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| <b>Title:</b>               | Commodore Hull Medallion, Poem, ( <i>Lines Addressed to Commodore Hull</i> ) and Presidential Messages, 1818  |                             |        |
| <b>Creator:</b>             | Jonathan Russell  |                             |        |
| <b>Dates of Material:</b>   | 1818, n.d.  | <b>Record Group Number:</b> | RG 552 |
| <b>Summary of Contents:</b> | <p>1 cardboard clam shell case with a bronze medallion in a front portal. The medallion is 6 cm. in circumference with a bust of Commodore Isaac Hull on the face. The medallion was designed by John Reich. A translation of the words inscribed on the front is: "Isaac Hull conquers in July 1812, the skilled by stratagem and in August, the strong in battle" On the back is a ship and the words "Horae Momento Victoria" which translate to "Victory in the space of an hour". The title on the front of the box has the words "War of 1812, Jonathan Russell, Commodore Hull". Only 126 of these medallions were estimated to be struck.</p> <p>Within the box is a 2 ½ page handwritten poem entitled <i>Lines Addressed to Commodore Hull</i> [in the transcript, the title is <i>Hull's Victory, the Constitution captures the Guerriere, 19 August 1812</i>]. The poem was written by Jonathan Russell. A transcript of the poem is included. The poem is unsigned.</p> <p>The box also contains 2 printed messages from the president of the United States, James Madison.</p> <p><i>A Message from the President of the United States communicating Further Information Relative to the Pacific Advances Made on the Part of the Government to that of Great Britain.</i> The message contains correspondence and communications from Jonathan Russell to Lord Castlereagh, President Monroe and Mr. Hamilton with responses from Castlereagh and Hamilton. This is a 12 page booklet with untrimmed pages. It was printed by Roger C. Weightman, Washington City, 1812. On the front, it says November 13<sup>th</sup>, 1812 ordered to lie on the table [to make the issue available for debate].</p> <p><i>A Message from the President of the United States transmitting Copies of a Communication from Mr. Russell to The Secretary of State connected with the Correspondence Communicated by his Message of The Twelfth Instant, relative to the Pacific Advances Made on the Part of this Government, to that of Great Britain.</i> This message is to Mr. Monroe from Jonathan Russell. This is a 15 page booklet printed by Roger C. Weightman, 1812. On the front it says November 18<sup>th</sup>, 1812 read and ordered to lie on the table.</p> <p>Source: Loubat, Joseph Florimond. <i>The Medallie History of the United States of America, 1776-1876</i>, vol.1. New York: Joseph Florimon Loubat, 1878</p> |                             |        |

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| <p><b>Physical Description / Condition:</b></p>   | <p>The medallion is slightly discoloured with a patch of discolouration above Hull's right shoulder.</p> <p>The poem is written on paper watermarked with an 1812 date. There a few small tears and fold splits.</p> <p>The Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> message from the president is slightly speckled and has a piece torn from the lower corner of the last page. This does not affect the text.</p> <p>The Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> message from the president is coming apart from the strings that hold it together. There are several old pen marks and a few stains.</p>   |
| <p><b>Administrative/ Biographical Sketch</b></p> | <p>Isaac Hull was born in Derby, Connecticut on Mar.9, 1775. He was in the merchant service, but entered the navy as a lieutenant in 1798. In 1804, he was appointed as master-commandant. It was in April of 1806 that he became a captain.</p> <p>In July of 1812 while he was in command of the frigate USS Constitution, he was pursued by 5 British vessels. He was able to keep out of their reach by sending out his kedge anchors and hauling up his ship to them. On August 19<sup>th</sup>, he captured the British frigate HMS Guerriere. For this, congress presented him with a gold medal and a vote of thanks. After the war, he commanded in the Pacific and the Mediterranean. He died on February 3, 1843.</p> <p>Source: Loubat, Joseph Florimond. <u>The Medallie History of the United States of America, 1776-1876</u>, vol.1. New York: Joseph Florimon Loubat, 1878</p> <p>Jonathan Russell was born in 1771 in Providence, Rhode Island. He studied Law, but did not practice it. He was known as an orator. President James Madison appointed him as a diplomatic representative in Paris in 1810. The next year, he held the same position in London. From 1814-1818 he was the United States Minister to Sweden and Norway. He was one of the negotiators of the Treaty of Ghent. Russell served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1820 and then was elected to the United States House of Representatives. He served from March 4, 1821-March 3, 1823. He also served as the chairman on the Committee of Foreign Affairs. He died in 1832.</p> <p>Source: Mitchell, Martha. <u>Encyclopedia Brunoniana</u>. Providence: Brown University Library, 1993</p> |
| <p><b>Location:</b></p>                           | <p>Brock University Archives</p>  |

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| <b>Related material held at Brock University:</b>     | Maloney, Linda M. <i>The captain from Connecticut: the life and naval times of Isaac Hull</i> . Boston. Northeastern University Press, 1986. Floor 5 - V 63 H85 M35 1986.<br><br>Hull, Isaac, 1773-1843. <i>Commodore Hull: papers of Isaac Hull, Commodore, United States Navy</i> / edited by Gardner Weld Allen. Boston. Boston Athenaeum, 1929. Special Collections - E 353.1 H8 H8 1929   |              |               |
| <b>Related material held at other repositories:</b>   | Papers of Isaac Hull, Commodore, United States Navy. Published by the Boston Athenaeum in 1929 at the USS CONSTITUTION MUSEUM, Charlestown Navy Yard, Building 22, Charlestown, MA 02129<br><br>USS Constitution model at the USS CONSTITUTION MUSEUM, Charlestown Navy Yard, Building 22, Charlestown, MA 02129<br><br>Captain Isaac Hull's Dress Sword and Engraved Scabbard at the USS CONSTITUTION MUSEUM, Charlestown Navy Yard, Building 22, Charlestown, MA 02129 |              |               |
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