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A Story of the Times of Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton.

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CHAPTER XII-CONTINUED. Burr when thus left alone with the ill- past offenses, with permission to refavored man of crime, beneath whose main peacefully at home, or join the roof he was so strangely sheltered? To American standard, as you may prefear he was a stranger; but was there fer." no doubt, no mistrust, no anxiety? Not a particle. If there had been any pur- I hope you will not think I meet it pose to harm him, he knew that pur- rudely in saying that this good rifle is pose could have been accomplished a all the pardon I need. As for joining hundred times over. For hours he had the American standard, I may think of been in their power. There was no nec- that when I forget the wrongs I have

essity for treacherous scheming to effect either his death or capture. Calm and self-collected always, the probability is that these reflections passed are in arms against their country could through his mind more like the flashes not expect to be treated very lenientof instinct than the teachings of rea- ly." son. Durand's good faith he could not given him the slightest cause to harbor suspicion. Thus far he had done preposedly by the fire, and began caressing one of the large wolf-hounds who his visitor with impertinent queries; when he had finished his bone, laid

down upon which he invited Burr to lie down and rest until Durand's reed themselves at Burr's feet. It was long past midnight when Colonel Burr was roused by a fierce growl from his four-footed sentinels. The same sound awoke Jenkins, who, springing from his bed, silenced the dogs by a stern whisper, "Hush, Brute! lie down, Cash!" and walking

heard approaching over the rocky path, and soon afterwards Alexis Durand shouted at the gate, "Open, Bill; When the door opened and Durand entered, Burr discovered that he had pouch and a powder horn, to his equipments. His manner, too, was hurried like that of a man whom some danger

ed it would be before my return. I had trouble to get away, and we may meet with more on the road. Get Mr. Jones's

bidding Jenkins a cordial, "good-by," the two mounted and rode down the angles with the road. From the many turnings and zigzags made by his guide, Colonel Burr soon lost all idea way; now a deep ravine, black and gloomy, barred their passage; anon they were skirting the base of a frowning precipice, and again climbing a steep ascent, which rose sharp and sudden before them. Colonel Burr could discover no sign of a path, but his conductor rode on, avoiding or surmounting obstacles with an unerring road. Here Durand reined up.

"You are safe, Colonel Burr-beyond the danger of interruption from keep on paying it, whenever a proper our scouts. That road leads to George Washington's headquarters, and you

a great service, and I thank you from applying to you in any coming trouble you have probably saved, for of that I don me for not giving it. It will detake little heed; but it concerned my pend on circumstances, and of those honor that the message I bear should circumstances I must be the judge." be safely delivered. Is there nothing

"Of that I have ample proof. I wish within a few miles of West Point. sup with you tonight."

What were the sensations of Colonel procuring for you a full pardon for all

"You speak in kindness, colonel, and

"That there has been wrong on both sides, I know; but surely those who

"Your historians, colonel, will tell question, and Jenkins had not given one story, and ours another. If you succeed, yours will be believed-if we triumph, you will be the traitors. The cisely what his comrade had told him, judgment of posterity, therefore, upon and done it in such a way as to make our motives, will be worth just nothit certain that no sinister design trou- ing at all; but if an account of the bled his brain. Nothing of this was facts could be written precisely as lost upon Colonel Burr, and after Du- they are, an impartial jury would say rand's departure he took his seat com. that we have been at least as much sinned against as sinning. Take for instance, the case of Bill Jenkins, unwas gnawing a bone at his feet, while der whose roof you slept last night. At Jenkins was bringing in some addi- the beginning of these troubles, he tional logs to heap in the chimney. Af- was just married, and there was not a ter this, the outlaw placed two strong more quiet, orderly, industrious young bars across the door, and, taking a man in the colony of New York. He seat, entered into friendly chat with believed, honestly and conscientiously his guest upon subjects that offered no that King George was entitled to his chance for party disagreement. At that allegiance, and refused to join the reperiod of the American Revolution it bellion. This subjected him to insult, was not always safe to ask much less and after awhile, to worse. He was to answer, questions, and Jenkins was dragged from his bed at night, tied to too well aware of the fact to trouble tree, and lashed like a condemned thief, until the blood ran down to his heels. His young wife, who was far his manner was wholly unembarrassed. gone in pregnancy, looked on the hor-Even the dogs seemed to understand rible scene till she fainted, and died that the stranger was to receive none the next day in giving premature but kindly treatment, for one of them, birth to the child she bore. Do you wonder that from that day Bill Jenkins his huge head upon Colonel Burr's became a house-burner and a murderknee, and looked wistfully up into his face as if soliciting a caress. Colonel distinguish between those who had wronged him and the party to which dog, and an excellent judge of his they belonged, and inflicted vengeance points. The deep chest and sinewy loin on all alike?"

"No: but his is an extreme case; the noble animal supplied him with cuse."

a subject for conversation until Jenkins rose, and, saying it was time they should go to sleep, spread blanket affered so much; but all of us have sufter blanket, and counterpane after counterpane, on the floor, until he had made a "pallet" as soft as a bed of "Your way of stating the case is

> There may be a dozen, or ten dozen, or ten thousand bad men among us, who commit wrongs and outrages upon ness of cruelty; but that does not affect the justice of the cause any more than crites impairs the sanctity of the Christian religion. You have no more right to take up arms against your country, because a Whig has robbed your house, than you have to desert the ause of Christ, because a professing You must remember, too, that the things of which you complain were, in beginning, openly and boldly, for your country, you would not have been mobe in the wrong. It is not a case for reasoning about right or wrong. If case, your country is engaged in an unequal war, and whether she is right or whether she is wrong, the arms, hearts, and swords of her sons are her

of your neighbors and friends was poured out like water upon their native fields patriotism, honor, manliness, all demanded that you should in full view of a broad and beaten my mother, tell her that her son obeyed her commands and paid a part of

her debt. Tell her also that I shall

who saved my mother from insult has across his eyes, as if to wipe away by the side of private soldiers; ac- repeat to take any command you can lord, I assure you, and Greek not Latwood and rode rapidly back toward

a patrol of American horse, by whom his manner was always scrupulously calling my vanity to your aid. Your The trick was perfectly effectual. he was conducted to the presence of polite, and no one suspected the closeman beings, although your Whig the commander-in-chief. The message ness of the intimacy between them. friends seldom treat us as such. We he delivered from General McDougall, Their interviews were never frequent, have had much to make us bloody, and and his own remarks and observations and were generally contrived at times duly hurried. It is a maneuver which closet). "Maria, this is a new hat, Carden's camp. Davie ordered the duly hurried. It is a maneuver which closet). "Maria, this is a new hat, Carden's camp. Davie ordered the duly hurried. It is a maneuver which closet). lawless, and revengeful; and we have upon the state of affairs around New to excite the least observation. On the My action, however, must not be unmy action, nowever, must not be unsherefore done much at which good York, were considered so important present occasion, Colonel Hamilton apduly hurried. It is maneuver which looks better than anything you have izens' clothes, to enter the lane from great detriment of the loyalists. men must shudder; still, we are better that General Washington immediately proached than you give us credit for being and marched the largest part of his army said,gratitude is not an obsolete word to the Highlands, and established his own headquarters at New Windsor, can be undisturbed, I will come and

health. He was again prostrated, and, in that condition, was removed to New he turned with an easy, unembarrass- of Madeira. Haven, where, it was thought, he would ed manner, to greet several office have the benefit of better quarters and who came up at the moment. more regular medical attendance. He Col. Hamilton's impatience carried was lying at this place upon a bed of him to Billings' door a full half hour

what hour shall I expect you?"

"You see now that I was right in pro-

Billings made no comment on this

self-gratulatory address, merely in-

"Has the resignation been accept-

"Study well the letter of acceptance

before you send it. Let it be perfectly

courteous; but at the same time avoid

ommendation of his past services."

quently writes such letters himself,

merely directing me to copy. In that

"It would not be prudent certainly

case I can do nothing."

"I will write it; but the general fre-

sickness when his old enemy, Govern- before the appointed time. That wor or Tryon at the head of twenty-five thy, who was something of an epicure hundred men, sailed out of New York, was busy in giving instructions to his on one of his usual plundering and cook how to prepare his favorite dishburning expeditions. His first landing es. The entrance of his guest interwas near New Haven, and the fright- rupted this agreeable occupation, and ened citizens, to whom his former dismissing the man, he courteously inmerciless exploits were familiar, fled vited Hamilton, according to the cusin all directions to the country. Vehi- tom of the times, to join him in a glass ed of set purpose that habit of stamcles of every imaginable description of Madeira. Those who live in camps cannot be crowded the roads, and women and children ran screaming by the side of

under the fatigues of his perilous jour-

upon receiving intelligence of Tryon's ment for dining-room, sitting-room, landing. Colonel Burr rose from his and bed-room. In this department be- of his many winning ways. The trick sick couch, dressed himself, and re- fore supper, the servant was engaged paired to a part of the town where he in making preparations for the evenunderstood the militia were gathering ing meal, and conversation of a confidential nature was therefore impossifor the nurpose of making some show ble. After it was concluded, and the of resistance. He found them assembled together, indeed, but utterly pan-

much idea of giving battle to the ene- the close,my as a drove of sheep might be exthe fervent language of patriotism, urging them to defend their firesides disgraceful exposure." and their altars from an insulting foe, and pointing out how much better it was to die nobly in a good cause than quiring,to live degraded and debased. The men, however, were too much under ed?"

the influence of fear to heed, or even listen to his stirring appeals. A few matters of course." gathered around him, but the greater part began to slink away. Just as he was about giving up in despair the attempt to infuse some degree of manliness into their bosoms, he was informed that the students were forming themselves into military companies on the college green, and thither he rode, followed by a few of the militia, who had imbibed a portion of his own courage. Addressing the boys in a few

may never be of the least importance. energetic words of encouragement and commendation, he proclaimed his Still I would like to see that letter bename and former rank, and offered to lead them against the enemy. The litdo not understand why you should tle fellows answered with three hearty consider it of the least consequence. cheers, and wheeling into column. He is out of the army-he is out of my marched out to meet the forces of Govway, and I do not care a farthing how ernor Tryon. Shamed into courage by this gallant example, numbers of the much men may praise him for what he

militia joined them as they marched has done." "He is at present out of the army along, and by the time the enemy came in sight Colonel Burr was able to display so considerable a force that, after means certain that he will stay so. At famous "score" of classic times. A greatest concert of action. They had the whole score that the whole score the concert of action. and out of your way; but it is by no trying the effects of a few shots, Gov- the expiration of a year, or less, his health may be restored, and he may ernor Tryon fell back to wait for his artillery, which he had left behind, in then come back into the army and into the belief that no resistance would be your way too. I have studied his charoffered. By a skillful disposition of acter to little purpose, if he will long hear!" without rhyme or reason. his little force, Colonel Burr succeeded rest contented in the walks of civil life when the clash of arms is soundin keeping the British at bay for hours,

and thus enabled the citizens to re- ing in his ears." strong one, Mr. Durand, when addressartillery of course, compelled him to below those who are now his juniors, but a man of your education and intelretreat, but it was done in excellent and his proud spirit will never consent order, and his regiment of boys was to that." safely conducted from the town. In after years there was no achievement derstood that he did accept the appointment of lieutenant colonel when more pleasure; and even in extreme old the date of that appointment placed him below some who were his juniors

tion of New Haven college. But it cost him dear at the time. He was carried

CHAPTER XIII.

abandonment of the army would have

himself popular than James Billings,

money often enabled him to furnish

cers, which were very grateful to

his advantage. If the army remained

for any length of time in one place, he

generally contrived to secure a house

liberality. In every respect Mr. Bil-

him during the day and

"If you are alone, Billings, and we

"Things done well

from fear:

the preceding campaign. What he has done once he may do again. At all from his horse to a sick chamber, and events, you ought to be careful to do continued for months, a bed-ridden in- nothing to facilitate his re-entrance all means. The rewards that will fol- he pronounced the words so obviouslow success in this contest must be ly that the audience shouted out correaped by the sword, or all the teach-And with a care, exempt themselves Things done without example, in the this resignation ought to have on your own course. Have you thought of When the resignation of Colonel Burr that? Do you propose to remain in Curran. He was engaged on a case Rock, is twenty-five feet in diamewas received at headquarters. Alexan- your present position, or to exchange

der Hamilton could scarcely conceal it for another?" "I have not had time to mature my an opportunity he went to communi- plans. My judgment, though, inclines cate the glad tidings to Billings. That me now, as heretofore to seek employdark schemer had remained almost ment in the line."

"My opinion has long been made up principal part of his property was in on that point. It must be done some the city of New York, and while that day, and the sooner the better." "I wish from my heart that it could city was in possession of the British

and his own residence occupied, as it be done tomorrow; but I foresee that was, by a British officer, he had a it will be a work of time. The difficulplausible excuse for remaining in the ties I mentioned on a former occasion field. His presence had long ceased have been increased. I have become to excite comment. In fact he was necessary to General Washington, and, not only heartily welcome, but his in addition to the jealousies of the line

> ting over that difficulty. Quarrel with that, though I named no names, you Mount and failed because he had no him upon some point of etiquette which

such chance will occur; and just now it would do no good, for he is fixed in luxuries to the sick or wounded offiin the line. I will have a better chance from the plaudits it received, made a worthy of a more minute descripof weakening, if not reversing, this dethem, and were always remembered to termination by remaining near his reply regretted the honorable mem-

"That is desirable, if it can be done though in your place, I would not wait long in the hope of bringing it about. for him golden opinions from all ranks Where you are, promotion is next to impossible, and it is better for you to was known that he had rendered im- accept a place below your juniors than matic effect recited a sonorous piece the forks of the road, when the troops portant services to the cause of the to continue in the staff. In the line, struggling colonists; and he obtained the whole field is open before you. ed vigorously. credit for a great deal more than was Skill and courage are there certain of actually due him. Sometimes he would their rewards; and now that Colonel of a preternaturally stupid jury. The led his force, consisting of about Burr has retired from the service, I judge happened to be a consummate eighty men, down the east side of where, and few inquired. During his know no competitor of whom you have classical scholar, knowing Curran to be the Catawba and in due time they reason to fear. You are a better sol- the same, was naturally astounded on arrived in the neighborhood of Hangquipment to some necessitous officer. dier today than any general officer hearing him quote a piece of Latin as ing Rock. in the army, and George Washington coming from the Phantasmagoria of season of comfort that did not often knows it; but Congress and the counthe historian Hesiod! "Your mean try do not know it, and will not know Latin poet, Mr. Curran. Hesiod was fantry, belonging to Bryan's comit, so long as you are tied to the per- a Greek, a poet, and not an historian, it, so long as you are tied to the person of the commander-in-chief and are
son of the commander-in-chief sturdy outlaw almost crushed it in his or three occasions, he had seized a allowed to win no fame except such as work called the Phantasmagoria. The infantry having been sent out on a is reflected from him. It is better, I lines are Juvenal's." "Heslod, my plundering expedition, were returnquiring a reputation, by so doing, for get in the infantry, and trust to your personal courage as high as that which own exertions to rise from it. That was accorded him for patriotism and you will rise, I know; and every step makes the ascent easier and more lings was a popular and a trusted man. rapid."

advice is sound enough to commend

"I am alone, or can easily be so. At better qualified than yourself to make the most of them." "Eight o'clock, if that hour suits There was a pause of some minutes in the conversation, which Billings "Very well; until then, adieu." And employed in helping himself to a glass

TO BE CONTINUED.

Miscellaneous Rending. SOME TRICKS IN ORATORY.

Resorted to by Famous Speakers to Gain Their Point.

wonders of Demosthene whether he ever in after years resummering which he had taken such heroic means to eradicate. A stammer very fastidious, and Mr. Billings was is a most effective trick sometimes, transpired in this region during their household goods. Immediately forced to be contented with one apart- and we know that Alcibiades found the Revolutionary struggle, gathers his lisp by no means the least useful around them a kind of enchantment. in oratory combines both the conven- more imposing and their memories tional meanings of the word: it is sometimes both.

Addison tells a capital story of a two were left to themselves, Hamilton trick in forensic oratory. At West-deeds accomplished during the war ic-stricken, and entertaining about as opened his budget of news, adding at minster Hall "there was a counsellor for independence was in North and who never pleaded without a piece of South Carolina. Brave men and no packthread in his hand, which he used less brave women, entered into the pected to entertain in the presence of testing against personal violence. We to twist about his thumb or finger all contest; not because they loved war, a gang of ferocious wolves. Excited are rid of him. No one is to blame. the while he was speaking; the wags but because they hated oppression and indignant, he addressed them in We have no cause for self-reproach, of those days called it 'the thread of and loved liberty, without which, and will be annoyed by no fears of a his discourse,' for he was not able to they rightly thought, there could be utter a word without it"-as a foolish client proved once to his own cost, for completed their chain of military he stole the thread and his advocate posts, reaching from the Savannah ame to utter grief.

phrase from the vernacular, which is for the troops of George the Third to classic instance which naturally occurs to every one is Burke's famous "dagger scene" in the house of comstrong expressions of regret, or strong mons when he emphasized his peroexample of the methods of the apostles of liberty and fraternity.

In a way this recalls an incident of this case was unpremeditated. A can-death." didate-there is no need to mention "I will gratify you if I can; though names-was advocating tariff reform unwholesome tomato at him, an "armuch for cheap imports."

One of the tricks credited to Sheribrilliant statesman was not tempered idan by continually ejaculating, "Hear "You are mistaken. Billings. He cannot come back without entering "I hope so; but I doubt. I have un-

And long centuries before Demos thenes, invelghing against an oppoence, "Is he not Misthotos-a hirerections from all points-"Misthotos! opprobrious epithet.

whose evidence, if accepted, would be presenting an appearance not unlike conclusive. In his opening speech that of the rind of one-quarter of Curran inveighed with all the bitter- an orange. ness and eloquence in his power Near this remarkable rockagainst the chief witness for the other the west bank of Hanging Rock side, but without actually mentioning creek-Major Carden was placed in his name. When the time came for command of the British garrison. the witness—a Mr. Leger—to be Here on the sixth of August, 1780, sworn, Curran interposed in the bland- the patriots under Sumter gained a formality; Mr. Leger's character was fore, however, we undertake to give accept his simple assertion. The un- Rock, let us go back for a short time ortunate man fell into the trap. "I and view the events which occurred am glad, Mr. Curran, you have a bet- in the vicinity. ter opinion of me now than when you first spoke." "You admit, then, sir, attacked the British post at Rocky

to yourself?" petrated on the house. In this case, most effective point. Sheridan in his tion. would then see how fatal to the con- of July. Sumter's point of destinatention of the honorable member was tion was Rocky Mount; that of Davie, the authority he had cited. Where- Hanging Rock. The two commands upon Sheridan with magnificent draof gibberish! And the house applaud- under Sumter took the road leading

in." "You must be out of your senses, "I did not suspect you, Billings, of I'll be bound they will find it-Greek."

shall watch for an opportunity to act Mr. Snagsby (rummaging in a

SOUTH CAROLINA IN the revolution

How the Spirit of Liberty Was Kept Alive By an the right flank was the British reg-Unconquerable People.

camp.

camp in safety.

The militia having entered the lane,

dismounted and poured in a deadly

panic stricken at the first fire. With-

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INSTALLMENT XVII. Battle of Hanging Rock.

The upper counties of South Carolina are classic ground. As time rolls on, the thrilling events which A Saratoga and Yorktown may be may be more deeply cherished, be sometimes a habit, sometimes a will, cause more generally known; but the fields upon which the greatest daring was exhibited, and the most brilliant

When the British had river to the Atlantic ocean, they It is the second description of trick, thought their work was done. Noth the "taking dodge," to borrow a ing more, it was thought, remained the more generally interesting. The do, but the reorganization of the civil affairs of the state.

From the limpid waters of the Watauga and Nollichucky, to the swamps of Georgia, brave and daring ration regarding the Reign of Terror men were assembling and talking over in France by dramatically throwing a the state of affairs. By multitudes dagger on the floor of the house as an of those who had been driven from their homes by the invading foe to seek a place of refuge in the fastnesses of the mountains, was uttered to show much feeling about it, and it the recent election, says the London in sullen mutterings and with knit Globe, though the oratorical trick in brows-"give me liberty or give me

Major William Richardson David formed a camp on the north side of when a zealous free trader threw an Waxhaw creek. To this brave North Carolinian, Colonel Higgins, with the gument" which greatly delighted the Mecklenburg militia; Col. Crawford zealous one's faction. "Rotten, of with some South Carolina troops course," remarked the candidate, "so and thirty-five Catawba Indians under their chief, New River, repaired. Between the two Carolinas there dan was very much on the lines of a was the kindest feeling and the member whose admiration for the only one object in view, and that

In the southern part of Lancaster county, near the dividing line be-Sheridan determined to give him a tween Kershaw and Lancaster, on lesson. At the close of one of his the road leading from Lancaster vilspeeches, denunciatory of some indi- lage to Camden, is a remarkable vidual, he used the words, "Where rock. From the peculiar shape, it is shall we find a more foolish knave, or called "Hanging Rock," and it gives a more knavish fool than he?" "Hear, its name to the creek on the east hear!" came as usual from the trou- bank of which it stands. Hanging blesome enthusiast. Sheridan bowed, Rock is about twelve miles, in a dithanked him for so obligingly supply- rect line, east of Rocky Mount and about the same distance a little east of south from Lancaster village and between twenty and twenty-five miles northwest of Camden. In shape and nent who was suspected of receving substance this rock as well as multisubsidies from the court of Persia, tudes of others in the same commupassionately asked the crowded audi- nity, is an object of wonder. Huge into military life. Keep him out by ling." But, as though inadvertently other, presenting to the beholder a most fantastic appearance. In substance these rocks are small irregular, hexagonal flint stones, mixed Misthotos!" the effect of which was with brilliant matter, black and to make citizens themselves apply the smooth. The whole is cemented together, forming a beautiful and won-Not very dissimilar in character is derful conglomeration. The one one of the many tricks attributed to which bears the name of Hanging wherein the principal witness on the ter and near one hundred feet high. other side was a gentleman of position On the west side it is hollowed out,

est way that this was surely a needless victory over the British forces. Besuch that he felt sure the jury would a sketch of the battle of Hanging

der Petit, not knowing that the en-

emy were in their rear, turned back

and could not be induced to advance.

two on a single horse, suffered fear-

Davie were not discouraged. On the

contrary, although no decisive victo-

ry had been gained at either place,

to meet the British and loyalists

again. On consultation it was deter-

fifth of August. The Mecklenburg

all amounting to five hundred, in-

cluding officers and men, met accord-

ing to arrangement, Colonels Sum-

ter Lacey and Hill, at Landsford with

tacked. The consultation was very

any other loss.

On the thirty-first of July, Sumter recognized my description as applying cannon with which to demolish the log houses into which the British Another of Curran's oratorical retreated. On the same day, Matricks is not unlike one Sheridan per- jor Davie made a feint upon a de tachment of the British post at the last speaker, it will be remember- Hanging Rock. The results of this he moved with it. His command of his determination not to give staff officers commands equal to their staff rank classical quotation, which, to judge of Rocky Mount. It is, however,

From the camp of Davie, on Waxber had not completed the quotation; haw creek, Sumter and Davie set he would do so himself, and the house out on the night of the twenty-ninth marched together until they came to to Landsford. About sun rise, the Curran's trick was at the expense forces crossed the Catawba. Davie

Whilst reconnoitering, he learned that three companies of mounted inmand, were at a house in the iming to Major Carden's camp. For but in this consultation the men some reason they had made a halt claimed all the importance that usu- killled and wounded never was Mr. Curran, or think I am out of at this private house. Davie at once ally attaches only to the officers. mine. The lines are Latin." "Well, determined to direct his attention to Both officers and men concluded about one hundred dead and we my lord, I can only suggest that we leave it as an issue for the jury, and The house was at the bend of a lane, leave it as an issue for the jury, and The house was at the bend of a lane, leave it as an issue for the jury, and leave it as an issue for the jury, and leave it as an issue for the jury. one end of which led to a woods and point for an attack by a force such the other end to the main camp of as was then assembled. No doubt Wynn were also wounded. the British. The troops were so dis- the facts pertaining to Hanging Rock ish loss was much greater than the loss was much g posed that a portion of the cavalry post were better understood by Davie of the Americans. was between those at the house and than any other officer present. He McCullock who cammanded the legion

and the Prince of Wales' American regiment. The whole amounted to about eight hundred men, mostly loyalists, and under the command of Major Carden.

The disposition of the British forces was judiciously made. Hanging Rock creek was in the rear; on ulars; on the left flank was the North Carolina Tory regiment. The centre was held by a part of Tarleton's legion and Hamilton's regiment of loyalists. The centre was separated from the left flank by a skirt of woods. Such was the position held by the troops in the centre, that it could not be assailed without exposfire upon the detachment. Most of ing those who attacked it to a dethem were loyalists, and they became structive fire. The troops in the centre were provided with a three out making the least resistance, they pounder and were protected by a made a dash for their camp. They deep ravine. Capt. McCullock com-

were met by Davie's cavalry and cut manded the centre. About dark on the evening of the fifth of August, Sumter, Davie, La-Almost in a moment and totally unexpected they were surrounded by cey, Irwin, Hill and the troops under Davie's men. There was no time to them set out from the neighborhood take prisoners, for the whole affair of Lansford for Hanging Rock. At took place in full view of the British the dawn of day they arrived within Having secured sixty-four two miles of the British camp. Here a halt was called, and the plan of athorses and one hundred muskets. tack settled. Sumter proposed that and leaving most of the British dethe troops march in three divisions tachment dead on the ground, Davie, without the loss of a single man set and advance on horseback, directly against the centre of the British, and out at full speed for his camp. dismount when in sight of the ene-There were few more brilliant exploits than this performed during my. This mode of attack was agreethe war. The whole British camp who advised that the horses be left it proved vain, as he reached his at the place where they then were. was called out to pursue Davie, but His objection to advancing on horseback was the confusion which nearly the memory of Major Davie, not to always occurs when troops dismoun in view of the enemy. Sumter's opinmention another attack which he ion prevailed and the disposition of had made upon the British in the the troops was quickly made. The same region. About five miles from command of the whole by universal Hanging Rock, is a place called the consent, was intrusted to Sumter. Da-Flat Rock. It takes its name from vie commanded the division on the a flat rock which covers nearly right, which was composed of his twenty acres of ground. A space own corps and a small number of covering four acres is naked, nearly volunteers under Major Bryan. The flat, with pits a few inches in depth column on the left which was comsunk in the surface. These pits are posed of South Carolina refugees, said to have been dug at an early mosty from Chester and York counperiod by the Indians for the purties was commanded by Hill. The pose of holding water. Whilst Macentre, composed entirely of Meckjor Davie was scouring the country lenburg militia, was led by Irwin.

between Waxhaw creek and Hanging In order to avoid the enemy's pick-Rock, he learned that a wagon train ets, the three columns filed to the loaded with supplies for the garrison left of the road, with the intention to at Hanging Rock, was passing bereturn to it before approaching the tween the latter place and Camden. camp of the enemy. The guides went The supplies consisted of rum, protoo far and when the approach to the visions and clothing. The guard conenemy was made, it was found that sisted of an escort of cavalry and the three divisions were all opposite volunteer loyalists. Davie deter-Bryan's Tory regiment which constimined to attack this supply train. tuted the left flank of the British On the twentieth of July, at Flat At seven o'clock in the morning the tured the whole party. After secur- ed upon the Tories. Irwin made the was to establish the independence of ing the prisoners and destroying the first attack, which was soon followed mounted the prisoners on the cap- for protection to the centre of the tured horses and set out at dark for camp. This post was held by Capt. his camp. Captain Petit, with the McCullock, with one hundred and sixled the advance, William Polk, with a detachment of cavalry, took charge of the prisoners. His place was in the centre. The rear guard was un-der the command of Davie himself.

British camp. Here they were unex-pectedly met by a terrific fire from the British legion. The Whigs pass-Thus far the whole affair had been ed on. a complete success. About midnight with fixed bayonets by just as the rear guard had entered a long lane, the van discovered some British concealed behind the lanefence, in a corn field. Major Davie Americans. had calculated that he would be pur- centre fought behind a fence and was protected by a ravine it sued by the British and an attempt forced to give way. When Bry-made to rescue the prisoners. He regarded this lane as a favorable loregarded this lane as a favorable for all the callity for such an enterprise, and men saw the determination had strictly charged Capt. Petit to which the British regulars fought, a advance into the lane and examine detachment of them we it before the main body came up. This from some oversight Petit before they were aware a heavy fire failed to do. So soon as the British was poured in upon the militia now were discovered they were chal-lenged, but gave no answer. On being challenged a second time. being challenged a second time, getting behind trees and bushes, made they answered with a volley of small desperate havoc with their trusty riarms. The whole Whig force was in fles in the ranks of the enemy. In a the lane. The fire of the enemy commenced on the right and extended American regiment nearly annihilated in a running fire, down to the rear. Major Davie seeing the condition of in a running fire, down to the rear. Davie, who perceived at once, the thing condition of things, rushed to the flank shouted out: front and endeavored to push the arms! you have but one officer left men through the lane as quickly as to the ground, if your lives are worth possible; but the advance party, un-

Right at this juncture of affairs and could not be induced to advance.

This caused the whole force to pass the ambushed enemy again. All that Davie could do was to retreat until his former position, and formed them in a hollow square in open ground. Opposite to this and near the woods then file off and pass their patrols. then file off and pass their patrols. other part, consisting mostly of This he did very successfully, under Hamilton's regiment of Tories, comthe circumstances. The loss of the menced forming. After the rout the circumstances. The loss of the and surrender of a portion of the Whigs was not great. The fire of British a very large number of the the ambushed forces was, through Whigs, thinking the victory complete, mistake, directed against the British rushed to plundering the British camp. Not a few found the rum and were drunk in a short time. Sumter fully. Lieutenant Elliott was killed der and make another dash upon the and Capt. Petit and two men wound- enemy, but only two hundred men ed. Davie and his party reached with his corps, made an attack their camp next morning without Hamilton's regiment, which was dispersed on the first attempt. Davie was prevented, however, from accomplish After the fighting at Hanging ing anything of consequence from the Rock, the forces under Sumter and fact that he was fired upon by two pieces of artillery. Fortuseems to have favored the Captains Stewart and McDonal ry had been gained at either place, forty mounted infantry, returned from both men and officers were anxious Rocky Mount just as the contest was in a critical condition. ican forces, extended their files so a mined that the respective forces, un- to make the most formidable appearder Sumter and Davie should meet at ance possible. Landsford on the Catawba on the

militia, under Col. Irwin and Major the British camp and making litters Davie's corps, with some volunteers, for the wounded. both in great disorder were view of each other. and the Americans answered Loaded with plunder and three hundred men. Here a consul- them full of rum, the militia were tation was held, with reference to arranged for retreat. All were tired; what British post would be next atstraggling Major how the enemy shall be attacked; they were not troubed by Major Car-den. He was satisfied to let well Americans were left on the field. Cap legion were killed and wound Under the circumstances the Ameri-

the battle of Hanging Rock. Nearly requires skill and caution, and in such cases time and chance are often our best friends."

"Very good friends they are, if properly improved; and I know of no one of the improved; and