GENERAL NEWS.

Presentation Sword to Commodore Stringham.—The Commodore Stringham Sword Presentation Committee of the Philadelphia public intermediate give 27 ult. Colonel Secretary of the Navy.

Ex-President Fillmore, Mr. John Cassidy, and other distinguished gentlemen were present. The speaker of the ex-President of the United States being proposed, this gentleman made a very handsome and eloquent response, which is reported in full.

He thanked the presiding officer for his complimentary remarks, and expressed gratification at the presentation of a sword to a brave and meritorious officer, not so much because it was a mere ceremony, but as a precious gift, given in token of the kindly feelings towards the country, of which he was a citizen. General Stringham in his response, said:

"The sword presented by the citizens of Philadelphia, Baltimore and the United States, was a memorable one, although we live under forms of government differing in some respects, but agreeing in spirit, yet we are of the same ancestry, united together by the same family ties and kindred feelings. We have fought side by side, and our blood has been poured out in the same cause, and we have pledged our fortunes to the support of the principle of popular sovereignty.

"We, I say, are well proud of our lineage and of our birthright. We are the descendants of a people who founded the cradle of republicanism, who gave the world the first example of a representative form of government, and who, by their energy and enterprise, have spread their power over a vast continent, and have conquered with their arms, their institutions and their civilization, the fairest territory, and among the islands of the Pacific. Although our people have met on every sea, and in every port to wrestle at different epochs, the rewards of commerce has united energetic and enterprising patriotism, yet we have never met in battle, we have never met in war, we have never met in commerce, but we have met in the spirit of our ancestors, and we have met in the spirit of our ancestors, and we have met in the spirit of our ancestors, and