

city—the timid ones are averse, merely from the spirit of procrastination, which is the characteristic of timidity. The letter from the Provincial Congress, you will observe, breathes the very essence of this spirit; it is wofully hysterical.”

By the bye, the threat contained in Lee's reply about a “funeral pile,” coming from a soldier of his mettle, was not calculated to soothe the hysterical feelings of the committee of safety.

How he conducted himself on his arrival in the city we shall relate in a future chapter.

END OF VOLUME TWELVE