

of the cause of his country's liberty. He nobly spurned, as unworthy of the principles which governed him, the honors which were offered him to join the royal standard. He stood firmly by his country, even while it frowned upon the course of his adopted state — and his memory will ever be cherished by a free and grateful people. He died at Burlington, Vt., Feb. 12th, 1789, of apoplexy, while yet in the full vigor and maturity of manhood, and his remains rest in a beautiful valley near the Winooskie, where his grave is surrounded by those of many of his kindred. A plain marble tablet marks the spot, upon which is the following inscription :

The
Corporeal Part
of
Gen. Ethan Allen,
rests beneath this stone
he died
the 12th day of February, 1789,
aged 50 years.
His spirit tried the mercies of his God,
In whom he believed and strongly trusted.

(NOTE REFERRED TO ON PAGE 346.)

When Sparks was writing his biographies, he visited the spot, and found in the vicinity an old soldier, who was an eye-witness to the tragedy, and says: "Miss M'Crea was shot, tomahawked, and scalped by an Indian." Gen. Morgan Lewis, who was at the investigation of the affair, had, at the time, and who was also consulted by Mr. Sparks, fully confirmed the old soldier's story. The best evidence, therefore, is in favor of the old version of this tragic event.

