

“ about three miles distant, and in the rear of the left wing of  
 “ the army, Major General Grey was detached on the 20th, late  
 “ at night, with the 2d Light Infantry, the 42d and 44th regi-  
 “ ments, to surprise this corps. The most effectual precautions  
 “ being taken by the General to prevent his detachment from  
 “ firing, he gained the enemy's left about one o'clock; and  
 “ having, by the bayonet only forced their out-sentries and  
 “ pickets, he rushed in upon the encampment, directed by  
 “ the light of the fires, killed and wounded not less than 300.  
 “ on the spot, taking between 70 and 80 prisoners, the greater  
 “ part of their arms, and eight waggons loaded with baggage  
 “ and stores. Upon the first alarm the cannon were carried  
 “ off, and the darkness of the night, only, saved the rest of the  
 “ corps. One captain of light infantry, and three men, were  
 “ killed in the attack, and four men wounded. Gallantry in  
 “ the troops, and good conduct in the General, were fully  
 “ manifest upon this critical service.

“ On the 21st, the army moved by Valley Forge, and encamp-  
 “ ed upon the banks of the Schuylkill, extending from Fat-  
 “ Land Ford to French Creek. The enemy upon this move-  
 “ ment quitted their position, and marched towards Pots-  
 “ Grove in the evening of this day.

“ On the 22d, the grenadiers and light infantry of the guards  
 “ crossed over to take post; and the chasseurs crossing soon  
 “ after at Gordon's Ford, opposite to the left of the line, took  
 “ post there also. The army was put in motion at midnight,  
 “ the van-guard being led by Lord Cornwallis, and the whole  
 “ crossed the river at Fat-Land Ford without opposition.  
 “ Major-General Grant who commanded the rear guard with  
 “ the baggage, passed the river before two o'clock in the after-  
 “ noon; and the army encamped on the 23d with its left to the  
 “ Schuylkill, and the right upon the Monatony road, having  
 “ Stony Run in front. The two battalions of light infantry  
 “ were detached to Swedes Ford, which a small party of the  
 “ enemy immediately quitted, leaving six pieces of iron cannon  
 “ behind them.

“ On the 25th, the army marched in two columns to German  
 “ Town,