

Log books of Sir Pulteney Malcolm, 1768-1839, kept aboard H.M.S. Royal Oak (June 1, 1814 to May 28, 1815), H.M.S. Tartarus (June 13 to July 25, 1815), and H.M.S. Newcastle (March 28, 1816 to Aug. 16, 1817), in all 242 pages. The three logs are contained in one large folio bound volume, which includes, additionally, two watercolor drawings, two pen-and-ink drawings, one pencil drawing, five charts, two plans and four maps. The log kept aboard H.M.S. Royal Oak numbers 118 pages and includes accounts of the bombing of Fort McHenry during the Battle of Baltimore, and provides a day-by-day record of naval support given the British army during the expedition against New Orleans. The log not only furnishes routine data about the ships, the squadron, and the weather, but details anchorings, embarkation and debarkation of troops, listing their units, numbers, arms and equipment. The log for H.M.S. Tartarus numbers only nine pages and deals with Admiral Malcolm's command of a North Sea squadron in June and July of 1815. The log for H.M.S. Newcastle numbering 115 pages relates to Admiral Malcolm's assignment of enforcing a rigid blockade of the island of St. Helena, keeping a close guard on exiled Emperor Napoleon I of France. The log was purchased at the Charles Hamilton auction, held in New York City on September 22, 1966.