

line which whether in victory or defeat, always sustained its honor, Baltimore town and county, sent forth her Howard, Gist, Hamilton, W. Sterett, James Winchester, G. Winchester, Ewing, Moore, Croxall, Norwood, Oldam, Colegate, Cromwell, Wilmott, Tool, Riley and McCabe, and with them sent many gallant hearts, who were recruited in the town or its vicinity,—and they sent also, among the officers of the German and rifle companies attached to Smallwood's brigade—to that stubborn brigade, whose insensibility to danger, rendered it incapable of knowing when it was beaten—attached to that brigade, they sent the brothers Mackenheimer, Keaports, Lohra, Meyers, Gerock, Lindenberger, Ritter, Cole, Smith, Fulford, Furnival, Moore, Plunket, R. Smith of W. and Hopkins, with a corresponding number of private soldiers—and this outpouring of patriotism was from a population of 5,000. How these brave spirits bore themselves let the fields of Long Island, White Plains, of Trenton, the Cowpens, Eutaw, and of Yorktown, and, indeed, almost every other field, attest. Wherever danger courted, there were they present—if wounded it was in front—if victorious, mercy to the captive was the only law they acknowledged, and if forced to retreat, it was with their faces to the enemy. At the Battle of White Plains—where an hundred of their compatriots fell,—where many of them fleshed their maiden swords—such was their gallant bearing, that they were appointed to cover the retreat of the army.

In 1781, when that generous Frenchman, whose honored *manes* repose beneath the soil of his own loved Lagrange, was marching his troops to the seige of York,—on their arrival at Baltimore they were destitute of money, of clothing and provisions, and, as the natural consequence of their sufferings and their privations, broken down in health and in spirits. From the national treasury not a dollar was to be obtained—the military chest empty—and thus situated, Lafayette appealed to our merchants for a loan on his own personal security, the which was granted him with that promptness that generous souls know so well how to estimate. The appeal had been made to that community, who from the beginning of the contest, had, with the hand of prodigals, offered up their means,—whose sons had gone forth, unbidden to the strife, armed with patriots' love and soldiers' courage,—and had the exigencies of the country required it, every male inhabitant, yet remaining, would have rallied under the banners of the brave Lafayette, and marched with him. Nor was this noble gushing forth of patriot zeal confined to the hardier sex. The cloth for clothing for the army being procured, a serious difficulty presented itself, to obtain persons to make it up; but it was of short duration; for it occurred where gentle bosoms throbbed but in unison with the cause of freedom, and the maids and the matrons of Baltimore, turned out *en masse*, and became for the time, the seamstresses of that gallant army, who on the 19th of October following, carried the redoubts before York-town, and compelled the brave, though haughty Cornwallis, to surren-

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