

a navy. The navy was a relic of the past, good while it lasted, but of no further consequence. Young republics had no need of them. A Senator from Pennsylvania said the navy is a menace to our republican institutions, and "eleven unfortunate men now in slavery in Algiers is the pretext for fitting out a fleet." Up to the year 1793, Portugal, who kept a strong fleet at Gibraltar, agreed to protect American vessels. In 1795 a peace was arranged with Algiers. Not having a navy we were obliged to buy our sailors back. It cost about a million dollars to do it, and an annual tribute of twenty-two thousand dollars to Algiers. Then Congress woke up, and by a majority of two ordered the *Constitution* and twenty other gunboats. Our naval war with France lasted from May 28, 1798, to February 3, 1801.

TIBBITS.

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Israel Tibbits came from London to Portsmouth, and married, in 1759, Mehitable Salter, then twenty-one years old. She was a daughter of Richard Salter. They lived in the Deering home, opposite South Mill bridge, between South and New Castle Streets. Mehitable had three children : Sarah, born May 29, 1760 ; Richard, born May 10, 1762 ; Hannah, born January 18, 1765. Israel died in 1771, and his widow married Mr. Moulton, of Moultonboro, and had two more children, John and Nabby.

Captain Salter took his nephew, when eight years old, to London to be educated. He later took him to sea with him as an apprentice. The battle of Lexington was