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**“Wings: a name given to those parts of the hold and orlop-deck which are nearest to the sides [of the ship].”** *Falconer's ...Dictionary of the Marine* (1815)

**“Let the Carpenter see that the Wings are clear, his Boards, Plugs, and Tools in readiness...”** *Outlines of Naval Routine*, Lt. Alex. Dingwall Fordyce, Royal Navy (1837)

**The carpenter & his mates would use the wings (red arrows, right) in *Constitution's* hold as platforms (left, below) on which they could walk and inspect**

**the interior hull of the ship on a daily basis and, especially, during battle to make certain the ship was not taking on water.**



Detail, Orlop & Hold plan, USS *United States*, Charles Ware (c.1820); photo, NHHC Detachment Boston, 2010.



