

regiments that composed the British army, were widely distributed. The troops when ordered to advance on any particular position, or again to retire to their several places of occupation, were harassed by long and fatiguing marches. Under the circumstances of such a service, it was my lot, at one time, to be present with my regiment, and, at another period, to be detached from it, lending my assistance in one place, or having charge of an hospital in another, as the nature or urgency of the duty demanded. On this account, it is not to be expected that I am to produce a tabular report of the number of sick and wounded that occurred after the several actions which were fought in the country, either relating to the various diseases under which they laboured, or to the individual peculiarity of their wounds. Neither can I enumerate their admissions either into the general or temporary hospitals, nor their subsequent discharges from them to the effective force in the field. These statements, so desirable to be known, can be supplied only by