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Biographical Sketch

- 1809 November 7, born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire
attended public schools in Portsmouth, New Hampshire
- 1811 Daniel Marcy's mother died
- 1821 Daniel Marcy's father died
- 1821-1831 worked as a farmer, as a deck hand aboard Portsmouth
docked vessels and attended school for several months
of the year under the tutelage of William Harris of
Portsmouth
- 1831 engaged as a seaman on the ship Liverpool
- 1839 married Henrietta Priest, daughter of Franklin Priest
of Portsmouth
- 1842-1852 entered into an arrangement with his brother, Peter
and several others for the building of ships at
Portsmouth. Specifications were that the first voyage
of each new ship was to be made under Daniel Marcy's
command
- 1850 Daniel Marcy's wife died
- 1852 married Katherine T. Lord, daughter of Captain Ebenezer
Lord of Portsmouth
- 1854-1857 member of the New Hampshire State House of Representatives
- 1857-1858 member of the New Hampshire State Senate
- 1858 unsuccessful candidate for election to the Thirty-sixth
Congress of the United States
- 1860 Delegate to the National Democratic Convention in Charleston,
South Carolina
- 1860 unsuccessful candidate for election to the Thirty-seventh
Congress of the United States
- 1863-1865 elected and served as a Democrat in the Thirty-eighth
Congress of the United States

1864 unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Thirty-ninth Congress of the United States

1871-1872 member of the New Hampshire State Senate

1876 unsuccessful candidate for Governor of New Hampshire

1877 unsuccessful candidate again for Governor of New Hampshire

1877-1893 with his brother, Peter Marcy and his son, Captain J. Truro Marcy, engaged in the revival of ship building at Portsmouth, New Hampshire

1893 November 3, died in Portsmouth, New Hampshire; interment in Proprietor's Burying Ground

Children by marriage to Henrietta Priest:

Henry L. Marcy
Judah T. Marcy
Henrietta Marcy (married S.B. Cunningham of Portsmouth)

Children by marriage to Katherine T. Lord:

George Marcy

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Scope and Content Note

The Daniel Marcy Papers span the years 1838-1881 and comprise seven and one-half manuscript boxes or approximately three linear feet of manuscripts. The bulk of the collection consists largely of business correspondence and is arranged chronologically. Correspondence with brothers, Samuel and Peter, can be found throughout the entire collection although the largest concentration is in Boxes 1-3. Marcy also corresponded with his two sons, Henry L. and Judah Touro, however not extensively. Other than this family correspondence there is very little personal correspondence within the collection. Also filed chronologically among the correspondence are numerous shipping records which relate to the correspondence. An alphabetical listing of correspondents by box is appended to the inventory of this register.

Daniel Marcy grew up in Portsmouth, New Hampshire and at a very early age followed the inclination for a sea-faring life. At the age of twenty-one, Marcy moved to New Orleans where he became employed in the service of Messrs. R.D. Shepard and Judah Truro, two wealthy residents of that city, largely interested in shipping and commerce. For eleven years he worked for them as a shipmaster in the foreign trade. In 1842 Marcy returned to Portsmouth, where, in an arrangement with his employers and his brother Peter, he became the superintendent of a ship-building operation. Under terms of the agreement, one ship was to be built each year under Captain Marcy's supervision and when each was completed, he was to take command of the ship for its first voyage. This arrangement continued until 1852.

Although a committed Democrat, up to this point, Marcy had taken no active part in politics. In 1854, he was elected to the New Hampshire State Legislature and continued in that service for a number of years. In 1863 he was elected and served as a member of the Thirty-Eighth United States Congress, where he became known for his vigorous support for increased aid for sick and wounded soldiers.

In both 1876 and 1877, Daniel Marcy was the choice of the Democratic State Convention as their candidate for governor. Because of the strength of the State Republican party both campaigns were unsuccessful, although vigorously fought. In his later years, Marcy continued to hold various public offices and with his brother Peter, and his son Judah Touro, engaged in the revival of ship-building at Portsmouth. Daniel Marcy died in Portsmouth, New Hampshire on November 3, 1893.

References:

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The Granite Monthly. December 1893 (Vol. 15, No. 12).

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Inventory

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	Correspondence. Daniel Marcy 1838-1843
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	4	January-June 1846
	5	July-December 1846
	6	1847
	7	1848-1853
	8	1854-1855
	9	January-June 1856
	10	July-December 1856
	11	January 1-15, 1857
	12	January 16-30, 1857
	13	February 1857
	14	March 1857
	15	April 1857
	16	May 1857
	17	June 1857
	18	July 1857
	19	August 1857
	20	September 1857
	21	October 1857
	22	November 1857
	23	December 1857
2	1	Correspondence. Daniel Marcy. January 1858
	2	February 1858
	3	March 1858
	4	April 1858
	5	May 1858
	6	June 1858
	7	July 1858
	8	August 1858
	9	September 1858
	10	October 1858
	11	November 1858
	12	December 1858
	13	January 3-15, 1859
	14	January 16-31, 1859

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	15	Correspondence. Daniel Marcy.
		February 1859
	16	March 1859
	17	April 1859
	18	May 1859
	19	June 1859
	20	July 1859
	21	August 1859
	22	September 1859
	23	October 1859
	24	November 1859
	25	December 1859
3	1	Correspondence. Daniel Marcy.
		January 1860
	2	February 1860
	3	March 1860
	4	April 1860
	5	May 1860
	6	June 1860
	7	July 1860
	8	August 1860
	9	September 1-15, 1860
	10	September 17-30, 1860
	11	October 1-15, 1860
	12	October 17-30, 1860
	13	November 1860
	14	December 1-15, 1860
	15	December 16-31, 1860
	16	January 1861
	17	February 1861
	18	March 1861
	19	April 2-15, 1861
	20	April 16-28, 1861
	21	May-June 1861
	22	July-August 1861
	23	September 1861
	24	October 1861
	25	November 1861
	26	December 1861
4	1	Correspondence. Daniel Marcy.
		January 1862
	2	February-March 1862
	3	April 1862
	4	May 1862
	5	June 1862
	6	July 1862

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>	
4	7	Correspondence. Daniel Marcy. August 1862	
	8	September 1862	
	9	October 1862	
	10	November 1862	
	11	December 1862	
	12	January 1-15, 1863	
	13	January 16-30, 1863	
	14	February 2-15, 1863	
	15	February 16-20, 1863	
	16	February 21-28, 1863	
	17	March 1-13, 1863	
	18	March 16-30, 1863	
	19	April 1863	
	20	May 2-15, 1863	
	21	May 16-30, 1863	
	22	June 1863	
	5	1	Correspondence. Daniel Marcy. July 3-15, 1863
		2	July 17-31, 1863
		3	August 1-15, 1863
		4	August 16-31, 1863
		5	September 1863
		6	October 1-15, 1863
7		October 17-31, 1863	
8		November 1863	
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12		March 1864	
13		April 1864	
14		May-June 1864	
15		July-August 1864	
16		September 1864	
17		October 1864	
18		November-December 1864	
19		January-February 1865	
20		March 1865	
21		April-May 1865	
22		June 1865	
23		July 1865	
24		August 1865	
6	1	Correspondence. Daniel Marcy. September 1865	
	2	October 1865	
	3	November 1865	
	4	December 1865	

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>	
6	5	January 1866	
	6	February 1866	
	7	March 1866	
	8	April 2-15, 1866	
	9	April 16-30, 1866	
	10	May 1866	
	11	June 1866	
	12	July-August 1866	
	13	September 1866	
	14	October 1866	
	15	November 1866	
	16	December 1866	
	17	January 1867	
	18	February 2-15, 1867	
	19	February 18-28, 1867	
	20	March 1-15, 1867	
	21	March 17-27, 1867	
	22	April 1-15, 1867	
	23	April 16-30, 1867	
	24	May 2-14, 1867	
	25	May 16-31, 1867	
	26	June 1867	
	7	1	Correspondence. Daniel Marcy July 1867
		2	August-September 1867
		3	October 1867
		4	November 1867
5		December 1867	
6		January 1868	
7		February 1868	
8		March 1868	
9		April 1868	
10		May 1868	
11		June 1868	
12		July 1868	
13		August 1868	
14		September 1868	
15		October 1868	
16		November 1868	
17		December 1868	
18		January 1869	
19		February 1869	
20		March 1869	
21		April-May 1869	
22		June 1869	
23		July 1869	
24		August-November 1869	

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>
8	1	Correspondence. Daniel Marcy. 1873-1874
	2	January-March 1875
	3	April 1875
	4	May-November 1875
	5	1876-1881
	6	Miscellaneous correspondence. Daniel Marcy. Undated
	7	Miscellaneous accounts, inventories, and legal documents. Undated
	8	Ship account book. Unidentified Undated

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Correspondents

Box 1

Badger, David D.
 Badger, Samuel
 Boulton, English & Brandon
 Brown, Samuel P.
 Brown, Shapley & Co.
 Brown, Willard
 Buck & Wright
 Buck, Charles
 Burdick, James H.
 Burrill, Charles
 Chace, Bryan Ormand
 Cronan, D.C.
 Davis, John
 Dow, Jacob H.
 Downing, Samuel Jr.
 Drake, Phineas
 Drew, E.C.
 Dumont, Thomas
 Fernald, Frederick W.
 Folsom, H.
 Foote, David
 Frost & Forrest
 Gerrish, Andrew
 Gumm, Charles
 Hale, Samuel
 Hartford, S.L.
 Haseltine, Hill & Co.
 Haseltine, Ira
 Hastings, Henry
 Henderson & Co., John
 Hickey, Joshua W.
 Hillman, Jonathan
 Hinkling, W.K.
 Holyoke, C. & R.
 Howatt, J.P.
 Hughes, William W.
 Jenness, Lowell
 Jones, Henry
 Knowlton & Co., John
 Leach, Joseph
 Lee, George
 Low, Andrew

McKusick, Thurston P.
 Mackie, Robert
 Maloney, Alexander
 Marcy, Joseph (nephew of Daniel Marcy)
 Marcy, Peter (brother of Daniel Marcy)
 Marcy, Samuel (brother of Daniel Marcy)
 Marcy, Samuel Jr. (nephew of Daniel Marcy)
 Martin, William
 May, George H.
 Milton, A.T.
 Minot, John B.
 Petigrew, William
 Phillips, Samuel S.
 Pickering, Winthrop
 Pickerson, Joseph
 Porter & Darrow
 Preble, George A.
 Raynes, Charles
 Rogers, George H.
 Sale, William A.
 Shepherd, R.D.
 Stringer, William
 Swasey & Rowell
 Tarlton, James N.
 Thomson, Berent
 Thwing, S.C.
 Tobey, Stephen
 Truro, Judah
 Varney, Moses
 Walker, W.L.
 White, Thomas
 Willey, William A.

Box 2

Badger, David D.
 Bellamy, Charles G.
 Bernard, David
 Bradford, John
 Brown, Franklin
 Brown, John
 Brown, Samuel P.
 Brown, Willard
 Buck, Henry

Box 2 contd.

Burdick, James H.
Clark, Samuel
Colcord, Charles J.
Collins & Shine
Cotting, J.G.
Croshaw & Co., George
Drake, Phineas
Eames, Ezra
Folsom, William N.
Frost, John N. Jr.
Frost & Forrest
Gardiner, C.F. & H.D.
Haseltine, Ira
Hickey, Joshua
Holyoke, C. & R.
Hughes, H.N.
Hutch, Daniel P.
Jones, Henry
Lawrence, G.W.
Leach, Joseph
Locke, Elisha
March, George J.
Marcy, Henry (son of Daniel Marcy)
Marcy, Peter
Marcy, Samuel
Marcy, Samuel Jr.
May, George H.
Milton, A.T.
Morse, J.P.
Moses, Oliver
Morton, Robert
Nickerson, J.J.
Ouderkirk, Isaac
Petigrew, William
Purley, Jonas H.
Rairden, B.
Raitt, Jackson
Rice & Knowlton
Russell, Sampson L.
Salter, James H.
Salter, Thomas P.
Sawyer, S.G.
Shapley, William
Snow, Freeman
Stearns, W.F. & Co.
Strong, S.C.
Swasey & Rowell
Thayer & Warren
Thomas, John
Thompson, George W.
Thompson, Nathaniel L.

Thomson, Berent
Thwing, S.C.
Tivendale, T.
Train, William G.
Trussell, A.W.
Tufts, Elisha
Waddell, D.J.
Walker, W.L.
Warner, Henry
Wells, John
White, Thomas J.
Whitney & Co., J.P.
Wilkinson, William
Willey, William D.
Williams Anthon & Co.
Young, Samuel

Box 3

Adams, E.G.
Badger, David D.
Barrett, J.S.H.
Bartlett, J.P.
Brooks, Charles H.
Brown, John
Bruce, James S.
Buck & Co., Charles
Burdick, James H.
Chadbourn & Co., James H.
Chase, L.P.
Coffin, C.H.
Cotting, J.G.
Cronan, D.
Curtis, H.T.
Daley, Ansel
Douglas & Westcott
Dow, James H.
Fisk, W.L.
Folsom, William
Frisbee, John L.
Frost, William L.
Gardner, T.O.
Glidden, W.T.
Hanscom, George A.
Hastings, Henry
Hatch, Albert R.
Hatch, Nathaniel
Hickey, Joshua W.
Holyoke, C. & R.
Howe, Robert Jr.
Jenness, Richard
Keyser, E.S.
Lewis, Henry

Box 3 contd.

Locke, Elisha
Marcy, Daniel (nephew of Daniel Marcy)
Marcy, Henry L.
Marcy, J. Touro
Marcy, Katherine T.
Marcy, Peter
Marcy, Samuel
Marcy, William Henry (cousin of
Daniel Marcy)
Milton, A.T.
Minot, John B.
Monroe, Robert
Moore, Robert R.
Nickerson, George F.
Parsons, R.C.
Pate, Thomas & Sons
Perkins, Louis W.
Petigrew, William
Pickering, J.J.
Rand, John
Robie, Nathan H.
Ross, William Jr.
Salter, James H.
Salter, Thomas P.
Sewall, Day & Co.
Shaw, Frank
Spinney, Joseph S.
Tarlton, James N.
Taylor, John
Thayer, Frank N.
Thomas, John
Thomson, Berent
Thwing, S.C.
Towle, George P.
Townsend, Henry L.
Trefethen, S.G.
Twombly, Reuben
Ward, Charles
Warren & Thayer
White, A.H.
Young, Samuel

Box 4

Allen, George E.
Badger & Downes
Bailey, Edwin
Ball, T.M.
Barnes & Co., David Jr.
Bartlett, J.P.
Bartlett, Levi S.
Benedict, John M.
Bernard, David
Blanchard, S.C.
Brooks, Charles H.
Brooks, Shepherd

Brown & Wilde
Cheney & Co., Ray
Choate, Daniel L.
Clark, Sam
Coffman, J.W.
Coleman & Bailey
Cooke, George B.
Crocker, William A.
Custis, H.T.
Davis, C.M.
Delano, M.P.
Duncan, C.C.
Duncan & Kendell
Fernald, Ellen P.
Foss, Everett O.
Frost, W.S.
Gardner, T.O.
Glidden & Williams
Hall, C.C.
Ham, Rufus
Harrington, E.W.
Hastings, Henry
Haven, Richard G.
Heath, E.W.
Hickey, Joshua W.
Holyoke, C. & R.
Huntington & Co., J.M.
Jenness, Richard
Kelly, D.D.
Kendall, George W.
Keyser, E.S.
Lincoln, William A.
Locke, Elisha
McCusker & Hoffman
Marcy, Daniel (nephew of Daniel Marcy)
• Marcy, Henry L.
Marcy, J. Touro
Marcy, Peter
Marcy, Samuel (nephew of Daniel Marcy)
Matthews, William G.
Merchant & Breck
Morrill, Joseph
Page, Richardson & Co.
Paine, A.
Patten & Co., George W.
Pickett, Charles
Preble, George A.
Preston, George H.
Rand, Frank W.
Redding, J.R.
Rice & Knowlton
Ross, William Jr.
Salter, James H.
Salter, Thomas P.
Sherburne, Edward P.
Sherman, R.G.
Swamscott Machine Co.

Box 4 contd.

Tardy, John B.
Tarlton, J.M.
Thayer, Frank N.
Thayer & Peabody
Thomas, John
Thomson, Berent
Thwing, S.C.
Townsend, H.L.
Train, W.G.
Tucker, R.H.
Vaughan, G.T.
Warren, George
Washburn Huckins & Co.
Weltch & Co., Samuel
Williams, Benjamin F.
Wood, Thomas O.
York, R.G. & Sons
Young, George E.

Box 5

Ball, T.M.
Bartlett, M.
Benedict, John M.
Brooks, Charles H.
Brown & Co., Vernon H.
Browne & Co., James
Bush, John C.
Carter, N.F.
Cobb, Frederick
Cram, Edward P.
Curtis & Peabody
Custis, H.C.
Davis & Co., C.M.
Dean, George M.
Dewhurst, S.E.
Dickie, John
Duncan, C.C.
Duncan & Davenport
Fenner, B.W.
Folsom, Henry P.
Frost, William S.
Gardner, T.O.
Hatch, Albert
Haven, Richard S.
Heckscher, Charles A.
Hickey, Joshua
Huckins, P.S. & J.B.
Jeness, Richard
Kelly, D.D.
Kendall, George W.
Knowlton & Co., D.

Leslie, Edwin H.
Lewis, John
Long, Thomas
Lyman, S.R.
Marcy, Daniel (nephew of Daniel Marcy)
Marcy, Henry L.
Marcy, J. Touro
Marcy, Samuel
Melvin, Thomas J.
Merchant & Carman
Meserve, George P.
Minot, John
Mohr Brothers & Co.
Moulton, H. Frank
Nickerson, Caleb
Pettigrew, T.J.
Preble, George A.
Quin, J.
Robbins, George Washington
Rogers, Gorham
Ross, John C.
Ross, William Jr.
Salter, Thomas P.
Sherburne, E.P.
Sherman, R.G.
Sloman, Robert M.
Smith, Charles W.
Smith, O.C.
Smith Douglas & Co.
Stevenson, Augustus
Sweat, L.D.M.
Thomas, John
Thomas, William
Thomson, Berent
Thwing, S.C.
Townsend, Henry L.
Treadwell, Thomas P.
Vaughan, O.A.J.
Weeks, James H.
Whipple, Henry
Whitney & Stephens
Williams, Benjamin F.
Wyatt, William H.

Box 6

Badger, D.D.
Browne & Co., James
Burke, Edmund
Burnham, L.C.
Butler, James H.
Cable & Behrens
Cate, Joseph G.
Clark, Samuel

Box 6 contd.

Clark, Samuel
Clement, N.H.
Cloherty, James
Conroy, Edward
Converse, J.
Cummings, T. & J.B.
Downs, Charles H.
Drew, E.C.
Duncan & Davenport
Eastman, B.
Endicott, J.B.
Freese, Joseph W.
Glover, Joseph B. & Co.
Guest, John
Harriman, J. & Sons
Hastings, Henry
Haven, R.S.
Hill, John M.
Holbrook, John R.
Klingenberg, Carl J.
Knowlton, D. & Co.
Locke & Blake
Lord, William
Lovering, James M.
Marcy, Daniel P. (nephew of Daniel Marcy)
Marcy, Henry L.
Marcy, Peter
Marston, S.R.
Nickerson, J.J.
Noel, S.W. Jr.
Norton, S.W.
Page & Brown
Peabody, Willis & Co.
Phillips, J.D.
Pickett, Charles
Preble, George A.
Quinn, J.W.
Reid, Charles & Son
Ripley, David & Sons
Roles, Joseph L.
Ross, John C.
Ross, William Jr.
Salter & Livermore
Salter, Thomas P.
Seely, Richard
Sinclair, John G.
Small, Edward A.
Stachow, J.
Stinson & Co., E.P.

Thomas, John
Thomson, Mrs. L.
Thwing, S.C.
Train, G.W.
Washburn & Clifton
Whitney, William
Whittemore, C.C.

Box 7

Allen, Francis
Baker, James & Sons
Ball, T.W.
Boult, English & Brandon
Bowers, W.W. D.T.
Brown, Vernon H. & Co.
Browne & Co., James
Burr, C. Chauncey
Channell, William P.
Davis, C.M. & Co.
Dixon & Brothers
Drew, E.C.
Duncan, Charles D.
Frost, W.S.
Gibson, Nehemiah
Ham, Rufus
Hamblin, E.
Hammond, William
Harriman, J. & Co.
Holyoke, R.
Jenness, Richard
Jewell, J.W.
Knowlton, D. & Co.
Leach, Joseph (nephew of Daniel Marcy)
Lincoln, Thayer
Locke, Elisha
Loud, P.W.
Lynn, John W.
Marcy, Henry L.
Marcy, Judah T.
Marcy, Peter
Martin, William R.
Murray, John J.
Nickerson, Mrs. Frank A. (niece of Daniel Marcy)
Norton, S.W.
Penhallow, J.W.
Pettigrew, Mary E.
Pike, John W.
Redding, John R.
Ricker, Charles C.

Box 7 contd.

Ross, John C.
Ross, William Jr.
Salter & Livermore
Salter, Thomas P.
Small, James
Sutton, George D.
Thomas, John
Thwing, S.C.
Weston, John Jr.
Williams, Blanchard & Co.

Thomas & Townsend
Thomson, Berent
Tobey, Alonzo
Warren & Co., George

Box 8

Allen, George E.
Badger, David D.
Bernard, David
Black & Co., John
Brown's Lumber Co.
Chase, F.D.
Dickey, E.J.
Downing, F.A.
Downs, C.H.
Foster & Roby
Gregg & Co., H.L.
Ham, Rufus
Haven, Richard G.
Hickey, Joshua W.
Huckins, P.S. & J.B.
Hyde, Thomas W.
Knowles, J.N.
Knowlton & Co., D.
Locke, Elisha
Marcy, Judah T.
Marcy, Peter
Neal, John
Nickerson, George P.
Nickerson, J.J.
Page, Newell & Richardson
Perry, A.A.
Preble, George A.
Roberts, William
Roblings, John A. & Sons
Russell, Albert & Sons
Salter & Livermore
Sewall Day & Co.
Simonton, W.W.
Staples, G.W.
Taylor, L.

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This description should cover: types of papers (e. g. , correspondence, letters, diaries, documents, etc.); dates, subjects, and types of groups of materials that bulk largest; relationship of the material to specific phases of the career or activity of the principal named in item 2; full names, dates, and biographical identification of other persons and names of corporate bodies significant (by quality and quantity of material) to the collection, showing dates, types, and subject matter; geographical areas covered; specific events, topics, and historical periods with which the materials deal; and particular items of extraordinary interest.

The Daniel Marcy Papers span the years 1838-1881 and comprise seven and one-half manuscript boxes. The bulk of the collection consists largely of business correspondence and is arranged chronologically. Correspondence with brothers, Samuel and Peter, can be found throughout the entire collection although the largest concentration is in Boxes 1-3. Marcy also corresponded with his two sons, Henry L. and Judah Touro, however not extensively. Other than this family correspondence there is very little personal correspondence within the collection. Also filed chronologically among the correspondence are numerous shipping records which relate to the correspondence.

Daniel Marcy grew up in Portsmouth, N.H. and at a very early age followed the inclination for a sea-faring life. At the age of twenty-one, Marcy moved to New Orleans where he became employed in the service of Messrs. R.D. Shepard and Judah Truro, two wealthy residents of that city, largely interested in shipping and commerce. For eleven years he worked for them as a shipmaster in the foreign trade. In 1842 Marcy returned to Portsmouth, where, in an arrangement with his employers and his brother Peter, he became the superintendent of a ship-building operation. Under terms of the agreement, one ship was to be built each year under Captain Marcy's supervision and when each was completed, he was to take command of the ship for its first voyage. This arrangement continued until 1852.

Although a committed Democrat, up to this point Marcy had taken no part in active politics. In 1854, he was elected to the New Hampshire State legislature and continued in that service for a number of years. In 1863 he was elected and served as a member of the Thirty-Eighth United States Congress, where he became known for his vigorous support for increased aid for sick and wounded soldiers.

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In both 1876 and 1877, Daniel Marcy was the choice of the Democratic State Convention as their candidate for governor. Because of the strength of the State Republican party both campaigns were unsuccessful, although vigorously fought. In his later years, Marcy continued to hold various public offices and with his brother Peter and his son Judah Touro engaged in the revival of ship-building at Portsmouth. Daniel Marcy died in Portsmouth, New Hampshire on November 3, 1893.