

which sent 6000 men to the hospital immediately; or that a superior French fleet, with troops on board, was on the coast.

Page 180, vol. ii. Mr. Stedman says, " that General Lincoln had reflected on the British Commanders for their tardiness in making their approaches to the siege of Charles Town." Surely, it might naturally occur to Mr. Stedman (as it has done to others) that every delay (mortifying and unavoidable as they were) tempted General Lincoln to fortify Charles Town Peninsula, and put the fate of both Carolinas on that of Charles Town.

Mr. Stedman imputes to Sir H. Clinton's proclamation of the 3d June, 1780 (calling upon all persons in the then state of the province to declare themselves) what surely cannot be attributed to it.

He says, page 200, vol. ii. " One Lisle, who had belonged to a rebel corps while it was under the command of Neale, and who had been banished to the islands upon the sea coasts as a *prisoner* upon parole, availing himself of the Commander in Chief's proclamation of the 3d of June, took the oath of allegiance, and exchanging his parole for a certificate of his being a good subject; returning to his former abode he obtained a command under Colonel Floyd, and as soon as the battalion of militia was supplied with arms and ammunition, had the treacherous address to carry it off to Colonel Neale." Is it quite so certain that such mischievous consequences can be imputed to Sir H. Clinton's proclamation of the 3d of June, 1780? Paroles had been given before the province of South Carolina had been subdued; but when General Williamson's surrender had put an end to all opposition in that province, Sir H. Clinton, not as a Commander in Chief, but as his Majesty's *sole* Commissioner to his provinces in America, did issue the above proclamation; and, perhaps, under all circumstances, it was at the time it was issued both *politic* and *proper*. And if one *Lisle* did exchange his parole for a certificate of his being a good subject, &c. &c. this surely cannot be imputed to Sir H. Clinton's proclamation of the 3d June, 1780,