

surrounded every fortress by night. By means of advanced *picquets*, a long chain of communication was maintained in the woods; and every position which the troops occupied was guarded in a similar manner. Thus the discharge of an important duty never failed to give a stimulus to the mind of the soldier: his energy was increased when he had difficulties to encounter; his courage was renewed and strengthened when he had dangers to oppose; and his patience and perseverance were never overcome under all the fatigues of his long retroceding and counter marches.

IV. We have now given a short view of the general aspect of the country, and of the principal settlements, and different military positions, as far as they are worthy of our attention. We have also considered the nature of the soil and of the climate, and the arduous services which the troops had to execute. From what has been said, some idea may already be formed of the nature of those diseases which obtained in the army.