

Culpeper

July 29th 1874

Col Geo. W. Patton

Dear Sir

After consultation
with my wife, we have con-
cluded to request you to
act for us in making known
to our Mother the contents of
the enclosed letter, containing
an account of the loss, at sea,
of her son John Pattillo.

We are induced to do this,
hoping that by you she
may be prepared for the
painful intelligence it con-
veys, and saved the distressing
shock, consequent its reception.

Our love to her and our
warmest sympathy in this
affliction

Believing that you will
appreciate my motives in
making this request, I

remain very truly

Yours

James F. Stanbrough

John Battelle Smith
was born on July the 11th 1835

served on the Wyoming in the fight
against the Japanese 1863

Leonard Myers
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Mr. Miller who
served on the Wyoming
a friend of
John Battelle Smith

...vourne for Havana, was
wrecked on the island of Coll,
one of the western British islands,
on the night of the 15th Decem-
ber, 1873, all the Officers and
crew were drowned, 12 of the
bodies came ashore and they
were decently buried, in the
pocket of one of the dead a
packet of papers and letters
all of which passed in my posses-
-sion in the course of an official in-
-quiry, it is after a perusal of these
letters I am induced to write this
hoping you may communicate
the fact and intelligence to the
matter and relations of the

Mr William Spool, Procura
tor Fiscal, Canjuttland,
stating the Berque FulTan
of London, which had sailed
a week previously from Liver
pool.

owner of these letters, whose
name was John Battaille Smith
a native of Virginia born there

William Spool
Precursor Fiscal