

THE LATE COMMODORE SKINNER.

This distinguished officer died at "Salor's Rest," his residence, in Staunton, Virginia, on the morning of the 14th inst.

Commodore CHARLES W. SKINNER was born in (then) the district of Maine, in April 1789, and entered the navy as midshipman in January, 1809, having previously obtained a knowledge of the practical part of his profession during several voyages to the West Indies, &c., by his father.

The war over, Lieut. Skinner was selected by Commodore Chauncey to serve with him in the Washington, (74) the flag ship of the Mediterranean squadron. He was variously employed, and afforded to our officers the duty peculiar to vessels of that class, this was a mark of the high estimation in which he was held by that experienced and able commander, as new duties were to be learned and precedents set.

Returning during the Mediterranean, Lieut. Skinner was stationed at Norfolk, Virginia, where he married, in 1820, the estimable lady, Miss Clara Whitehead, daughter of an Episcopal clergyman, who, after forty years of happiness survived to see, now mourns his loss.

He commanded, as a lieutenant, one of the small vessels of Commodore Porter's squadron, employed against the pirates in the West Indies in 1822, and the "Porpoise" schooner in 1824. In 1827 he was promoted to the rank of Master Commandant, and the next year was appointed to the command of the sloop-of-war "Warren," on the Mediterranean station, and in 1829 was acting captain of the "Java" frigate, bearing the flag of Commodore Biddle, returning to the United States in 1830.

Having performed a tour of duty in command of the receiving vessels "Java," "Delaware" and "Pennsylvania" in the years 1839, 1840 and 1841, he was in 1844 appointed to command the squadron on the coast of Africa, and on his return, in 1845, was assigned to the command of the navy yard at Norfolk, but was soon called from this responsible post to the more important duties of Chief of the Bureau of Construction and Equipment in the Navy Department, at the invitation of the late Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Cass.

His various and constant duties, of which the above is but an imperfect enumeration, had begun to tell upon a constitution never robust, but he was reluctant to be idle, and undertook, at the instance of the Department, the comparatively light duties of Inspector of Ordnance, which he continued to discharge until 1855, when, having purchased a beautiful residence near Staunton, Virginia, he returned to enjoy in the bosom of his family the remaining years that might be allotted to him.

Few officers have made better use of the opportunities afforded by the retirement than he, with an active and arduous profession than Commodore Skinner. A tenacious memory and methodical habits enabled him to store his mind with solid and useful information, drawn from an excellent library, to which he spared no expense, and to which he resorted with confidence and powers of our prolific press. His conversational abilities were remarkable, and always made him an agreeable and welcome guest, and he abounded in amusing and instructive professional anecdotes. The tale of scandal found no favor with him.

The writer of this tribute to the merits of Commodore Skinner knew him well for near a half century in various relations of life—on the sea, in the social circle, in the world, and in the social circle. As an officer, his discipline was strict but not oppressive, exact but not vexatious, and governed always by a conscientious desire to discharge his duty faithfully. In the social circle he was frank and communicative; in the domestic life he was a faithful and tender husband, a fond father, a true and firm friend, and, above all, an humble, trusting and submissive Christian. Soon after his marriage he became a communicant in the Protestant Episcopal Church and lived his life in firm, consistent and edifying. His charities were liberal and his interest in the welfare of his fellow men was ever ready to aid in the relief of the distressed.

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The well known determination of the enemy to avoid a conflict on this Lake, except under circumstances which would ensure to them victory, made it a service of great hardship. The brilliant victories on Erie and Champlain had whetted the desire of the officers on Ontario to share in such honors, and every opportunity was sought and every effort made by the gallant Chauncey to indulge their aspirations, but in vain.

In all his vexatious service young Skinner now a lieutenant, was ever full part, and drew from his commander frequent commendations of his skill and activity.

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"RULEYRIES" FOR SALE. Having succeeded in purchasing the dowry-estate of the widow of Joseph Tuley, dec'd, I offer for sale, to the highest bidder, on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at 10 o'clock, a very valuable and highly valuable estate known as the "TULEYRIES," the late residence of Col. Jos. Tuley, dec'd, in the county of Loudoun, Virginia. The estate is situated on a high state of cultivation, with valuable improvements, consisting of a large and commodious FARMHOUSE, lighted with gas, and containing a large quantity of furniture, and other necessary out-buildings, of the best kind. There is within the premises a well, which averages about 20 feet of never-failing water, and the Garden of Acres is surrounded with a substantial Stone and Brick Wall, and is well supplied with fruit trees, and other articles of style, elegance and durability, cannot be surpassed by any in the State of Virginia. There are about 700 acres of land, of which about 200 are in the possession of the late Mrs. Tuley, and the balance of the estate is in the hands of the late Mrs. Tuley's heirs.

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