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Syr, "what had Stanton, as Secretary
of War, to do with the purchase of
vessels of any kind?"— and especially
let us ask what he had to do with
the purchase of the *Menon*? what
was the price paid for her? what
was her valuation by naval
men?— and what became of the
purchase-money? Some particulars
in relation to that, and other trans-
actions, made by ~~the~~^{Stanton} Stanton himself
would be acceptable, if we could
get them.

Manuscript of Gideon Welles

The first part of the paper is a
 general statement of the
 nature of the business and
 the objects of the
 company. It is then divided
 into two parts, the first
 of which is a statement of
 the capital and the second
 of the assets. The third
 part is a statement of the
 liabilities and the fourth
 is a statement of the
 profits and losses. The
 fifth part is a statement
 of the dividends and the
 sixth is a statement of the
 reserves. The seventh part
 is a statement of the
 accounts and the eighth
 is a statement of the
 balance sheet. The ninth
 part is a statement of the
 cash and the tenth is a
 statement of the
 bank balances. The
 eleventh part is a
 statement of the
 sundries and the
 twelfth is a statement
 of the
 other accounts.

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They have been ready to call on
the Navy Department, which publishes
annually its list of Naval vessels and
expenditures, for ^{similar information} particulars, ~~and~~
New Washburn, the trimmer and
grocer's man of the radical
candidate for President has insinua-
tions and out-givings in relation
to the purchase of Naval vessels.
The historian of the Tribune
in his "American Conflict" is ^{scarcely} ~~not~~
less unjust to the Navy, and the
Navy Department.

The operations ~~against~~
which resulted in the capture
of Fort Mifflin, Fort Mifflin,
Fort Mifflin and St Philip, and
New Orleans, ~~was~~ each and all
originated ⁱⁿ and were planned by
the Navy Department. Yet any one

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who reads the "American Certificate"
and relies on it as authority
will not only be wholly igno-
rant of the facts, but will be
led to conclude that Gen Butler,
or some ^{Radical} ~~one~~ who performed a
subordinate military part is
entitled to the credit of these
achievements. Not only the important
places mentioned, but in every
bombardment which took place
~~from~~ beginning with Forts Henry
and Donaldson on the Cumberland
and Tennessee, including
Shiloh or Pittsburg Landing,
Iland No 10, Memphis, Vicksburg
and Fort Hudson ^{on the Mississippi} ~~on~~ ^{at} ~~the~~
Fort Fisher and Wilmington
the Navy bore a conspicuous
part although almost entirely

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The first of the "American papers"
of this kind was the "Daily
Star" which was published in
New York in 1787. It was
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ignored by such narrow
 partisans as Washburn and
~~the~~ Guly. Some of these last
 enumerated demonstrations, par-
 ticularly those of Fort Fisher and
 Mobile were Naval in their
 origin, & were notoriouly pressed
 and urged upon the War Department
 for more than two years, & a
~~law~~ ^a military co-operating form
 was necessary. Gen Grant, it seems
 from Baden's late publication,
 had coincided with the Navy
 Department in regard to the
 capture of Mobile.

Without a co-operating
 law form, the Navy could not
 will reduce ~~a plan~~ ^{retain} and possession
 of a plan, and the War Department
 was, it is well known reluctant

in almost every instance to grant facilities, yet when the work was executed, and success crowned the achievement, such partisans as the Tribune always gave the credit to others ~~and~~ ^{instead of the Navy and the} ~~sole~~ ^{Navy Department} ~~owed~~ when it belonged.

So of the expenses. From the beginning of the year to its close, there was a class of party men like Hale of New Hampshire and Washburn of Illinois ^{who} were ~~also~~ incessantly attacking and abusing the Secretary of the Navy and affairs in the service. When the Extra Session of 1861 was convened by Mr. Simons, and before he ~~had been~~ ^{to convene} could send in his message ^{enquiring} John P. Hale presented a resolution ~~to know~~ ^{by what authority the}

Secretary of the Navy was building and procuring vessels, while others ~~of his class~~ who were Holis' accounts were denouncing the Secretary as too slow in not ^{with out, ships, or guns, or men} organizing a fleet for the blockade a coast of three thousand five hundred miles in extent. The Secretary, while he executed his work promptly and efficiently, never as any moment was neglectful of the public interest. The history of other nations may be searched in vain for the ^{of maintenance} creation of such a navy, at so small an expense, as that of the United States from 1861 to 1865. on the downfall of the rebellion. Vigilance, economy and efficiency characterized the Navy Department throughout that whole period,

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The history of the American
people is a history of
struggle and progress.
It is a story of
perseverance and
achievement.
The American people
have shown a
remarkable
ability to overcome
adversity and
build a better
future for
themselves and
for their
country.

and it is honorable to our country
~~and~~ countrymen, that the
 Secretary was throughout sustained,
 amidst the obloquy and
 abuse of petty politicians in con-
 gress, and had the confidence of the country.
 The Navy Register contained
 annually a list of the vessels
 belonging to the Navy.
 They were not one third the
 number that were ~~owned~~ ^{employed} ~~by~~ ⁱⁿ the
 department employed by the Navy. Many
 of them were ^{costly &} magnificent war
 steamers and Iron Clads, armed
 with heavy and expensive ordnance,
 manned by splendid crews, and all
 engaged on active blockade and
 cruising duty, ^{and in various ways.} after no assaults
 and bombardment ^{that was made.} he has not
 all the details of this great work of
 the Navy and the means by which it was effected.

as a human & an enemy
of counterpoint, that the
standing in the original
contains the following
series of facts, including the copy
of the original & the
the new, repeated contents
usually a list of the names
which correspond to the
they are not on their
names that are
referred to the new
of them now, the
names are from the
has now an opinion
number of the
names on other
Country, after the
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~~of the navy and therefore~~
~~and we~~ are not sorry that it has
been called for, though the motions
which led to that, ^{call} may not have been commendable.

But we have, in the quiet
calm and ~~unassuming~~ deliberate
Report of the Secretary ^{of the navy} in December
1865 the following statement:
(see Report)

Here is an exhibit of
which our countrymen ^{may well} might be
proud; but no word of commen-
dation ~~or of~~ was ever bestowed
by politicians like the Tribune
on the man, or ~~on~~ men who
so economically & efficiently adminis-
tered that Department of the
government. The deeds of such men
as Farragut, Roster, Dupont and
others could not be wholly passed
over, but the Greeley's & Washburn's

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passed thus with brief & extorted approval. An average expenditure of seventy two millions a year, during a period of active war ^{& in enforcing the most efficient blockade the world has ever known,} or an aggregate of three hundred and fourteen ^{Millions} ~~One~~ hundred & seventy thousand ^{dollars} millions in over four years, when the government expended ~~over~~ ^{of dollars} three thousand millions, twenty five hundred & millions of which is a public debt is certainly an evidence of corrupt and economical administration which is not found elsewhere in the government.

Mr. Washburn has called for particulars from the Navy Dept.

Let the Tribune unite with us for information in regard to the seventy five millions ^{expended}, and the three thousand six hundred & ninety three vessels employed by the War Department, and ^{of} all other vessels and all other expenses for vessels by that Department.

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