

INTRODUCTION.

Rangers, and their operations, will elucidate the preceding positions; shew in such a point of view their similitude to the British army, and contain, as it were, an epitome of its history.

This Journal alledges no fact but what the author believes to be true; the frequent introduction of his own name may appear redundant, but is absolutely necessary to the perspicuity of the work. He never valued himself so highly on the actions which it was his good fortune to perform to the satisfaction of his superiors, as voluntarily to prescribe them for the boundaries of his professional ambition. Yet, as a British officer, should he live to double the number of years which he has already devoted to the service of his country, it is scarcely possible that he shall ever be appointed to so important a trust as that which he solicited, when he offered to fortify and maintain Billing's Port: And as an European soldier, and an European subject, what field for honorable enterprize can ever be so wide, as that which he would have expatiated in, had he according to his own plan, joined the Indians; directed them to collateral exertion; and associating the Loyalists of the back countries zealous in the British cause, united them with the enemies of Congress; set before them the Queen's Rangers as their most necessary guides and examples; led the whole combination to incessant and adventurous action during the war; and if victorious, had remained at their head in that hour when America was declared independent by a critical and unexpected peace!

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