

eral Lee with his own, Spencer's, and Sullivan's divisions were to remain, to secure and bring off the stores and were then to follow into the Jerseys." On the same day also Major-General Heath was ordered to march with his division to Peekskill where, on the afternoon of the tenth of November, it arrived, and, about sunset, General Washington.

On the following day, the commander-in-chief requested Major-General Heath "to attend him in taking a view of Fort Montgomery, [on an eminence on the west side of the Hudson immediately north of the mouth of Pollepel Creek, about four miles above Peekskill and five below West Point,] and the other works up the river. Lord Stirling, Generals James and George Clinton, General Mifflin, and others were of the company. They went as far up the river as Constitution Island, which is opposite to West Point, the latter of which was not then taken possession of, but a glance at it without going ashore evinced that that post was not to be neglected. There was a small work and block-house on Constitution Island. Fort Montgomery was in considerable forwardness.

"On the twelfth, the commander-in-chief directed Major-General Heath to ride early in the morning with him to reconnoitre the grounds at the Gorge of the Highlands, and, on his return, gave him the command of the troops and posts in the Highlands, on both sides of the river, with written instructions to secure and fortify them with all possible expedition, making a distribution of his troops to the different posts; and, at about ten o'clock, that morning, General Washington crossed over the river into the Jerseys.

"On the next day, Major-General Heath made a disposition of the troops under his command to their several destinations. Colonel Jedediah Huntington's and Colonel John Tyler's Connecticut regiments, to the west side of the Hudson, to Sydnam's Bridge on the Ramapough River, to cover the passes into the Highlands, on that side; Colonel William Prescott's and Colonel Jonathan Ward's Massachusetts regiments and Colonel Samuel Wylly's Connecticut regiment of Brigadier-General Samuel Holden Parson's brigade, (as were the other two regiments) to the south entrance of the Highlands, beyond Robinson's Bridge; Brigadier-General George Clinton's brigade, to the heights above Peekskill Landing; Brigadier General John Morin Scott's brigade, with three regiments of Brigadier-General Parson's brigade and Brigadier-General James Clinton, with the troops under his command were at the forts up the river. \* \* \* \*

"On the sixteenth, the British made their attack on Fort Washington. General Knyphausen, with a heavy column of Hessians, advanced by King's Bridge. They were discovered by the Americans, from the high grounds north of Fort Washington, as the day broke, and cannonaded from the field-