

## Samuel Brown Papers (1797-1805), in Massachusetts Historical Society

"USS" used in receipt for hammocks for *Warren* noted in list of July 1797.

12 Jul 1799 - Bill from Messrs Thomas Mullett & Co., London, for 20 24-pdr carronades and 8 18-pdr carronades of "Government pattern," together with elevating screws and carriage parts, plus round shot and canister - delivered at Providence, RI.

The following *Constitution* crewmen were identified in powers of attorney dated 17 November 1800:

Master's Mate Humphrey Alden	Ordinary Seaman Edmond Smirth
Boatswain's Mate Seth Huson	Seaman William Gray
Yeoman John Swails	Ordinary Seaman Caleb Aspinwall
Quartermaster John G. Rivers	Cooper Jonathan Palfray
Surgeon's Mate Zephaniah Jennings	Steward's Mate John Rosenge
Quartermaster William Coffin	Gunner's Mate Samuel Trim
Seaman John Thorner	Seaman William Hopkins
Seaman James Wall	

The following *Constitution* crewmen were identified in powers of attorney dated 6 December 1800:

Private William Maud	Corporal John Glynn
Yeoman of the Gun Room Rufus Freeman	

*Constitution* at Cap Nicholas Mole on 5 March 1801.

Quartermaster Benjamin Bartlett served aboard 15 September 1800 - 4 March 1801.

14 May 1801 - "hanging the bell..."

*Constitution* in Boston by 11 June 1801.

18 Jul 1801 - 148 cartridge boxes landed for repair.

July 1801 - "...mending 112 feet of Old Hose..."

10 Aug 1801 - Ship ordered 24 each double and single 10" blocks, and 22 each double and single 9" blocks.

*Constituton* off-loaded on 14 August 1801: 420 24-pdr round shot, 300 12-pdr round shot, and 69 12-pdr double-headed shot, as well as 95 battle axes, 145 sheets of copper, boarding pikes, 16 match tubs, 128 gun tackles, 40 gun breechings, 43 iron crows, 120 hand spikes, 3 "slides for small guns," 47 wooden sponges, 22 rope sponges, 25 worms, "a quantity of grape shot," and miscellaneous other items.

17 Aug 1801 - Ebenezer Leman provided "Irons for Both Masts and Bowsprit" for \$9.

24 August 1801: *Constitution* off-loaded 12 24-pdrs to Castle Island.

27 Aug 1801 - An Ebenezer Leman bill relating to 36 iron belaying pins for ship.

2 Sep 1801 - Talbot requested return of a 12-pdr from the Island, complete.

10 Sep 1801 - "making [lead lined] cistern to Pumps"

28 Oct 1801 - 6 tons of 34' pine and 5 tons of 12' pine received by Edward Hartt for use in float stages for the ship.

10 Nov 1801 - Ephraim Thayer completed repair to fire engines, including "...leathering the valves and Pistons of...[2] Engines...", "...leathering the Suction Cock...", "...arms to the [Engine] axletrees...", and "...brake handles..."  
Cost: \$36.

24 Dec 1801 - Advertised for "seasoned knees" for the ship.

1801 - Excerpts from an annual recapitulation of Ebenezer Leman's work for the ship include "Tiller for the Barge," mending Engine," "hanging the Bell." "Repairing Chain pumps," "1 Sett [sic] Boat Rudder Irons," "5 Boat hooks" and "\$ Boat hooks," "repairing Camboose," "12 Copper screws for Companion," "Rench [sic] for the Cock in the Coppers," "8 pins & Chains for pumps," and "Cutting heading and Drawing 2713 Copper bolts."

7 Jan 1802 - Benjamin completed overhauling "79 Arms & Bayonets."

- Ship needs 2 lower yards, 2 topsail yards, 2 topgallant yards, and "Oak Timber for Cross Trees."

8 Jan 1802 - Larrabee Edes' bill for glazing 60 squares 7 x 9 glass.

20 Jan 1802 - Joseph Roby's bill for repairing "tin work in poop Lantn," also "Top Light."

7 Feb 1802 - Ship had a 27' cutter made of oak and pine.

2 Mar 1802 - Materials used to date in ship's repair:

2375' 2 1/" pine plank for "Hollow" deck @ \$53.33 1/3/thou.

1' 2 1/2" pine plank @ \$45/thou.

16T 17' oak knees @ \$20/ton

3T 6' oak timber @ \$14.25/ton

3T 30' oak timber @ \$14/ton

32' oak knees @ \$15

45' oak knees @ \$17

80' oak knees @ \$17	
18' oak knees @ \$17	
8' oak knees @ \$20	
21' oak knees @ \$20	
18' oak knees @ \$18	
382# oakum @ \$5.25/100#	
1 miscellaneous (drayage, etc.)	\$861.43

13 Mar 1802 - Bill from Ephraim Snow for 4020' of "clear boards."

15 Mar 1802 - 7 live oak knees taken from stores for ship, also 3 pair of live oak chocks.

27 Mar 1802 - 25 bolts of Russian duck delivered to Charles Willis, sailmaker, to make hammocks for ship.

29 Mar 1802 - 601 1/2 yards of English duck received for ship's sails.

13 Apr 1802 - 5 more bolts of Russian duck to Willis for hammocks.

14 Apr 1802 - John Howe & Sons' bill for turning "23 stanchants." (This was Hull's last day in charge; Nicholson so signed on 15 Apr.)

28 Apr 1802 - Received 127' of pine plank for galleries.

10 May 1802 - Received 4624' of clear boards.

21 May 1802 - 700 fathoms of 1 1/2" line requested for rattling down lower rigging.  
 - Bill from William & J. Harris for a 91' main yard (\$23), a 65' main topsail yard (\$15), an 84' fore yard (\$22), a 60' fore topsail yard, (\$14), and mizzen and fore topmast crosstrees (\$6.50). (This apparently fulfills the stated 7 Jan 1802 requirement.)

22 May 1802 - Edmund Hartt's bill for materials used:

5T 8' oak knees @ \$20/T	
4T 20' oak timber @ \$15	
T 34' pine timber @ \$6	
64 1/2# white oakum @ \$.03/#	
21 cwt 15# oakum @ \$.05/#	
1 cwt, 1 qtr cork @ \$4/cwt	
1 miscellaneous	\$516.27

31 May 1802 - Cordage supplied by Isaac P. Davis: 14T, 6 cwt, 3 qtr, 25# @ \$3/cwt.

1 Jun 1802 - Received 1 "ruff" spar for mizzen gaff.

2 Jun 1802 - 1959# of boltrope received for ship.

- Timber reported surveyed for the ship included:
 

90' 9" oak plank	17,912' 4" pine plank
2807' 8 1/2" oak plank	393' 3 1/2" pine plank
58' 8" oak plank	1737' 3" pine plank
108' 7 1/2" oak plank	28' 2 1/2" pine plank
804' 7" oak plank	2512" 2 1/2" "slabs"
138' 6 1/2" oak plank	
6540' 6" oak plank	116T 15' pine beams
1388' 5 1/2" oak plank	66T 10' pine stocks
10,131' 5" oak plank	5T 8' "Timber diminton pine"
13,075' 4 1/2" oak plank	4T 34' pine timber pro- vided by Hartt
1925' 4" oak plank	2375' 2 1/2" reduced to 2" pine plank pro- vided by yard
1461' 3 1/2" oak plank	2618' 2 1/2" reduced to 2" pine plank pro- vided by "Goodridge"
1028' 3" oak plank	
261' 2 1/2" oak plank	
25' 2" oak plank	
11' 1 1/2" oak plank	
43T 35' carlings	
65T 31' oak knees	
6T 5' live oak	
9T 6' oak timber pro- vided by Hartt	
27T 10' oak knees pro- vided by yard	

4 Jun 1802 - Edward Bell's bill for layig platform for galley with 48' of flagstone, and whitewashing and fumigating the "hole and four Larg [sic] Rooms."

8 Jun 1802 - 9 cwt of sheathing paper ordered.

13 Jun 1802 - 1 box tin received for tinning the sail room.

29 Jun 1802 - Thayer & Chapman's bill for 23 bolts (996 1/2 yards) of English duck for sails: \$332.66.  
- John Tapley "ironed" 32 carriage wheels.

1 Jul 1802 - Simeon Skillin's bill for 2 quarter pieces (\$40), 2 corner brackets (\$50), 2 "pieces for foreside work" (\$15), 2 trusses (\$6), 13 festoons (\$26), 2 "navel [sic] woods" (\$20), 2 cat faces )\$6), and 2 brackets for the head (\$6).  
Total: \$369.

2 Jul 1802 - Charles Willis' bill for 270 hammocks.

8 Jul 1802 - This letter to Nicholson from Haraden notes that work was done at "Colonel Mays' Wharf."

- 12 Jul 1802 - James Ridgeway's bill for painting the ship inside and out, and for painting 44 gun carriages.
- 24 Aug 1802 - Ephraim Thayer and 2 men spent 8 days repairing 25 gun carriages.  
Refers to 1 magazine in the ship.
- 23 Sep 1802 - 24 men in ship's maintenance crew.
- 23 Oct 1802 - 26 men in maintenance crew.
- 19 Nov 1802 - Edward Hartt states that he was Master Carpenter for the ship's overhaul, 23 Jun 1801 - 31 Jul 1802.
- 23 Dec 1802 - 26 men in maintenance crew..
- 24 Jan 1803 - 25 men in maintenance crew.
- 26 Jan 1803 - Ship was moored at Union (Mays') Wharf 15 Oct 1801 - 2 Jul 1802.
- 22 May 1803 - Nathaniel Haraden reports to Commodore Preble rigging requirements for heaving the ship down:  
 2 4-strand fine yard 10" purchase falls, 140 fathoms each  
 50 fathoms 13" 4-strand fine yard for block strapping  
 60 fathoms 7" 4-strand rope "to strap the Blocks for setting up the careening pendants"  
 240 fathoms 6" rope for falls for careening pendants  
 120 fathoms 7" 3-strand rope for "necessary uses"  
 300 fathoms 5" rope for gammoning davits  
 300 fathoms 4" rope for lashing deck shores and spring tackles  
 360 fathoms 1 1/2" rattling for seizing stuff  
 1 8" 120 fathom hawser for careening pendants  
 60 fathoms 11" 3-strand shroud hawser for careening pendants
- 24 May 1803 - Haraden reports to Preble the ship needs 12 ash oars 16 1/2-18' long.  
(A later bill indicates these were made by Thayer.)
- 27 May 1803 - Preble reported to Brown that the ship needed the following for recoppering:  
 1600 sheets, 32 and 34 oz. Copper  
 3000# copper sheathing nails  
 14,000 iron tacks "for sheathing"  
 4000 sheets sheathing paper (made by Jonathan Edlis)  
 30 bbls tar  
 10 bbls pitch  
 10 cwt oakum

- Preble also reports to Brown the ship needs:
  - 1 30' barge, lap straked
  - 1 large cutter "with well 30 feet long lap straked"
  - 1 22' jolly boat, lap straked
- (Note: These were built by Jacob Libby. The 2 larger boats cost \$180 each.)

31 May 1803 - Constant Freeman's bill lists Edmund Hartt as "Master Carpenter of Frigate Constitution."

- Dupree & Badger bill included:
  - Bored 2 capstans
  - Coppered 4 4-fold blocks
  - Made 48 8", 72 9" and 3 single 11" blocks, and 2 log reels
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- Pay receipt from Haraden shows ship still in ordinary.

1 Jun 1803 - Pay voucher from Haraden includes MIDN John M. Marshall.

15 Jun 1803 - Bill from George Betterman for transporting 44 canon from Fort Independence to ship in 2 lighters (\$127.25).

17 Jun 1803 - Haraden reports to Preble that ship needs 2 65' and 2 45' water hoses made from #1 canvas.

18 Jun 1803 - Preble informs Brown that another 640 sheets of 30 oz and 32 oz copper are needed to complete bottom. Also needed are 540 sheets of 16 oz copper and 48,800 copper nails for coppering "the magazine." (F. & C. Bradbury, Boston, provided the latter.)

- MIDN Charles Morris, Jr., receipted for "one dozen swivels."
- Purser James Deblois reports to Preble provisions needed for 400 men for 6 months:
 

20,000# bread	1300 gals rice
36,000# beef	1300# butter
31,200# pork	650 gals molasses
10,400# flour	650 gals vinegar
5200# suet	500# wax candles
1300 gals pease/beans	500# mould tallow candles
3900# cheese	

Also needed:

- 2 sets tin or copper measures: 1 gill to 1 gallon
- 1 set weights: 56#, 28#, 14#, 7#, 4#, 2#, 1#, 8 oz, 4 oz, 2 oz, 1 oz, 1/2 oz
- 2 pr. scales
- 2 copper pumps
- 1 set tin funnels
- 60 mess cans
- 125 kids
- 25 5 gal mess kegs
- 2 lanterns
- 1 pr. iron steelyards of 200# capacity

19 Jun 1803 - Bill from David Ludlow (NY) for sail canvas (English duck):

#1	2735 3/4 yds	
#2	716 3/4 yds	
#4	172 3/4 yds	Total cost: \$1646.63
#5	607 1/2 yds	
#6	88 yds	
#7	214 1/2 yds	

(Note: Sails were made by Samuel Watts, boston.)

29 Jun 1803 - Pay vouchers shows MIDN John Davis aboard since 23 May 1803.

5 Jul 1803 - Haraden reports to Preble that 10 bolts of Russia duck and 10 bolts of ravens duck are needed for windsails, mast coats, and tarpaulins. (Supplied by Henry Chapman, \$330.)

6 Jul 1803 - Purser Deblois reports to Preble that the ship will need 200 pr. duck trousers (supplied by William B. Bradford), 150 duck frocks (also from Bradford), 500 pr shoes (from S. Stetson), and 180 "Matrasses" (from J. W. Thacher).  
 - Bill from William C. Hunneman includes 3 new copper tops and clasps for binnacles (\$25), 12 24-pdr gun ladles (\$60), 6 12-pdr gun ladles (\$18), 4 66 1/2# deep sea leads, 800 copper clasps for cartridge boxes, 1 large copper hasp and 3 staples for magazine, and 5 copper powder measures.

7 Jul 1803 - Haraden reports to Preble that the new boat dimensions are:

- Barge - 30' x 7' x 2 1/2' deep
- Cutter - 30' x 8 1/2' x 3' deep
- Jolly boat - 22' x 5'8" x 2'3" deep

- Pay voucher shows MIDN David Deacon on board.

9 Jul 1803 - Pay voucher shows MIDN Samuel Elbert on board.

17 Jul 1803 - Haraden reports to Preble that 13 pieces of Russia duck are needed for 130 hammocks, together with 18 pieces of #1 English duck for a fore course, and 9 pieces of #4 and #5 English duck for a main topmast staysail.

18 Jul 1803 - Haraden reports to Preble that 11 bolts of Russia duck are needed for 110 hammocks, as well as 3 pieces of the same for 12 "cots for the sick."

20 Jul 1803 - Pay vouchers show MIDN John Rowe and Hethecote J. Reed on board.

22 Jul 1803 - Medical inventory shows Surgeon James Wells is aboard.

26 Jul 1803 - Pay vouchers shows Purser James L. Deblois, Surgeon's Mate Patrick Sims, and MIDN S. Schaick and Charles Morris on board.

30 Jul 1803 - Receipt shows "forward bread room" is tinned.

1 Aug 1803 - Paints received from John Osborn:

305# black	3 cwt fine white lead
3 cwt fine yellow	50# fine verdigris
28 # vermilion	

- Bill from Daniel Adams for 4 22" blocks, 72 9" blocks, and 24 8" blocks.
- Bill from Isaac P. Davis for cordage supplied:
  - 50 fathoms 13"
  - 60 fathoms 7"
  - 240 fathoms 6"
  - 40 fathoms 14 1/2"
  - 2 21 1/2" 120-fathom cables
  - 1 13" 60-fathom cable

10 Aug 1803 - Bill from John Tenno for 7 leather buckets and 14 leather 12-pdr cartridge boxes.

11 Aug 1803 - Bill from John Bryant for "one Iron Camboose 27 Inches with Furniture complete delivered on board the Constitution Frigate \$100."

- Bill from Ephraim Thayer shows he altered 14 gun carriages, then mounted guns in ship; also notes provided 403' of hose for 2 engines.

16 Aug 1803 - Bill from Thomas Knox shows he piloted ship on al; moves between May and August 1803.

13 Sep 1803 - Bill from David Goodwin shows he made 56 trucks for quarterdeck guns.

30 Sep 1803 - Bill from William & J. Harris includes the following masts and yards for the ship:

19 1/2" main topmast	19 1/4" foretopmast
14 1/4" mizzen topmast	52' main topgallant mast
50' foretopgallant mast	38' mizzen topgallant mast
64' main topsail yard	60' foretopsail yard
64' crossjack yard	46' mizzen topsail yard
52' spritsail yard	44' main topgallant yard
30' mizzen topgallant yard	31' main royal yard
41 1/2' fore topgallant yard	29' fore royal yard
21' mizzen royal yard	15 1/2" jibboom
60' flying jibboom	44 1/2' gaff
49' main steering sail booms	
46' fore topmast steering sail booms	
32' main topgallant steering sail booms	
30' foretopgallant steering sail booms	
16' topgallant mast steering sail yards	
24' topmast steering sail yards	



19' lower steering sail yards  
30' driver mast yard & outrigger  
2 15' barge masts, each with 22' yard  
1 30' & 1 28' boats mast; each with 18' boom and 4' gaff

20 Dec 1803 - Bill from John Lombard includes 20 match tubs, 120 mess tubs, and 4 harness casks.

31 Dec 1803 - The ship's repairs cost a total of \$42,576.06.

39 May 1804 - Bill from Paul Revere for 3668# copper sheets in Jul 1803 (\$770.28).

30 Jan 1805 - Bill of sale of 18-pdr shot received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in June 1798, purchased by the Federal Government:

6/20/98	4T - 1 cwt - 3 qtr - 247 cannister @ \$133.33/T	\$546.39
7/12-13/98	^T - 2 cwt - 3 qtr - 24# round shot @ \$100/T	<u>613..93</u>
		\$1160.32

The Captain's Clerk  
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