



THE SHIP NIAGARA.

Hail! stately Niagara, pride o' the Sea,
We hail thy approach with hearts full of glee,
Thou art not come in anger or hostile array,
But a peaceable mission hath brought thee to da,
Each true British heart with friendship will glow,
Meet each as a Brother, and not as a foe.
Though for warfare desingn'd, may they guns never
Till thy timbers decay, on Columbia's fair shore
But may commerce increase, and prosperity flow,
May the white flag of peace, all others forego;
May the bright star of liberty, beam o'er the World,
And the banner of war more be unfurl'd
May Columbia & us join heart and hand,
Be the polestar of nations in every land;
May the old British Lion, reposing remain—
And ne'er be arous'd from his slumbers again;
See the Ships of both Nations together combined
In harmony quit for the duty assigned,
and may the glide smoothly across the Atlantic
and accomplish their task which is truly romantic
The mighty Atlantic, that once fill'd with dread,
The heart of each mariner, now on its beam
Will repose; the famed cable enormous in length,
May it never be mov'd, by the sea in its strength,
O'er mountains and valleys, o'er weed cover'd wrecks,
Where bones of each crew, may still bleach on the decks,
O'er docks, reefs, and quicksand, in silence descend
While old Neptune amus'd and its pathways defend
And when 'tis completed, no matter the weather,
The two mighty Nations can converse together;
The first shewall hear will be England ahoy!
We hope you are well, and wish you much joy.
(Triumphant achievement, the world's greatest wonder,
May ages roll on, e'er 'tis river assunder.)
Old England responds to the message that came,
We are all pretty well, and we wish you the same.
For ever record Washington whom Cob. Wallace had
In thrashing the corn he was not mistaken, [taken,
By the aid of Old Erin on the 4th of July,
The white flag of Freedom o'er Columbia did fly.
The sons of blessed St. Patrick for ever noble, true,
To Kings and Queens and Emperors, no matter what's
their hue,
hope the day will shortly come when they will clearly
see,
Their strength shall be employed to make their church
and country free.