

My dear Mr Boyer,

[Richard Montgomery Boyer]

My friends had not  
much expectation of getting  
my Uain attended to <sup>to</sup> day;  
but I have sent the carriage  
and if you have a moment  
to spare, I beg the favor  
of you to ride up and

ascertain what they are  
about!

Yours Sincerely  
S. Beattie

Monday -

Mr. M. Boyer Esquire  
Washington

Decatur died Mch 22, <sup>1820</sup><sub>180</sub> this letter  
must have been written in 1805 or 1811  
which years <sup>(only)</sup> Jan. 30 fell on Wed., after  
Decatur became 21 yrs old.  
Wednesday Morn. Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>

My dear Mr Boyer, [Richard Montgomery  
Boyer]

I expect two or three  
of my neighbors to pass this  
evening with me, and I  
hope you will do me the  
favor to join my little  
circle, and to bring Judge  
Kilgore with you if he  
Kilgore?

is in Love

I beg you to believe me

always most cordially,

Sincerely yours,

A. D. C.

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Mr. Bayne

George Town Hotel



March 15, 1837

My dear Mr. Rogers,

[Richard Montgomery Rogers]

If you can spare the  
time, I pray you to go  
to the Capitol tomorrow  
and see whether my bill  
dies an honorable death!  
For, die, I know it must!

Mr. Lathrop has just  
return'd from Philadel-  
phia, and I dare say with

a packet full of fabrics  
as unfounded and as base  
as those which have al-  
ready been made against  
me!

Believe me always

Most Sincerely,  
Yours,

S. T. Hunter

Thursday Evening  
March 15<sup>th</sup> 1832



To /  
Mr. Bayne

Union State,

# MEMORANDUM

TO THE  
LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS

FROM THE  
Manuscript Division,  
July 30, 1919. 191

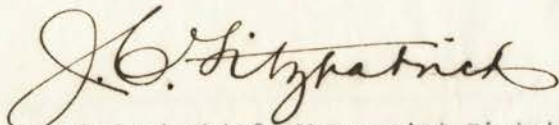
REFERRING TO letter, of July 26, from  
Edward W. Hawley, Lawyer,  
525 New York Life Building,  
Minneapolis, Minn., (to J. C. Fitzpatrick)

enclosing a copy of a letter, dated March 15, 1832, signed "S. Decatur", together with a tracing of the signature, and asking to have the signature compared with others here, in order to determine whether it is that of Stephen Decatur; and also stating that the letter bears a wax seal, with an impression that is evidently that of Decatur's own seal ring, and asking if we know of the existence of any other impression of this ring:

Stephen Decatur was killed by Barron in a duel, March, 1820. The S. Decatur, a tracing of whose signature is enclosed by Mr. Hawley for comparison, is Susan Decatur, the widow of Captain Stephen Decatur.

The letter of March 15, 1832, which Mr. Hawley inquires about, refers to House Bill No. 98, 22nd Congress, 1st Session, 1831-32, which was a bill to compensate Susan Decatur, widow of Captain Stephen Decatur, and others. It appropriated \$100,000., to be distributed among the officers and crew of the Intrepid, for their gallantry in retaking the U.S.S. Philadelphia. Susan Decatur, as the heir of Stephen Decatur, was to receive \$31,412.42. The bill failed of passage at this session, and it is to this expected failure that the letter of March 15 refers.

As to the impression on the seal, made by Stephen Decatur's seal ring, the Library of Congress does not possess an example, and has no means of knowing how many of such are in existence. A number of Stephen Decatur letters are preserved in the Pennsylvania Historical Society in Philadelphia. Some of these may possibly have the seal attached.



Assistant Chief, Manuscript Division.

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August 1 1919

Dear Sir :

By direction of the Librarian, I am enclosing a memorandum which Mr' Fitzpatrick, the Assistant in Charge of our Manuscript Division, has prepared in connection with your request of July 26, addressed to him. We trust that the information furnished will prove of some service to you.

Very truly,

*J. L. Tarnum*  
Secretary

(1 enclosures)

Edward W. Hawley, Esq.,  
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Minneapolis, Minn.

S. Dexter