16  | "      | Sept 20              | 25 "                         | "        | John S. Johnson               | Black             |   |                            |                |       |                                   |
| 17  | "      | Oct 22               | Oct 12                       | "        | Peter Johnson                 | Boat <sup>r</sup> |   |                            |                |       |                                   |
| 18  | "      | Sept 18              | Sept 20                      | "        | David Cole                    | Carp <sup>r</sup> |   | D                          | Dec 18         | 1813  | N York                            |
| 19  | "      | Oct 22               | 6 Oct                        | "        | Thos <sup>r</sup> Brian       | Steward           |   |                            |                |       |                                   |
| 20  | "      | Sept 21              | Sept 22                      | "        | Noble James                   | Seam <sup>n</sup> |   | D                          | Jan 22         | 1814  | N York                            |
| 21  | "      | " 21                 | " 21                         | "        | William Penny                 | do.               |   |                            |                |       |                                   |
| 22  | "      | " 21                 | " "                          | "        | Martin McAntine               | do.               |   |                            |                |       |                                   |
| 23  | "      | " 21                 | " "                          | "        | Elphali Jenkins               | do.               |   |                            |                |       |                                   |

**Figure D6b.** Denison Baldwin, Master's Mate, also considered a Sub-Lieutenant or a Master's Mate in the navigator's branch, is the ninth name listed, eight names after Commander Lewis Warrington and immediately after the Surgeon's Mate. Denison was entered into the muster roll of the *Peacock* on October 3, 1813. Muster roll for the *USS Peacock* for September 26, 1813 to March 9, 1814, NARA T829, RG 45, entry 68 Muster Rolls and Pay Rolls for US Navy Vessels. Courtesy, National Archives and Record Administration, Washington, D.C. For study purposes herein only.

U. S. SLOOP PEACOCK,  
At sea, lat. 27° 47', long. 80° 9', April 29, 1814.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that we have this morning captured, after an action of forty-two minutes, his Majesty's brig *Epervier*, rating and mounting eighteen thirty-two pound carronades, with one hundred and twenty-eight men, of whom eight were killed and fifteen wounded, (according to the best information we could obtain.) Among the latter is her first lieutenant, who has lost an arm and received a severe splinter wound on the hip. Not a man in the *Peacock* was killed, and only two wounded—neither dangerously so.

The fate of the *Epervier* would have been determined in much less time, but for the circumstance of our fore-yard being totally disabled by two round shot in the starboard quarter, from her first broadside, which entirely deprived us of the use of our fore and foretopsails, and compelled us to keep the ship large throughout the remainder of the action. This, with a few topmast and topgallant backstays cut away, and a few shot through our sails, is the only injury the *Peacock* has sustained. Not a round shot touched our hull; our masts and spars are as sound as ever. When the enemy struck, he had five feet water in his hold, his maintopmast was over the side, his main boom shot away, his foremast cut nearly in two and tottering, his fore-rigging and stays shot away, his bowsprit badly wounded, and forty-five shot holes in his hull, twenty of which were within a foot of his water-line, above and below. By great exertions we got her in sailing order just as dark came on.

In fifteen minutes after the enemy struck, the *Peacock* was ready for another action in every respect but her fore-yard, which was sent down, fixed, and had the foresail set again in forty-five minutes; such was the spirit and activity of our gallant crew.

The *Epervier* had under her convoy an English hermaphrodite brig, a

**Figure D7a.** Letter (continued next page) from Lewis Warrington to the Department of the Navy regarding the action of April 29, 1814 whereby the *U.S. Sloop Peacock* under his command captured *HM Epervier*. Excerpted from *Memorial of Lewis Warrington, Captain in the U.S. Navy (In behalf of himself and the officers and crew of the U.S. sloop-of-war Peacock) Praying that the one half of the proceeds of the Epervier and goods, which went into the treasury by mistake, be returned to the officers and crew of said vessel, it having been decreed to them by the United States court as captors.* April 26, 1848. House of Representatives Misc. No. 74, Exhibit C, p. 17. Image from Google Books for study purposes only at <https://books.google.com/books?id=T2tHAQAAIAAJ&pg=RA10-PA1&lpg=RA10-PA1&dq=what+did+captain+and+crew+do+with+proceeds+of+the+epervier?&source=bl&ots=BZxCB1Rh6F&sig=ACfU3U33sMqNcVHK3mURdz5CLj2dwXHDw&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKewjN3q3lxsjrAhV-gnIEHdUPAFs4ChDoATAEgQIAxAB#v=onepage&q&f=false>

Russian and a Spanish ship, which all hauled their wind, and stood to the ENE. I had determined upon pursuing the former, but found that it would not answer to leave our prize in her then crippled state; and the more particularly so, as we found she had one hundred and twenty thousand dollars in specie, which we soon transferred to this sloop. Every officer, seaman, and marine did his duty, which is the highest compliment I can pay them.

I am, respectfully,

L. WARRINGTON.

The foregoing are truly copied from the files of the Navy Department.

JOHN APPLETON,  
*Chief Clerk.*

DECEMBER 21, 1846.

EXHIBIT D.

SAVANNAH, GA., *May 1, 1814.*

SIR: I have the honor of informing you of my arrival here in late his B. M. brig *Epervier*, of 18 32-pound carronades, Captain Wales, captured by the sloop *Peacock*, on Friday morning, the 29th, off cape Carneveral, after an action of 45 minutes, in which time she was much cut up in hull, spars, rigging, and sails, with upwards of five feet water in her hold, having the advantage of the weather-gauge. She lost eight killed and fifteen wounded; among the latter her first-lieutenant, who has lost his arm. I am happy to say the *Peacock* received no material injury—her fore-yard and *two* men slightly wounded. She received not one shot in her hull. The brig had upwards of \$100,000 on board.

I have the honor to be, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN B. NICOLSON.

HON. WILLIAM JONES.

**Figure D7b.** Continuation of Warrington letter; and letter from First Lieutenant John B. Nicolson of the *USS Peacock* to Hon. William Jones, Secretary of the Navy regarding the action of April 29, 1814 whereby the *USS Peacock* captured *HMS Epervier*. Nicolson was responsible for repairing and sailing the prize brig *Epervier*, with heavy damage as described by Lewis Warrington in his letter, to Savannah. Nicolson's appreciation of **Denizen Baldwin's** assistance in that effort was mentioned by **Denizen** in a letter to his mother Lucy Seymour, widow of Jacob Baldwin. Russell Baldwin would consider Nicolson a good friend, writing to him, requesting that he present his request to the Secretary of the Navy in support of his plans to obtain furlough to see the southern and western United States and Texas. Excerpted from *Memorial of Lewis Warrington, Captain in the U.S. Navy (In behalf of himself and the officers and crew of the U.S. sloop-of-war Peacock) Praying that the one half of the proceeds of the Epervier and goods, which went into the treasury by mistake, be returned to the officers and crew of said vessel, it having been decreed to them by the United States court as captors.* April 26, 1848. House of Representatives Misc. No. 74, Exhibit D, p. 18. Image from Google Books for study purposes only at

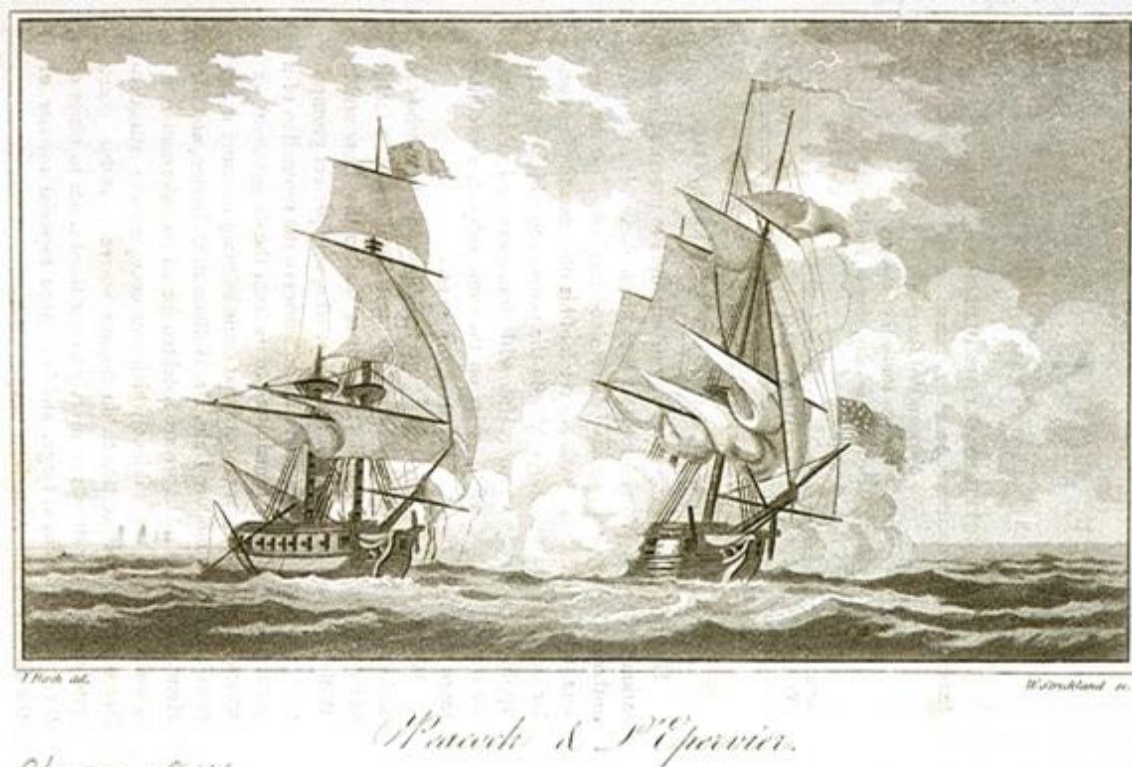
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**RESOLUTION** expressive of the sense of Congress relative to the victory of the Peacock over the Epervier.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be requested to present to Captain Lewis Warrington, of the sloop-of-war Peacock, a gold medal, with suitable emblems and devices; and a silver medal, with like emblems and devices, to each of the commissioned officers, and a sword to each of the midshipmen and to the sailing-master, of the said vessel, in testimony of the high sense entertained by Congress of the gallantry and good conduct of the officers and crew, in the action with the British brig Epervier, on the twenty-ninth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, in which action the decisive effect and great superiority of the American gunnery were so signally displayed.*

Approved October 21, 1814.

**Figure D7c.** Resolution of Congress to award Captain Lewis Warrington of the *USS Peacock*, a Congressional Gold Medal; and the officers and Midshipmen, each a sword. The *Epervier* carried \$117,900 in specie and was valued at roughly half that amount upon sale as a prize of war. Excerpted from *Memorial of Lewis Warrington, Captain in the U.S. Navy (In behalf of himself and the officers and crew of the U.S. sloop-of-war Peacock)*. . . April 26, 1848. House of Representatives Misc. No. 74, Exhibit N, p. 24. Image from Google Books for study purposes only at <https://books.google.com/books?id=T2tHAQAAIAAJ&pg=RA10-PA1&lpg=RA10-PA1&dq=what+did+captain+and+crew+do+with+proceeds+of+the+epervier?&source=bl&ots=BZxCB1Rh6F&sig=ACfU3U33sMqNcVHK3mURdz5CLj2dwXHDw&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjN3q3lxsjrAhV-gnIEHdUPAFs4ChDoATAEegQIAxAB#v=onepage&q&f=false>



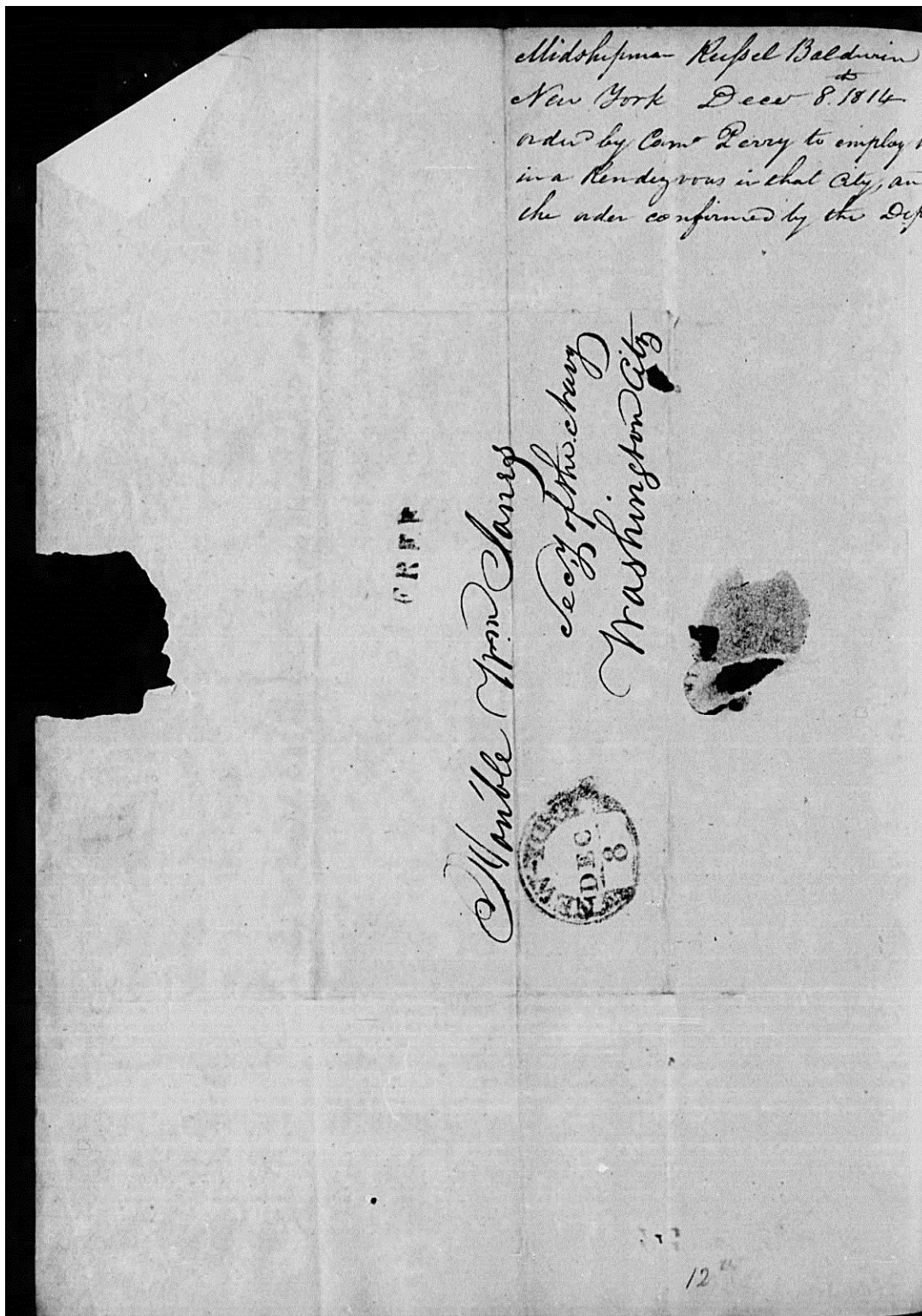
**Figure D8.** Denizen Baldwin was on board the *USS Peacock* (right) when it captured *HMS Epervier* on April 29, 1814 and as a Master's Mate assisted First Lieutenant John B. Nicolson to sail the damaged prize to Savannah where it was recommissioned as the *USS Epervier*. Aquatint *Peacock & L'Epervier*, ca. 1814, engraved by William Strickland after Thomas Birch. Courtesy, National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London at <https://collections.mng.co.uk/collections/objects/110000.html>



**Figure D9.** Letters of Administration, December 30, 1814 for Denizen Baldwin, called ‘Mariner’, defined in 1856 as “one who helps to navigate a vessel”: the administrator was his elder brother Heman Baldwin of New York. *Letters, Vol 012, 1811-1813* in *Letters of Administration (New York County, New York), 1743-1866; Index, 1743-1910; New York. Surrogate's Court (New York County); Probate Place: New York, New York.* See [https://www.ancestrylibrary.com/imageviewer/collections/8800/images/005523635\\_00686?treeid=&personid=&hintid=&queryId=88c38d8946ec4bf1a27a57830d3bf0e6&usePUB=true&\\_phsrc=PUK812&\\_phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&pId=7089583](https://www.ancestrylibrary.com/imageviewer/collections/8800/images/005523635_00686?treeid=&personid=&hintid=&queryId=88c38d8946ec4bf1a27a57830d3bf0e6&usePUB=true&_phsrc=PUK812&_phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&pId=7089583) Courtesy of Ancestry.com. *New York, Wills and Probate Records, 1659-1999* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015. Original data: New York County, District and Probate Courts. Image for study purposes only.

New York Dec<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1814  
65.  
Sir  
Having obtained permission from  
Captain Samuel Breyer, to leave the U.S.  
Ship John Adams, I was ordered by Commodore  
O. H. Perry to employ myself in a Rendezvous  
in this City (for the Squadron to be fitted out  
under his command) & to report myself to you,  
Sir, that I am employed in this Service, I have  
to ask the favor of your honoring me with  
a confirmation of this order.—  
I am Sir with high esteem  
Your Most O<sup>b</sup>l<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Russell Baldwin  
Wm. J.  
Honble W<sup>m</sup> Jones

**Figure D10a.** Russell Baldwin received leave of the *USS John Adams* to conduct a “Rendezvous,” a recruiting station to find and sign up a crew for Captain Oliver Hazard Perry in 1814-1815. Russell Baldwin, New York, Letter to William Jones, Secretary of the Navy, December 8, 1814. *Officers' letters to the Secretary of the Navy by officers assigned to ships, stations, and Navy bureaus, 1802-1884*, NARA M148, RG 45; Roll 0013 at <https://www.fold3.com/image/636011926> Courtesy, National Archives and Record Administration, Washington, D.C. and Fold 3.



**Figure D10b.** Endorsed “Midshipman Russell Baldwin, New York Dec<sup>r</sup> 8, 1814. Order<sup>d</sup> by Com<sup>d</sup>. Perry to employ him in a Rendezvous in the City and the order confirmed by the Dept.” Russell Baldwin, New York, Letter to William Jones, Secretary of the Navy, December 8, 1814. Postmarked, New York, Dec. 8, 1814. *Officers' letters to the Secretary of the Navy by officers assigned to ships, stations, and Navy bureaus, 1802-1884*, NARA M148, RG 45; Roll 0013 at <https://www.fold3.com/image/636011926> Courtesy, National Archives and Record Administration, Washington, D.C. and Fold 3.



New York 24<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1814

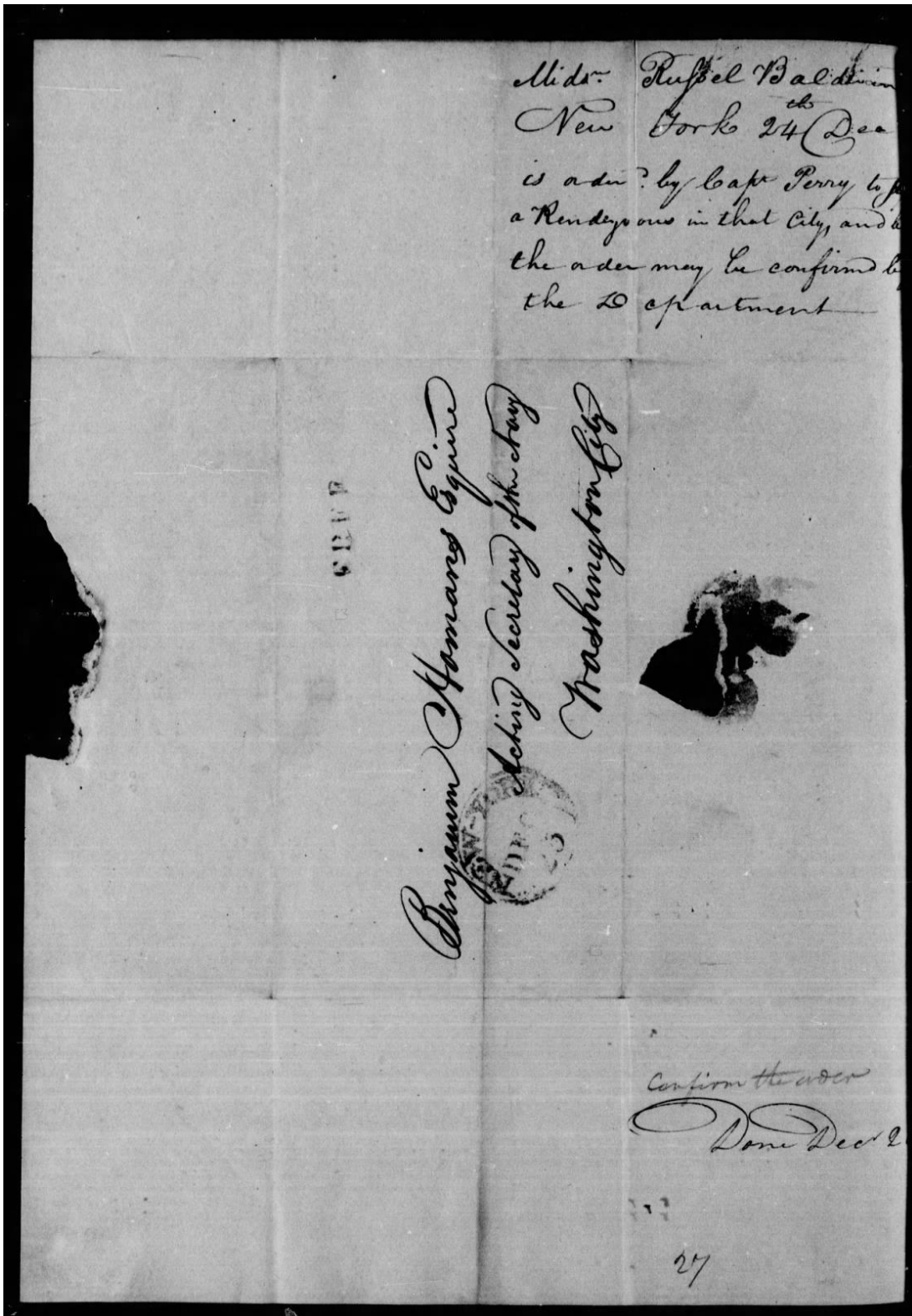
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Having obtained permission from  
Capt. Angus, to leave the *Schoon Adams*,  
(I was ordered by Com. Perry, to employ  
myself in a Rendezvous in this city, a  
copy of which order I herewith annex, and  
beg Sir, to be placed under his command  
by your order. —

I have the honor to be  
with great respect, Sir,  
Your obt. Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Russell Baldwin

Benjamin Homans Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Acting Sec<sup>y</sup> of the Navy

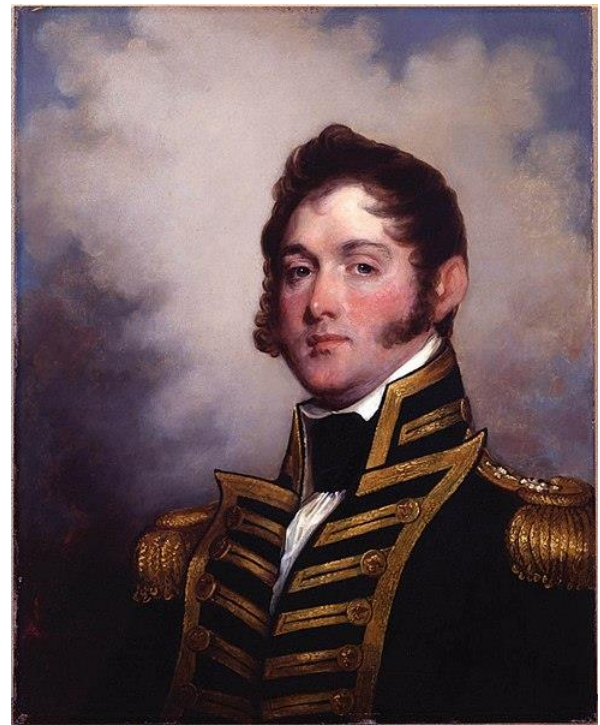
**Figure D10c.** Seeking confirmation of orders from Commodore Perry to conduct a 'Rendezvous' and recruit a crew, Russell Baldwin sent a second request to Jones' protégé, in charge when Jones left the position. Baldwin signed his letters of Dec. 8 and 14th with a calligraphic flourish approximating a sword and hilt, perhaps honoring his brother Denizen's service recognized by Congressional Resolution awarding a Presentation Sword to Denis' fellow midshipmen aboard the *Peacock*, in October when Denis was killed in action. Russell Baldwin, New York, Letter to Benjamin Homans, Acting Secretary of the Navy, December 24, 1814. *Officers' letters to the Secretary of the Navy by officers assigned to ships, stations, and Navy bureaus, 1802-1884*, NARA M 148, RG 45; Roll 0013 at <https://www.fold3.com/image/636011847> Courtesy, NARA, Washington, D.C. and Fold 3.



**Figure D10d.** Russell Baldwin, Midshipman, Letter to Acting Secretary of the Navy, Benjamin Homans, a protégé of Jones. Endorsed December 24, ordered by Capt. (Oliver) Perry to rendezvous in New York. *Officers' letters to the Secretary of the Navy by officers assigned to ships, stations, and Navy bureaus, 1802-1884*, NARA M148, RG 45; Roll 0013 at <https://www.fold3.com/image/636011923> Courtesy, National Archives and Record Administration, Washington, D.C. and Fold 3.



**Figure D10e.** Engraving, Oliver Hazard Perry at the Battle of Lake Erie with flag bearing words "Don't Give Up the Ship." Engraved by J.B. Forrest after J.W. Jarvis. *USS Constitution* Museum Art Collection. Image from Digital Commonwealth Massachusetts Collections Online at <https://www.digitalcommonwealth.org/search/commonwealth:66830m96d>



**Figure D9f.** Portrait of Oliver Hazard Perry by Gilbert Stuart. Russell Baldwin may have gained the attention of Commodore Perry in late 1814, because he had served as an acting Midshipman on the *Chesapeake* at the Battle of Boston Harbor when Captain James Lawrence, a friend of Perry, gave his dying command, "Don't give up the ship." In defending Lake Erie, Perry named his flagship *Lawrence* and hoisted a flag with Lawrence's command upon it, gaining victory at the Battle of Lake Erie, September 10, 1813, one hundred days after Captain Lawrence's death. By July 1815, Russell Baldwin had assembled the crew for Perry's recently commissioned 44-gun ship *Java* and would sail under his command in the Mediterranean Squadron. Portrait, Oliver Hazard Perry, painted by Gilbert Stuart, 1818. Toledo Museum of Art. Image, Public Domain from [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Portrait\\_of\\_Oliver\\_Hazard\\_Perry,\\_1818.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Portrait_of_Oliver_Hazard_Perry,_1818.jpg)

New York July 21<sup>st</sup> 1815

Sir

Since your departure I have procured forty five men for the ship under your command, who embark this day on board the John Jay, accompanied by six from port, one shipped by sailing Mr. Co. or to a lad who was taken up in this city as a deserter from the ship.

This draft of men may not bear so great a proportion of seamen as the former, yet I cannot but hope you

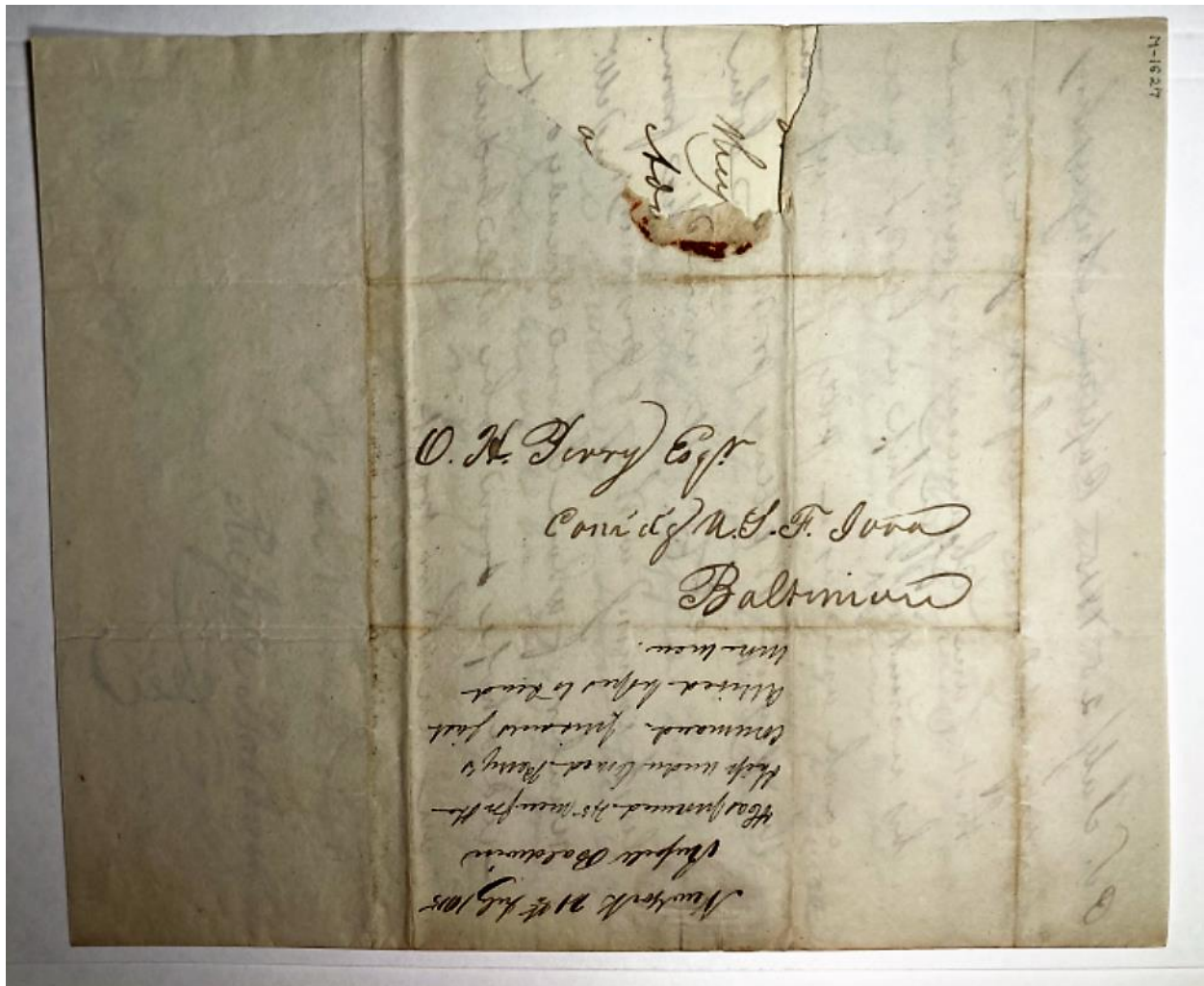
**Figure D11a.** Russell Baldwin assembled 'drafts' of men for crews for Oliver Hazard Perry; this draft followed at least one earlier one in 1815. Russell Baldwin Letter to Captain Oliver Hazard Perry, July 21, 1815, advising Perry that he had assembled 45 men "for the ship," the newly commissioned 44-gun *Java* intended for the Mediterranean Squadron. Digitized for this research for study purposes only: Russell Baldwin Letters, Oliver Hazard Perry Papers, William L. Clements Library, The University of Michigan at [https://clements.umich.edu/eadd/perryo\\_contributors.pdf](https://clements.umich.edu/eadd/perryo_contributors.pdf)

will be pleased with them, as I  
am confident every man will  
be able to fill the capacity for which  
he has shipped. — There are  
two musicians in this draft & since  
they were sent on board the John  
Adams I have shipped two more  
one of whom is a leader the is of  
opinion he will be able to procure  
8 more to complete the band. —  
I am with high esteem  
Your most Obedt Servt  
Russell Baldwin  
O. H. Perry Esq.

**Figure D11b.** “Though this draft of men may not have so great a proportion of Seamen as the former, yet I cannot but hope you will be pleased with them, as I am confident every man will be able to fill the capacity for which he has shipped.” Russell Baldwin Letter to Captain Oliver Hazard Perry, July 21, 1815, quote continued from page 1, page 2 of 3. Digitized for this research for study purposes only: Russell Baldwin Letters, Oliver Hazard Perry Papers, William L. Clements Library, The University of Michigan.

I will which use John more is of record  
P.S. July 25 1815 - Captain Augustus has requested me to inform you, Sir, that Com. Chauncey has authorized his recruiting <sup>office</sup> to ship a board, to rate each one as a petty officer upon the pay of 18 dollars pr. mo  
A Cartel arrived last evening with 278 prisoners, number of whom I have already <sup>seen</sup> I hope soon to be able to send on another draft.

**Figure D11c.** Russell Baldwin, a prisoner of war after the Battle of Boston Harbor on June 1, 1813, met with returning American prisoners of war, offering them the opportunity to serve again. Baldwin, postscript, July 25, 1815, concerning a humanitarian return of prisoners to the United States in a 'cartel' ship under a flag of truce, for that purpose: "A Cartel arriv'd last evening with 278 prisoners (letter damaged) number of whom I have already (damaged: seen?) And I hope soon to be able to send on another draft." Russell Baldwin Letter to Captain Oliver Hazard Perry, July 21, 1815, page 3 of 3. Digitized for this research for study purposes only: Russell Baldwin Letters, Oliver Hazard Perry Papers, William L. Clements Library, University of Michigan.



**Figure D11d.** Endorsed: “Russell Baldwin has procured 45 men for the ship under Comdr Perry’s command. Prisoners just arrived hoped to send more men.” Russell Baldwin Letter to Captain Oliver Hazard Perry, July 21, 1815. Perry was in Baltimore with the recently commissioned U.S. Frigate *Java* intended for the Mediterranean Squadron. Digitized for this research for study purposes only: Russell Baldwin Letters, Oliver Hazard Perry Papers, William L. Clements Library, University of Michigan.

September 13<sup>th</sup> 1816

Sir

I have understood that this ship is soon to return to the U. States - permit me therefore to ask of you an introductory letter to Cap<sup>n</sup> Shaw of the Frigate "United States", which I am confident will procure me a situation on board that ship. -

I am, Sir,

Respectfully

Your most obt. Serv<sup>t</sup>

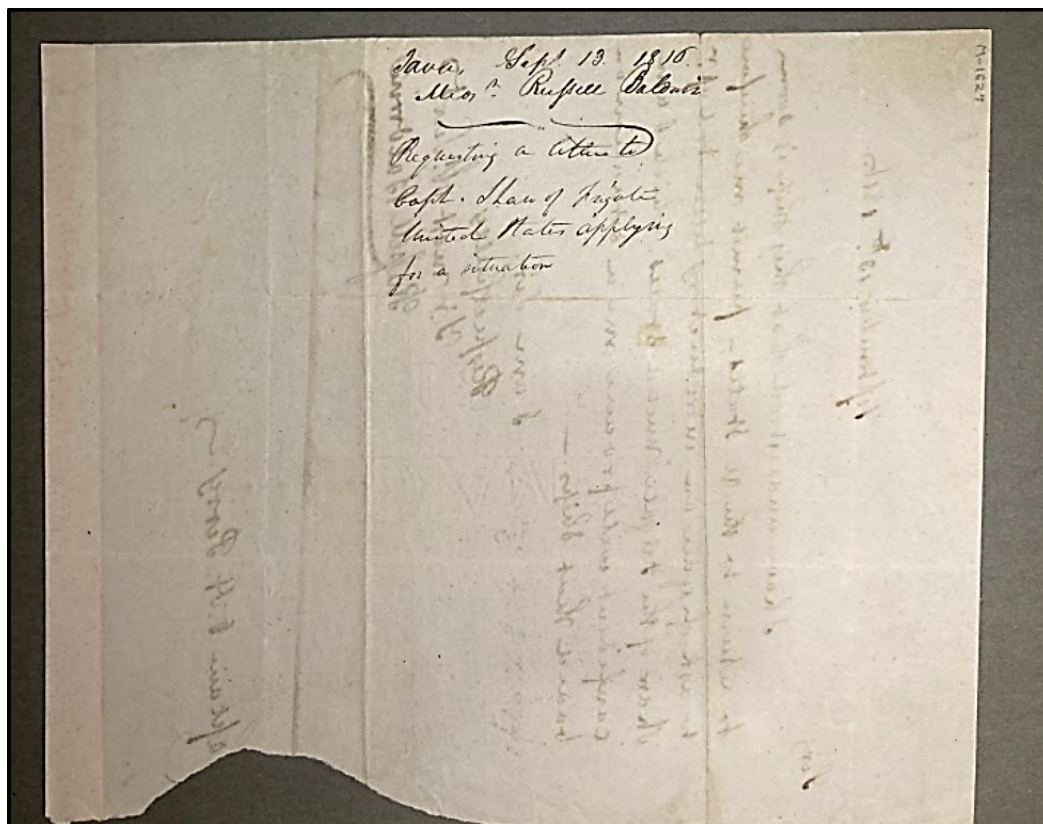
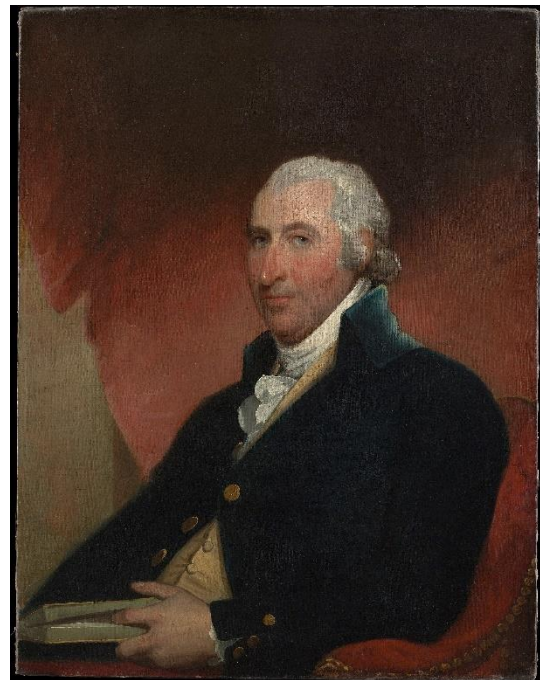
Russell Baldwin

Captain O. H. Perry. -

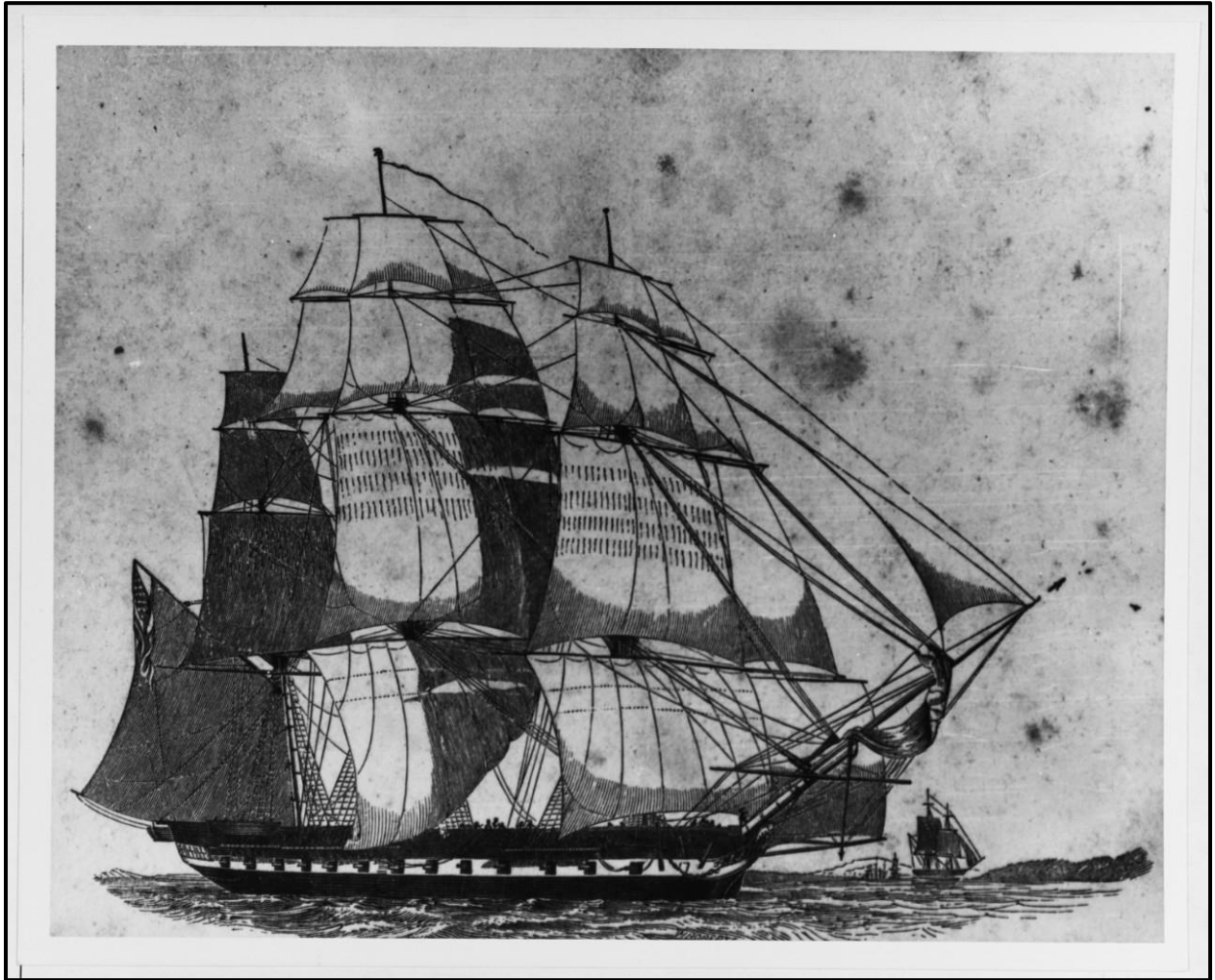
**Figure D12a.** Understanding that the *Java* was soon to return to the United States, Russell Baldwin requested an introductory letter from Captain Perry to Captain Shaw of the Frigate *United States* to obtain a situation. Russell Baldwin Letter to Captain Oliver Hazard Perry, September 13, 1816. Digitized for this research for study purposes only: Russell Baldwin Letters, Oliver Hazard Perry Papers, William L. Clements Library, University of Michigan.



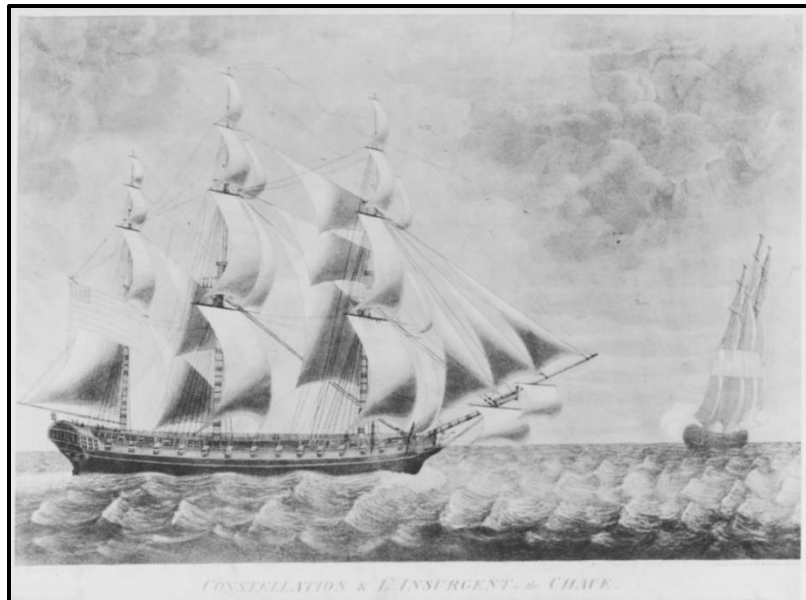
**Figure D12b.** Russell Baldwin requested a letter of introduction from Commodore Perry to Commodore John Shaw (Ireland, 1773 - Philadelphia, PA, 1823) of the Frigate *United States*, on September 13, 1816. Shaw was highly regarded by his men. Portrait of John Shaw, 1793 by Gilbert Stuart, Accession Number: 2005.462.1. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Grima Johnson, 2005, Metropolitan Museum of Art at [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:John\\_Shaw\\_MET\\_DPI36861.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:John_Shaw_MET_DPI36861.jpg) Commodore Shaw was interred at Christ Church Burial Ground at Philadelphia, where Benjamin Franklin and signers of the Declaration of Independence were buried.



**Figure D12c.** Endorsed “Java September 13, 1816. Mid<sup>s</sup> Russell Baldwin Requesting a letter to Capt. Shaw of the Frigate *United States* applying for a situation.” Russell Baldwin Letter to Captain Oliver Hazard Perry, September 13, 1816. Digitized for this research for study purposes only: Russell Baldwin Letters, Oliver Hazard Perry Papers, William L. Clements Library, University of Michigan.



**Figure D12d.** Russell Baldwin would sail three of the first six frigates of the United States Navy, the *USS United States*, the *Constellation* and the *Chesapeake* – the sister ships to the *USS Constitution*, all authorized by Congress with the Naval Act of 1794. Transferred to the *USS United States* from the *USS Constellation*, in October 1817, Russell Baldwin sailed on the *United States* (1797) the first of the six original frigates authorized for construction by the Naval Act of 1794 signed by President George Washington. As “Frigate A,” the ship was named the *United States* by the President. Apparently, Russell Baldwin received the letter of introduction that he requested September 13, 1816 from Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry to Commodore Shaw of the *USS United States*. Engraving ca. 1852, *USS United States* (1797-1861) under full sail after a drawing by Master William Brady, USN. Copied from the Kedge Anchor. Photograph, courtesy of the U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command, Washington, D.C., at <https://www.history.navy.mil/content/history/nhhc/our-collections/photography/numerical-list-of-images/nhhc-series/nh-series/NH-01000/NH-1016.html>



**Figure D13.** Russell Baldwin sailed the 38-gun three masted frigate *USS Constellation* (1797) with Captain Shaw, before the officers transferred to the *USS United States*. These were the first two of the original six frigates (the *Constitution* was the third) authorized by Congress in 1794, the year Lieutenant Jacob Baldwin bought the Daniel Rose House in Granville. In 1816, Russell was listed on the *Constellation's* muster roll presented to Congress, January 1817. The *Constellation* was part of the Mediterranean Squadron under the command of Commodores Bainbridge, Isaac Chauncey and Shaw (Baldwin met with, or served with, all three) in the Second Barbary War; and returned to Hampton Roads in December 1817. This print shows the *Constellation* in 1799 chasing the French ship *Insurgente*, the year that five-year-old Russell Baldwin's father Jacob died. Engraving by Edward Savage from his own painting. Reproduced by courtesy of Charles H. Taylor, from a very rare engraving in his collection by the U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command, Washington, D.C. at <https://www.history.navy.mil/content/history/nhhc/our-collections/photography/numerical-list-of-images/nhhc-series/nh->



**Figure D14.** Under orders of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, Midshipman Russell Baldwin enlisted the crew for Perry's ship the *Java* (1814-1815) while she was being built, and then served aboard in the Mediterranean Squadron from 1816-1817 during the Second Barbary War, also known as the Algerian War. Engraving depicting Commodore Bainbridge's Squadron off Algiers, taken from *Our Navy and the Barbary Corsairs*, 1905 by, Gardner Weld Allen, Wikimedia Commons (Public Domain) at [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Engraving\\_depicting\\_Bainbridge\\_Squadron\\_off\\_Algers.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Engraving_depicting_Bainbridge_Squadron_off_Algers.jpg)



**Figure D15a.** The third ship named after statesman Benjamin Franklin, Founding Father of the United States and an early supporter of the American Navy during the American Revolution, carried 74 guns. Five years after the *USS Franklin* was built in 1815 at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, Russell Baldwin sailed on the *Franklin* in 1820-1821 when it was the flagship of the Pacific Squadron. He wrote from the *Franklin* in 1831 at the time she was listed as ‘in ordinary’ under service and repair. For image of the *Franklin*’s figurehead at the U.S. Naval History and Heritage Center, Washington, D.C., see Catalog Nos. 115215 at

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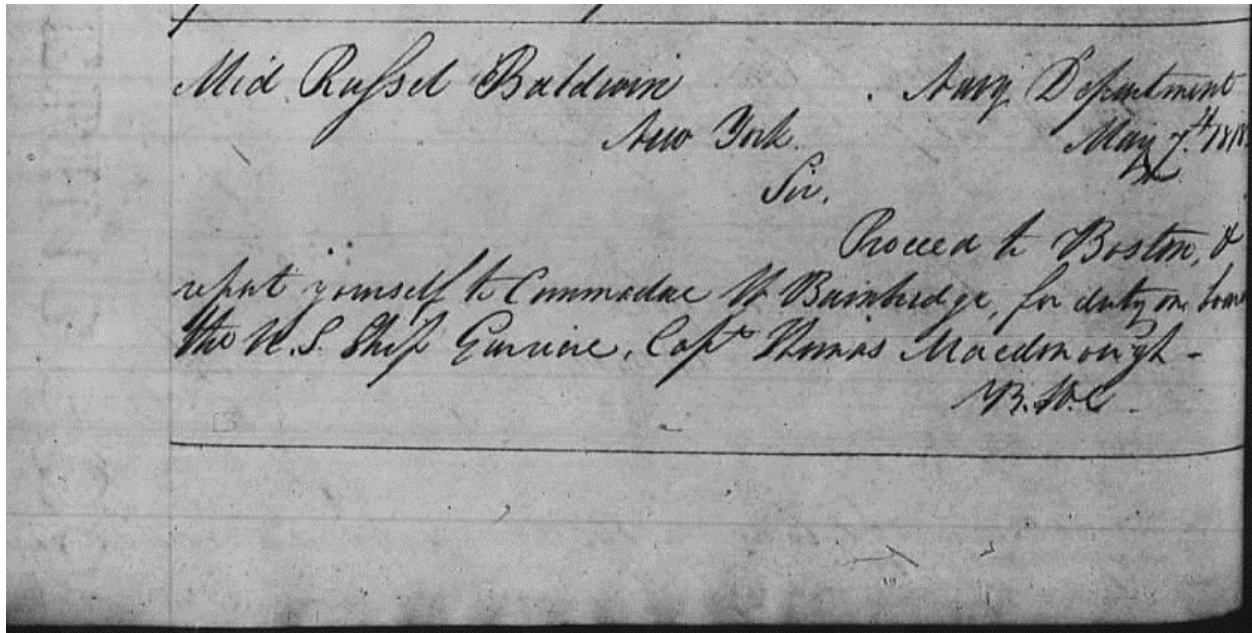
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**Figure D15b.** Russell Baldwin sailed from 1820-1821 aboard the *USS Franklin* (1815-1852) when she was the flagship of America’s Pacific Squadron; and wrote from the *Franklin* in 1831 when she was laid up in ordinary for repairs in New York. Photo of painting *Rounding Portovenere, near La Spezia, Italy, ca. 1819*. Courtesy of Mr. E. Wheeler Barto, NH53940 at the U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command, Washington, D.C. at

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**Figure D16a.** Russell Baldwin, May 7, 1818: Entry of order signed ‘BWC’, Benjamin Williams Crowninshield, Secretary of the Navy, for Midshipman Russell Baldwin to proceed from New York to Boston and report to Commodore Bainbridge for duty on the U.S. Ship *Guerriere*, Captain Thomas McDonough, commanding. Miscellaneous Records of the Navy Department, NARA T829; RG 45; Roll 0383 at <https://www.fold3.com/image/624574804> Courtesy, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C. and Fold 3.



**Figure D16b.** Russell Baldwin served on the *USS Guerriere* built in 1814 and named after a British ship defeated by the *USS Constitution* during the War of 1812. From 1818 to 1819, Baldwin served on the *Guerriere*, departing Boston on July 24, 1818 and after stops in Copenhagen and Gibraltar, disembarking the American Minister and his family in Russia and then cruising the Mediterranean, under the command of Captain Thomas Macdonough. Portrait Commodore Thomas Macdonough, ca 1815/18 by Gilbert Stuart. Andrew W. Mellon Collection, Courtesy, National Gallery of Art, Washington at <https://www.nga.gov/collection/art-object-page.1111.html>

New York, April 25th, 1821.

Sir:

About the time of your leaving the Mediterranean for the U.S. the ship's company of the *Guerriere*, being duly impressed with a sense of their obligation to you for the solicitude you ever evinced for their comfort and happiness, with their characteristic liberality subscribed the sum of three hundred guineas to be applied to the purchase of a sword to be presented to you as a memento of their regard & esteem.

As one could be made much cheaper in England than in this country, the fund, through the assistance of Mr. Bourn, was placed in the hands of the writer of the enclosed letter, who, not being able to forward the sword to Gibraltar previous to the sailing of the *Guerriere* for America, sent it hither, where it is now held in custody by the officer of the customs, there being no one who felt authorized to pay the duty. On its arrival Gen'l Swartwout immediately addressed the Secretary of the Treasury asking him if, after considering all the circumstances under which it was sent to this country, a duty would be demanded, to which he replied that he could not, consistently with his official responsibility, suffer it to pass free of the usual duty upon such articles.

After consulting with Gen'l Swartwout upon what steps should be taken, he suggested to me the propriety of stating to you the circumstances attending the case, adding there could be no doubt but that Congress would remit the duty upon its meeting.

Should you feel disposed to authorize me to pay the duty on your account, I will do it with much pleasure & do myself the honor of delivering it to you agreeably to the wish of the ship's company, they having left the business entirely to my management, and, in the ensuing winter, will hand a petition in behalf of the crew to the representative of this city praying Congress to authorize the collector to refund the amount of duty which shall have paid upon this article.

I presume the duty will amount to 250 or 300 dollars.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obt servt

Russell Baldwin.

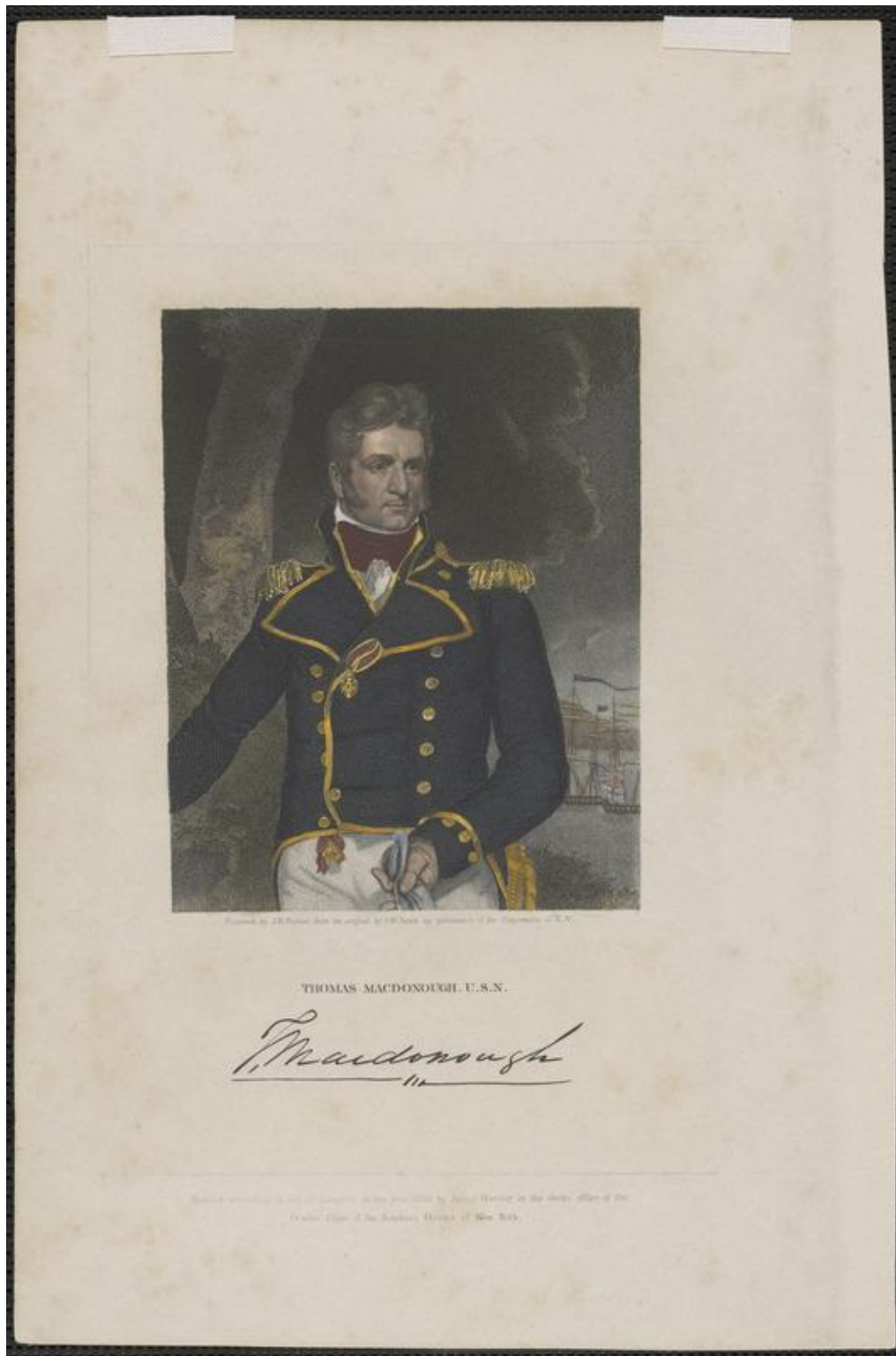
P.S. If you please, Sir, you will return the enclosed when you answer this communication. I have examined the sword and find it in very perfect order.

B.

Addressed to

Com. Thos. Macdonough, Middletown, Conn.

**Figure D16c.** Russell Baldwin, New York, Letter to Commodore Thomas Macdonough, Middletown, CT, April 25, 1821, concerning arrangements by Baldwin to present a sword to the Commodore on behalf of the crew of the *Guerriere*, to show their "regard and esteem." Typescript, War of 1812 mss., 1775-1879, Archives Online at Indiana University. Courtesy of The Lilly Library, Indiana University. Digitized for the first time for this research, for study purposes only. See <http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/findingaids/view?brand=general&docId=InU-Li-VAC1213&chunk.id=VAC1213-02243&startDoc=1>



**Figure D16d.** Russell Baldwin likely completed his mission to present Commodore Macdonough with a sword from the crew of the *Guerriere*. Perhaps the *Guerriere* sword is that held by Macdonough in this ca. 1833 hand-colored engraving of Thomas Macdonough, with his signature. Engraved by John B. Forrest (ca. 1814-1870) after a painting by John Wesley Jarvis (1780-1840). *USS Constitution* Museum Art Collection. From Digital Commonwealth, Massachusetts Collections Online at <https://www.digitalcommonwealth.org/search/commonwealth:66830k91t> Published in black and white in *The national portrait gallery of distinguished Americans / conducted by James B. Longacre ... and James Herring ... under the superintendence of the American Academy of the Fine Arts.* Philadelphia: Henry Perkins, 1834.

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New York Jan<sup>y</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1823.

Sir,

The voyage to the Pacific Ocean, on which I was about sailing when I last had the honor of speaking with you in this city, I was unable to complete until the 15<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>; at which period, the board convened for examining midshipmen was dissolved. And as I am very desirous of procuring a certificate of my qualifications as a seaman, I take the liberty of asking your permission to apply for such certificate to Captains whom you shall be pleased to name, confidently hoping they will deem me worthy of having my name placed upon the list of candidates for promotions, & that this measure will not be incompatible with the etiquette of the service or your own ideas of justice.

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**Figure D17a.** Russell Baldwin to Secretary of the Navy, Jan. 22, 1823 from New York, p. 1 of 2, referring to his service in the Pacific (on board the flagship *Franklin*) and requesting permission to apply for certificate of captaincy and placement "upon list of candidacy for promotions." Navy Officers' Letters 1802-1884, *Officers' letters to the Secretary of the Navy by officers assigned to ships, stations, and Navy bureaus*. NARA M148; RG 45; Roll 0030 at <https://www.fold3.com/image/636049028> Courtesy, National Archives and Record Administration, Washington, D.C. and Fold 3.



The enclosed I flatter myself will  
be accepted as satisfactory -

I have the honor to be

Sirs Your most ob<sup>l</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>

Russell Baldwin

Hon<sup>ble</sup>

Smith Thompson

Secretary of the Navy -

**Figure D17b.** Russell Baldwin to Secretary of the Navy, Jan. 22, 1823, p. 2 of 2, requesting placement on the list of "candidacy for promotions." New York. Navy Officers' Letters 1802-1884, *Officers' letters to the Secretary of the Navy by officers assigned to ships, stations, and Navy bureaus*. NARA M148; RG 45; Roll 0030 at <https://www.fold3.com/image/636049031> Secretary Smith Thompson's endorsement was: "Mid. R. Baldwin wishes to be examined specially." See <https://www.fold3.com/image/636049034> Courtesy, National Archives and Record Administration, Washington, D.C. and Fold 3.

Sir

New York July 11<sup>th</sup> 1823

I have the honor to inform  
you of my return to this country from South  
America & that I will report myself  
personally at the Department in a few  
days.

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
y<sup>r</sup> most obt. Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Russell Baldwin

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Smith Thompson  
Secretary of the Navy

**Figure D18.** Russell Baldwin, New York, to Secretary of the Navy, July 11, 1823 on “my return to this country from South America.” Navy Officers’ Letters 1802-1884, *Officers’ letters to the Secretary of the Navy by officers assigned to ships, stations, and Navy bureaus*. NARA M148; RG 45; Roll 0031 at <https://www.fold3.com/image/636055938?terms=russell,baldwin> Courtesy, National Archives and Record Administration, Washington, D.C. and Fold 3.

Lieut Russell Baldwin } I wish them here N. Depart  
 " US Navy } Sir 4<sup>th</sup> May 1826.  
 The President of the  
 U.S. States, by and with the advice and consent of  
 the Senate, having appointed you a Lieutenant  
 in the Navy, I have the pleasure to enclose here-  
 with your Commission dated 28<sup>th</sup> April 1826. to  
 take rank next after Lieut John Rudd. S.S.

**Figure D19.** Russell Baldwin, May 4, 1826: Commission as Lieutenant: The President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, having appointed you a Lieutenant in the Navy, I have the pleasure to enclose herewith your Commission dated 28<sup>th</sup> April 1826 to take rank . . .”, Appointments . . . United States Navy, NARA T829; RG 45; Roll 0384 at <https://www.fold3.com/image/624574400> Courtesy, National Archives and Record Administration, Washington, D.C. and Fold 3.

128 Muster Roll of the Frigate Constellation

| No. | Entry.     |      | Appearance on board. | Where.    | NAMES.             | Stations. | Time last settled and paid to. | D. D. or R. | When.      |       | Where of what rank |
|-----|------------|------|----------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------|--------------------|
|     | Day month. | Year |                      |           |                    |           |                                |             | Day month. | Year. |                    |
| 1   | Oct 22     | 1817 | Oct 22               | Gibraltar | John Shaw          | Captain   |                                |             | June 21    | 1818  |                    |
| 2   | Oct 22     | 1817 | 10 22                | "         | Francis H. Gregory | Lt.       |                                |             |            |       |                    |
| 3   | "          | "    | 10 22                | "         | William Shaw       | Mid       |                                |             |            |       |                    |
| 4   | "          | "    | "                    | "         | Russell Baldwin    | Mid       |                                |             | May 28     | 1818  |                    |
| 5   | "          | "    | "                    | "         | Thomas Shaw        | chaplain  | May 28                         |             | May 1      | 1818  |                    |
| 6   | "          | "    | "                    | "         | J. T. Montgomery   | Lt.       |                                |             | June 21    |       |                    |

**Figure D20a.** Midshipman, later Lieutenant, Russell Baldwin, on the Muster Roll of the *USS Constellation* at Gibraltar, listed after Captain John Shaw and (his son-in-law) Lieutenant Francis H. Gregory, all three appearing on board October 22, 1817. Lt. Gregory would mention Lieutenant Baldwin first, in his letter to the Secretary of the Navy, September 1826, when hand-picking officers under his command to deliver the frigate *Hope*, built in New York, to the Greek independence revolutionary authorities. Russell Baldwin, Muster Roll of the *Constellation*, *Miscellaneous Records Of The Navy Department*, NARA T829; RG 45; Roll 0086 at <https://www.fold3.com/image/624392198> Courtesy, National Archives and Record Administration, Washington, D.C. and Fold 3.

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New York Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1826.

Sir

I take the liberty of soliciting leave of absence for the purpose of accompanying Lieutenant Francis H. Gregory in the Ship *Hope*. - I presume Sir, that six months would elapse, even should no accident occur to cause an unexpected delay, before I could again reach the United States. - Should granting this request be compatible with the views of the Department, it will add a further obligation to those I am already under for indulgence which have been granted me. -

I have the honor to be Sir,  
with high personal esteem,  
Your most obt. Serv<sup>t</sup>

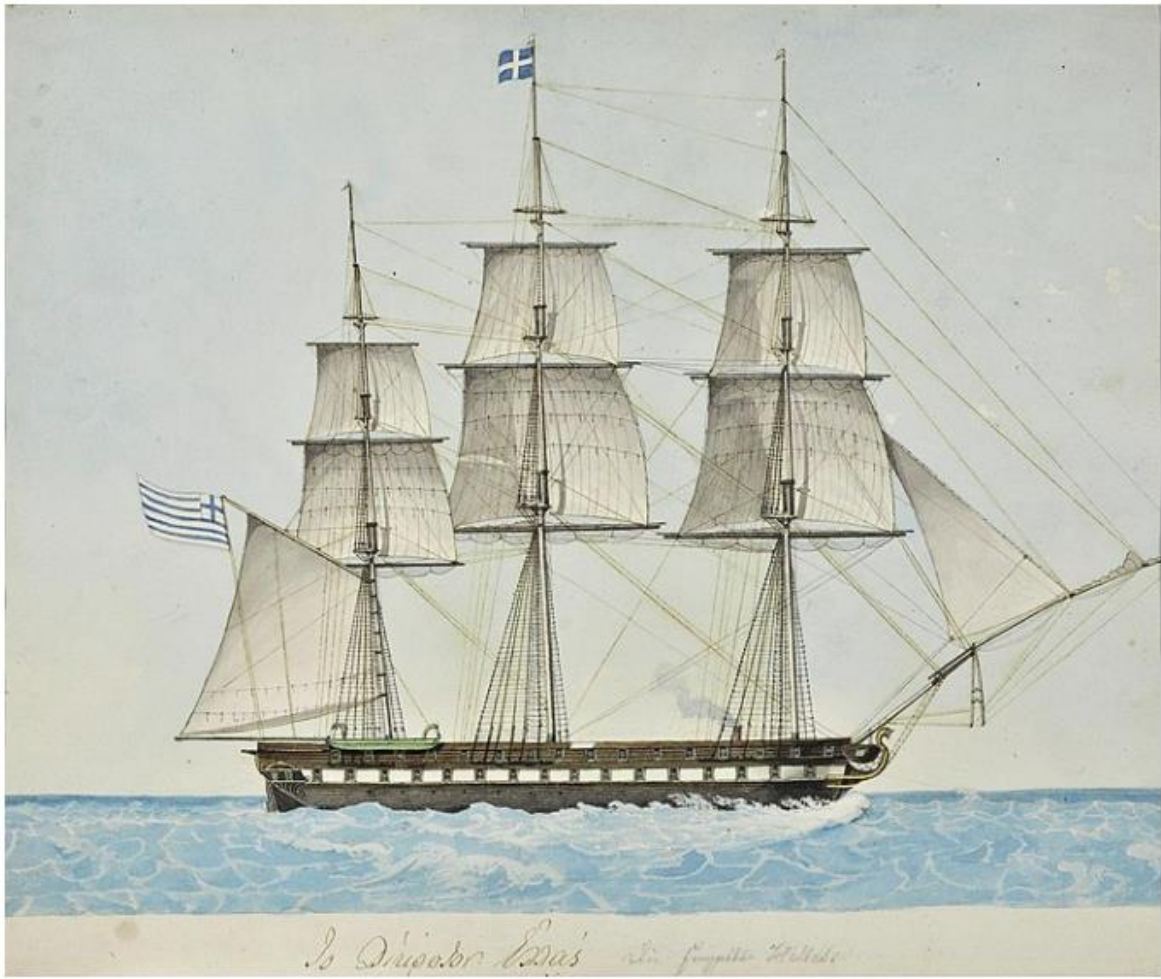
Russell Baldwin

To the Honble

Saml. L. Southard,

Secretary of the Navy.

**Figure D20b.** Russell Baldwin, request for leave of absence to accompany Lt. Francis H. Gregory (1789-1866) [serving from the War of 1812 to the Civil War (then a Rear Admiral)] in the ship *Hope*, September 15, 1826, to deliver the frigate to Greece where it became the flagship of the Revolutionary Hellenic Army. Leave granted September 18, 1826. Circa 1820, Gregory married Elizabeth Shaw, the daughter of Baldwin's former captain, Commodore John Shaw. *Navy Officers' Letters 1802-1884, Officers' letters to the Secretary of the Navy by officers assigned to ships, stations, and Navy bureaus*. NARA M148; RG 45; Roll 0044 at <https://www.fold3.com/image/636042884> Courtesy, National Archives and Record Administration, Washington, D.C. and Fold 3.



**Figure D20c.** On October 16, 1826, Russell Baldwin sailed with Lt. Francis H. Gregory who commanded the frigate *Hope*, built in New York 1825-1826, that would become the flagship, and “most powerful” vessel of, the Revolutionary Hellenic Army during the Greek War of Independence. Sailing with the unofficial authorization of the Department and without register or neutrality bond, the officers upheld a matter of national “honor” by delivering the ship in the cause of liberty. They faced two mutinies by the crew seeking to sell the vessel; yet the officers succeeded in delivering the ship to the Greek Revolutionaries who had paid for its construction in New York City. It became the Greek frigate *Hellas*. Greek frigate *Hellas*, built as the *Hope* in New York City, 1826. Public Domain accessed at Wikimedia Commons at [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Hellas\\_Frigate\\_1827.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Hellas_Frigate_1827.jpg)

New York. September 19<sup>th</sup> 1826

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The Hon<sup>ble</sup>

Samuel L. Southard  
Secretary of the Navy.

Sir.

I beg leave to renew an application  
which I made to you on the third of this month  
to which I have not as yet received an answer -  
I have an offer to go out in a Ship command-  
ed by Lieut Francis H. Gregory and am at this  
time doing duty on board of her. I am extremely  
anxious to go the cruise as it will be very improv-  
ing to me in profession as well as beneficial to me  
in other respects. My present leave of absence will  
expire on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November; and I respectfully re-  
quest, Sir, that you will extend it four months  
from that date.

I have the honor to be  
Your most Obedt Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Henry W. Morris  
- Mid. U. S. Navy -

**Figure D20d.** The grandson of Robert Morris, signer of the Declaration of Independence, requested a leave of absence to sail with Lieutenant Gregory commanding a ship (the *Hope*) upon which he was “at this time doing duty on board of her. I am extremely anxious to go the cruise as it will be very improving to me in profession.” Henry W. Morris, New York, Letter to Samuel L. Southard, Secretary of the Navy, September 19, 1826, Navy Officers’ Letters 1802-1884, *Officers’ letters to the Secretary of the Navy by officers assigned to ships, stations, and Navy bureaus*. NARA M148; RG45; Roll 0044 at <https://www.fold3.com/image/1/636042925> Courtesy, National Archives and Record Administration, Washington, D.C. and Fold 3.

New York Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> 1826

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you the  
leaves of absence, of L<sup>t</sup>. Baldwin, S<sup>t</sup>. H. Smith & Mr  
Buckridge, my own way of the same tenor, and  
has been mislaid, as soon as I lay my hands upon  
it I will forward it - Mr. Smith cannot have a sit-  
-uation if Mr. Humphreys gets a furlough, and would in  
that event rather have a leave of absence, to go out with  
me as a passenger, for his own amusement - I prefer  
him: Mr. Humphreys application has as yet never  
been answered.

I have the Honor to be  
Very Respectfully  
Yours  
Francis H. Gregory

Honorable  
Samuel L. Southard  
Secretary of the  
Navy  
Princeton

**Figure D20e.** Specifically requesting Lieutenant Baldwin and two other men to be on the voyage of the *Hope* (vessel unnamed), Lt. Francis H. Gregory, New York, Letter to Samuel L. Southard, Secretary of the Navy, Sept. 26, 1826. Officers' letters to the Secretary of the Navy by officers assigned to ships, stations, and Navy bureaus., NARA 148, RG 45, Roll 044 at <https://www.fold3.com/image/1/636042999> Courtesy, NARA, Washington, D.C. and Fold 3.

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|-----|------------|------------|---------|-----------------|-------|---|--------------|--------|
| 324 |            | Dec 25     | Salinas | John H. Smith   | Lieut | D |              |        |
| 328 |            | " 25       | "       | Henry W. Morris | Lieut | D | Dec 27 1826  | Aegina |
| 331 |            | " 27       | Aegina  | Russell Baldwin | Lieut | D | July 27 1826 | Aegina |
| 332 | Aug 1 1827 | Aug 1 1827 | "       | Henry Morrison  | Lieut | D | " 27         |        |

**Figure D21.** Lieutenant Russell Baldwin was picked up by the *USS Ontario* at Aegina, on December 27, 1826, one month after the American officers delivered the *Hope* to the revolutionaries fighting for Greek independence. Aegina was the island headquarters of the Greek independent authorities. Russell is listed after John H. Smith and Henry W. Morris, grandson of Robert, Signer of the Declaration of Independence, who were picked up on Christmas Day by the *Ontario* from the Greek island of Salinas, two days voyage away. These three men were specifically requested as dependable by Lt. Francis H. Gregory in his letters to the Secretary of the Navy, when he requested that they sail with him on the voyage. They sailed without register or a bond of neutrality to deliver the frigate to Greece to uphold the honor of America, where the ship was built in New York; and the officers overcame two attempts at mutiny intent on selling the ship to enemy powers. Muster and Pay rolls *USS Ontario*, 1827. Miscellaneous Records of the Office of Naval Records and Library, 1803-1859, NARA T829, RG 45, Rolls 0065 at <https://www.fold3.com/image/624155093> Courtesy, NARA, Washington, D.C. and Fold 3.

| No. | Entry      |            | Where      | NAMES              | Stations | Time last settled and paid to. | D. or R. | When         |       | Where at what rank  |
|-----|------------|------------|------------|--------------------|----------|--------------------------------|----------|--------------|-------|---|
|     | Day month. | Year.      |            |                    |          |                                |          | Day month.   | Year. |   |
| 313 | 14         | 1825       | 1825       | Ferdinand Appelt   | Sea      |                                | D        | July 27 1827 |       |   |
| 314 |            | 1826       | 1826       | James Gregory      | Ship     |                                | D        | Dec 2 1826   |       |   |
| 315 |            | 1826       | 1826       | Mr. W. Armstrong   | Land     |                                | D        | Dec 27 1826  |       | Retained in the U. S. by permission on leave of absence.  |
| 315 |            | 1826       | 1826       | Robert Gray        | Ship     |                                | D        |              |       | Discontinued from service on account of ill health.   |
| 317 |            | 1826       | 1826       | George Thompson    | Ship     |                                | D        |              |       |   |
| 318 |            | 1826       | 1826       | George Perkins     | Sea      |                                | D        |              |       |   |
| 319 |            | 1826       | 1826       | Henry Williams     | Sea      |                                | D        |              |       |   |
| 320 | Oct 8      | 1826       | Oct 8 1826 | William Chase      | Sea      |                                | D        | Dec 20 1827  |       |   |
| 321 |            | 1826       | 1826       | Isaac Davidson     | Ship     |                                | D        |              |       |   |
| 322 |            | 1826       | 1826       | Antonio Gomez      | Ship     |                                | D        | Dec 2 1827   |       | From time of being taken on board is some irregularities, records taken from the same time from the time of being taken on board. |
| 323 | Nov 1      | 1826       | Nov 1 1826 | Carl Hill          | Sea      |                                | D        | Aug 31 1827  |       |   |
| 324 |            | 1826       | 1826       | Giovanni Lopez     | Sea      |                                | D        | " 31         |       |   |
| 325 |            | 1826       | 1826       | Francisco Washburn | Sea      |                                | D        | Sept 12 1827 |       |   |
| 326 |            | 1826       | 1826       | Samuel Mitchell    | Ship     |                                | D        | Oct 28 1826  |       |   |
| 327 |            | 1826       | 1826       | Michael Chiparas   | Ship     |                                | D        | Aug 20 1827  |       |   |
| 328 |            | 1826       | 1826       | Samuel Mitchell    | Ship     |                                | D        | Sept 12 1827 |       | See Station   |
| 329 |            | 1826       | 1826       | John H. Smith      | Lieut    |                                | D        |              |       |   |
| 330 |            | 1826       | 1826       | Henry W. Morris    | Lieut    |                                | D        | Dec 27 1826  |       | Retained in the U. S. by permission on leave of absence.  |
| 331 |            | 1826       | 1826       | Russell Baldwin    | Lieut    |                                | D        | July 27 1826 |       |   |
| 332 | Aug 1 1827 | Aug 1 1827 | "          | Henry Morrison     | Lieut    |                                | D        | " 27         |       |   |
| 333 | Jan 1 1827 | Jan 1 1827 | "          | George Cruise      | Sea      |                                | D        | " 21         |       | Retired by permission May 15 1827   |
| 334 |            | 1827       | 1827       | David Lamborn      | Sea      |                                | D        | " 21         |       | Retired by permission July 7 1827. He has been Mustered May 15 1827   |
| 335 |            | 1827       | 1827       | William Davis      | Sea      |                                | D        | Jan 28 1827  |       |   |





U.S. Ship Ontario 19  
New York March 3<sup>d</sup> 1828.

Sir

I have the pleasure of acknowledging  
the receipt of the leave of absence which you did  
me the honor to grant, dated on the 23<sup>d</sup> Sept.

I leave the honor to be,

Sir,  
Your obt. Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Russell Baldwin

To The Honble  
Sam<sup>l</sup>. L. Southard,  
Secretary of the Navy

**Figure D22.** The *USS Ontario* returned to New York from an extended deployment in the Med, on February 20, 1828; Russell Baldwin wrote from on board the *Ontario* in New York, March 3, 1828, to Samuel L. Southard, Secretary of the Navy, acknowledging a requested leave of absence. He returned to New York aboard the *Ontario* after his voyage to deliver the *Hope* to Greece in late 1826. Navy Officers' Letters 1802-1884, *Officers' letters to the Secretary of the Navy by officers assigned to ships, stations, and Navy bureaus*. NARA M148; RG 45; Roll 0039 at <https://www.fold3.com/image/636342740> Courtesy, National Archives and Record Administration, Washington, D.C. and Fold 3.

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New York. Oct. 22<sup>d</sup> 1828.

To the Honorable  
Secretary of the Navy.

I have had the honor of  
receiving orders for the U.S. Frigate *Guerriere*,  
with which I shall immediately comply.

I have the honor to be  
Sir.

Very Respectfully,  
Your most obed<sup>t</sup>

Russell Baldwin

Honorable -  
Samuel L. Southard,  
of        of        of  
Washington,  
D.C.

**Figure D23.** Russell Baldwin, complying with order to report to the *Guerriere*, Letter to Secretary of the Navy, October 22, 1828: Navy Officers' Letters 1802-1884, *Officers' letters to the Secretary of the Navy by officers assigned to ships, stations, and Navy bureaus*. NARA M148; RG 45; Roll 0053 at <https://www.fold3.com/image/636353755> Courtesy, National Archives and Record Administration, Washington, D.C. and Fold 3.

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Washington City 31<sup>st</sup> October 1828.

Sir,

I have proceeded thus far on my way to the U.S. Frigate *Guerrero* in obedience to an order I had the honor to receive from you on the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. — As I have interests of an individual nature which urgently call for my attention, if my services can be dispensed with on board that ship, by your countermanning this order you will highly gratify my wishes.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
with high esteem  
Your Most ob<sup>d</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Russell Baldwin

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Sam<sup>l</sup> L. Southard  
Secretary of the Navy

**Figure D24.** Russell Baldwin, requesting countermanning of order to attend to urgent matters of a personal nature, October 31, 1828; his request was approved and he was relieved on Nov. 1, 1828. Samuel L. Southard was appointed by President James Monroe and served as Secretary of the Navy (1823-1829) continuing under the administration of John Quincy Adams; he would become Governor of New Jersey, 1832. Russell Baldwin to Samuel L. Southard, Secretary of the Navy, October 31, 1828. Navy Officers' Letters 1802-1884, *Officers' letters to the Secretary of the Navy by officers assigned to ships, stations, and Navy bureaus*. NARA M148; RG 45; Roll 0053 at <https://www.fold3.com/image/636353975> and <https://www.fold3.com/image/636353976> Courtesy, National Archives and Record Administration, Washington, D.C. and Fold 3.

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New York Feb<sup>y</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1830

My dear Sir

I have never yet had an opportunity of visiting the Southern & Western States of our Union, & as I have a great desire to do so for the purpose of beholding for myself, what I have often read of with admiration, as well as to visit my sick friend with whom I travelled the last season; for the purpose of securing a sum of money which is now in jeopardy in Louisiana, I am anxious to avail myself of the present moment, provided it in no way interfere with the views of the Executive. — Under my present leave of absence I do not feel authorized to go so great a distance from the Seat of Government — I therefore take the liberty of requesting you to do me the favor, to ask the Honorable the Secretary of the Navy, whether my taking this journey has his full acquiescence — I will report myself from time to time as he may be pleased to direct. — It is my wish to visit West Florida — Alabama — Louisiana — ascend the Mississippi & Ohio Rivers — visit the great Northern Lakes, & thence to this city — which will

**Figure D25a.** Russell Baldwin, New York, Letter to Captain John B. Nicolson, his friend and a commanding officer of his brother Denizen Baldwin who helped Nicolson deliver the *Epervier* to Savannah in 1814 (see Fig. D6b). Baldwin seeks the Secretary's approval of his plans of "visiting the southern and western states of our union . . . to visit west Florida, Alabama, Louisiana — ascent the Mississippi & Ohio rivers, visit the great northern Lakes and thence to this city (New York)" . . . Feb. 2, 1830 page 1 of 2; Navy Officers' Letters 1802-1884, *Officers' letters to the Secretary of the Navy by officers assigned to ships, stations, and Navy bureaus*. NARA M148; RG 45; Roll 0060 at <https://www.fold3.com/image/636325621> Courtesy, NARA, Washington, DC; Fold 3.

occupy from three to four months— I take a liberty  
sir, in putting you to this trouble, but the readiness  
you have ever evinced to extend your friendship  
in my behalf, assures me you will deem me capable  
of duly appreciating this favor, as well as the many  
others you have conferred, since I have had the  
honor of enjoying your acquaintance— I shall  
be pleased to have my name continued, as it is  
at present, upon the books of Purser Chew—

I am, Dear Sir,

Your sincere friend &c

Russell Baldwin

Russell Baldwin

Capt. John B. Nicolson  
U.S. Navy }

**Figure D25b.** Russell Baldwin, cont. Feb. 2, 1830; Navy Officers' Letters 1802-1884, *Officers' letters to the Secretary of the Navy by officers assigned to ships, stations, and Navy bureaus*. NARA M148; RG 45; Roll 0060, Fold 3 at <https://www.fold3.com/image/636325622> envelope addressed to Capt. Jn<sup>o</sup> B. Nicolson, Washington City at <https://www.fold3.com/image/636325624> Courtesy, National Archives and Record Administration, Washington, D.C. and Fold 3.

Washington City Feb. 17. 1831.

Sir,

I have a great desire to visit the Southern & western sections of the United States, Texas and Mexico, for the purpose of acquiring Commercial Knowledge. — With this view, I take the liberty of asking of you the favor, to grant me leave of absence for nine or twelve months. —

I have the honor to be Sir,  
with very high esteem

Your obt. Servt

Russell Baldwin

The Honble  
John Branch  
Secretary of the Navy

**Figure D26.** Russell Baldwin, Washington City, February 17, 1831, to Secretary of the Navy John Branch (previously governor of North Carolina 1817-1820), requesting leave of absence “to visit the southern & western sections of the United States, Texas and Mexico, for the purpose of acquiring commercial knowledge.” Navy Officers’ Letters 1802-1884, *Officers’ letters to the Secretary of the Navy by officers assigned to ships, stations, and Navy bureaus*. NARA M148; RG 45; Roll 0065 at <https://www.fold3.com/image/636328398> Courtesy, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C. and Fold 3.

New York March 3<sup>d</sup> 1831.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you  
that I purpose sailing this day, in the Packet  
Ship St. John, for Mobile Ala.<sup>a</sup> -

I am Sir, with the highest personal  
respect,

Your Most Obedt Serv<sup>t</sup>

Russell Baldwin

Honble

John Branch

Secretary of the Navy -

**Figure D27.** Russell Baldwin, New York, March 3, 1831, to John Branch, Secretary of the Navy, notifying the Secretary he is sailing for Mobile, Alabama in the packet ship St. John. Navy Officers' Letters 1802-1884, *Officers' letters to the Secretary of the Navy by officers assigned to ships, stations, and Navy bureaus*. NARA M148; RG 45; Roll 0066 at <https://www.fold3.com/image/636327307> Courtesy, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C. and Fold 3.

U. S. Ship Franklin  
New York Nov<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1831.

Sir,

For urgent private reasons, I take the liberty of soliciting of you the favor of granting me a furlough, for twelve months, or till further orders from the department. — It is not my wish to be out of the reach of orders, should my services be necessary, but to reside near Gainesville, in the State of Georgia. —

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your Most obt<sup>d</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Russell Baldwin

To The Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Levi Woodbury  
Secretary of the Navy

**Figure D28a.** Russell Baldwin, *USS Franklin*, New York to Levi Woodbury, Secretary of the Navy, November 10, 1831, requesting a furlough of twelve months: "It is not my wish to be out of the reach of orders, should my services be necessary, but to reside near Gainesville in the State of Georgia." Navy Officers' Letters 1802-1884, *Officers' letters to the Secretary of the Navy by officers assigned to ships, stations, and Navy bureaus*. NARA M148; RG 45; Roll 0071 at <https://www.fold3.com/image/636333540> Courtesy, National Archives and Record Administration, Washington, D.C. and Fold 3.



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U. S. Ship Franklin

New York Nov. 18. 1831.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your order, directing me to report myself in person on the 28<sup>th</sup> inst. to Com. Isaac Chauncey as a member of a Court Martial of which he is President.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedt Servt

Russell Baldwin

To the Honble

Levi Woodbury

Secretary of the Navy

**Figure D28b.** Russell Baldwin from the *USS Franklin*, New York to Levi Woodbury Secretary of the Navy, November 18, 1831: "I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your order, directing me to report myself in person on the 38<sup>th</sup> inst. to Com. Isaac Chauncey as a member of a court martial of which he is President." Navy Officers' Letters 1802-1884, *Officers' letters to the Secretary of the Navy by officers assigned to ships, stations, and Navy bureaus*. NARA M148; RG 45; Roll 0071 at <https://www.fold3.com/image/636333732> Courtesy, National Archives and Record Administration, Washington, D.C. and Fold 3.

U.S. Ship Franklin

New York Nov: 28. 1831.

Sir,

I have this day had the honor to receive your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> inst. granting me a furlough for three months from that date - I shall however continue to perform the duty assigned me by your order of the 14<sup>th</sup> till the adjournment of the Court, it being in accordance with the views of its President, as likewise following the interpretation I myself have put upon the wishes of the Department. -

I am Sir,

with high esteem,

Your Obedt Serv<sup>t</sup>

Russell Baldwin

To The Honble

Levi Woodbury

Secretary of the Navy.

**Figure D28c.** Russell Baldwin, on board the *USS Franklin* in New York, Letter to Levi Woodbury, Secretary of the Navy, November 28, 1831, accepting furlough. Navy Officers' Letters 1802-1884, *Officers' letters to the Secretary of the Navy by officers assigned to ships, stations, and Navy bureaus*. NARA M148; RG 45; Roll 0071 at <https://www.fold3.com/image/636333894> Courtesy, National Archives and Record Administration, Washington, D.C. and Fold 3.

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Rievis Post Office

Hall County Geo.

April 22<sup>d</sup> 1832.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you, that  
I have changed my residence from Augusta to  
this place.

I have the honor, to be, Sir,  
with high esteem,  
Your ob<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Russell Baldwin

The Honble  
Levi Woodbury  
Secretary of the Navy.

**Figure D29.** Russell Baldwin, Rievis Post Office, Hall County Georgia to Levi Woodbury, Secretary of the Navy, April 22, 1832, notifying of his change of address to receive orders, having traveled west from Augusta to Hall County, Georgia. Russell's death two weeks later, on May 9 in Murrayville, GA, close to today's hardwood forests that Russell may have been exploring as timberland for shipbuilding, was reported in newspapers describing him as a United States Navy Lieutenant, born in Massachusetts. Navy Officers' Letters 1802-1884, *Officers' letters to the Secretary of the Navy by officers assigned to ships, stations, and Navy bureaus*. NARA M148; RG 45; Roll 0074 at <https://www.fold3.com/image/636344694> Courtesy, National Archives and Record Administration, Washington, D.C. and Fold 3.