

time at this port substantially as the Mersey of the armed mob, which sometimes paralyzes the otherwise loyal state of Maryland. Deeds of daring, successful combats and glorious victories had rendered "Old Ironsides" so conspicuous in the naval history of the Country; that she was fittingly chosen as the school ship in which to train the future officers of the navy to like heroic acts.

It was given to Massachusetts and Essex County first to man her, it was reserved for Massachusetts to have the honor to retain her for the service of the Union and the laws.

This is a sufficient triumph of right, and a sufficient triumph for us. By this the blood of our friends shed by the Baltimore mob is in so far avenged.

The Eighth Regiment may hereafter cheer lustily on all proper occasions, but never without orders.

The old Constitution, by their efforts, aided unflinchingly by the United States officers having her in charge, is now safely possessed, occupied and enjoyed by the Government of the United States, and is safe from all her foes. We have been joined by the Seventh Regiment of New York, and together we propose peaceably, quietly and civilly, unless opposed by some mob, or other disorderly persons, to march to Washington, in obedience to the requisition of the President of the United States. If opposed we shall march steadily forward.

My next order I hardly know how to express. I cannot assume that any of the citizen soldiery of Massachusetts or New York could under any circumstances whatever commit any outrages upon private property in a loyal and friendly state. But fearing that some improper person may have by stealth introduced himself among us, I deem it proper to state, that any unauthorized interference with private property will be most signally punished, and full reparation therefor made to the injured party, to the full extent of my power and ability. In so doing I but carry out the orders of the War Department. I should have done so without those orders.

Col. Menroe will cause these orders to be read at the head of each company before we march.

Col. Lefferts' Command not having been originally included in this order, he will be furnished with a copy for his instruction.

By order of

D. G. Butler
Brig. General
William H. Clemens
Brig. Major