

*Answer.*

" I certainly did intend, as appears by my letter of 25th June, to have attempted taking possession of the fort with the sailors and marines first, but I could not have planned the doing of it with about 300 men, without the prospect of speedy support from you; and I saw, soon after the attack begun, from a variety of circumstances, you could take no effectual steps for that purpose."

Sir H. Clinton is persuaded there needs no comment on the above: if he should make any, it would be the two following short ones:

First, Had the frigates been able to proceed to their stations, an attempt (possibly a successful one) might have been made on the port of Hedrall's Point.

Secondly, If Commodore Sir P. Parker had accepted the General's offer of two battalions to embark on board the fleet, he would have had a sufficient force to take and keep possession of the fort on Sullivan's Island, *had that fort ever been silenced or evacuated.*

Page 22. vol. ii. Mr. Stedman implies, that Sir H. Clinton had been censured for encumbering himself with such an enormous train of baggage, &c. in his march through Jersey in June, 1778. Had Mr. Stedman attended to Sir H. Clinton's letter to Lord G. Germaine, he would have seen the cause of his being so encumbered; and also " of that enormous train not a waggon or cart was captured by the enemy."

Respecting all that gentleman's remarks on the action of Monmouth Court House, Sir H. Clinton shall only observe, that had Mr. Stedman attended to Sir H. Clinton's letter to Lord G. Germaine, and General Lee's trial, which last he seems to have read, he would have observed, that the two Generals