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CAPTAIN JOHN RODGERS, UNITED STATES NAVY.

MESSAGE
OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

RECOMMENDING

A vote of thanks to Captain Rodgers for eminent skill and zeal in discharge of his duties, &c.

DECEMBER 15, 1863.—Referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

In conformity to the law of July 16, 1862, I most cordially recommend that Captain John Rodgers, United States navy, receive a vote of thanks from Congress for the eminent skill and gallantry exhibited by him in the engagement with the rebel armed iron-clad steamer *Fingal alias Atlanta*, whilst in command of the United States iron-clad steamer *Weehawken*, which led to her capture on June 17, 1863; and also for the zeal, bravery, and general good conduct shown by this officer on many occasions.

This recommendation is specially made in order to comply with the requirements of the 9th section of the aforesaid act, which is in the following words, viz :

“That any line officer of the navy or marine corps may be advanced one grade if, upon recommendation of the President by name, he receives the thanks of Congress for highly distinguished conduct in conflict with the enemy, or for extraordinary heroism in the line of his profession.”

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 8, 1863.