

gadier Forbes. His rendezvous was at Philadelphia^z, from whence he marched with the last division of his forces on the 30th day of June, for the river Ohio. A march pregnant with the greatest difficulties and discouragements; if we consider the length of the way only; but if we take the want of military roads, the howling wildernesses, that were almost impenetrable, the dangerous morasses and the rugged mountains, into the account, nothing but love, a love for our country, which surmounts and despises all obstacles and opposition, could have animated this army to proceed with an alacrity and courage, that was not to be satisfied with any thing less than victory and conquest.

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His difficult march.

^z By a letter from New York, dated July 20, it appears, that when Brigadier-General Forbes came to Philadelphia, about the middle of April last, he found himself a general without forces, for a considerable time. The greatest part of the provincials, that were to compose his army, were not raised. The Highlanders from South-Carolina, did not arrive till about the 7th of June, nor his stores and artillery from England till the 14th of the same month. Besides this, the procuring the large number of waggons necessary for this expedition, where there is no water carriage, occasioned great delays. Yet all these difficulties are at last surmounted, and the general now finds himself at the head of a fine army, in high spirits, the rear of which is by this time advanced upwards of 100 miles on their march. He has likewise a very considerable body of Indians with him, and we have reason to expect all possible success from his known valour, vigilance, and experience. No general was ever more beloved by the men under his command.