

ble and resolution to each of the persons named therein, and also to Charles Readhefer.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker*
of the *House of Representatives*.

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate*.

In the House of Representatives, December 14th, 1812; read and adopted.

GEO. HECKERT, *Clerk*,
of the *House of Representatives*.

In Senate, December 17th, 1812; read and adopted.

JOSEPH A. M'JIMSEY, *Clerk*
of the *Senate*.

CHAPTER IV.

WHEREAS the commonwealth of Pennsylvania entertains a high sense of the distinguished skill and gallantry displayed by the officers and crews of the ships United States and Wasp, in their late victories over a powerful enemy; and looks with peculiar pride on the share which her native sons have had in these illustrious events. To express these sentiments to the world, and at the same time to bestow on them the most grateful reward of valour, the public approbation of their fellow citizens: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, That the governor be and he is hereby requested to present the thanks of this commonwealth to commodore Stephen Decatur, of the frigate United States, and lieutenant James Biddle, of the ship Wasp, for their distinguished gallantry and skill in their late engagements; and likewise to procure for and present to each of them, in the name of this commonwealth, an appropriate sword, the expense of which shall not exceed four hundred dollars.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker*
of the *House of Representatives*.

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate*.

APPROVED—the sixteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER V.

RESOLVED by the senate and house of representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania in general assembly met,