



**FRIGATE CONSTITUTION.**

**T**O all *able-bodied* and *patriotic Seamen*, who are willing to serve their Country, and Support its Cause :

The President of the United States, having ordered the Captain and Commander of the good Frigate CONSTITUTION, of 44 guns, now riding in the harbor of *Boston*, to employ the most *vigorous exertions* to put said ship, as speedily as possible, in a situation to sail at the shortest command.

*Notice is hereby given*, That a HOUSE OF RENDEZVOUS is opened at the sign of the *Federal Eagle*, kept by Mrs. BROADERS, in Fore-street ;—where ONE HUNDRED and FIFTY able Seamen, and NINETY-FIVE ordinary Seamen, will have an opportunity of entering into the service of their country for One Year, unless sooner discharged by the President of the United States.—To all able bodied Seamen, the sum of SEVENTEEN DOLLARS ; and to all ORDINARY SEAMEN the sum of TEN DOLLARS per month, will be given ; and two months advance will be paid by the Recruiting Officer, if necessary.

None will be allowed to enter this honorable service, but such as are well organized, healthy and robust ; and free from scorbutic and consumptive affections.

A glorious opportunity now presents to the brave and hardy Seamen of New-England, to enter the service of their country—to avenge its wrongs—and to protect its rights on the ocean. Those brave Lads, are now invited to repair to the FLAGG of the CONSTITUTION now flying at the above rendezvous ; where they shall be kindly received, handsomely entertained, and may enter into immediate pay.

SAMUEL NICHOLSON,  
Commander, United States Frigate Constitution.

At the above rendezvous Lt. CLARK of the Marines, will enlist three Sargeants, three Corporals, one Armourer, one Drummer, one Fifer, and fifty privates to compose a company for the Ship CONSTITUTION. None can be enlisted who are not five feet, six inches high.

Boston, Massachusetts, May 12.

*Frigate Constitution, posted in the Columbian Centinel, May 19*

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The U.S. Navy placed this ad in a Boston newspaper in 1798 to recruit sailors for USS *Constitution's* crew.