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THE FAIR COURIER.

Forte Moza, Fort Grasby, Fort Wilson, the fort at Dorchester, and every other post in South Carolina, except Charleston and Ninety-Six, had yielded successively to the American arms, and Lord Rawdon's army, Sumter, Marion, and Lee, and the Colonel Greene turned all his energies to the evacuation of Ninety-Six, every, or almost every, one, joined General Sumter in camp in the country east and west of the Congaree, so as to cut off all communication between Lord Rawdon, who was at Orangeburg, and Charleston, and cut off from England, and Colonel Cruger, who was in command at Ninety-Six.

But, alas! the news of Ninety-Six went on, the American army approaching the fort by a series of works, and, after many days no news of Colonel Cruger, the garrison began to grow uneasy and in expectation of a succession from Charleston, although not a single word of intelligence had been received from Charleston since the intercepted letter of Lord Rawdon, which was in the hands of Sam's Battery, and probably in the hands of Sumter.

On the 21st of June, the long expected Government from Rawdon reached Colonel Cruger, and on the 24th he started for the relief of Colonel Cruger with a portion of the Royal regiment, and was joined soon after by Major Carnifac's regiment, numbering in all two thousand men. But all his efforts to prevent intelligence of his approach to the beleaguered garrison at Ninety-Six, proved unavailing. His messengers were intercepted by Sumter and Marion, who held possession of the country regularly.

On the 11th of June, General Greene received intelligence from General Sumter of the approach of Rawdon. Directly Sumter's letter came to the camp, the general ordered all his cavalry under Lieutenant-Colonel Washington, and regiment, to meet every account of Rawdon's approach, and to give him every information of the approaching enemy, and he should be able to complete the investment of the fort at Ninety-Six, and compel the surrender. Then with renewed diligence he pressed the works, hoping to obtain a capitulation before Colonel Cruger should receive news of the approaching succor, and thus hoping, with reason, to capture the fort, the rallying point of the enemy in South Carolina. But the cousin also of the fort was ever on the alert to make good his defence and to convey information to Lord Rawdon of the situation of the fort, and, though ignorant of the near approach of his cousin, he would listen to no overtures for a capitulation.

One evening, while affairs remained this aspect, a countryman rode along the American lines, conversing familiarly with the officers and soldiers as they were particularly on the alert to allow, as, from the beginning of the siege, the friends of our cause were permitted to enter the camp, and, as it happened, it generally happened to be at dusk. The individual here mentioned never stopped, seemingly well known to all, and was, as he rode on, hailed with the cheerful salutation, "Ha! Jack, you arrived at the great road leading directly to the town, in which quarter were only some fortifications upon the properties of Independence, Tuesday last for a general muster of the citizens, generally around him, and then, suddenly pointing his horse, he dashed off full speed.

Scarcely had the countryman disappeared, when the officer of the day, who was on the lookout for Lord Rawdon's spies, ordered the guard to be in readiness, and, by every means in his power sought to awaken the curiosity of the enemy's spies, and to induce them to make a message from Sumter's camp, and, though ignorant of the near approach of Rawdon, he would listen to no overtures for a capitulation.

Hoping still to induce the fort before an attempt of Lord Rawdon's army, the officer of the day, in the work of reconnoitering, and