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New Discoveries & Interpretations: The War of 1812 in Baltimore

“When the Legend Becomes Fact, Print the Legend.”

- * The Making of the Star-Spangled Banner*
- * Francis Scott Key and the Dawn’s Early Light
- * British Incursions: Bear and Colegate Creeks

Company of Military Historians, April 21, 2012

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1.

“...it is my desire to have a flag so large that the British will have no difficulty in seeing it from a distance...”

Major George Armistead, Fort McHenry, June 1813



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A Maker of Colours...”

Mary Pickersgill , Pratt & Albemarle Sts.



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Johnson's Not Claggett's Brewery...



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Elizabeth Ross, George & Friends

Philadelphia, c. 1775



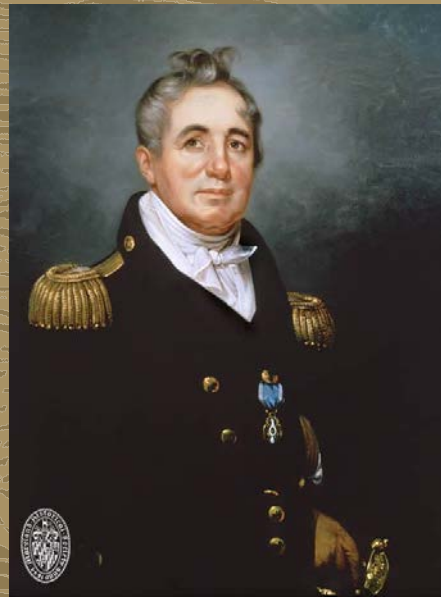
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Three officers and a flag....

John Stricker



Joshua Barney



George Armistead



A Receipt for the Star-Spangled Banner

August 19, 1813

Mr James Cathown Just Deputy Commissary
To Mary Pickensville Jr
261 American Ensigns 30 by 42 1/2 feet first quality Bunting \$405.90
To 1 do do 17 by 25 1/2 feet do do 168.54
August 19th 1813 for Total Mr Henry \$ 574.44
Baltimore 27th ~~October~~ 1813 Recd from James Cathown Just
Deputy Commissary two Hundred and twenty four Dollars
and forty four Cents in full for the above bill
signed and sealed
for Mary Pickensville
Elija Young

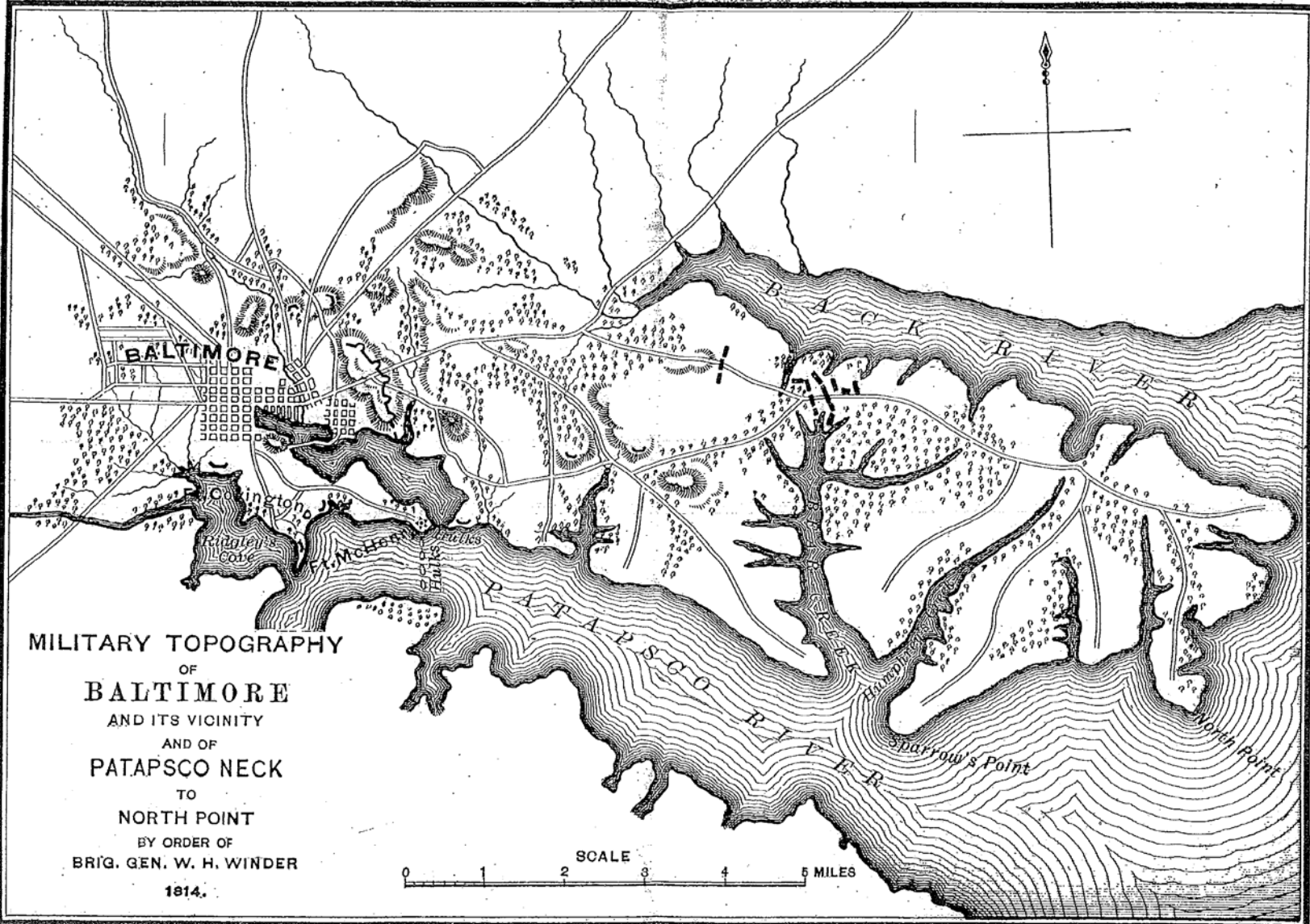
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Francis Scott Key &

“...the dawn’s early light...”



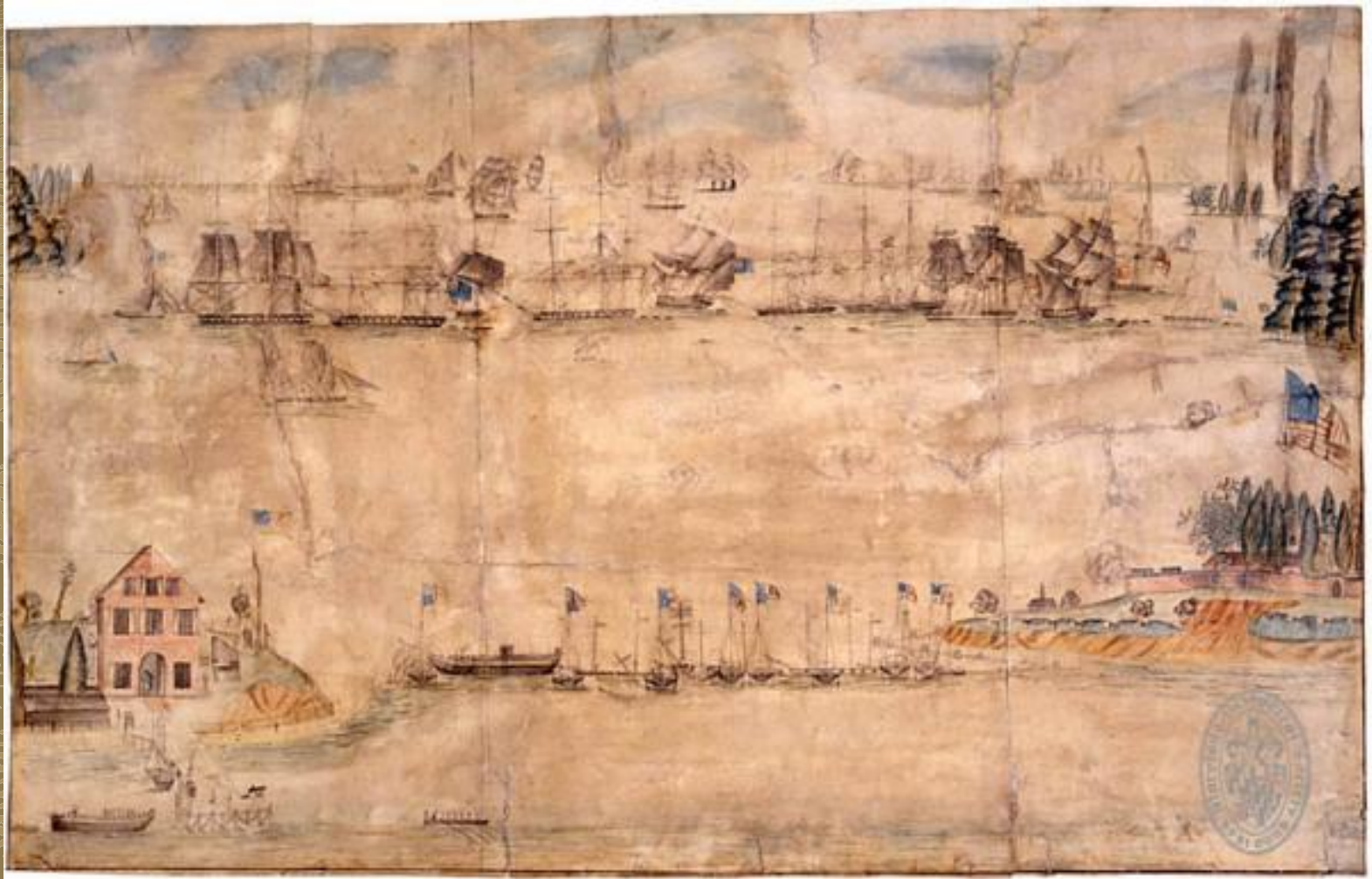
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MILITARY TOPOGRAPHY
 OF
BALTIMORE
 AND ITS VICINITY
 AND OF
PATAPSCO NECK
 TO
NORTH POINT
 BY ORDER OF
 BRIG. GEN. W. H. WINDER
 1814.

SCALE
 0 1 2 3 4 5 MILES

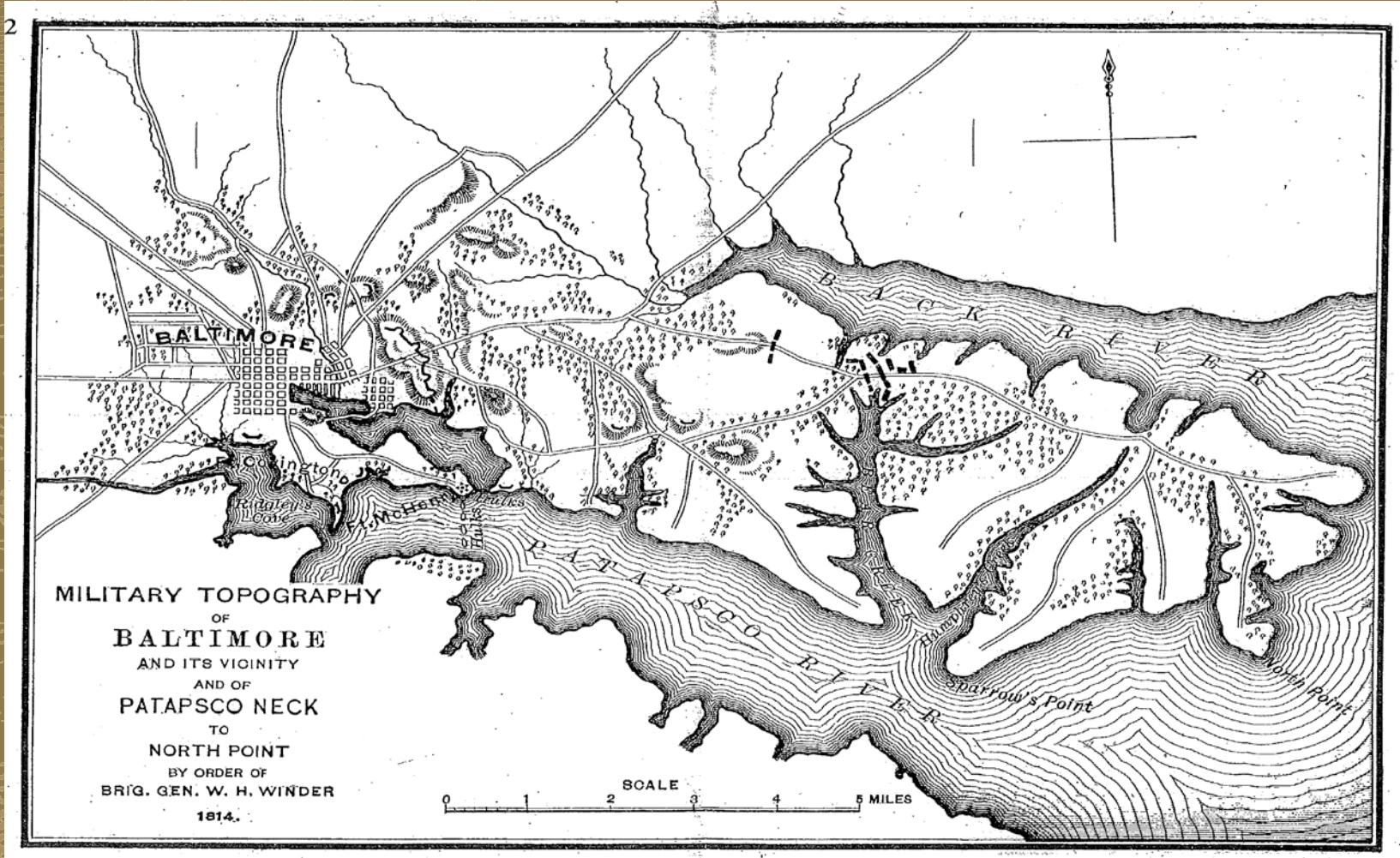
1814 Watercolor – Fort McHenry



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3.

British Incursions: Bear & Colegate Creeks



John Randolph & “War Hawks”



PEACE AND WAR PARTIES.

A FRAGMENT---These two parties now embrace all our citizens, (says the Boston Centinel.) The War hawks—all noise and boast-

ing—like the thunder cloud will pass away. The friends of peace, like the sun, move on their course unwearied, and with equal pace; and like him will spread light, life, and joy, and the birds of prey will be seen no more. Mark the issue in December next.

Fort McHenry National Monument & Historic Shrine



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