



AUGUSTATUS KUNINGAM

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BORN ABOUT 1744 IN DONEGAL, IRELAND, GUSTAVUS CONYNGHAM COMMANDED THE MERCHANT BRIG, **CHARMING PEGGY**, IN 1775. WHEN HIS SHIP WAS INTERNED IN EUROPE, CONYNGHAM SOUGHT AND ON 1 MARCH 1777 OBTAINED A CAPTAIN'S COMMISSION IN THE CONTINENTAL NAVY. AS COMMANDING OFFICER, SUCCESSIVELY OF, **SURPRISE** AND **REVENGE**, HE BECAME A TERROR TO BRITISH SHIPPING. HE WAS CAPTURED IN 1779, ESCAPED TO EUROPE, AND WAS RECAPTURED WHILE RETURNING TO AMERICA IN 1780. EXCHANGED A YEAR LATER, HE WAS IN FRANCE PREPARING TO CRUISE AGAINST THE BRITISH WHEN THE WAR ENDED. HE RETURNED TO THE MERCHANT SERVICE AND COMMANDED THE ARMED BRIG, **MARIA**, DURING THE QUASI-WAR WITH FRANCE. AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA, HE ASSISTED IN THE DEFENSE OF THAT CITY DURING THE WAR OF 1812. CAPTAIN CONYNGHAM DIED 27 NOVEMBER 1819, AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.



*engraved from the Original Sketch which was taken by an Artist of eminence and stuck up in the English Coffee House at Drankers*