

ADM 1/507/871-874
Holtam to Cochrane
Nov. 13, 1814 (cont)

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An Extract of Intelligence dated the 31st October 1814, transmitted to Rear Admiral the Honorable Henry Holtam, by Captain Nash of His Majesty's Ship Saturn, respecting the Enemy's Steam Frigate launched at New York.

"The Steam Frigate was launched this day; her construction as follows. Single Deck, with about 12 Ports on each side, 32 Pounds; Square Bow and Stern, with three Guns at each end, of 100 pound Caliber; short Guns. — Upper Deck arched over and Bomb proof; principle of the Engine to throw hot Water; she is not cased with Iron, as before reported, — ^{not} Fire Vessel, unassailable to board her — (sic) She is to have short Masts with a kind of Gutter sails, to assist her occasionally before the Wind — her name is the Demi Locusta.

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| Signed | James Nash
Captain.

Notes -

LOCUSTA: a small spike or elongated cluster of flowers in grasses
DEMI: prefix meaning less than usual in size.

* See Caspelle - American Sailing Navy
Figs. 29, 34, 35. Consistent with Hamilton painting.

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see ADM 1/507/891-2 which adds -

"The Steam Frigate launched on Saturday, is to mount 30 long thirty-two pounders - two Columbiads abapt 100 lb. Shot - furnished with several furnaces for hot Shot. Her machinery is covered and Bomb proof. nothing but opposing hot shot to her can avail any thing. She is intended to keep the Sound clear in the Spring, with a Squadron of Gun Boats, Gallies, etc."