

Tibbitts died in 1821); Captain Shackford was taken down with the fever and was sick many days. At Port Antonio the Captain went ashore to the fort by desire of the commanding officer. Port Maria, Ocoya, Morro Castle, Havana, and other ports are mentioned. Another log shows Tibbitts was near Havana April 6, 1812.

Lieutenant Tibbitts was one of the first officers selected for the new navy of the United States. He had been educated abroad, accustomed to the sea all his life, and was considered a very skilful navigator. He entered the service December 5, 1798, during the war with France. John Adams, who was then President, signed his commission January 7, 1799. C. W. Goldsborough, for Secretary of the Navy, wrote him four days later: "The President of the United States by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, has appointed you a Lieutenant in the Navy of the United States. You will immediately repair on board the ship *Portsmouth*, commanded by Daniel McNeill." The *Portsmouth*, twenty-four guns, built in Portsmouth, carried a crew of two hundred and twenty men.

Lieutenant Tibbitts died in Jacmel, Hayti, in October, 1821. He married Sarah Frost, December 7, 1787. His uncle, John Salter, married her sister, Jane Frost, November 1, 1783. Sarah Frost Tibbitts, who was born June 11, 1766, lived for many years in Pleasant Street, Portsmouth, where she died January 4, 1852.

On a sheet of paper that had been sent to R. S. Tibbitts there is copied an extract from a letter:

"August 26, 1784. Is not this strange weather? Winter absorbed the spring, and now autumn is come before we have summer. But let not our kindness for each other imitate the inconstancy of the seasons. To