To the Editors:

I am just now reading the Winter 2015 *Spritsail* (Vol 29 #1) and am puzzled by one item:

The article about George W. Jones says that his father, Benjamin Franklin Jones, was a "blockade runner in the Civil War", which might be possible - except that the writer next says that a GAR Post was named for him in 1891. The first statement implies that Jones *pere* was a rebel; the second suggests certainly that, *au contraire*, he was pro-Union.

The naval blockade of the Civil War was imposed by Union's federal government in order to close southern state ports as part of the grand strategy to isolate and economically strangle the Confederate rebellion, i.e. General Winfield Scott's "Anaconda Plan".

If any Union man could be said to have "run the blockage", I suppose that would have to be either Navy Secretary Gideon Welles, generally, or Capt. Samuel DuPont of the Blockade Strategy Board, particularly - but other than that, no. So: I suppose what is meant therein is that venerable Jones, senior, was in blockade service aboard a US Navy vessel determined to prevent blockage runners like gallant Capt. Rhett Butler of Charleston from supplying the South.

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From the Editors:

Mr. Miles is quite right, and we thank him for his correction. Benjamin Franklin Jones and his ship were part of the Union blockade of Confederate ports, emphatically not running contraband through the blockade.