

himself there, and support and arm the Loyalists, which were the objects of his march into the heart of that province."

From Lord Cornwallis's former letters, I had every reason to suppose he thought himself in sufficient strength to command the success he hoped for. Had his Lordship, however, upon Lieutenant-colonel Tarleton's misfortune, called upon me for a reinforcement, or had I even known it in time, I am persuaded your Lordship will do me the justice to acknowledge, that it was absolutely out of my power to assist him more than I did; especially when it is considered, that at this moment his Lordship has acting with him, and in the different posts under his command, nineteen British, eight German, and fourteen Provincial battalions, besides detachments from four British battalions, and Iagers, artillery and cavalry; whilst in my present threatened situation, I have (through my earnest desire to support