

health, which was very much impaired, would admit, and obtain his licence to return home, I took my leave of his excellency, and set out from Valley Forge with Gen. Gates and his suit for Fish Kill, where we arrived the latter end of May. In this tour the Gen. was pleased to treat me with the familiarity of a companion, and generosity of a lord, and to him I made known some striking circumstances which occurred in the course of my captivity.—I then bid farewell to my noble Gen. and the gentlemen of his retinue, and set out for Bennington, the capital of the Green Mountain Boys, where I arrived the evening of the last day of May to their great surprise ; for I was to them as one rose from the dead, and now both their joy and mine was complete. Three cannon were fired that evening, and next morning Col. Herrick gave orders, and fourteen more were discharged, welcoming me to Bennington, my usual place of abode ; thirteen for the United States, and one for young Vermont.