

18th Century Material Culture

Colonies to States

Virginia



Government



Virginia Colonial Governor Robert Dinwiddie
by Unknown c. 1760 - 1765
(National Portrait Gallery)



Peyton Randolph, Attorney General of the Colony of Virginia & Chair of the 1st and 2nd Continental Congress
Unknown Artist
(Colonial Williamsburg)



Peyton Randolph, Attorney General of the Colony of Virginia & Chair of the 1st and 2nd Continental Congress
by John Wollaston
(Virginia Historical Society)



Peyton Randolph of Wilton
by Matthew Pratt 1773
(Virginia Historical Society)



George Wyth, House of Burgesses, Delegate 2nd Continental Congress and Signer of the Declaration of Independence
Unknown Artist
(Colonial Williamsburg Foundation)



Benjamin Harrison, Delegate to the 2nd Continental Congress and Signer of the Declaration of Independence
Unknown Artist
(Virginia Historical Society)



Richard Henry Lee, Delegate to the 1st & 2nd Continental Congress
by Charles Wilson Peale 1784
(Private Collection)



James Madison of the Continental Congress, Age 32
by Charles Wilson Peale 1783
(Library of Congress)



Catherine "Kitty" Floyd, 15 Year Old Daughter of New York Delegate, William Floyd - To Whom Madison Proposed Marriage
by Charles Wilson Peale 1783
(Library of Congress)

Armed Forces



Lieutenant Colonel Richard Cary, Aide de Camp of General Washington
by Charles Wilson Peale
(Heritage Auctions)



John Parke Custis of General Washington's Staff during the Siege of Boston & Civilian Aide-de-Camp During the Siege of Yorktown
by James Peale c. 1772
(Virginia Museum of Fine Arts)



Major General Horatio Gates
by Charles Wilson Peale 1782
(Independence National Historic Park)



Major General Horatio Gates
by James Peale 1782
(Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery)



Major General Horatio Gates
by James Peale 1782
(Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery)



HORATIO GATES ESQ.
Major General of the American Army
Painted by C. Bowles in 1778. Engraved by J. G. Scriver in 1779.

“HORATIO GATES ESQR.”
by Carington Bowles 1778
(Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery)



“HORATIO GATES Esqr. / Major General of the American Forces”
Published by John Morris, London 1778
(The British Museum)



"MAJOR GENL. GATES" Battersea Copper & Enamel Box Cover
c. 1776
(Private Collection)



Lt. Col. James Innes, Williamsburg Volunteers and 15th Virginia Regiment
by Charles Wilson Peale c. 1777
(Virginia Historical Society)



Study of Hugh Mercer, Jr. (The Death of General Mercer at the Battle of Princeton, January 3, 1777)
by Jonathan Trumbell 1791
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



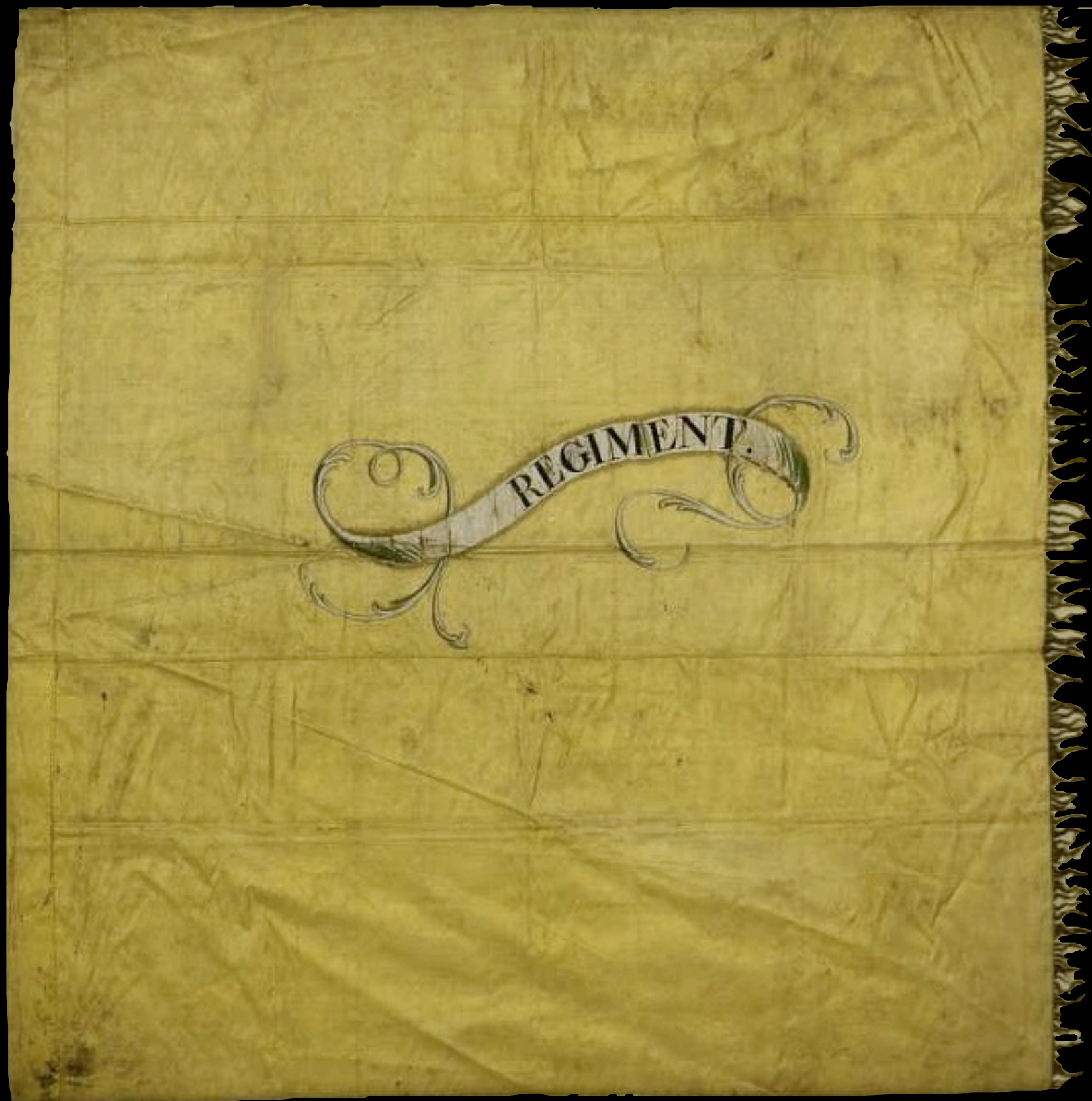
Colonel Josiah Parker of the 5th Virginia Regiment
Commander of the Lower Virginia County Militia by Order of General Von Steuben 1781
by John Ramage
(Smithsonian American Art Museum)



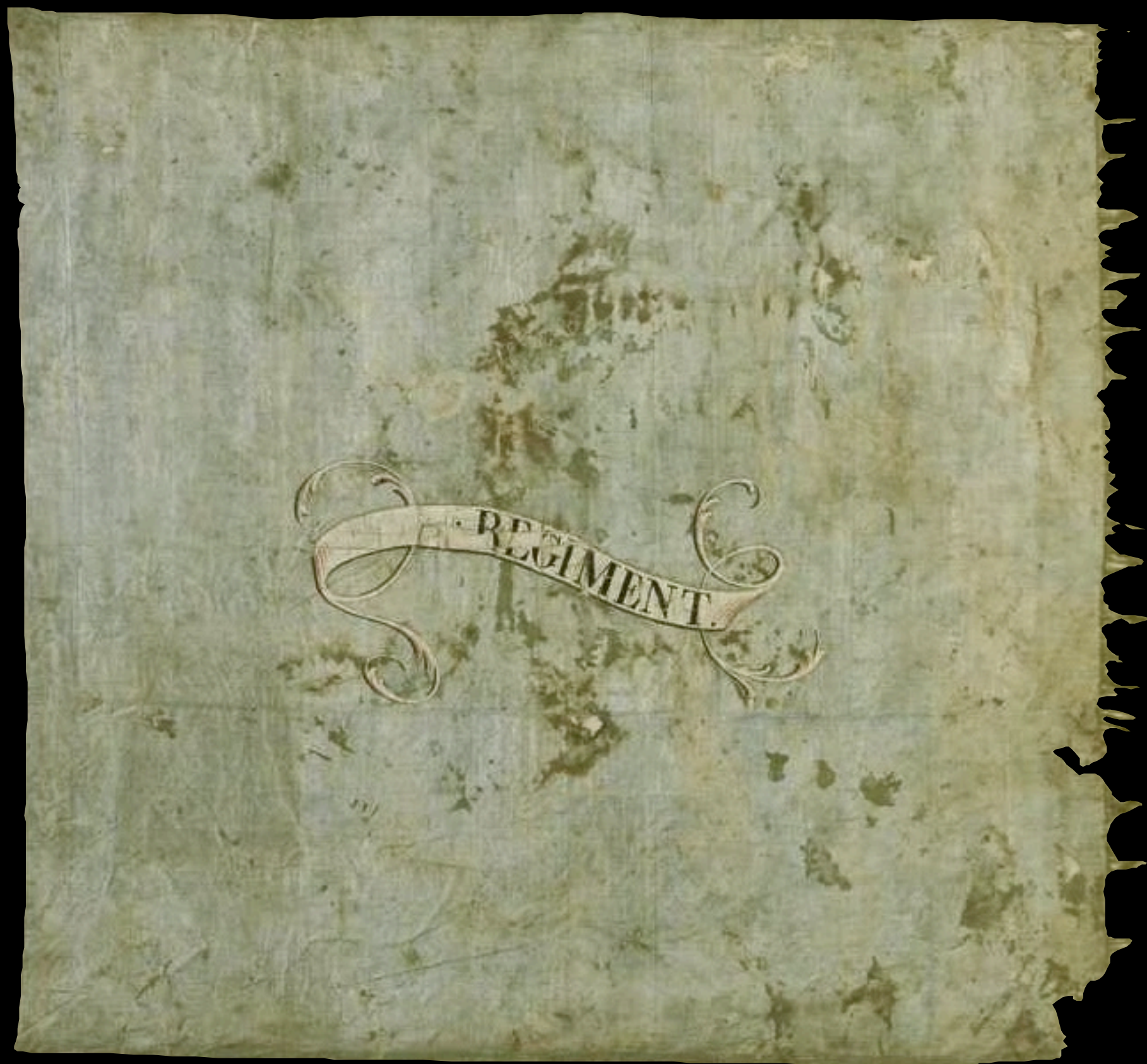
Rappahannock Forge Musket by Scottish Immigrant James Hunter
1776
(Museum of the American Revolution)



Standard of the 3rd Virginia Detachment Commanded by Colonel Abraham Buford
Captured by Banastre Tarleton at the Battle of the Waxhaws, May 29, 1780
(Sotheby's Auction House)



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Standard of the 8th Virginia Regiment Under the Command of Peter Muhlenberg
(Freeman's Auctioneers and Appraisers)

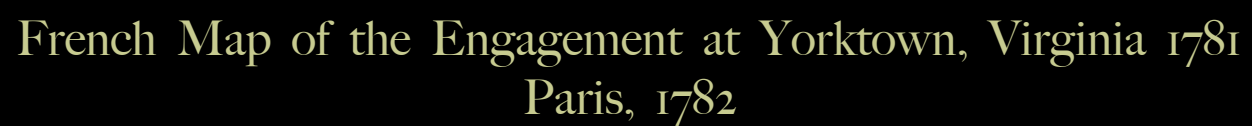


Musket Made by Philadelphia Gunsmith Thomas Parker
One of Forty Muskets Ordered by George Washington in January, 1775
For the Prince William County Independent Company in Virginia
(Museum of the American Revolution)

Yorktown



United States Troops at Yorktown
by Jean - Baptiste de Verger 1781
(Ann S.K. Brown Collection, Brown University)



French Map of the Engagement at Yorktown, Virginia 1781
Paris, 1782



Detail - Siege of Yorktown 1781
Gouache Painting by Louis - Nicholas van Blarenberghe 1784
(Musée National de Versailles)



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Gouache Painting by Louis - Nicholas van Blarenberghe 1786
(Musée National de Versailles)



Detail - Siege of Yorktown 1781
Gouache Painting by Louis - Nicholas van Blarenberghe 1786
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The Surrender at Yorktown by Louis-Nicholas van Blarenberghe: 1785
Based on Drawings by Alexandre and Cesar Berthier,
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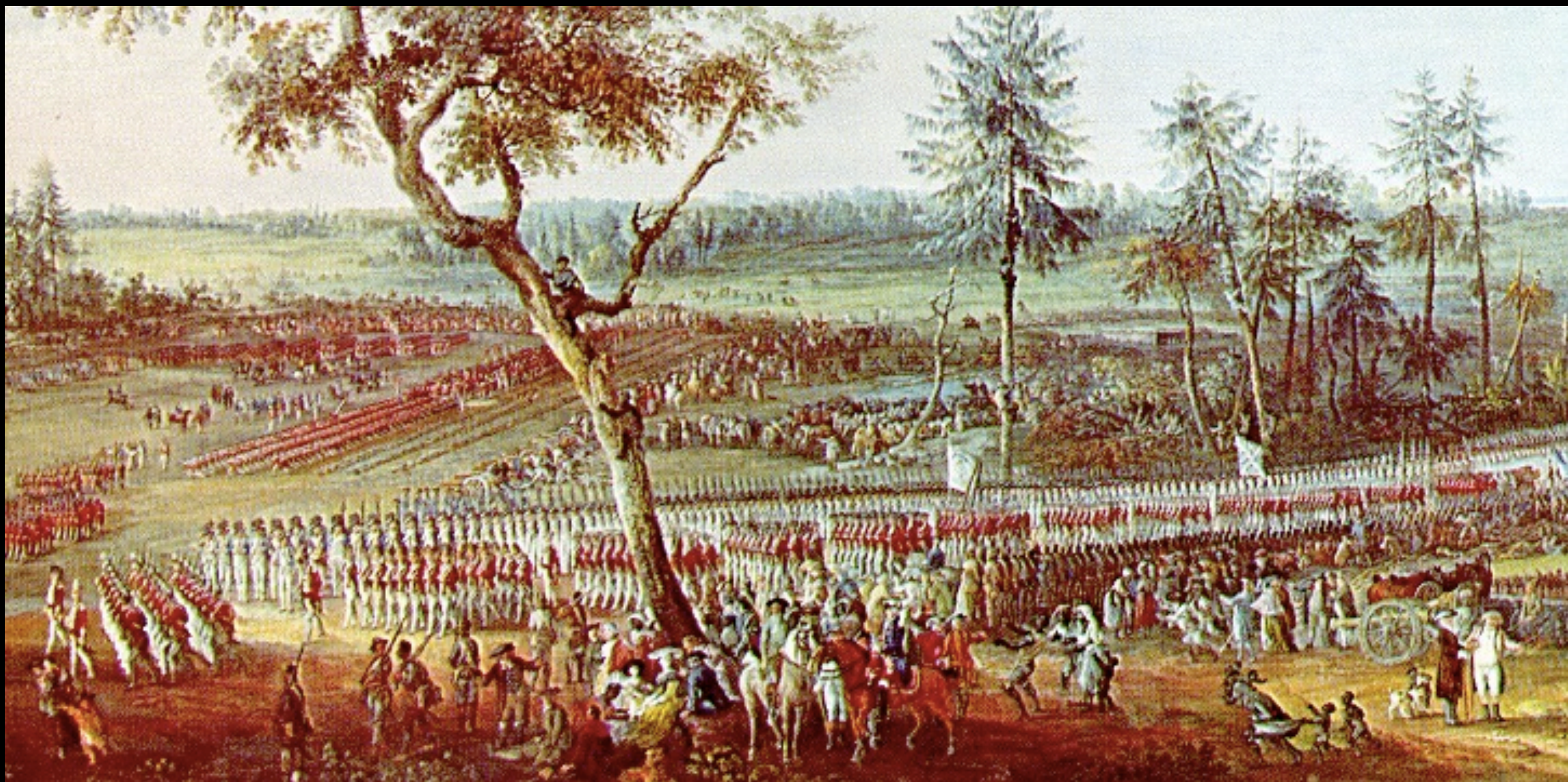
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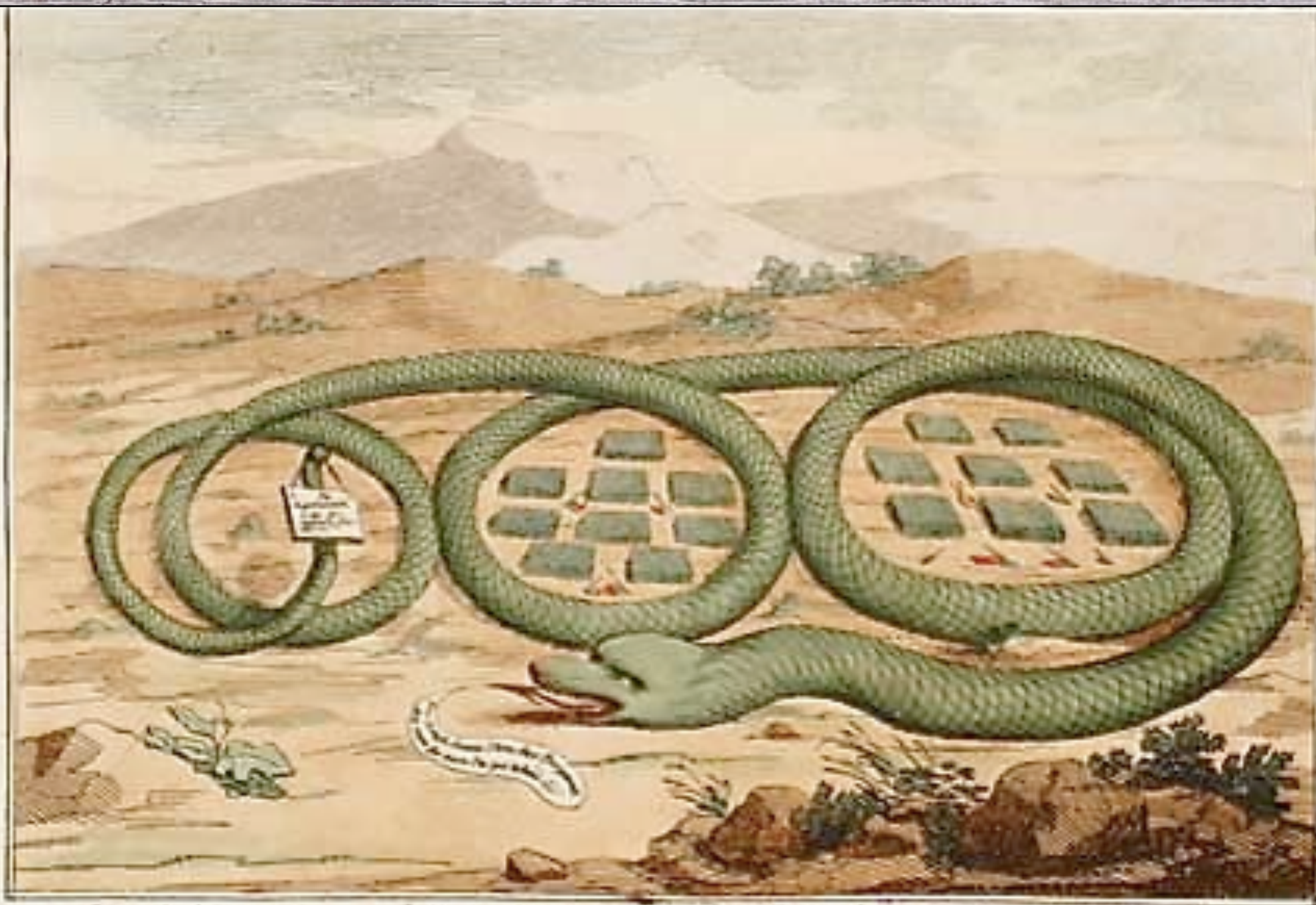
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British Fortifications in Yorktown 1781: The Secretary Thomas Nelson House
by Benjamin Latrobe c. 1796
(Library of Virginia)



Secretary Thomas Nelson House
Yorktown Virginia



*Brave within the Yankee Flows,
Mind how ye March & Trench*

The AMERICAN RATTLE SNAKE.

*The Serpent in the Congress reigns,
As well as in the French.*

*Brave within the Yankee Flows,
Mind how ye March & Trench,*

The AMERICAN RATTLE SNAKE.

Pub^d April 16th 1781. by W. Humphry, S^r at 7. Strand.

*The Serpent in the Congress reigns,
As well as in the French.*

"The AMERICAN RATTLE SNAKE"
by Wm. Humphry 1781



Washington & His Generals at Yorktown
by James Peale
(Colonial Williamsburg Foundation)



Washington & His Generals at Yorktown
by James & Charles Peale
(The Maryland Historical Society)



Le général cornwallis a Yorck le 19^{8bre} 1781
a été pris prisonnier de guerre avec toute son armée

Extrait de la réponse du général cornwallis
Oui, je suis pris, mais n'importe pas comme un dindon : je le suis
sans que mon étourderie ni ma jactance aient contribué
à l'exécution des sages projets de nos ennemis ; cependant
le sort m'écabla sans me décourager. j'espère tout de la
fortune britannique et de la valeur de nos braves anglais ;
ils ont juré comme nous ils tiendront leur parole.

“Le général Cornwallis à Yorck le 19 8bre 1781, a été pris prisonnier de guerre avec toute son armée”

by Anonymous 1781
(The British Museum)



N^o 2.

Yorktown
1781
(Colonial Williamsburg)

For

Yorktown, 12 Nov^r 1781

Congo Nato begs leave to return home
to attend to his sick wife. He has
served his station with alacrity
against the enemy and attended
the surrender.

Hebden Butler, Col.

John Ball, Lieut
2nd company

ve shall
, Col. was attended by a great number of officers, who all seemed to
mourning their own and their country's loss in this truly brave
and heroic youth, whose acts of kindness had acquired the love,
and his bravery the esteem of all who knew him.

The late accounts we have received from Albany, of the sur-
render of *General Burgoyne, his army and camp* into our hands,
is, in Hugh Gaine's stile, lately published in a hand-bill in
New-York, of the taking of Fort Montgomery, GREAT AND
GLORIOUS NEWS.---The post brought us no letters from
Albany, but gives us the verbal account, that he saw General
Burgoyne there, and part of his army; some of them were al-
ready marched for Massachusetts Bay, and the rest to follow
soon. In our next paper, we hope to be able to give the Public
an account of arms, ammunition, and all the public stores taken
in Gen. Burgoyne's camp---if scarcity of printing-paper, and the
precarious and exposed situation of this Office don't prevent.

The following is copy of the articles of capitulation, handed us
by a gentleman just from Albany; but we do not communi-
cate them to the public as properly authenticated, and as the
genuine articles mutually agreed to by Generals Gates and
Burgoyne.

ARTICLE I.

THE troops under Lieut. Gen. Burgoyne are to march out
of their camp with the honours of war, and the artillery of
the entrenchments, to the verge of the river where the old fort
Aid.

New York Packet
October 23, 1777

T H E

Freeman's Journal:



O R,
North-American

T H E
Intelligencer.

OPEN TO ALL PARTIES, BUT INFLUENCED BY NONE.

PHILADELPHIA, Printed by FRANCIS BAILEY, in *Market-Street*, between *Third* and *Fourth-Streets*.

BE IT REMEMBERED!

THAT on the 17th Day of October, 1781, Lieut. Gen. Charles Earl CORNWALLIS, with above 5000 British troops, surrendered themselves prisoners of war to his Excellency Gen. GEORGE WASHINGTON, commander in chief of the allied forces of France and America.

LAUS DEO!

A number of Whigs,
to the Printer of the FREEMAN'S JOURNAL
SIR,

WE observed in the 22d. number of your journal a request, that the public might be certified, as to reality of the instrument called Hadley's quadrant, an American invention. It appears from hence, you had not seen the American magazine for July August 1753, printed at Philadelphia, in that year Mr. Bradford. In that miscellany the curious may find themselves in a point, which in our opinion is settled beyond a doubt to be in favour of America. English, naturally jealous and envious have laboured hard to make out the invention to be their own: exactly agrees with the rest of their conduct, in endeavouring to persuade the world, that neither courage merit of any sort can exist out of their own island. In regard to the point in question, their labours

discourse, he soon became welcome to that or any other book I had. This young man about 18. month's since, told me he had for some time been thinking of an instrument for taking the distances of stars by reflecting speculums, which he believed might be of service at sea, and not long after, he shewed me a common sea quadrant, to which he had fitted two pieces of looking glass, in such a manner as brought two stars at almost any distance, to coincide, the one by a direct, the other by a reflected ray, so that the eye could take them both together, as joined in one, while a moving label or index on the graduated arch, marked exactly half their distance. For I need not say, that the variations of the angles of reflection, from two speculums are double to the angle of the inclination of their plains, and therefore gives but half the angle or arch of the distance, which is the only inconvenience that appears to me to attend this. But as it may be made so simple, easy and

Mr. P R I N T E R.

AS I was returning home the other night, I accidentally came across the following piece; which from a note on the back of it, appears to have been designed for publication, the day before the militia were order'd to march. And tho' danger appears more remote, than at that time, yet, as the enemy may still have the same object in view that gave the alarm, it may not be improper, to give it a place in your paper.

The Friend No. 1.

Nil desperandum, Teucro duce, et auspice Teucro.
HORACE.
Nothing is to be despair'd of, R—d being your commander, and R—d your leader.

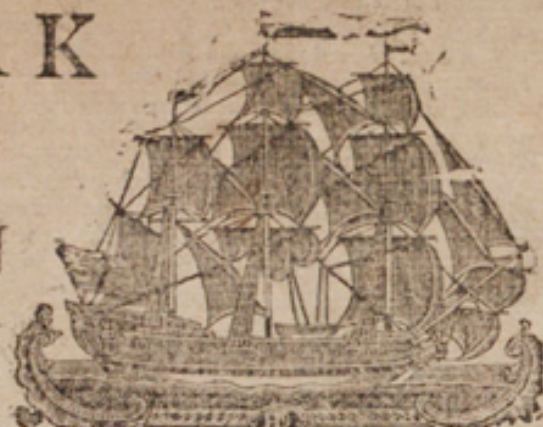
Methinks at last my friends, the hour is come, to try your virtue, and evince the friendship of Britain

THE
NEW-YORK
AND
AMERICAN
THE
PACKET,
ADVERTISER.

No. 236.

THURSDAY,

NOVEMBER, 1, 1781.



FISH-KILL: PRINTED BY SAMUEL LOUDON.

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LAUS DEO!

L O N D O N, July 14.
ON the 14th of June last, died in Forton prison, near Portsmouth, Mr. William Hines, an officer of the General Gates private ship of war, from Danvers near Boston; after having with much patience, and with the most irreproachable conduct, sustained a three years captivity. He was a man of eminent religion and virtue; finding death swiftly advancing he called to him his two sons, Francis and William, the one in the 13th, and the other in the 14th, and said, "My dear boys,

letters of the Americans in the Gazette. They absolutely give the lie to all the ministerial reports of Washington's forces, and the information of Gallo way and his brother refugees, who have constantly represented the army of the Colonies as the most insignificant ragamuffins that ever disgraced the name of an army. Yet from a letter dated so late as May the 29th, we are informed by Washington himself, that he had planned a scheme to attack Clinton in New-York, though it was acknowledged, that he had with him four thousand regulars and three thou-

Notwithstanding the seeming confidence of ministry in the operations carrying on against their fleet and armies, it is a fact well known among the friends of government, that the present situation of America is not so weak as it is pretended to be. The most we hope for is, that the Americans will not be able to beat us.

The method the ministry have taken only to give extracts from the intercepted letters of General Washington, is very naturally accounted for. There were some parts of them, which, if published, would have

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