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1934
Charlotte Forken Grimke was a genuine
& authentic Daughter of the American
Revolution. I make this declaration
at the outset in order that any
whose prejudices forbid their
admitting unpalatable facts
may sign off now without more
ado.

In 1780 James Forken, the grandfather of
the subject of this sketch was in the service
of the Colonial navy on the ship Royal Louis
Commanded by Captain Decatur father
of that patriotic American ^{Stephen Decatur} Commodore of ^{author of the celebrated} ~~respectable~~ memory,
Lydia Maria Child, in The Freedmen's Book
published in Boston in 1865 by Ticknor and
Fields devotes a chapter to the life of James
Forken who died in 1842 at the age of seventy-six
years. "His funeral procession", she relates, was
one of the largest ever seen in Philadelphia,
thousands of people, of all classes & all com-
plexions having united in this tribute of
respect to his character.

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x the ship Royal Louis commanded by
Captain Decatur father of Commodore Stephen
Decatur, the quality of whose patriotic devotion
may be gleaned from his famous toast:
My country right or wrong, My country.

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