

els," and in the language of party, he was styled the "Demosthenes of Maryland," and it was reported of him that he anticipated in Congress the regular proposition of independence by the most impassioned and vehement exclamation, that "by the God of Heaven, he owed no allegiance to the King of Great Britain." Among his many services to our State was a special mission to England, and the recovery to the State of upwards of \$600,000, a magnificent sum in those days, and much larger than was anticipated or even hoped for. Judge Chase was appointed to the United States Supreme Bench by Washington, in 1796, and his impeachment through the hostility of John Randolph, his trial and defense, and acquittal by the Senate, is considered the most masterly product of our jurisprudence, conducted as the defense was by Judge Chase's faithful friends, Luther Martin, Robert Goodloe, Harper J. Hopkinson and Philip Key. The speeches of Messrs. Hopkinson and Martin have not been excelled in powerful and brilliant eloquence in the forensic oratory of our country.

Commodore Joshua Barney, my paternal grandfather, was distinguished as the hero of the battle of Bladensburg, and of the thrilling engagement of the Hyder Ally and General Monk, in Delaware Bay. Cooper, in his Naval History, says: "This action has been justly deemed one of the most brilliant that ever occurred under the American flag." For this exploit he was voted a sword by the Legislature of Pennsylvania. Commodore Barney was appointed to the command of the flotilla for the protection of the Chesapeake and tributaries during the war of 1812. "Barney's flotilla men ever maintained the high reputation of their commander." Upon the attack upon Washington, he burnt the flotilla and the bridge over the Eastern Branch behind him, and fled with his handful of six hundred sailors to Bladensburg, in defense of the National Capital. His heroic achievements here are too memorable for further eulogy. He was carried from or rather left on the field severely wounded by a musket ball in the groin. For his gallant services on this occasion, he was voted a sword by Congress. Commodore Barney had the enviable honor to unfurl and hoist at the rendezvous for privateersmen in the City of Baltimore, the first "Star Spangled Banner" that had been seen in the State of Maryland, and the novel sight of the Rebel Colors gracefully waving in the breeze, attracted crowds to the rendezvous, and before the setting sun a full crew of jolly "rebels" had enlisted for his vessel, the *Hornet*. As a privateersman, Commodore Barney was a scourge to British commerce on the high seas.