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THE CONSTELLATION

THE "CONSTELLATION," A THIRTY-SIX GUN FRIGATE, WAS BUILT IN BALTIMORE. SHE WAS LAUNCHED ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1797, *three months before the famous "Constitution,"* and was the first ship of the reorganized U. S. Navy.

She bore her part magnificently in our wars with France and Tripoli, and in the War of 1812. During the latter war, five of the sixteen ships in service were Baltimore-built; one-fifth of the officers and one-eighth of the men that manned the vessels were Marylanders, and Maryland too gave us our two first Secretaries of the Navy. The "Constellation" was partially armed originally with twelve guns from Fort McHenry, and derived her name from the galaxy of stars in our flag, immortalized by Francis Scott Key, following the magnificent defense of Baltimore.

Birthplace of the Star-Spangled Banner Flag



The Original Flag

29x36 feet, which inspired Key's song, the National Anthem, Sept. 14, 1814



The Original Flag House, 1814-1927

N. W. Corner Pratt and Albemarle Streets, Baltimore, where the flag was made by Mrs. Mary Young Pickersgill, which after 24 hours bombardment of Fort McHenry proclaimed deliverance for Baltimore, and a century of peace and prosperity to the Nation.



Francis Scott Key
Author of the National Anthem

Star-Spangled Banner Flag House Association

Incorporated 1927

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General Clinton L. Rizzo
President, Society of the War of 1812.

My dear Mr. Rizzo: At the meeting of the Star Spangled Banner Flag House Association, on April 22nd, I was instructed, by the President, to notify you, that a resolution had been adopted, by the Flag House Association to endorse the movement, of the Society of the War of 1812, to bring the "Historic N. S. S. Constellation", to a permanent place of abode, at Fort McHenry.

April 23rd 1928
2605 N. Charles St.

Very truly yours
(Miss) Florence P. Sadtler
Cor. Sec.

May 11th, 1928.

Star-Spangled Banner Flag House Association, Inc.,
Dr. James D. Iglehart, President,
211 West Lanvale Street,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Dr. Iglehart, -

The most regrettable publication by the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House Association of an article on the proposed transfer to Baltimore of the U. S. S. Constellation, both in The Sun and in circular form for the purpose of eliciting subscriptions towards the work of the Association, has come to the attention of the officers and executive committee of the Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland. The publicity given the project has aroused protest on the part of Patriotic Associations in New England and has seriously jeopardized the consummation of the plan to have the vessel permanently berthed in Baltimore.

On behalf of the officers and executive committee of the Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland I beg you to do everything possible to prevent further publicity of the project either by newspaper communication or by circular and whether by official action of your association or otherwise.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

June 13th, 1928.

Hon. Curtis Dwight Wilbur,
Secretary of the Navy,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The officers and executive committee of the Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland have unanimously adopted a resolution respectfully petitioning that the United States Frigate Constellation be brought to Baltimore for the celebration, on September 12th, 1928, of the dedication of Fort McHenry as a National Memorial Shrine, and that arrangements be made so that the Constellation may be permanently berthed at the sea wall of Fort McHenry.

It seems to us very appropriate that the United States Frigate Constellation, which was built in Baltimore and was active during our second war with Great Britain, should be permanently kept in Baltimore.

No more fitting time than this, when Fort McHenry is being restored and established as a National Shrine, could possibly occur and this Society earnestly hopes that the Navy Department will recognize this patriotic request.

Respectfully yours,

President.

Secretary.

THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812

FOUNDED SEPTEMBER 14, 1814

J. ALBERT VAN HORN
Secretary General
56 Overlook Road
Upper Montclair, New Jersey



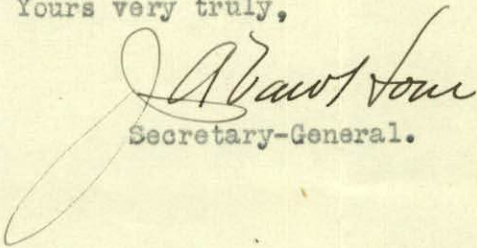
November 22, 1931.

Mr. James E. Hancock,
521 West Lombard Street,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Hancock:-

On September 14th I requested you send me a copy of the resolution you verbally presented at the last meeting of the Executive Committee on September 11th regarding the U. S. S. Constellation. As I have not as yet received same would appreciate your attention to this matter desiring to write up the minutes of the said meeting to include this resolution in the words you desire it recorded.

Yours very truly,


Secretary-General.



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BALTIMORE EQUITABLE SOCIETY

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BALTIMORE, MD.

November 2, 1933.

Mr. James E. Hancock,
521 W. Lombard Street,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Jim:-

Referring to our conversation of yesterday morning, the photostat copy of the Roster of officers and members of the Vigilant Fire Company of Baltimore, is dated January 1, 1811. At the bottom is printed the following;

"You are hereby notified that you are Drifted in the Company under my command in the 5th Regiment M.M. You will therefore hold yourself in readiness to meet in South Gay Street on Wednesday morning at seven O'clock to march to Camp. Provided with blanket and canteen.

By Order

John Keller,
Captain."

May 10, 1813.

I find the name of the Captain, John Keller, among the names of the members of the Fire Company.

If I can be of any further service, advise me.

Yours very truly,

George W. Corner, Jr.

431 Washington Building,
Washington, D. C.

December 13, 1933.

Dr. James E. Hancock,
521 W Lombard Street.,
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Dr. Hancock:-

I want to thank you for your letter of the 12th and say I am glad to learn that you and the members of the Maryland Society of the War of 1812 have the matter of the acquisition of the manuscript of the song in mind and are working on it. By all means get it for the old fort. It is the only logical place for it. If I can help in any way let me know. Watch out for Henry Ford. He may be interested in it and no one can afford to out bid him if he is.

Confidentially let me give you a little bit of information. Mrs. Shippen never had a good title to the manuscript if my grandmother informed me correctly. Key as you know showed the manuscript to Judge Nicholson who took it to the office of Benjamin Edges first and that being closed then to the office of the Baltimore American where it was set in type by Samuel Sands, an apprentice at the time and the only one on duty in the office. As Judge Nicholson took it to the office of the American it was returned to him and he should have returned it to Key but kept it and Key not caring to trouble about it let him keep it. Mrs. Shippen found it among the effects of Judge Nicholson after his death and appropriated it. The manuscript should have been returned to Key by Judge Nicholson and upon his failure to do so then by Mrs. Shippen to the nearest relative of Key.

I hope Baltimore secures it. Please keep me advised. With kindest regards and best wishes,

Most sincerely yours,

Wm Key Smith

K-S/S.

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Society of the War of 1812
in Maryland

BALTIMORE, MD.

March 13, 1935.

Hon. George L. Radcliffe
Senate Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear George :

I have just heard that Representative Martin of Massachusetts has introduced a bill (H. J. Res. 200) "for the preservation and restoration of the frigate "Constellation" as a national museum and making Newport R. I. its home port" and that this resolution has been referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Boston has the Constitution and rightfully so, because she was built there, but Newport has no claim to the Constellation and New England should not have both of them when there is no recognition of Baltimore's naval prestige in the early days of the Republic.

More than that, Baltimore equipped and manned the first two vessels in the Continental Navy and in 1776 Maryland supplemented these with a state navy of its own comprising 25 vessels, each mounting from 20 to 30 guns; and then supplied about one half of the privateers that were registered out of American ports during the revolution. These privateers captured more prisoners than the British surrendered at Saratoga, Trenton and Yorktown combined and in the War of 1812, Baltimore furnished about 1/4 of the privateers that captured 30000 prisoners while the army was capturing 6000 men.

The Constellation was launched in Baltimore September 7th, 1796 and Maryland not only supplied more officers for our first navy, but more than all of New England combined.

With these facts, don't let New England get away with this injustice. Mayor Jackson is sending telegrams to the President, to Secretary Swanson and the Naval Affairs Committee and I am inclosing in this copy of resolutions that are being forwarded to the Maryland Legislature, The Maryland Historical Society and other patriotic and civic societies as well as the newspapers are going to take the matter up, so please see the President and Secretary Swanson yourself and try to divert Mr. Martin's bill, and get Congress to return to Baltimore this "race horse of the sea" as the French called her.

Very truly yours,

BALTIMORE CHAPTER, NO. 7,
NATIONAL SOJOURNERS.

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At a regular meeting of Baltimore Chapter, No. 7, of the National Sojourners, held on March 20th, 1935, at 8 P.M. at the 104th Medical Regiment Armory, in the City of Baltimore and State of Maryland, the following, among other proceedings, were had:

WHEREAS, in the incipency of the struggle of our country for independence, Baltimore equipped and manned the first two vessels for the Continental Navy, which it supplemented in 1776 by a fleet of twenty-five vessels known as the Maryland State Navy, each carrying from twenty to thirty guns; and in addition furnished approximately one-half of the fleet of privateers during the Revolutionary War, which did such valuable service and captured more prisoners than were surrendered by the British at Saratoga and Yorktown combined; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Frigate "CONSTELLATION" was built at the City of Baltimore and launched on September 7th, 1797, being one of the first warships of the Navy of the United States, its name typifying the galaxy of stars in the American flag; and

WHEREAS, not only was the "CONSTELLATION" officered and manned largely by Maryland men, but in fact Maryland furnished more officers for the first navy than any other State in the union; and

WHEREAS, Fort McHenry, the birthplace of our national anthem, The Star Spangled Banner, is located in the City of Baltimore; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in view of the history and origin of the "CONSTELLATION" it would be most fitting and appropriate to return the said ship to Baltimore, and restore and maintain her as a memorial to the naval prestige of Baltimore in the early days of the republic, and that she be anchored or kept at or adjacent to Fort McHenry, where both may be combined as a patriotic shrine; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of these resolutions be forthwith transmitted to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Navy, the Senators and Representatives of Maryland in the Congress of the United States, the Governor of the State of Maryland, and to the Senators and Delegates constituting the General Assembly of the State of Maryland.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Fort McHenry, Md.

March 26, 1936.

Mr. James E. Hancock,
521 W. Lombard Street,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Hancock:

In getting ready for the temporary marine exhibit I think that we should have a sign near the entrance stating the purpose of the exhibit. I would like to have your suggestions on the following legend:

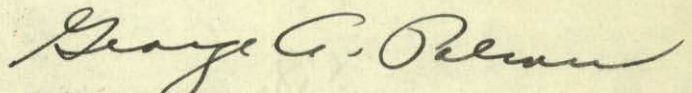
MARINE EXHIBIT

"This temporary marine exhibit has been arranged by the Sons of 1812; - Mr. James E. Hancock, President, and Mr. F. H. Hennighausen, Chairman. It is our plan to present a permanent marine exhibit in these rooms. After you have seen the present display you may have museum pieces which you wish to loan or present for the permanent exhibit. If so will you please state your wish to the guard or to the Superintendent."

Any suggestions you have for improving the above are wanted. When you mentioned the display of the items now in your case in the marine room I forgot all about the two tall cases concerning which I had spoken to you earlier. Those two cases are now being reconditioned and if we use the showcase for the model of the Baltimore all of the items can be placed in the other two cases.

I have the tables and cases in place in the marine rooms and hope that we will begin receiving the first models next Sunday.

Sincerely yours,


Superintendent.

GAP:P

April 8, 1935.

Hon. Millard E. Tydings
Senate Office Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Senator:

Perhaps you will soon consider me a particular pest, but fearing that you may not have seen the inclosed editorials, one from the Evening Sun April 5th, and the other from the News - April 6th, I would call your attention to them.

Very truly yours,

April 3, 1935.

Hon. Millard E. Tydings
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Senator:

Mayor Jackson has sent me your inclosure of several letters from Secretary Swanson, Mr. Vinson and Admiral Standley, stating that it would cost \$1,000,000 to recondition the frigate Constellation.

While I have not been on the Constellation recently and do not know her present condition, it seems preposterous that it would cost \$1,000,000 to recondition her; and frankly we have taken for granted that she could be repaired and returned to Baltimore for less than \$10,000. Moreover Baltimore does not want Congress to destroy the historicity of this old frigate by making a new ship out of her, but we merely ask that she be reconditioned and stationed at Fort McHenry as a naval museum for those early wars of the Republic that were largely naval and in which Baltimore actively participated.

When the Revolutionary war began and the urgent need of a navy was seen, the new government planned a navy of 27 vessels, the first two of which were obtained in this port and Captain James Nicholson of Baltimore was appointed the first ranking officer of that little navy. Maryland not only furnished more officers for this first American navy than any other State in the Union but also provided a state navy of its own of 25 vessels for local protection. On March 23rd 1776, Congress also authorized the use of privateers to supplement its little navy and Baltimore sent a fleet of 248 privately armed ships to sea to fight the common enemy; and when one knows that the American privateers captured more prisoners than was surrendered by the British at Saratoga and Yorktown combined they can appreciate what this auxiliary fleet did to bring about a successful conclusion of the war.

In 1796, serious trouble with France arose and Congress ordered six ships to be built, three of which were to be frigates. The navy was then taken out of the control of the War Department and reorganized under a Secretary of the Navy, and the three frigates were launched in the following sequence: The Constellation at Baltimore, The Constitution at Boston and

the United States at Philadelphia. Baltimore also equipped for this reorganized navy "The Chesapeake", "The Baltimore", "The Montezuma", "The Patapsco", and "The Maryland". This last ship was built and equipped by the merchants of Baltimore and given without cost to the Federal Government and the Committee on "Ships of War" of Baltimore erected at the same time, by popular subscription, "The Star Bastion Fort" which we call Fort McHenry and offered it as a free will gift to the Government.

Then came the war with Tripoli during which Robert Smith of Baltimore was the Secretary of Navy and Stephen Decatur of Maryland, performed what Lord Nelson said was the most daring act of the age, by going into the harbor of Tripoli at night and burning the U. S. Philadelphia after the enemy had captured her.

In 1812 the United States with seven frigates and ten smaller war ships in its navy again declared war on Great Britain the mistress of the sea with over 1000 available ships of war; and again, as during the Revolution Congress authorized the use of privateers and Baltimore supplied more of these privately armed ships than any other city in the country. The American privateer fleet not only destroyed millions of dollars of enemy property in this war but they captured over 5 times as many prisoners as were taken by the army in its two years campaign.

Now I am assuming that we are still asking Congress under S. J. #87 to repair the Constellation and return her to Baltimore instead of giving her to Newport and I can't help feeling that a recent development is any thing else but the proverbial red herring that is being drawn across the trail.

We can readily understand that the navy doesn't want to give her up but under the circumstances Baltimore is asking for something that is more historically connected with this port than any other; and if you and the other Maryland members of Congress can secure the Constellation as a naval memorial for Fort McHenry it would make this national shrine more potentially patriotic than any similar memorial in the country.

Very truly yours,

April 8, 1935.

Hon. George L. Radcliffe
Senate Office Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear George:

I hope that neither you nor Senator Tydings think that I am deliberately trying to be a thorn in the flesh, because, on the contrary, I really appreciated what both of you have done in presenting the bill to return the Constellation to Baltimore. However I have been to your office so often without seeing you that I am now inclosing in this a copy of a recent letter to Senator Tydings and also two editorials, one from the Sun, April 5th and the other from the News April 6th, which show that the people of Baltimore are thinking pretty seriously of the matter.

The dispatch which evidently drew out these editorials, intimated that you and Senator Tydings were about to stop your efforts, but you must be aware by now that if you do the Constellation will stay at Newport, a city that was in the hands of the British during the Revolution, when the foundations of the navy were laid and which did relatively nothing in the Naval war with France or in the War of 1812.

Very truly yours,

WILMER C. CARTER, PRESIDENT
24 COMMERCE STREET
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624 N. GILMOR STREET
GILMOR 3848

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906 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG.
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Kiwanis Club of Baltimore City

Incorporated



DANIEL S. NEILL, SECRETARY
1702 EMERSON HOTEL
PLAZA 7200

April 12th, 1935

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

This club represents approximately two hundred outstanding business men of this community and we, accordingly direct to your attention the resolution hereto attached which was passed by unanimous vote of our organization within the last few days.

We trust it may have your favorable consideration.

Respectfully yours,

D. S. NEILL

Secretary

DSN:JRJ

CC - Vice President

Speaker of the House of Representatives
Chairman, Committee Naval Affairs of the
Senate
Chairman, Committee Naval Affairs of the
House of Representatives

Senators from Maryland - Messrs. Tydings and
Radcliffe

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Cole, Goldsboro, Kennedy, Gambrill, Lewis and
Palmisano

Whereas - Baltimore was a conspicuous port of naval activity during the early wars of the country and provided the first ranking officer and the first two ships for the Continental Navy, and the frigate Constellation - the first frigate in the U. S. Navy was launched at Baltimore, September 7th 1797, and

Whereas - One third of the ships that were in the U. S. Navy in 1812 were built in Baltimore and one fifth of the officers and one eighth of the men who manned these ships were Maryland men.

Therefore Be It Resolved - That the *Alumini of the U.S. Naval Academy in Baltimore* endorses S. J. #87 as introduced by Senators Tydings and Radcliffe and H. J. #226 as introduced by Representatives Stephen H. Gambrill and petitions the President and Congress to restore the Constellation and return her to Baltimore and place her at Fort McHenry - the birthplace of the Star Spangled Banner - as a naval memorial in connection with this patriotic shrine.

April 12th, 1935.

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

April 15th, 1935.

Mr. D. S. Neill,
Secretary,
Kiwanis Club of Baltimore City,
1702 Emerson Hotel,
Baltimore, Maryland.

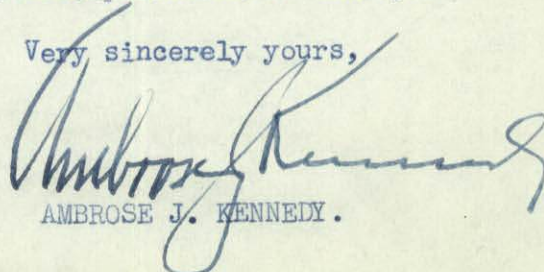
Dear Mr. Neill:

Receipt is herewith acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant, enclosing copy of resolution adopted by the Kiwanis Club of Baltimore, favoring the return of the FRIGATE CONSTELLATION to our City.

While I am ready and willing to do everything in my power in an effort to bring this about, I cannot at this time say what will be the result of our endeavors, inasmuch as it is President Roosevelt's desire that the CONSTELLATION be brought to Washington, D.C., for its permanent future berth, as part of a National Water Shrine which it is proposed to establish at this point.

You can rest assured, however, that I will bear in mind your recommendations in regard to this subject, and will co-operate as a member of the Maryland delegation in every way possible looking to the successful passage of H. J. #226 and S. J. #87, which have been introduced for the accomplishment of this purpose.

Very sincerely yours,


AMBROSE J. KENNEDY.

AJK.W*

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House of Representatives U. S.

Committee on Naval Affairs

Washington, D. C.

April 15, 1935

E. JULIAN PEACOCK, CLERK

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Mr. D. S. Neill, Secretary,
Kiwanis Club,
Emerson Hotel,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 12th, transmitting a copy of a resolution of your club in regard to the U. S. S. Constellation, has been received.

This resolution will be filed with H. J. Res 226, for the consideration of the Committee when this Joint Resolution is taken up for a hearing.

Yours very truly,


Carl Vinson, Chairman.

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

April 15, 1935.

Mr. D. S. Neill
1702 Emerson Hotel
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mr. Neill:

Thank you very much for sending me copy of the resolution recently adopted by the Kiwanis Club of Baltimore in reference to having the Constellation assigned to Fort McHenry. I am doing everything in my power to bring this about and I sincerely hope we may receive a favorable decision.

Very sincerely yours,

William P. Cole

C.M.

THE ENGINEERS CLUB OF BALTIMORE

BICKFORD BUILDING, 6 WEST FAYETTE STREET
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

April 16, 1935.

Mr. James E. Hancock,
521 West Lombard St.,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Hancock:

At our Board Meeting today, the Directors of the Engineers Club unanimously passed the resolution as suggested in your letter of April 9, concerning the Constellation. We will transmit this to the various persons enumerated in your letter.

We sincerely hope that this movement will be successful in bringing the old frigate to Baltimore.

Sincerely,

Thomson King
President.

Dear Mr. King,

Let me thank you personally, so also the
Engineers Club for the interest that you have taken in the effort
to have the Constellation returned to Baltimore.

If we can get this old frigate succeeded in having
her returned, and placed at 6 West Fayette Street, it will add
to a magnificent addition for the city.

Thank you again,

The Speaker's Rooms
House of Representatives U.S.
Washington, D.C.

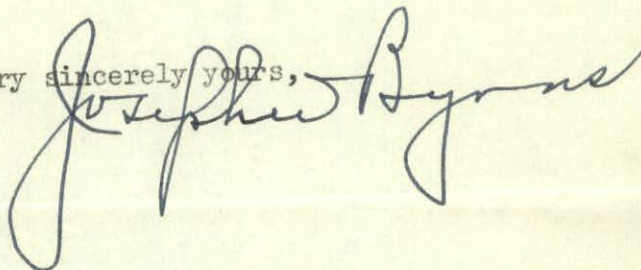
Mr. D. S. Neill, Secretary,
Kiwanis Club of Baltimore,
Baltimore, Maryland,

My dear Mr. Neill:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 12th, enclosing copy of Resolution unanimously adopted by your organization, endorsing S.J. #87, to return the frigate "Constellation" to her birthplace and station her at Fort McHenry as a naval museum.

I shall make the proper reference of it and see that it is given consideration.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph W. Byrnes". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed phrase "Very sincerely yours,".

April 16, 1935

ATLANTIC
MANHATTAN
FOLD

April 17, 1935.

Hon. Hatton W. Summers, Chairman
H. R. Judiciary Committee.
House of Representatives Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am requested to advise you that the Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland heartily approves the passage of H. R. 5541, for the display of the American Flag on all public buildings, which bill we understand has been submitted to the Judiciary Committee.

By Resolutions of our Society, we hope that it will be reported favorably and passed.

Very truly yours,

April 17, 1935.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt, President
White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am instructed to send you the following resolutions which were passed by the Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland, Tuesday, April 16th, 1935.

Whereas - Baltimore equipped and manned the first two vessels for the United States Navy and also equipped a state navy of its own comprising 25 vessels, while the Court of Admiralty commissioned 248 privateers out of Baltimore during the Revolutionary War and

Whereas - The first ranking officer of the first United States Navy was a Baltimorean and Maryland supplied more officers for that navy than any other State in the Union and

Whereas - The Frigate Constellation was launched in Baltimore, September 7th 1797, the first frigate for the present navy of the United States and at least six other war ships were built in Baltimore for the navy during the war with France 1798-1801, and

Whereas - One third of the ships in the U. S. Navy in 1812 were built in Baltimore and one fifth of the officers and one eighth of the men in that navy were from Maryland and Baltimore furnished more privateers for the War of 1812 than any other city in America.

Therefore - Be It Resolved - That the Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland endorses S. J. #87 as introduced by Senator Tydings and Radcliffe in the Senate and H. J. #226 as introduced by Hon. Stephen Gambrill in the House of Representatives and petitions the President and Congress to return the Constellation to Baltimore and place her at Fort McHenry as a memorial to the naval prestige of this city in the early wars of the Republic.

Hoping that this resolution will have your approval and support, I am,

Very truly yours,

Resolution from the Columbus Chapter No. 10, National Sojourners,
Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio.

Whereas, it is understood that the U. S. Frigate "Constellation" is to be permanently located somewhere, and

Whereas, Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland, the birthplace of our national anthem, is in many other ways prominent in our Revolutionary history, and Whereas, Baltimore, Maryland, stands out most creditably in the naval history of the early days of our country, therefore, be it

Resolved that it would be most fitting and appropriate to return the said ship to Baltimore and restore and maintain her as a memorial to the naval prestige of Baltimore in the early days of the republic and that she be anchored or kept at or adjacent to Fort McHenry, where both may be combined as a patriotic shrine; and be it further

Resolved that copies of this resolution be sent at once to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Navy, the two Senators from this State and the Congressman from this District.

Whereas - Baltimore was one of the principle ports of naval activity during the early wars of the United States, and supplied the senior ranking officer and the first two vessels for the first American Navy; and

Whereas - Maryland furnished more officers for this Continental navy than any other state; and supplemented it with a state navy of its own, that was quite as numerous as the national navy itself; while the Court of Admiralty at Baltimore commissioned 248 privately armed vessels to help fight the enemy on the high seas, and

Whereas - The Frigate Constellation was built in Baltimore and launched September 7th 1797 the first frigate for the reorganized navy and at least six other ships were built in Baltimore for the U. S. Navy during the War with France 1798 -1801, and

Whereas - During the War of 1812, one out of every five of the officers in the U. S. Navy were Maryland men and at least five of the sixteen ships that were in service at the time had been built in Baltimore, while this city also supplied more privateers for that war than any other port in the country.

Therefore - Be It Resolved - That the Maryland Society Sons of the American Revolution endorses S. J. #87 as introduced by Senator Tydings and Radcliffe in the Senate and Representative Stephen W. Gambrill in the House of Representatives and petitions the President and Congress to return the Constellation to Baltimore and place her at Fort McHenry as a memorial to the naval prestige of this city in the early wars of the Republic.

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Whereas - During the War of 1812, one out of every five of the officers in the U. S. Navy were Maryland men and ~~sixteen~~ five of the sixteen ships that were in service at the time had been built in Baltimore, while this city also supplied more privateers for that war than any other port in the country. Therefore - Be It Resolved - That the Baltimore Association of Commerce endorses S. J. #87 as introduced by Senators Tydings and Radcliffe in the Senate and H. J. #226 as introduced by Representative Stephen W. Gambrill in the House of Representatives and we petition the President and Congress to return the Constellation to Baltimore and station her at Fort McHenry as a memorial to the naval prestige of this city in the early wars of the Republic.

Whereas - Baltimore was one of the principle ports of naval activity during the early wars of the United States, and supplied the senior ranking officer and the first two vessels for the first American navy; and

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Therefore - Be It Resolved - That the Baltimore Association of Commerce endorses S. J. #87 as introduced by Senator^S Tydings and Radcliffe in the Senate and Representative Stephen W. Gambrill in the House of Representatives and petitions^{or} the President and Congress to return the Constellation to Baltimore and ^{place} her at Fort McHenry as a memorial to the naval prestige of this city in the early wars of the Republic.

Whereas - Baltimore was a conspicuous port of naval activity during the early wars of the country and provided the first ranking officer and the first two ships for the Continental Navy, and the frigate Constellation - the first frigate in the U. S. Navy was launched at Baltimore, September 7th 1797, and

Whereas - One third of the ships that were in the U. S. Navy in 1812 were built in Baltimore and one fifth of the officers and one eighth of the men who manned these ships were Maryland men.

Therefore Be It Resolved - That the *Alumni of the U.S. Naval Academy in Baltimore* endorses S. J. #87 as introduced by Senators Tydings and Radcliffe and H. J. #226 as introduced by Representatives Stephen H. Gambrill and petitions the President and Congress to restore the Constellation and return her to Baltimore and place her at Fort McHenry - the birthplace of the Star Spangled Banner - as a naval memorial in connection with this patriotic shrine.

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Therefore - Be It Resolved - That the Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland endorses S. J. #87 as introduced by Senator Tydings and Radcliffe in the Senate and H. J. 226 as introduced by Hon. Stephen Gambrill in the House of Representatives and petitions the President and Congress to return the Constellation to Baltimore and place her at Fort McHenry as a memorial to the naval prestige of this city in the early wars of the Republic.

President Roosevelt

Hon. Claude A. Swanson, Secretary of Navy

Hon. Park Trammell

Chairman, Committee Naval Affairs of the Senate

Hon. Carl Vinson

Chairman, Committee Naval Affairs of the House
of Representatives.

Senator Millard E. Tydings

Senator George L. Radcliffe

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S. J. Resolution #87

H. J. Resolution #226

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COMMITTEE ON NAVAL AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ED AHEARN, CLERK

April 17, 1935.

Hon. D. S. Neill, Secretary,
Kiwanis Club
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Neill:

I am in receipt of and wish to thank you for your letter and copy of a resolution passed by your organization regarding the frigate, "Constellation". Replying, I beg to assure this resolution will be given careful consideration when this matter is considered by this Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Park Trammell

T. ALAN GOLDSBOROUGH
FIRST DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

COMMITTEE ON
BANKING AND CURRENCY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 18, 1935

D. S. Neill, Esq., Secretary
Kiwanis Club of Baltimore City, Inc.
Baltimore, Maryland

My dear Mr. Neill:

I thank you for sending me the resolution
of the Kiwanis Club of Baltimore City concerning S.J. #87
and assure you I will do everything in my power in behalf
of the proposed legislation.

Very sincerely yours,

T. Alan Goldsborough

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

April 19th, 1935.

Mr. W. H. Pitcher, Jr.,
Secretary,
Society of the War of 1812,
3 W. Lombard Street,
Baltimore, Maryland.

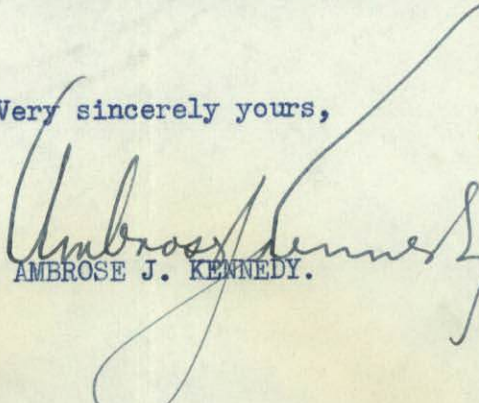
My dear Mr. Pitcher:

Receipt is herewith acknowledged of your letter of the 17th instant, quoting copy of resolution adopted by the Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland, favoring the return of the FRIGATE CONSTELLATION to our City.

While I am ready and willing to do everything in my power in an effort to bring this about, I cannot at this time say what will be the result of our endeavors, inasmuch as it is President Roosevelt's desire that the CONSTELLATION be brought to Washington, D.C., for its permanent future berth, as part of a National Water Shrine which it is proposed to establish at this point.

You may rest assured, however, that I will bear your recommendations in mind in regard to this matter, and will co-operate as a member of the Maryland Delegation in every way possible, looking to the successful passage of H. J. #226 and S. J. #87 which have been introduced for the accomplishment of this purpose.

Very sincerely yours,


AMBROSE J. KENNEDY.

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

April 19th, 1935

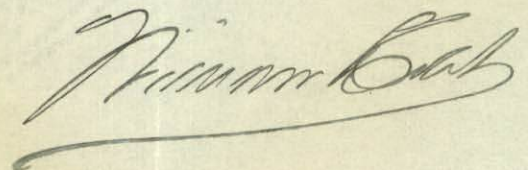
Mr. W. H. Pitcher, Jr.,
3 W. Lombard St.,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Pitcher:

Thank you for sending me Resolutions recently adopted by the Society of the War of 1812 in reference to having the frigate Constellation assigned to Fort McHenry.

You may be sure I shall do everything in my power to secure the passage of the Senate Resolution introduced by Senator Tydings or the House Bill introduced by Congressman Cambrill to bring about the desired result.

Very sincerely yours,



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House of Representatives U. S.
Committee on Naval Affairs
Washington, D. C.

April 20, 1935

E. JULIAN PEACOCK, CLERK
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Mr. Wm. H. Pitcher, Jr., Secretary,
Society of the War of 1812,
3 W. Lombard St.,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 17th, quoting resolutions passed by the Society of the War of 1812, has been received.

Your letter will be filed with the Resolution pertaining to the Constellation now before this Committee for the consideration of the members of the Committee when it is taken up for a hearing.

Yours very truly,


Carl Vinson, Chairman.

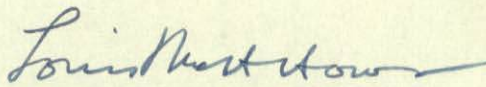
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 20, 1935

My dear Mr. Pitcher:

Your letter of April seventeenth in which you embody the resolution adopted by your Society has been received and I have placed it before the President. By his direction, the matter referred to is being forwarded for the consideration of the Secretary of the Navy.

Very sincerely yours,



LOUIS McH. HOWE
Secretary to the President

William H. Pitcher, Jr., Esq.,
Society of the War of 1812,
3 West Lombard Street,
Baltimore,
Maryland.

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April 22, 1935

Mr. W. H. Pitcher, Jr., Secretary
Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland
3 West Lombard Street
Baltimore, Maryland

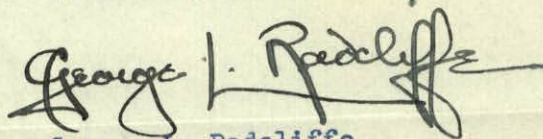
Dear Mr. Pitcher:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the resolutions passed by the Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland, in reference to the frigate "Constellation".

I appreciate very much indeed the encouragement which you are giving Senator Tydings and myself in our efforts to permanently locate the "Constellation" in Maryland waters.

With the best of wishes, believe me

Sincerely yours,



George L. Radcliffe

R/J/c

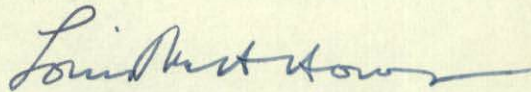
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 22, 1935

My dear Mr. Neill:

Your letter of April twelfth, with the enclosed copy of resolution adopted by the Kiwanis Club of Baltimore City, has been received. By the President's direction, the matter is being referred for the consideration of the Secretary of the Navy.

Very sincerely yours,



LOUIS McH. HOWE
Secretary to the President

D. S. Neill, Esq.,
1702 Emerson Hotel,
Baltimore,
Maryland.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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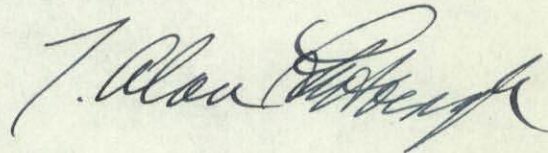
April 23, 1935

W. H. Pitcher, Jr., Esq.
Society of the War of 1812
Baltimore, Maryland

My dear Mr. Pitcher:

I thank you for your letter of April 17
concerning S. J. Res. # 87 and assure you of my support.

Very sincerely yours,



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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,
WASHINGTON.

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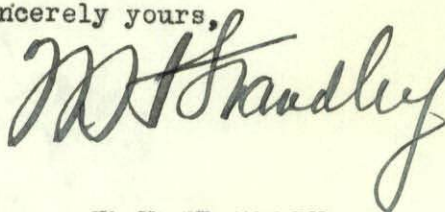
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My dear Mr. Pitcher:

The receipt of your letter of April 17th, quoting a resolution adopted by the Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland, is acknowledged.

At the present time there are several resolutions before Congress as to the future disposition of the CONSTELLATION. The Navy Department will, of course, carry out any instructions it receives from the President and the Congress concerning the future disposition of the CONSTELLATION.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. W. H. Pitcher, Jr.,
Secretary, Society of the War
of 1812 in Maryland,
3 W. Lombard Street,
Baltimore, Maryland.

W. H. STANDLEY,
Admiral, U. S. Navy,
Acting Secretary of the Navy.

VINCENT L. PALMISANO
3d DIST. MARYLAND

WILLIAM MOTSCHIEDLER
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SECRETARIES

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

May 1, 1935

Mr. William H. Pitcher, Jr.
3 West Lombard Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mr. Pitcher:

I am in receipt of your letter of
April 17th enclosing resolution of the Mary-
land Yacht Club concerning S. J. 87.

This resolution meets with my hearty
approval and you may be sure that I shall sup-
port the bill mentioned to the utmost of my
ability.

Very truly yours,

Vincent L. Palmisano

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May 1, 1935.

IN REPLY
PLEASE REFER TO DATE
OF THIS LETTER

Mr. D. S. Neill, Sec.,
Kiwanis Club of Baltimore,
1702 Emerson Hotel,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Neill:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of recent date with the accompanying Resolution adopted by your Club in support of the Resolution introduced by Senator Radcliffe and myself to have the frigate Constellation brought to Baltimore and I shall be glad to file this Resolution in the Senate.

At the time we introduced this Resolution we sent a strong appeal to the President in support of it. Since, however, he has advised us that in his opinion the Constellation should be anchored in the proposed Naval Basin to be established in the waters adjacent to the city of Washington. I am suggesting to all historical and civic societies, therefore, that if they care to do so they might send an appeal to the President in support of our Resolution.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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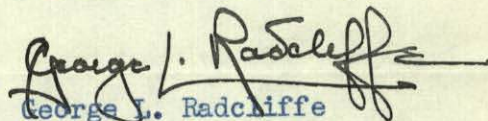
Dear Mr. Neill:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter enclosing copy of resolutions passed by the Kiwanis Club of Baltimore City in reference to the frigate "Constellation".

I appreciate very much indeed the encouragement which you are giving Senator Tydings and myself in our efforts to permanently locate the "Constellation" in Maryland waters.

With the best of wishes, believe me

Sincerely yours,


George L. Radcliffe

R/J/c

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
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May 6, 1935.

IN REPLY
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OF THIS LETTER

Mr. W. H. Pitcher, Jr.,
3 W. Lombard Street,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Pitcher:

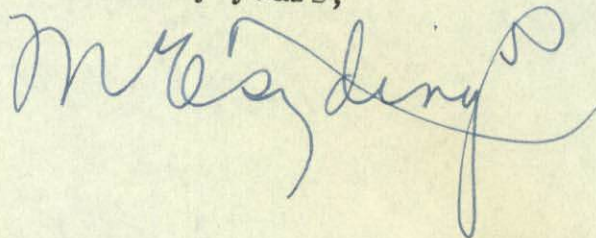
I appreciate very much your letter of April 17 in regard to bringing the Constellation to Baltimore, for which purpose Senator Radcliffe and I have introduced a joint resolution.

At the time we introduced this resolution we made an appeal to the President to obtain his support but he has stated that it is his belief and wish that the Constellation be brought to Washington to be placed in the naval basin which he desires to establish in the waters of the Potomac adjacent to the City of Washington.

I am suggesting, therefore, to all historical and civic societies interested in bringing the Constellation to Baltimore that they appeal to the President in the names of their societies in order to persuade him to change his views. So long as his position is so definitely known to the two committees of Congress it will be difficult to obtain the passage of our resolution, much as we feel that we have a prior claim on the Constellation.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



June 21, 1935.

Mr. Carroll Dulaney
% Baltimore News and American
Baltimore, Md.

My Dear Mr. Dulaney:

Your comments, June 18th, on the effort that is being made to have the Constellation returned to Baltimore, are very interesting and timely and I hope that the patriotic and civic organizations of this city will write to President Roosevelt and ask him to consider the justice of Baltimore's claim for this old frigate.

When the Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland heard that Mr. Martin of Massachusetts had introduced a bill in Congress to give the Constellation to Newport, R. I. as a Naval Museum, we considered that bill historically unfair and immediately solicited the good offices of Mayor Jackson and the various patriotic and civic organizations to ask the Maryland Delegation in Congress to present a counter bill to return her to Baltimore where she was launched September 7th 1797, the first frigate in the U. S. Navy. The joint bill as introduced by Senators Tydings and Radcliffe and by Representative Gambrill apparently persuaded the Committees on Naval Affairs in both the Senate and House of Representatives that the Constellation rightfully belonged in Baltimore.

Baltimore was one of the really conspicuous ports of naval activity in the early wars of the Republic and not only furnished the first ships and the first ranking officer for the Continental Navy during the Revolution but it also sent to sea 248 privateersmen to fight against the common enemy; while Newport was in the hands of the British and was actually sending out privateers against American shipping. During the war with France 1797-1801 the Baltimore Committee on Ships of War directed the building of 7 warships, including the Constellation for the U. S. Navy and also built the star bastion fort at Fort McHenry which was offered to the

Federal Government as a fortification while Newport apparently did nothing during that period; and in 1812, one third of the ships in the U. S. Navy had been built in Baltimore and one fifth of the officers and one eighth of the men were Marylanders, and this city also sent out about one quarter of the American privateers during the War of 1812, while the sum total of Newport's naval activity was one lone privateer.

It would be quite as ironical to station the Constellation at Washington, because, when the Constellation was built the District of Columbia had just been ceded to the United States by Maryland as the site of the National Capital and Congress was still meeting in Philadelphia and Washington was only a plan.

Boston rightfully has the Constitution which was built in that city, and by the same token the Constellation should be in Baltimore. Neither Newport nor Washington has any historical claim to her.

Very truly yours,

PRESIDENT
JAMES E. HANCOCK
521 W. LOMBARD ST.

SECRETARY
WM. H. PITCHER, JR.
3 W. LOMBARD ST.

TREASURER
IRA H. HOUGHTON
211 N. CALVERT ST.

REGISTRAR
FERDINAND B. FOCKE
1718 BOLTON ST.



Society of the War of 1812
in Maryland

BALTIMORE, MD.
July 2, 1935.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland I am requested to write to you again regarding the restoration of the frigate Constellation and her return to Baltimore where she was launched September 7th 1797, in accordance with S. J. #87 - Senators Tydings and Radcliffe and H. J. #226 Representative Stephen W. Gambrill.

You will appreciate that love of country is largely based on the local traditions of a people and that such is the practical bedrock of patriotism, and in this instance the people of Baltimore feel that they have a juster historical claim for the Constellation than any other city. We know that Baltimore was one of the dependable ports in the organization of the Navy and that during the Revolution when Newport was actually sending out privateers against American shipping, Baltimore supplied the first ranking officer and the first ships for the Continental Navy and one third of the American privateers that played havoc with the British transport and supply lines. Such distinctive service was perpetuated throughout the naval war with France and in 1812, when one third of the ships in the U.S. Navy were built in Baltimore and one fifth of the officers and one eighth of the men in that service were Marylanders.

Knowing your interest in things nautical I am emboldened to include in this a reprint of an article on the Baltimore Clipper, that appears in the June issue of Maryland Historical Magazine and remind you that when the Constellation was built, Washington was but a plan and Congress was still meeting in Philadelphia; while Baltimore built seven ships for the U.S. Navy, two of which - The Maryland and The Patapsco - were free will gifts from the people of Baltimore, besides refitting the captured Insurgente for service in the navy.

Therefore the Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland hopes that you will support the effort to return the Constellation to Baltimore and place her in a sand or concrete drydock at Fort McHenry as a naval memorial in connection with this historic National Shrine.

Respectfully yours,

July 2, 1935.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

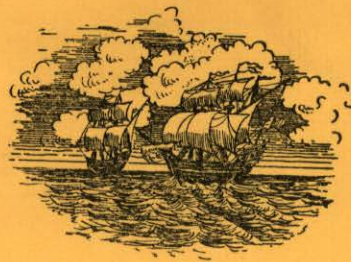
On behalf of the Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland, I am requested to again solicit your support of S. J. #87 and H. J. #226, which would restore the frigate Constellation and return her to Baltimore, where she was launched September 7th, 1797.

The People of Baltimore feel that they have a juster claim for the Constellation than either Newport or Washington because we know that this city was actively supporting the Continental Navy during the Revolution when Newport was sending out privateers against American shipping, and that when the Constellation was built, Washington was only a plan and Congress was still meeting in Philadelphia.

Baltimore not only supplied the first ranking officer and the first vessels for the Continental Navy but one third of the privateers that broke the lines of British transport during the Revolution and captured more prisoners than the British surrendered at Yorktown and Saratoga combined. This distinctive service was continued during the naval war with France when Baltimore built the Constellation and six other ships for the U. S. Navy, two of which - The Maryland and The Patapsco - were gifts from the people of Baltimore, besides refitting the captured Insurgante for our naval service. In 1812 one third of the ships in the U. S. Navy were built in Baltimore, and one fifth of the officers and one eighth of the men who served in that Navy were Marylanders.

Appreciating the fact that love of country is largely based on the local traditions of a people and that its encouragement is the practical bedrock of patriotism, I am emboldened to include in this a reprint of an article on the Baltimore Clipper that appears in the June issue of the Maryland Historical Magazine; and earnestly hope that the Constellation will be restored and placed in a sand or concrete dry dock at Fort McHenry as a memorial to Baltimore's naval participation in connection with this historic National Shrine.

Respectfully yours,



SOCIETY OF THE ARK AND THE DOVE OF MARYLAND

Annapolis, Md.,
July 5th, 1935-

Mr. James E. Hancock, President
Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland.
Dear Mr. Hancock,

Enclosed is copy of my
letter to President Roosevelt, written
on the stationery of The Society of
The Ark and The Dove, in regard to
the "Constellation".

Trusting that our efforts will prove
successful, Cordially yours,
James M. Magruder.