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Waldeckers and British savage allies, &c. likewise,
hoards of secret enemies within, and repeatedly
receiving a specimen of British clemency, in their
wantonly firing whole towns at times over our
heads. In spite of all opposition the avenger of
wrongs so ordered it, as to enable us to capture a
whole British army under blustering Burgoyne,
Anno, 1777. This truly interesting event in my
weak apprehension had a tendency to raise the
Americans into importance in the eyes of Eu-
rope, for it is worthy of notice that the next
year, France acknowledged American Independ-
ence, and became the ally of United America;
whose united efforts in conjunction of other
friendly powers, compelled the British to make
necessity a virtue, in dissolving the political union,
in the peace of 1783, in which the 13 Atlantic
States were acknowledged as *Free, Sovereign and*
Independent, and in my opinion develops the
enigma of the 4th section;—and here for a mo-
ment the first act of this dramatic tragedy must
end.

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“When the cock shall guard the eagle’s nest,

“The stars shall all rise in the west.”

During the American Revolutionary War—
their potent ally the French Monarch sent over
to the assistance of the Americans a powerful
fleet, and a body of land forces; in which united,
they weakened the power of Britain much, par-
ticularly the capture of Lord Cornwallis, in Vir-
ginia, with his whole army. I have heard gen-
tlemen of acute and deep penetration, make their
observations, that the advantages the officers and
soldiers