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News of General Harrison's approach.

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British troops were withdrawn, except a detachment at the fort, and quite too many of their Indian allies remained prowling about the country, like ravening wolves.

"It was a long, weary year to us poor inhabitants, and a joyful time when General Harrison came to the rescue. The news of his approach was first brought by an old citizen of Detroit, whom we had suspected of being a tory, because he was allowed greater privileges than others who had not taken up arms. This gentleman, who had been a few weeks at Malden, came riding by, early one morning, on his way home, when my mother called to him through the lattice, and inquired the news.

"'Good,' he replied, without looking toward the house. He passed on to his own residence, put his horse in the stable, and seated himself on the front piazza, without entering the house, lest he might possibly excite suspicions that would lead to a forcible communication to the British of General Harrison's movements. If our neighbor was indeed a tory, he seemed by his conduct to have become sick of British rule.

"About an hour afterward, my brother James sprang through the gate at the foot of our garden, which extended down the sloping bank to the river's brink, and ran with all speed into the house. My father immedi-