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Guide to the

Narrative of cruise of U.S.S. Constitution

1814-1815

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Summary

Creator: Humphreys, Asheton Y.

Title: Narrative of cruise of U.S.S. Constitution

Date: 1814-1815

Size: .06 linear feet (1 volume)

Abstract: One volume, containing a narrative of cruise of U.S.S. Constitution by Asheton Y. Humphreys, dated December 17, 1814 to March 26, 1815. Humphreys previously served as captain's clerk on the Constitution, and sailed this cruise as Chaplain of the ship. On February 26, 1815, he was ordered aboard the British ship *Levant* as Purser. The Constitution was led by Captain Charles Stewart. The narrative discusses the ship departing Boston; an account of food stores taken; the capture of British schooner *Lord Nelson*, British merchant ship *Susan*, and H. M. ships *Cyane* and *Levant*; repair of ships; morale of British officers and crews; voyage to Porto Praya, Cape Verde Islands to land prisoners; description of the port; escape of the Constitution and *Cyane* from three British men of war; recapture of the *Levant* by British; and the landing of the *Levant* in Barbados. Also included is a poem on Perry's victory on Lake Erie.

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Key Terms

Subjects

Capture at sea

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Journals (accounts)

Geographic Names

United States -- History -- War of 1812 -- Naval operations

Names

Humphreys, Asheton Y.

Constitution (Frigate)
Cyane (Frigate)
George H. Sargent collection
Great Britain. Royal Navy
Levant (Sloop of war)
United States. Navy