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Transcription

Johnny Bull: I must have all your Flour—All your Tobacco—All your Provisions—All your ships—All your Merchandize—Every thing except your Porter and Perry* keep them out of my sight, I 've had enough of them already.—

Alexandrian: Pray Mr Bull don't be too hard with us—you know we were always friendly, even in time of your Embargo!

British Soldier: Push on Jack, the yankeys are not all so cowardly as these Fellows here. Let's make the best of your time.—

Jack: Huzza Boys!!! More Rum more Tobacco!—

*David Porter and Oliver Perry were American heroes of the War of 1812.

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American soldier: "Oh! hoh!— Johnny you thought you had Alexandrians to deal with did you—But we'll teach you to know what a flogging is!!!"

John Bull: "Mercy! mercy on me—What fellows those Baltimoreans are—After the example of the Alexandrians I thought I had nothing to do but enter the Town and carry off the Booty—And here is nothing but Defeat and Disgrace!!!"

On the right a mounted officer, possibly Admiral Cockburn urges the British to turn and fight: "What's the Matter! you Cowardly rascals! Back and execute the orders of your Government—We must attack every point that's as-sailable!"

A Scottish Highlander: "In gude troth Admiral I think ye are as mad as our government Dinna ye ken the General's kilt—ye must only attack sie places as Hampton, Havre de Grace, or Alexandria."

American Sniper firing on Scottish General Robert Ross: "Now for this Chap on Horseback with the plaid Bonnet on—There—there's a Rifle pill for you—Thats a quietus."

Ross: "Deil [sic] tak that Republican rascal wi his Rifle gun for he's blawn my brains out.

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