

and *therein laid the merit*. The passing from vessel to vessel had been frequently done where squadrons were engaged, and had been done that same day; and furthermore, Elliot took the *same boat*, and twice traversed the length of our line, then stopped on board the "Somers" and took command of her in person. As for personal danger, it was everywhere on that occasion, and less, if anything, in a boat than on the deck of a vessel, particularly the "Lawrence."

CHAPTER XVII.

THE victory of the 10th gave us the command of the lake, and now Harrison was about to push matters for a victory on land. He had called upon the venerable Gov. Shelby of Kentucky, for volunteers, and invited the "veteran of King's Mountain" to command them in person, to which he responded in the affirmative, though in his sixty-sixth year. The patriotic state of Kentucky was in a blaze of enthusiasm when the Governor issued his proclamation for volunteers, and twice the number required showed themselves ready for the "war-path." Soon he was on his winding way for the banks of Lake Erie, at the head of 3,500 mounted men, with such men as Henry, Desha, Allen, Caldwell, King, Childs, Trotter, R. M. and J. Johnson, Adin, Crittenden, McDowell, Walker and Barry, as subordinates. At Fort Ball (now Tiffin) they got news of Perry's victory, which hurried them on to Camp Portage, and where they arrived on the 15th. Harrison had some