

MADISON.

I did not know, until now, how far I should treat seriously a man who knows so well how to use the war to enrich and amuse himself, while others are stirring and shedding their blood for the cause which they have espoused. But I cannot allow him to insult, in my presence, the great man whom my country has placed at the head of its armies, or to turn into ridicule the sentiments of honor and piety which are his glory. Yes! the man who, for the past five years, with a few regiments of improvised militia, badly clad, poorly fed, has withstood the formidable armies of Great Britain, has won the brilliant victories of Boston, Trenton and Monmouth, has borne innumerable reverses without flinching,—that man has reason to believe that Heaven is with the nations struggling for their liberty.

PARKER.

Come, Gentlemen, let us be calm. We are three against one, we can afford to be generous.

MADISON.

Thank you, Mr. Parker, for your good intentions, but this is not the first time that the rebels, as Mr. Chambers calls them, have fought one against three.

NELLY.

You are not alone. I can not help admiring the noble, generous sentiments which you have just expressed

CHAMBERS.

Capital! Now even the women are having their heads turned by this fine talk of rebels.

NELLY.

And why should women remain strangers to what is going on around them? Why should they not have patriotism as well as men? Is the noblest of all feelings out of place in a woman's heart? The women of South Carolina, at this moment defending their heartstones with arms in their hands, set examples of heroism which do honor to our sex, and whoever does not appreciate these acts of devotion is much to be pitied indeed.