

ADVENTURES OF A LOYALIST.

The following, which is a copy of the memorial forwarded to the British government by Samuel Denny Street, an officer of the Royal Fencible Americans is a graphic relation of the hardships endured and risks incurred by some of those who were engaged in the Revolutionary war on the side of their King :

When an half pay Subaltern Officer in North America presumes to address the Ear of Majesty for those attentions which a few unfortunate incidents have hitherto deprived him of, it must arise from a strong confidence in your Majesty's disposition to allow no faithful servant who is known to you to go unrewarded. Such a confidence is mine and the pillar it rests on, is the lustre of your Majesty's character not only as an exemplary, wise and powerful monarch, but as a great and good man:—An insurmountable zeal for the profession of arms led me from my friends and Old England early in the year 1775 on board Your Majesty's sloop of war Merlin to this Continent. Early in the year 1776 I left it, the navy having then no active share in the war, and entered the army as a Volunteer. In 1777 I obtained a Lieutenancy in the Royal Fencible American Regiment in which I continued during the war. In the years 1779, 1780 and 1781 I was generally detached from the regiment on various services of enterprise, principally under the direction of the General Francis McLean who commanded in Nova Scotia. To General McLean I was never

personally known. Some little exertion of mine early in the war had reached his ear, added to which I was strongly re-commended to his notice by a Captain Studholm also of the Fencibles and then commanding at Fort Howe, on the River St. John where I was then on service, with a detachment of the regiment for General McLean. I procured pilots for his Penobscot Expedition as well as some useful information, by various incursions within the enemies lines, a service which I was fortunate in the execution of:—In his proposed attempt on the Rebel port of Machias in the Bay of Fundy, I was again employed and went into Machias by night with four men, seized and brought off a pilot and obtained full information of the strength and situation of that port. Four different times I was afterwards sent by order of General McLean on confidential services of enterprise between Fort Howe and Penobscot. My retreat was cut off by the enemy, from whom after a short contest, each time I escaped but was taken on their third attempt by a numerous party into whose hands I was betrayed by the treachery of a guide I had with me, a small party of seven men only:—Two Captains were sent by General McLean at different times from Penobscot for the direct purpose of an exchange for me, and two afterwards from Halifax for the same purpose without effect. I had been reported by the Governor and Council of Boston to General Washington, as an