

could have landed without interference on the upper part of the Island. The troops on the Heights of Long Island, opposite New York, could with bombs and balls have made a slaughter pen from the battery to the limits of the town. And yet men say I was 'in league with them!'

"I kept command until Washington arrived in April; then of course I was forgotten—completely ignored on all sides—and I heard everywhere comments concerning General Washington's noble bearing, unchanging serenity and commanding nature (*such is the ingratitude of humanity*). So angered was I about the *whole matter*—for the General's lack of appreciation of my work—that I kept my own council about many things (that I was not questioned concerning).

"I did not tell Washington that the city was full of *Tories*; but I did go on striving to fortify the place, for no matter what my personal feelings may be, no matter how I may resent and hate, I know no flinching in my duty as a soldier; never, so help me God!

"I must do Washington the justice to say that he commended my work (while he did not praise General Lee for doing it), and when he arrived he gave me such substantial assistance that within a fortnight the King's ships took unto themselves wings.

"How he found out all that he *did* discover none can tell, but he discovered the Tory ring-leaders (whom he was pleased to designate as 'those abominable pests of society') and he put them up in Litchfield, Connecticut, 'as the safest place he knew,' for such 'RASKILS;' and now and then one of them let drop a word that was at once *sent post haste* to headquarters. For example, the Parson of Litchfield writ to Tallmadge:

"That person who came with G— informs me that England is at present very poorly supplied with arms, that upward of twenty thousand were shipped last spring for America and were lost. It is *his* opinion that should twenty thousand French land at Cornwall, they might go to London and take the king and the crown. If this be anything near the truth how defenseless is Great Britain!

"All the following summer, fall and winter new troops kept pouring into us—such a motley crowd of ragged, untrained humanity!—and we took the city and used it for a vast camp. We tore the lead from roofs and windows, and then melted it into bullets; we gathered up bells and knockers and fashioned them into cannon. This until June; from then on Washington began to look (if it were possible) *more calm and placid*, and his staff, from a faithful study of his ways, began to realize that *stormy days were near*. I have my suspicion whom he used in our camp to gain his knowledge; but *from whom* the man in question got his information is beyond my comprehension. The affair is so like *something out of the Arabian Night Tales* that I shall set it down for you:

"One day a man from a Woburn (Massachusetts) company was detached by the officer of the day among the guard and placed as a sentinel before Washington quarters, at nine o'clock. At ten, the General drove up in a coach.

"The man hailed the driver.

"Who comes here?"

"The driver answered, 'General Washington.'

"Who is General Washington?" said the sentry.

"The commander of the American Army," replied the driver.

"I don't know him. Advance and give the countersign."

"The driver put his head into the carriage and came back with the countersign.

"It is right," said the guard. 'General Washington can now pass.'

"The next morning the officer of the day (it matters not what may be his name) came to the guard and said, 'General Washington has com-

manded me to notify you to appear at his quarters at precisely nine o'clock.'

"And what does he want of me?" said the guard.

"That I do not know," replied the officer. In obedience to this order, he went to the headquarters at the time appointed and a servant bade him come in, and there sat the General.

"Are you the sentinel that stood at my door at nine o'clock last night?" he said.

"Yes, sir, I am the man," said the Yankee, 'and what's more, I did my duty.'

"I wish all my army understood the meaning of *DUTY* as well as you do," said the General. 'Can you keep a secret?'

"Well," said the man, 'the best thing you kin do, General, is to try me and see.'

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