

Commodore John H. Aulick (- 27 Apr 1873)

Aulick. On Sunday, April 27 at 12:10 a.m., Commodore John H. Aulick, U.S.N. in the 85th year of his age. The funeral will take place from his late residence, corner of 18th and I streets on Tuesday, April 29 at 12 m.

The National Intelligencer, August 23, 1845

Letter from Captain Aulick, U.S. Navy

Navy Yard, Washington, August 19, 1845

Dear Sir: the accompanying lithographic likeness of our enterprising countryman, Mr. William Wheelwright, who first introduced steam navigation in the Pacific Ocean, was sent to me a short time since by an American gentleman residing in Valparaiso, with a request that I "would have it placed in some public institution of this capital, as that of a man who is an honor to his country, and who is likely to reap no other benefit from it than such fame as his countrymen may accord to him."

From the inscription beneath the likeness it will be seen that the portrait from which this lithograph is taken was obtained by order and at the expense of the commercial community of Valparaiso, and placed in the Exchange of that city as a testimonial of esteem for his character, and admiration of his merits.

Although Mr. Wheelwright has been for many years a sojourner in foreign lands, and was compelled to resort to foreign capitalists for means to accomplish his undertaking, after having failed in his efforts to induce those of his own country to engage in it, he has lost none of his native love of country. From a long personal acquaintance and intimacy with him, I think I can safely say that a more warm-hearted and patriotic American does not live in the land of his birth.

If you shall be of opinion with me that his likeness is not unworthy of a place in the "National Institute", I beg it may be so honored. With great respect, your obedient servant.

J.H. Aulick

F. Markoe, Esq.

Corresponding Secretary, National Institute

The Evening Star, April 28, 1873

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The Funeral of Commodore Aulick

took place at noon today from his late residence, corner of 18th and I streets. There were present the Secretary of the Navy, Admirals Porter, Goldsborough, and Powell; Commodores Almy and Rodgers; Commander Kane, and a large number of naval officers at present in Washington, all in full dress uniform; General Sherman, Col. Audenried, of his staff; General M.C. Meigs, Col. Dunn, and many other officers of the army, besides a large concourse of civilians. The remains of the Commodore were encased in a magnificent burial casket, decorated with the American flag and an anchor of beautiful flowers. The Rev. W.F. Watkins, rector of the Church of the Epiphany, read the burial service of the Episcopal church, after which the procession moved down the avenue to the Congressional cemetery in the following order; Battalion of the marine corps, (headed by the full marine band,) Capt. Tilton, commanding, with arms reversed and drums muffled; the hearse escorted by a guard of honor, consisting of eight sailors from the United States steamer Tallapoosa, under command of Mate C.H. Cleveland; carriages containing the pall-bearers, consisting of Admirals Porter, Goldsborough and Powell, Commodore Rodgers, Major Slack; and Dr. Eversfield, Maj. A.S. Nicholson, of the marine corps, had charge of the funeral arrangements.