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**"It seems to be made out properly and duly signed and sealed," said the captain, slowly.**

# The Grip of Honor

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Revolution*

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The fear o' Hell's a hangman's whip  
To haud the wretch in order;  
But where ye feel your honor grip,  
Let that aye be your border;  
Its slightest touches, instant pause—  
Debar a' side-pretences;  
And resolutely keep its laws,  
Uncaring consequences.

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TO  
COLONEL JOHN LEWIS GOOD, U. S. V.,  
AND THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF  
THE FIRST PENNSYLVANIA UNITED STATES VOLUNTEERS,  
MY COMRADES IN THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR,  
THIS BOOK IS AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED.

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## Note

THE interests of the story require some slight variations from exact history in the movements of the *Serapis* and the *Bon Homme Richard* before their famous battle, for which the author asks the indulgence of the reader. In all other respects it is believed the account of the battle is sufficiently accurate to present a true picture of the most famous single-ship action ever fought upon the seas.