

and terminated it, under the immortal WASHINGTON, at York-town.

The task, now undertaken, must be interesting to every citizen of the United States. A record of the second struggle against the same enemy, who during seven years of revolutionary contest, carried fire and sword, the bayonet, the halberd, and the tomahawk, throughout the United States, will surely be an acceptable treat.

The military talents, which sprang as if into a marvellous existence during the late war; the patriotic courage which displayed itself on every occasion; their successful triumphs in almost every battle, are proud proofs, that where genius is free to act, and that influenced by an *amor patriæ*, no dangers are too difficult to overcome, no difficulties too great to be subdued.

The apparent military and naval power of England was, to that of America, at the commencement of the late war, as that of the lion to the lamb; but the incensed eagle stretched forward his beak, and, with it tore the laurel from the Briton's brow; and, flying over the waters, he wrested with his talons, the trident from the "mistress of the deep."

In giving details of these events, these imperishable monuments of American glory, a strict regard has been had to truth, uninfluenced by any unworthy consideration, and it is hoped that this small volume will be found to contain as copious a view of history as could reasonably be expected, within so circumscribed a compass.