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## CAPTAIN JACOB JONES of the United States Navy

Was born about the year 1770, near the Illage of Smyrna, in the county of Kenn state of Delaware. His father was an inde-pendent and respectible farmer, of excellent mor I and religious character. His mother was of a good family of the name of Jones; an a numble and interesting woman; she died when the subject of this memoir was yet an infant. Between two and three years after-wards his father married again, with a Miss Hole granddaughter of the hunorable Ryves Hat, formerly chief justice of the suprem court of Delaware; or, as it was thea denominated, "The lower counties on Delaware." Shorth after this second marring. his father died, when this his only child was sea cely four years of age. It was the good fortune of our hero to be left under the card of a stepmother, who had all the kind feelings of a matural parent. The affection which this excellant woman had borne nowa do the father, was, on his deash, tran fered to the child. B. beche was nurtured from infancy to manhood, with a truly maternal care and tenderness. At an early age he was placed an school, and his proficiency in learning was c-qual to her most anxious wishes. After bcomining well acquainted with the general branches of an English education, he was transferred to a grammer school at Lewes in Sussex county, conducted by he learned and pigus Dr. Matthew Wilson. Under his direction he read the classics with much assiduity, and became well acquainted with the Latin and Greek languages. The writer of this memoir distincily remembers also, that in the geographical lessonshe continually bore off the pain, and received, beyond all others, repeated proofs of approbation from his precentor. A the age of eighteen he left Lew es Academy, and entered on the study of ; hysic and surgery, under Dr. Sykes, an eminent physician and surgeon of Do er, in the county of Kent. With him he adigently prosecuted his studies for four cars, after which he attended the usual courses of me. ical lectures of the University of Pennsylva. nia, and then returned to Dover to commence the exercise of his profession.

He did not, however, continue loag is the practice. He found the field already engr. s sed by a number of able and experienced geo tlomen of the faculty, among whom was the late lamented Dr. Miller of New-York .-Disconraged by the scanty malo meat that is commonly the lot of the young ph.sician, and impatient of an inactive life, he determin d to abandon the protession for the present and seek some more productive occupation This resolution was a matter of much regret among the elder physicians. They entertained thigh opinion of his medical acquirements and considered him as promising to become Folio, and which w have reason to believe is dred and thirty-five. What is, however dea d stinguished and skilful mem er of their body. Governor Clayton (who was himself an eminent physician) seeing that he was fix ed in his determination, conferred on his the clerkship of the subreme coust of the state of D lawar , for the county of Kent. In this fice he continued for some time, but the seden ary nature of its duties was up conginial with his health and habits ; he longed to mingle in more active scenes, and possessed that ardent spirit of enterprise that can never rest contented with the tranquil hailed. The energy had haled the Spanish the declarations of those of the Frolic the case of common life. With a certain brave- colors, hoisted the British ensign, and opened number could not be less than about thirty resolution, therefore, or rather a noble a fire of cannon and musketry. This the killed, including two officers, and of the un concern, he turned his back upon the com- Wasp instantly returned ; and coming near- wounded between forty and fifty ; the captain foris a demoluments of office ; and resolved | er to the enemy, the action became cl se, and and second lieut nant being of the number .up a me su e, as indicative of the force of without intermission. In four or five mi- The Wasp had five men killed and five slighthis character, as it was decisive of his future | nutes the main opmast of the Wasp was should wound d. fortunes. This was to enter as a midshuman away, and, falling down with the maintop-ail into the service of his country, in the year | vard across the larboard fore and foretopsail the deck, burying the dead, and taking care of 1799, when menaced with a war with France. braces, rendered he, head yards unman gea- the wounded, when Captain Jones sent orders of his understanding and his varied acquire- galian sail were shot a way. Still she continuments; it may be readily imagined, therefore. ed a close and constant fire. The sea was so securing him in a manner taking a retrograde were frequently in the water. The Ameristep in life, entering upon that tedious proba cans, the efore, fred as the ship's sice was supposed that she was one of the couvey, who tion which the naval service peculiary re- going down, so that their shot went either or had all fled during the engagement, and who quires, and accepting a grade which is genes the enemy's deck or below it, while the Ee- now came for the purpose of attacking the rally allotted to boys, and striplings. It was glish fired as the ve sel rose, and thus her prize. The guns of the Frolic were therein vain, however, to remonstrate against a re- bails chiefly touched the rigging or were fore loaded, and the ship cleared for action ; solution, which, once formed, never sibrated. Jones had determined on embracing the profession ; he had weighed all the peculiar in-conveniences and sacrifices likeldent to his determination, and had made up his mind to encounter and surmount them all. His friends could only console themselves with the refluction, if courage, activity and hardinood could ensure naval success. Jones was peculiarly fitted for the life he had adopted ; and it is probable they felt some degree of admiration for that decision of character, which, is the pursuit of what he conceived a laudable ob-ied, could enable him to make such large sa-crifices of personal pride and convenience. The first cruites which he made in his new capacity were under the father of our infant The first cruises which he made in his new capacity were under the father of our intant farmed in the new of this ship, and running down upon the transfer and to express the " pride and please capacity were under the father of our intant for sating along the Froite's bow that they felt in recognising him as a native of their state z in the same resolution they according to the utmost kindness and civility. He was a midshipman on board, the frigate United States, when she bore to France Chief Jus-freit lay so tair for raking, that they decided to the utmost and General Davie, is envoys

gave entire satisfaction to the government

gainst Great Britain. Captain Joues refitted his surg on's 1 ate, and all the blankets of the his ship with all possible despatch, and repair. Frolic were brought from her stop-room for ed to sea on a cruise, in which he met with no the comfort of the wounded. To increase ther luck than the capture of an inconsidera- this confusion, both the Frolic's masis soon f October List, and on the 18th of the month, deek, a d h ay a complete wreck. atter 1 long and heavy gale, he fill in with a lt now appear d that the Fielic mounted ty to give insertion to the annexed exuact,

flig, from the superir force of the enemy ; stated by the fficers of the Frilic, was one hun- " Description of a Shoat' seen by the American and and as the British writers, in endeavouring to dred and ten-the number of Seamon on board ecount for pur successes, and to undervalue the Wasp was one hundred and two; but it our victories, have studiously passed this bat- could not be ascertained, whether is this one scrupulously correct. " i'here was a heavy swell in the sea, and the ficers of the Frolic acknowledged that

extraordinary to the French Republic. He not to heard until they had given a close to actes, so more of Mr. J. A. Bayard, of broadsides whilst they were loading tor this, beard against the broadsides whilst they were pushed against the frame of the loss they sustained by the recapture of the bow ports of the Frolic, and awept the whole length of her deck. At this moment, where the one to each of his officers. On the breaking out of the war with Tripo-b, he was stationed on board of the frigste Philadelphia, under the command of the gol-lant Bainbridge. The disaster which befel cutiass, and was springing on board the Frothat ship and her crew before Tripoli, forms a lic : Captain Jones wishing to fire again besolemn page in our naval history ; atoned for, fore boarding, called him down, but his impehowever, by the brilliant achievements to tu no v could not be restrained, and he was which it gave rise. Twenty mouths of se- already on the bow prit of the Frolie ; when, British. vere captivity among a barbarous people, and seeing the a dor and enthusiasm of the Waps's in a nonious climat , neither broke the spirit crew, Lieutenant Biddie mounted on the nor impaired the constitution of our hero .- hammock cloth to board. At this signal the cellent constitution, canable of the utmost in Blest by nature with v gorous health and an crew followed, but Lieutenant Biddle's feet gilance and fatigue. Naturally and habitual invincible resolution, when relieved from got entangled in the rigging of the enemy's ly temperate himself, he is a great promoter of bondage by the bravery of his countrymen, bowsprit, and Midshipman Baker, in his ar- temperance among his crew; and has been he returned home full of life and ardour. He dor to get on board, laying hold of his coat, successful in reclaiming many a valuable sea was soon after promoted to a lieutenancy. - he fell back on the Wasp's deck. He sprang man from the pernicious habits of intoxication This grade he had merited before his contine- up, and as the next swell of the sea brought. He is now in what may be considered to ment in Tripoli, but old r warrant officers had the Frolic nearer, h got on her bewsprit, mist critical command in our service ; having where Lang & another seaman were alr ady, chage of a ship, the recovery of which will stood in the way of his oreformat. He was now for some time employed on H passed them on the forecastle and was be one of the most anxious objects of the Bh. the Orleans station, where he conducted him- surprised at spring not a single man alive on tish navy and which will call forth the most self with his usual judgment and propriety, the Frolic's deck, except the scamen at the implicable contest on either side. But in he and was a favorite in th police circles of the wheel, an three officers. The deck was slip- course, judgment and skill of Captain J me. Orleans and Mississippi Territories. He pery with blood, and strewed with the bodies we place the most implicit confidence, and are was shortly aft r a pointed to the command of the dead. As he went forward, the capt. satisfied, that whatever fortune may befalling, of the brig Argus, station d for the protecti- of the Frolic, with two oth r officers, who he will always sustain his own high reputation or of our commerce on the southern mari- were standing on the quarter deck, threw and the honor of the American fl g. time frontier. In this situation he ded with down their swords, and made an inclination, vi gilence and fidelity, and though there were of their bodies, denoting that they surrender. at one time insidious suggestions to the con- ed. At this moment the colors were still flytrary, it has apprared that he conformed to his ing, as, pr bally, none of the seamen of the instructions, promoted the public interest, and Frolic would date to go into the rigging for fear of the musketry of the Wash. Lou e-In 1811, Captain Jones was transferred by nant Biddle, therefore, jumpet into the rigthe secretary of the navy to the command of ging himself and haled d wn the British en the sloop of war Wasp, mounting eighteen sign and possession was take of the Frolin in rwenty-four pound carronades, and was des forty-three minutes aiter the first fir . She spatched, in the spri g of 1812, with com- was in a shocking condition; the birth-d ck, munications from our government to its func- particularly, was crowded with dead and ionaries at the courts of St. Cloud an . St. wounded, and dying; there being but a small [anes. Before he returned from this voyage, propartion of the Franc's crew who had escapar had been declared by the United States a. ed. Ciptain Jones institutly seni on board

umber of strongly armed merchantmen un- sixteen thirty-two pound carorades, fourr convoy of his Britannic Majesty's sloop twelve pounders on the main-deck, and tw o war the Frolic, Captain Whiny ates. twelve-pound caronades. She was, therefore, As this engagement has been one of the su erior to the Wasp, by exactly four twelvemust decidedly honorable to the American pounders. The number of men on board, as

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Various other marks of honor have ten mony of approbation which he has received is the appointment to the command of the fin gate Macedonian, lately captured from the

Captain Jones is about the middle size, of an active mind and vigerous make, and in ea-

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## Notice of a Newly Discovered Shoal.

It is singularly remark ble, that, notwithstancing the lapse of 320 years since Vaguit de Gama opened the passage between India and Europe by the way of the Cape of Good Hone, the discovery of a shoal, imminent da gerous both from its extent and situation t, ship frequenting that route, should be reserved for this late day.-

Such, h wever, is the fact ; a very daygerous shoal having been reently discovered, a few degrees to the castward of the Cape, by the A perican ship Union, on her passage from N w-York to the Isle of France. Asit is of importance to the interest of navigation that the position of this newly discovered ole prize. He again put to sea on the 13th fell, covering the dead and every thing on danger be as speedily and widely promulgated as possible, we embrace the earliest opportuni-

containing a descricription of this shoal, from journal kept on board his Majesty's ship President, Capt. Warren, who received an attested copy of the extract from the American ship Union, on her arrival at the Isle of France.

Union, Capt. Macneven, Mr. Cardon Superiargo, bound from New York and the Cape of God Hope to the Isle of Mauritius:

the over in silence, and seemed a xious to el hundred and ten, were included the marines bow it into oblivion, we shall take this occa- and ficers; for the Wasp had besides her sion to republish a full and particular account one handred and two men, officers and maof it, which has alleady appeared in the Port rines, making the whole crew about one huncisive, as to their comparative force is, that

the weather was boisterous. The topgallant they had as many nion as they knew what do yards of the Wasp were taken down, her top- with, and in fact the Wasp could have spared sails were close reefed, and she was prepared fifteen men. There was, therefore, on the for action. About 11 o'clock the Frolic most favorable view, at least an equality of showed Spanish colors, and the Wasp, im- men, and an inequality of four guns. The m diately, displayed the American ensign disparity of loss was much greater. The and pendant. At thirty two minutes past 11, exact number of kill d and wounded on board the Wasp came down to windward on her the Frolic c uld not be precisely determined ; larboard side, vithin about sixty ards, and but from the observations of our officers, and

All hands were new employed in clearing He was at this time almost twenty-nine bie duing the rest of the action. In wour to Lieutenan Biddle to proc ed to Charleston years of age, highly respected for the soliding three minutes more her gaft and in zon-top- or any southern port of the United States ; and, as there was a sus icrous , all to windward, the Wasp would continue her cruise. how greatly his friends were dissatisfied at rough that the muzzles of the Wasp's guns | the ships then parted. The suspicious sail now coming. down very fast. At first it was "hown away. The Wasp now shot ahead of but the enemy, as she advanced, proved to be the Frolic, raked her, and then resumed her a seventy-four-the Poictiers, captain Beresposition on her larb ard how. Her fire was ford. She fired a shot over the Frolic ; pas now obviously attended with such success, and sed her ; byertook the Wasp, the disabled that of the Frelis so slackened, that Captain state of whose rigging prevented her from Jones did not wish to board her, lest the escaping; and then returned to the Frolic, roughness of the sea might endanger both ves- who could of course make no resistance. The tion, if courage, activity and hardihood could sels; but in the course of a few minutes Wasp and Frolie were carried into Bermuta.

" July 22, 1812, lat. at noon 35 deg. 23, min. S. ion g. by Chro. 41 deg. 2, min. L. lot. by lun. ob. 41 deg. 12 min. E. "Light wieds -very clear sky-ship just steering-at 4 P. M. saw a rock about 20 yards long, and six feet above the water, surrounded by a bank of sand visible as the breakers receded ; and rom it, in an earsterly direction, breakers as fir a the eye could reach from the main top main head. At sun-set the extremes from the N. E. half East to East and by south-the body of the shoal about three miles distant . no both tom with 120 tathoms. At sun-set to ked" On inspecting the map of the Indian Ocean, and adverting to the position of this shall nearly in the direct track of the ships outward and home ward bound, the mind shudders at the idea, that a danger threatening justant de tru ti n to all who approach it, should have remained so long unknown ; and it cannot,be doubted, that some at leas of the many ships kn white have been lost at sea no greatdie tance from the Cape, have met their fate from the total ignorance that till this time has prevailed, of the existence of this shoal; the date ger of which is increased by its situation in stormy lattiude, rendering the safety Ly means of boats or rafts, of the people of any vessel wrecked upon it, almost eatirely hopeless.

## From the Fortland Gaztte

A son of Mr. Henry Fobbs, of Baldwin, about five years old, going to a neighbour's of the 10 h inst. took the lodging road for the right path, which led him directly into the woods, by which means he was lost. The circumstance was not discovered till near night ; diligent search was made, but he could not be found, there being a continued forest for a number of miles in every direction. information was given in the evening to the W habitants of the adjocent towns, who ap care fully to sympathize with the distressed parents and assembled on the next and succeed"g days, to the number of 70 or 80 persons who marshalled themselves in regular order, at a bout 5 rods dis ant from each other carries a front of more than a mile in length. discovery was made of the boy till the 1200 when they saw his tracks in the mud, upwards two miles from home ; still it was though could not be living, for if the bears to not devour d him he must hav, perished with cold, as there had been sever. I showers after te was lost, and the nights so cold as to freeze he ground ; the child was thinly clad, with luttle probability of success, all hands ager to persevere in the search one day longer, and on the 14th about 10 o'clock, A. M. they found him three miles from home.