

Gentlemen

Executive Chamber
Harrisburg August 21 1828.

The Executive Chamber at its last session passed Resolutions
requesting His Excellency the Governor to cause to be presented to Captain
Henry S. Bullard and Lieutenant Joseph Cross of the
United States Navy and others, the State such a suitable award, as
testimony of the high and meritorious services of their gallantry and good conduct
in certain actions in the late war with Great Britain. His Excellency
of the will of the Governor of Pennsylvania, I am instructed by His Excellency
to request you will cause such a suitable award to be made as may be
necessary for their completion, the said award, conformably to the following
description viz. To be of the best and strongest iron with a single
point. On the side, the ships in battle, the spread eagle, with a bunch
of arrows in one hand and an olive branch in the other. Under the right
wing the word "Liberty" and under the left the name of the
Vessel engaged in the late of the several engagements. On the other
side a scroll inscribed by the State of Pennsylvania to present the name of the
1828. On the shoulder near the top an anchor with the date of capture
and a boarding like tied with a piece of cable. Below, capture of the

The following are the engagements there presented viz

On Captain Bullard's sword

The engagement and capture of the Constitution by the Institution,
on the 26th day of February 1815.

On a Lieutenant Cross' sword

The engagement and capture of the Constitution by the Commodore and the 24th
day of February 1815 and of the Congress by the same, on the 23rd
day of February 1815.

On a Lieutenant Cross' sword

The escape of the Constitution from an English Squadron off
New York in July 1812. The engagement and capture of the
Constitution by the Institution on the 16th day of August 1812 and
of the same by the same on the 27th day of December 1812 and of
the same and capture by the same on the 20th day of February
1815.

The prices which his Excellency has fixed for the swords, is
for Captain Bullard's \$500 and for a Lieutenant Cross' \$300. - Captain
Bullard's sword a Lieutenant and Lieutenant Cross' a midshipman,
at the time their respective services were rendered. His Excellency
has not determined the price of the handle but will do so soon
if you will be advised. In the mean time you are directed with
the best quality of steel to be used for the blades, and that they be
ready by the 15th day of September next at the furthest.

Yours respectfully,
J. H. Miller Secy of the Executive
Chamber