

BAY OF PLATTSBURG

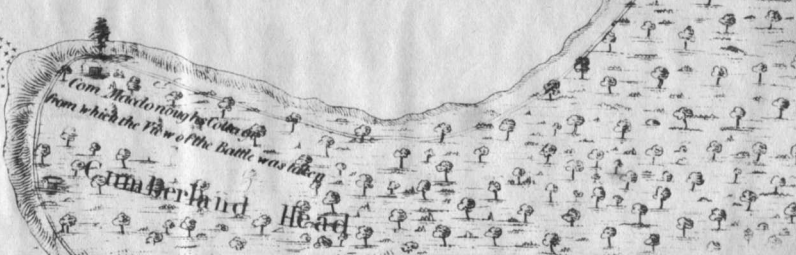
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of the SIEGE of PLATTSBURG,
and CAPTURE of the BRITISH FLEET

ON LAKE CHAMPLAIN.

The 11th Sept. 1814.

To Accompany B. Tanner's Print of
MACDONOUGH'S VICTORY.



U. S. Ship Sarcotoga
off Plattsburgh September 11th 1814

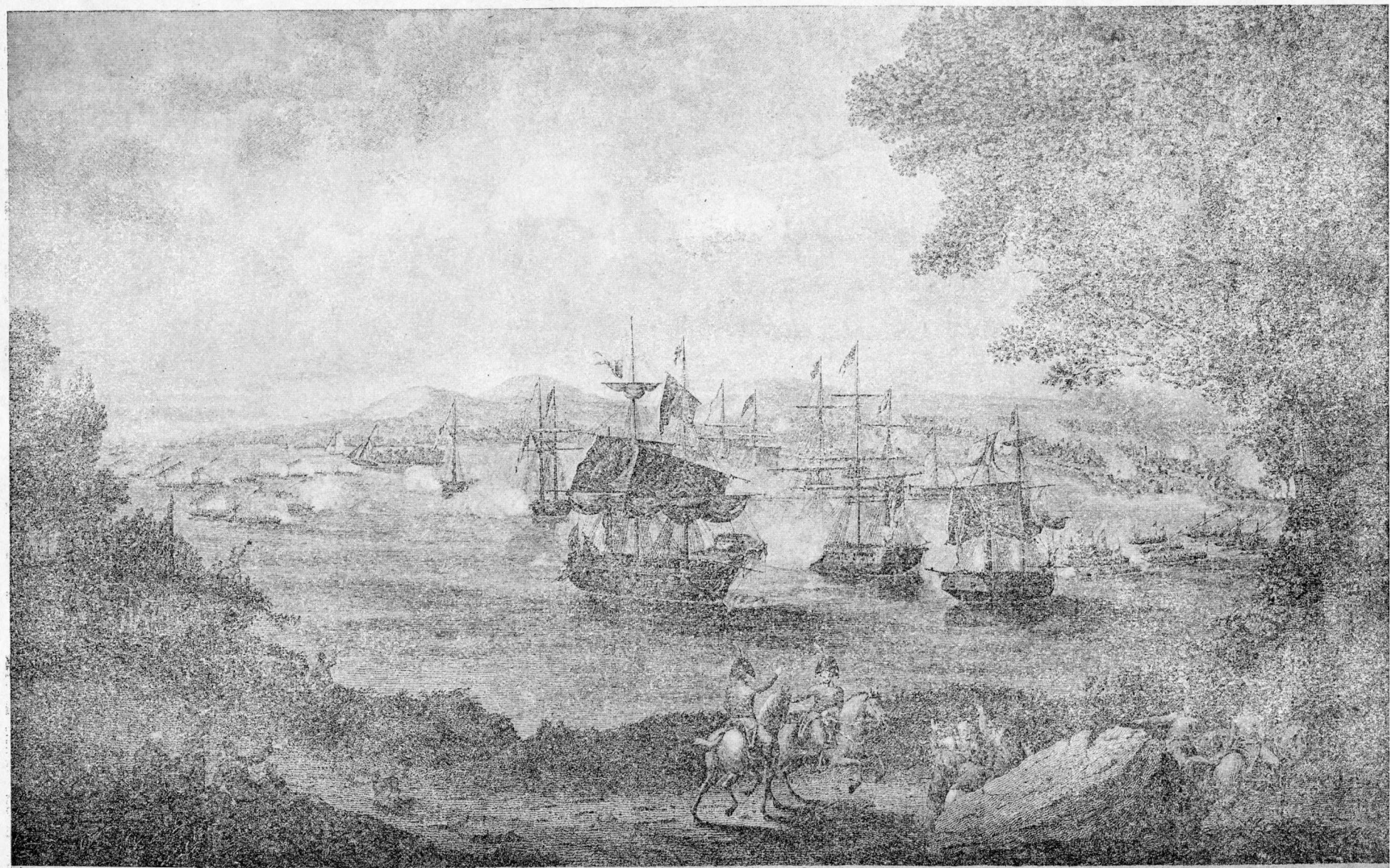
Sir The Almighty has been pleased to
grant us a signal victory on Lake
Champlain in the capture of our Tugate,
one Brig and two sloops of war of the
enemy -

I have the honor to be
very respectfully

in your Obedt^{nt}

Macdonough Comd^g

Richard Jones
Secretary of the Navy



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Mr Thomas Bayard
Wilmington Del.

Macdonough's Victory on Lake Champlain.

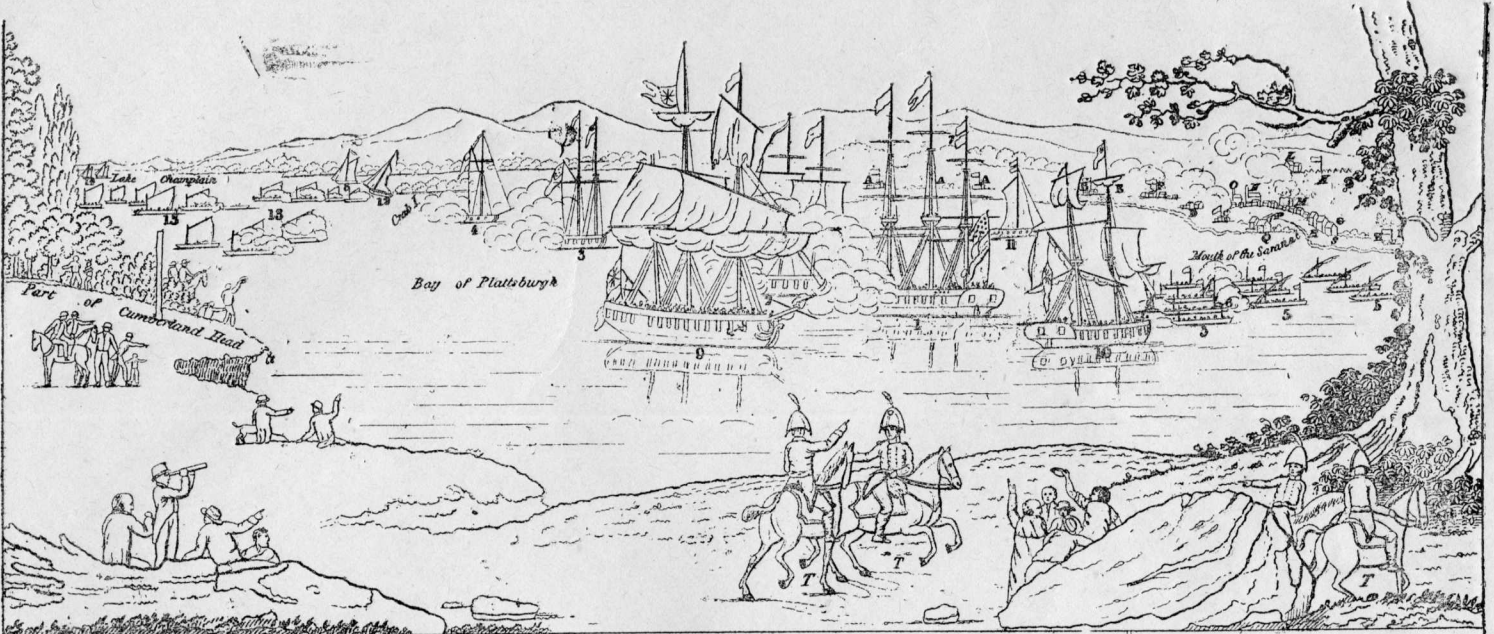
AND DEFEAT OF THE BRITISH ARMY AT PLATTSBURG BY GEN. M'ACOMR. SEPT 19th 1814.

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KEY TO B. TANNER'S PRINT OF MACDONOUGH'S VICTORY ON LAKE CHAMPLAIN,

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UNITED STATES SQUADRON.

| Ship | Armament | Killed | Wounded |
|--|------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| 1. Ship, Saratoga | 8 long 24-pounders | 23 | 29 |
| COM. MACDONOUGH | 6 42 p. Caronades | | |
| 2. Brig, Eagle | 12 32 p. do | 13 | 20 |
| Capt. R. Henley | 8 long 18-poun ^r | | |
| 3. Sch ^r . Ticonderoga | 8 long 12 p. | 6 | 6 |
| Lt. C. S. Cassin | 4 do 18 p. | | |
| | 5 32 p. Car ^s | | |
| 4. Sloop, Preble | 7 long 9 p. | 2 | |
| Lt. C. Budd | | | |
| 5. 10 Gallies | Comm ^d by S. M. Robbins | | |
| 6. Allen, Robins | 1 long 24 p. 1 Rip. Columbiad | | |
| Burrows, Ketches | 1 do do | 1 | |
| Bower, Cutter | 1 do do | 3 | 1 |
| Neale, Breeze | 1 do do | 1 | |
| Viper, Midget | 1 do do | 1 | |
| Centipede, Hazard | 1 do do | 1 | |
| Ludlow, Freeman | 1 12 pounder | | |
| Wilmer, Stillwagin | 1 do | 1 | |
| Algon, Banderat | 1 do | | |
| Ballard, Holland | 1 do | | |
| | 86 Guns | 52 | 58 |
| 7. Signals, Close Action, and Fire low. | | | |
| 8. Sloop President, with Stems for the Fleet, not in the Action. | | | |
| The Saratoga was twice seen on fire by hot shot from the enemy's ship. The number of men in the American squadron was 620. | | | |

Extracts from COM^l MACDONOUGH'S official Letter.

Sept. 11th 1814. For several days the enemy were on their way to Plattsburgh by land and water, and it being well understood that an attack would be made at the same time by their land and naval forces, I determined to wait at anchor the approach of the latter.

At 7 A.M. the lookout boat announced the approach of the enemy. At 9 he anchored in a line ahead, at about 300 yards distance from my line; — In this situation the whole force on both sides became engaged.

At half past 10 the Eagle, anchored between my ship and the Ticonderoga. Our guns on the starboard side being nearly all dismantled, or not manageable, a stern anchor was let go, the bower cable cut, and the ship winded with a fresh broadside on the enemy's ship, which soon after surrendered. Our broadside was then sprung to bear on the brig, which surrendered in about 15 minutes after. The sloop Chub struck some time before, and drifted down the line; the sloop which was with their gallies having struck also. Three of their gallies are said to be sunk, the others pulled off. The Saratoga had 55 round shot in her hull, the Constance 105.

The action lasted without intermission, 2 hours and 20 minutes.

BATTLE AT PLATTSBURGH.

AMERICAN FORCE, 1500 effective men in the works, besides Volunteers and Militia.
 Brig^l Gen^l MACOMB, Comm^l in Chief.
 A. Forts Moreau, Brown and Scott.
 B. C. Block-Houses, 1 Gun each.
 D. Gen^l Macomb's Quarters.
 Loss of the Americans in Killed, Wounded, and missing, from the 6 to the 11 Sep. 119.

BRITISH FORCE 14000 Veterans.
 Comm^l by Lieut^l Gen^l S. G. PREVOST.
 E. Battery 3 guns, 1 Howitzer, F. Bomb & Rocket Bat^l G. Bat^l 3 guns throwing sharp-nell shells, H. Bat^l 4 24 p. and Rockets.
 I. Bat^l 3 heavy guns and Rockets.
 Loss of the British in killed, wounded, prisoners, and deserters since their first appearance, 2500.

BRITISH FLEET.

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| 9. Frigate, Constance | 21 long 24-pounders. |
| COM. DOWNIE | 4 32 p. Caronades. |
| Capt. Robinson | 6 24 p. do |
| | 2 long 18 pounders |
| 10. Brig, Linnet | 16 long 12 do |
| Capt. D. Pring | |
| 11. Sloop, Chub | 10 18 p. Caronades. |
| Lt. M. Ghee | 1 long 6 p. |
| 12. Sloop, Finch | 8 18 p. Car ^s |
| Lt. Hicks | 1 18 p. Columbiad. |
| | 4 long 6 p. |
| | 3 long 24 p. |
| | 5 do 18 p. |
| 13. Thirteen Gallies | 9 32 p. Car ^s |
| | 1 18 p. do |
| | 95 Guns. |
| Upwards of 84 Killed, and 110 wounded. | |
| 14. Two Sloops with Spectators, came with the Fleet to view the Battle. | |
| The number of men in the British squadron were supposed to exceed 1000. Com. Downie was killed early in the Action. | |
| K. British Encampment, L. M. Allens House H. Quarters of Gen ^l Prevost, M. Court House, N. Church, O. College, P. Brick, Q. Stone Mill, R. M. Sallies House, S. M. de Lords House, T. British Officers, viewing the engagement. | |

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Hon. C. A. Adams
Wilmington
Delaware

Montpelier April 9th 1845

Dear Sir In consequence of my long stay
on Lake Champlain after my return thither
in January last I did not receive your
kindly letter until yesterday as I ex-
pected to return to my home every day
the Post Master did not forward it to
me, I now take the earliest opportunity to
express to you my thanks for the re-
gard and honor which you
have taken for me in the Legislature of
my native State the resolutions of which
honorably bear in voting me the sum
and service of plate is very flattering and
truly satisfactory, I hope my future life
will merit this notice taken of me, the
other part of the resolutions, that of setting
for my portrait is also highly flattering
to me and shall be cheerfully complied with
since my good fortune in the service I am
more than ever qualified to thank you
for the service you did me in attaining
me my warrant as Masterman in the
Navy, you were the means of my continuing

in it also under the peace establishment and
it was very gratifying to me to receive your
congratulatory letter of the 20th September 1814. soon
after we had what old Samson called
a very desperate engagement. I purpose
visiting Washington in a few days and after-
wards to pass some time among my friends
in Delaware where I hope to have the
pleasure of seeing yourself -

I am with much respect
and esteem your ot. Serv^t

J. Mardonough

Hon^{ble} C. A. Rodney

Account of the
expenses incurred
by the Committee

[Signature]

In Senate

Feb 5 - 1816 read

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Account of expenses incurred by the Com-
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| The following sums were paid Messrs. Fletcher and Gardner by an order on the State Treas- urer, viz: 400 a Coffee Pot, Tea Pot Water Pot, Glop bowls and Cream Jug No. or 205-9 at 2.50\$ | } | \$ 518.21 |
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| Engraver's Bills _____ | | \$ 48.00 |
| A sword cut & thrust quilt & mounted _____ | | \$ 150.00 |
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U. S. Ship Saratoga
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Sir,

I have the honor to give you the particulars of the action which took place on the 11th Inst. on this Lake. —

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At 8 A.M. the look out boat announced the approach of the Enemy. — At 9 he anchored in a line ahead at about 300 yards distance from my line. — His Ship opposed to the Saratoga — his Brig to the Eagle, Capt. Rob. Henry — his Gallies, thirteen in number, to the Schooner, Sloop, and a division of our Gallies. — One of his Sloops assisting their Ship & Brig — the other assisting their Gallies. — Our remaining Gallies with the Saratoga and Eagle. — In this situation

the whole force, on both sides, became engaged — the Saratoga suffering much from the heavy fire of the Confiance. — I could perceive at the same time, however, that our fire was very

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U. S. Saratoga, at anchor
off Plattsburgh Sept. 13. 1814.

Sir,

By Lieut. Commr. Cassin I have the honor to convey to you the Flags of his Britannic Majesty's late Squadron, captured on the 11th Ins. by the United States Squadron under my Command.

Also my dispatches relating to that occurrence which should have been in your possession at an earlier period, but for the difficulty in arranging the different Statements.

The Squadron under my command now lies at Plattsburgh - it will bear of considerable diminution, and leave a force sufficient to repel any attempt of the Enemy in this quarter. - I shall wait your Order what to do with the whole or any part thereof and should it be consistent, I beg you will favor me with permission to leave the Lake

and place me under the Command of Commodore Decatur at New York. - My health, (being some time on the Lake) together with the almost certain inactivity of future Naval operations here are among the causes for this request of my removal.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

with much respect,

Yr most obed^t Serv^t

Thaddeus

Honble Wm Jones

Secretary of the Navy
Washington.