

## A P P E N D I X.

when Capt. Graves had silenced the fire of his opponent, the masts of the *La Magicienne* fell overboard, and fortune deprived him of his prize and of all, but the glory of having deserved it.

Page 177, line 20. *Earl Cornwallis in a conversation with Lt. Col. Simcoe asked him, "whether he thought that he could escape with the cavalry?" he answered his Lordship, "without the smallest doubt."*

The great outline which Lt. Col. Simcoe laid down as the means by which he could escape, was to march strait up the country 'till such time as he had arrived parallel to the fords of the *Susquehanna*; leaving it uncertain whether he meant to proceed to *Carolina* or *Pennsylvania*; he then would have crossed towards the *Susquehanna*, directing his march so as to endeavour to release the Convention army, or to impress the enemy with a belief that such was his intention, if it should appear impracticable: when, being above the fords of the *Delaware*, he would have passed that river, and proceeded towards *Staten island* or *New York*; by that route which would have been most feasible.

For some time previous to Earl Cornwallis's question, Lt. Col. Simcoe had formed the idea of escaping with his cavalry, and such men as could have been mounted, in short the whole of his corps; and he had acquired a most perfect knowledge of the different fords, and formed for himself a regular plan. Capt. Ewald saw him one day looking over *Xenophon*, and immediately said, "My Colonel, you are going to retreat; for God's sake do not leave the yagers behind you." Those who are not acquainted with the American country and its internal situation, would look upon such an attempt as chimerical; but a consideration of circumstances might alter their opinion. The whole of the enemy's force was concentrated at *York town*; their cavalry consisted of the Duke of *Lauzun's* legion, ill-mounted, few in numbers, and unacquainted with the country and the genius of the war; no serious interruption or pursuit could be expected from them; such a corps as four or five hundred men were exactly calculated for the attempt. A single plantation would have furnished them with sufficient provisions and forage; the rapidity of their march would prevent any predetermined opposition; and, as the party proceeded, horses could be accumulated to remount those which might be disabled.

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