

ships, their luxurious furnishings, rapid speed, and disregard of adverse winds; yet this lady, in the interests of her family, braved its dangers and endured its discomforts and hardships no less than eight times, including six voyages between Great Britain and Jamaica, besides making several other trips of almost equal length and danger.

The Johnstons are descended from a very ancient Scottish family, who trace their ancestors to the days of the Crusades, if not to those of the Conquest. The grandfather* of him whose name heads this paper was bred to the medical profession, and emigrated to Georgia about the time that witnessed the arrival of John Lightenstone in that province. His family consisted of several children of whom four at least were sons. Two of these were in Philadelphia, pursuing their studies for the profession of their father, when the old Revolutionary war commenced, and both of them left the peaceful teachings of good old doctor Hossack, exchanged the scalpel for the sword, and devoted all their energies to the cause of the Crown in that great and disastrous struggle. William, as has already been stated, obtained a captain's commission in the New York Rangers,—a corps which performed a great part of their services in the Carolinas and Georgia. Two or three years before the close of the war, three troops of Horse were raised and organized in Georgia, and captain Johnston was offered the command of one of them. He agreed to accept the offer on the condition that his rank and pay in the Rangers should be continued, and the fact that the condition was complied with affirms authoritatively the estimation in which his dashing and daring qualities as a soldier were held by his superior officers.

A little bit of romance connected with his courtship of Miss Lightenstone must not be omitted. The presence of over two thousand troops in Savannah rapidly changed its usually dull and quiet society into scenes of gaiety and festivity. Assemblies, balls, routs and parties were of common occurrence, and the military soon became great favorites with all classes in the community. Among the

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