

he was kind and truly affectionate. This is said from experience of the most sensitive and pleasing nature. Activity, spirit, and courage in a soldier, procured his good will and esteem.

Hendricks was tall, of a mild and beautiful countenance. His soul was animated by a genuine spark of heroism. Smith was a good looking man, had the air of a soldier, was illiterate, and outrageously talkative. The officers of the eastern troops were many of them men of sterling worth. Col. Christopher Green seemed too far advanced in life for such hard service, yet he was inspired by an ardor becoming a youth. He afterwards did the public good service at Redbank on the Delaware, in the autumn of 1777. Majors Meigs, Febiger and Bigelow, were excellent characters. As we acted in the advance, the latter gentlemen were not well known to us until sometime afterwards. Your father was too young to enjoy any other honor than that of exposing himself in the character of a cadet, to every danger.

This little army, in high spirits, marched from Prospect hill, near Cambridge in Massachusetts, on the 11th of September, 1775, and arrived at Newburyport, (which is formed by the waters of the Merrimac river,) on the following day. This place at that time was a small, but commercial town, near the eastern border of Massachusetts. Here we remained encamped five days, providing ourselves with such articles of real necessity as our small means afforded. On the afternoon of the sixth day we embarked on board of ten transports; sailed in the evening, and at dawn of day descried the mouth of the Kennebec river. The wind was strong but fair. The distance of this run was 150 miles. We ascended the river to Colonel Coburn's ship-yard; here we left our vessels and obtained batteaux, with which we

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