

The Committee appointed by a Resolution of the Hon: the Gen: Assem: of the S of Del: to procure and present to Jacob Jones Esq: of the U. S. Navy a Piece of Plate, commemorative of the naval victory achieved by him, and expressive of the high estimation in which his services were held on that occasion - very respectfully report -

That they have performed the duties assigned to them by the said Resolution to that extent which the nature of existing circumstances permitted. The Plate, according to the direction of the General Assembly has been completed, and the sum appropriated thereto paid over to the Artist with whose Execution of the Trust reposed in him the Committee have every reason to be satisfied. The Piece of Plate is an Un: handiwork engraved, of superior workmanship, and tasteful design, with well chosen ornaments & appropriate inscriptions. The Engravings represent the Battle, and victory of the Wasp, & the abasement & Chagrin of the boasted Mishep of the Ocean at the termination of a Contest so fatal to her views of naval superiority; The Inscriptions commemorate the Gratitude of the Native State of the Victor.

In explaining the cause which has hitherto prevented the Committee from discharging entirely the duty enjoined upon them by the delivery of the Plate to Capt: Jones, it is proper to mention that Capt: Jones has not visited the State of Delaware since the Plate was completed, nor been in the vicinity of it. In Common with the rest of their Fellow Citizens, the Committee entertain the hope of Capt: Jones' return at no very distant

A Resolution  
respecting Commodore  
Macdonough and  
Captain Jacob Jones

4. July

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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met that Casar F. Rodney, Jesse Green and Cornelius P. Comegys esquires be and they are hereby appointed a committee to convey the thanks of this General Assembly to Thomas Macdonough esquire accompanied by an expression of the high esteem in which they hold the bravery and skill displayed by himself, his officers and crews in the capture of the British fleet on lake Champlain; - a fleet much superior in force to that commanded by him: and that the said committee be directed to express the pride and pleasure felt by this General Assembly in recognizing Commodore Macdonough as a native citizen of the State of Delaware.

Resolved, that the said committee present

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sent to Commodore MacDonough an elegant sword and a service of plate as a testimonial of the high esteem in which his services are held by this General Assembly.

Resolved, that the said committee request the favour of Commodore MacDonough to sit for his portrait to be taken by some eminent artist for the purpose of adorning the chamber of the House of Representatives of his native State.

Resolved, that the said committee request the favour of Captain Jacob Jones to sit for his portrait to be taken by some eminent artist for the purpose of adorning the chamber of the Senate of his native State.

Resolved, that the sum of eight hundred

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dred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purposes aforesaid to be paid on the draft of the said committee out of any monies in the treasury of the State not otherwise appropriated.

Resolved, that the said committee report their proceedings to the next General Assembly.

Adopted at Dover  
4 February 1815

Jos Green  
Speaker of Senate  
Caleb B. Tompkins  
Speaker of the House of Reps.