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J.C. Dobbin Secy of the
Navy in his ^{yearly} report
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In calling to your attention
to the monuments of this
squadron, I cannot omit
an especial reference to the
conduct of Commander
Ingraham while in command
of the St Louis at S. An
ocean of 10,000 miles
separated him from his
country, and his small ship
was alone in bearing his
country's flag. Violence was
committed on the personal
liberty of a man entitled
to the protection of that flag.
The perpetrators of the offense
outrumbered him in vessels,
guns, and men. It was a
moment of peril, involving
honor and life. With prudence
and discretion, yet with prompt-
ness and spirit and marked
determination, Comm. J. gave the
protection, and the man is free.

Such conduct, under such
circumstances, surely entitles
the Officer to a most significant
evidence of the Government's
approval, "

