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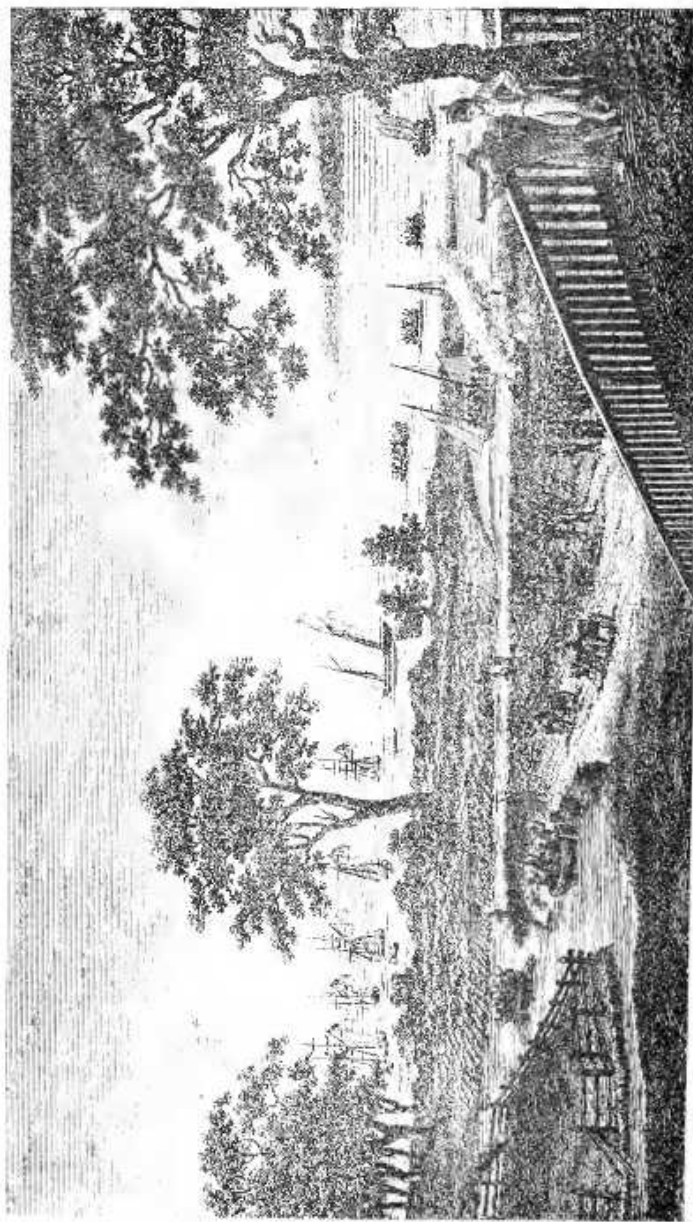
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PERRY SAILING FROM BUFFALO, JUNE 13, 1813

OLD NIAGARA COUNTY'S SHARE IN THE BATTLE OF LAKE ERIE

Niagara County does not forget that she is the daughter of Genesee; nor that she is also the mother of Erie; and she is proud both of her ancestor and of her offspring. A century ago Niagara County embraced the whole of the present County of Erie; the latter being set off from her as a separate county in 1819.

Of Perry's fleet of ten armed vessels on Lake Erie, one half (five in all, four

during that war. The chief ones of this class were in connection with the control (first its loss and then its regain) of the upper lakes, and especially as regards Perry's victory on Lake Erie; towards which Black Rock made most decided contributions.

Five of the fine American vessels which were captured by the British on lakes Erie and Huron in July and August, 1812, were owned at Black Rock;



COMMODORE O. H. PERRY

of them bought by the United States within her limits, the other captured from the British by an expedition which was planned within, and set out from, her borders) was made over into gunboats, put into fighting trim, and started out from old Niagara County.

New York's contribution to that famous fleet has not been sufficiently appreciated.

The War of 1812 was the most important and the most long drawn out—as well as the most disastrous and destructive event—on the Niagara frontier in the early days of the United States. But besides the many operations fought along our river, this frontier bore its part in some occurrences elsewhere

Three of them being captured at the surrender of Mackinaw. Ebenezer Crosby, a Niagara County man, had the contract to build, at Erie, four gunboats; three of which formed part of Perry's victorious fleet. Five vessels of that fleet, with which Perry was ready to meet Commodore Barclay's squadron, were prepared for service in Scudquada Creek, in the winter of 1812.

When the war was declared, about the middle of June, 1812, there were about 32 vessels, all told, on the upper lakes. Of these, twenty were owned by Americans; including one United States vessel (which curiously was under the control, not of the navy, but of the war department), the Adams.