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OF THE

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,

FROM THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FIRST TO THE SECOND SESSION OF THE
EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS, INCLUSIVE:

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BY WALTER LOWRIE, *Secretary of the Senate,*

AND

WALTER S. FRANKLIN, *Clerk of the House of Representatives.*

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PORT MAHON, *May 4*, 1817.

SIR:

We, the undersigned, captains and commanders, serving in the squadron under your orders, have heard with deep regret that many of the lieutenants, and other commissioned officers belonging to the vessels under our respective commands, have forwarded to the honorable the Senate of the United States, a memorial which in our opinion is calculated to excite disaffection and insubordination in the navy, and bring into contempt a service heretofore distinguished for its reputation, order, and good government.

The undersigned wish to be distinctly understood, that it is not against petitioning the Legislature for a redress of real wrongs, that we now protest, but against the manner, time, and object of the memorialists, which, if truly represented to us, is as follows:—They complain that they have been oppressed, and require that the 30th article of an act for the better government of the navy should be revised and so amended as to designate particularly the punishment of offenders, and, it is believed, that they even go so far as to threaten that should their imaginary grievance not be redressed, they will resort to their arms for protection. It is also understood that the memorialists have presumed to reflect on the members of two courts martial, composed of officers of long standing in the navy; that their meetings have been held with apparent secrecy, and the memorial studiously withheld from their commanders, who would readily sanction any measure having for its object the good of the service. It cannot be denied that it is the bounden duty of officers, more especially when on a foreign station, to cultivate towards each other the most perfect harmony and good will; but it is the opinion of the undersigned, that the conduct of the memorialists is calculated to have a contrary effect. The undersigned are therefore impelled by a sacred duty we owe our country and ourselves, to request that you will be pleased to remove all those officers from under our respective commands, as soon as the public service will admit of the same, as we cannot but consider the signers of the memorial as having forfeited all claims to our confidence, and their example as endangering the vessels entrusted to our charge.

We have the honor to be, very respectfully, sir, your obedient servants,

WM. M. CRANE,
JOHN ORDE CREIGHTON,
GEORGE W. RODGERS,
THOMAS GAMBLE,
J. I. NICHOLSON,
EDMOND P. KENNEDY.

To ISAAC CHAUNCEY, Esq. *Commodore*
and *Commander-in-chief of the naval forces of the U. S. in the Mediterranean, &c.*

15th CONGRESS.]

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[1st SESSION.]

REGISTER OF THE NAVY FOR THE YEAR 1818:

COMMUNICATED TO THE SENATE, BY THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, JANUARY 21, 1818.

CAPTAINS.

Names.	Dates of commissions.	Where stationed.
Alexander Murray,	July 1, 1793,	Philadelphia navy yard.
John Rodgers,	March 5, 1799,	President of the Navy Board.
James Barron,	May 22, "	Absent from the United States.
William Bainbridge,	May 20, 1800,	Commanding at Boston.
Hugh G. Campbell,	October 16, "	Commanding at Charleston, S. Carolina.
Stephen Decatur,	February 16, 1804,	Commissioner of the Navy.
Thomas Tingey,	November 23, "	Navy yard, Washington.
Charles Stewart,	April 22, 1806,	Franklin 74.
Isaac Hull,	April 23, "	Navy yard, Charlestown, Massachusetts.
Isaac Chauncey,	April 24, "	Washington 74.
John Shaw,	August 27, 1807,	Frigate United States.
John H. Dent,	December 29, 1811,	Not on duty.
David Porter,	July 2, 1812,	Commissioner of the Navy.
John Cassin,	July 3, "	Navy yard, Norfolk, Virginia.
Samuel Evans,	July 4, "	Navy yard, New York.
Jacob Jones,	March 3, 1813,	Frigate Guerriere.
Charles Morris,	March 5, "	Frigate Java.
Arthur Sinclair,	July 24, "	Frigate Constitution.
Oliver H. Perry,	Sept. 10, "	Commanding at Newport.
Thomas Macdonough,	September 11, 1814,	Navy yard, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.
Lewis Warrington,	November 22, "	Frigate Macedonian.
Joseph Bainbridge,	November 23, "	Steam frigate Fulton.
William M. Crane,	November 24, "	Frigate Constellation.
James T. Leonard,	February 4, 1815,	Lake Champlain.
James Biddle,	February 28, "	Ontario sloop of war.
Charles G. Ridgely,	" "	Mediterranean.
Robert T. Spence,	" "	Commanding at Baltimore.
Daniel T. Patterson,	" "	Commanding at New Orleans.
Samuel Angus,	April 27, 1816,	Recruiting at New York.
Melancthon T. Woolsey,	" "	Commanding at Sackett's Harbor.
John Orde Creighton,	" "	Washington 74.
Edward Trenchard,	March 5, 1817,	Corvette Cyane.
John Downes,	" "	Independence 74.
John D. Henley,	" "	Corvette John Adams.

FIRST LIEUTENANTS.

Names.	Dates of commissions.	Where stationed.
Henry Olcott,	June 18, 1814,	Mediterranean.
Charles R. Broom,	" "	Norfolk, Virginia.
Benjamin Richardson,	" "	Franklin 74.
Francis B. White,	" "	Mediterranean.
William Nicoll,	" "	Frigate Congress.
Charles Lord,	" "	Mediterranean.
Levi Twiggs,	" "	New York.
John Harris,	" "	Philadelphia.
Samuel B. Johnson,	" "	Lake Erie.
Thomas A. Linton,	April 18, 1817,	Head-quarters.
Richard Auchmuty,	" "	Washington 74.
James Edelin,	" "	Head-quarters.
Christopher Ford,	" "	Washington 74.
Park G. Howle,	" "	Norfolk, Virginia.
George B. English,	" "	Sloop Peacock.
Richard D. Green,	" "	Norfolk, Virginia.
Robert M. Desha,	" "	Head-quarters.

SECOND LIEUTENANTS.

Henry E. Dix,	March 13, 1816,	Boston.
Edwin B. Newton,	" "	Head-quarters.
William Brown,	" "	New Orleans.
Elijah J. Weed,	" "	Corvette John Adams.
Augustus L. Rumfort,	" "	Philadelphia.
Charles K. Porter,	" "	On furlough.
Joseph C. Hall,	" "	Head-quarters.
William Dulany,	" "	Do.
Thomas S. English,	" "	Do.
Henry W. Gardner,	" "	Do.
Ambrose Madison,	" "	Not reported at head-quarters.
William Wright,	" "	Head-quarters.
James M. Clements,	" "	Franklin 74.
Thomas B. Barton,	" "	Not reported at head-quarters.
Richard W. Ashton,	" "	Furlough for equipment.
George W. Walker,	" "	Do.

Names and force of the ships and vessels of the United States' navy.

Names.	Guns.	Names.	Guns.	Names.	Guns.
Alert,	None.	General Pike,	24	Oneida,	14
Asp,	"	Ghent,	1	Peacock,	18
Block ship,	"	Hornet,	18	Prometheus,	12
Boxer,	16	Hornet,	5	Porcupine,	1
Constitution,	44	Independence,	74	Queen Charlotte,	14
Constellation,	36	Jaya,	44	Ranger,	14
Congress,	36	John Adams,	24	Raven,	14
Chippewa,	74	Jefferson,	18	Superior,	44
Corporation,	None.	Jones,	18	Saratoga,	22
Confiance,	32	Louisiana,	18	Sylph,	16
Cyane,	24	Lawrence,	20	Saranac,	16
Detroit,	18	Linnet,	16	Spark,	12
Despatch,	2	Lynx,	5	Spitfire,	Bomb.
Erie,	18	Lady of the Lake,	1	Surprise,	6
Enterprise,	12	Macedonian,	36	Ticonderoga,	14
Etna,	None.	Mohawk,	32	Tickler,	s. arms.
Eagle,	12	Madison,	18	Torpedo,	
Franklin,	74	New Orleans,	74	United States,	44
Fulton, steam frigate,		Niagara,	18	Vesuvius,	Bomb.
Firebrand,	6	Nonesuch,	6	Vengeance,	"
Fox,	4	Ontario,	18	Washington,	74
Guerriere,	44				

Barges, galleys, gunboats, &c.

At Sackett's Harbor,	15 Barges, no armament.
Whitehall,	6 Galleys, 2 guns each.
Boston,	1 Anchor hoy.
Newport,	Gunboat No. 95.
New York,	Gunboat No. 8.
Baltimore,	14 Barges.
Norfolk,	Gunboats Nos. 72 and 76.
Charleston, South Carolina,	Gunboats Nos. 9, 10, 158, and 168.
New Orleans,	Gunboats Nos. 149, 154, and 155.
Ditto,	Bulldog, (felucca,) 2 guns.
Ditto,	2 Barges and 2 launches.