



From a colored lithograph in the Main Banking Room of the State Street Trust Company

FIRST RECOGNITION OF THE "STARS AND STRIPES" BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT

This occurred February 14, 1778, in Quiberon Bay, Brittany, France. The French commanding officer was Admiral La Motte Piquet, and the American vessel was the "Ranger," commanded by Admiral John Paul Jones. The salute was the same as "authorized by the French court to be given an Admiral of Holland or of any other republic." Thus was American Independence first

acknowledged in Europe. The original painting is in the National Museum in Washington. In view of the impressive celebration of the Yorktown sesquicentennial in the autumn of 1921, in which will participate representatives of the French Republic, it seems timely to present on our calendar a picture commemorating this early event of national importance in the history of our country.

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