

18 Moreover, as they passed along up the Hudson, towards the heights of Haerlem, the fair daughters of Columbia, with hearts glowing with patriotism, waved their lily hands in token of applause.

19 Likewise, bands of men came from the neighbourhood round about; even from Newark, and Patterson, and Paules Hook, which lie in the state of New-Jersey.

20 They had also captains appointed over their bands; and Abraham and David were two among the captains.*

21 Now Abraham, with his band, came a great way, even from the town of Patterson, where the wonderful waterfalls pour headlong over the rocky mountains, reflecting in the sun a thousand brilliant rainbows.

22 Thus for an hundred days did the people of New-York prepare themselves for danger, and cast up entrenchments for many furlongs round about the city; so that the people of Britain were afraid to go against it.†

• *Major Godwin and Major Hunt.*

† So great was the enthusiasm of the people in contributing their personal services to the erection of fortifications on the heights of Haerlem and Brooklyn, that scarcely could an individual be found in the populous city of New-York, from hoary age to tender youth, capable of using a mattock or a spade, who did not volunteer his services in this work of patriotism. Even the Ladies were conspicuous in aiding and cheering the labours of their Fathers, their Husbands, their Brothers, and their Children. Amongst others, the numerous societies of Freemasons joined in a body, and headed by their Grand-Master,* who was also

* Hón De Witt Clinton, now governor of the state of New-York.

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