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April 18 1850. 15

ALEX. MacRAE, Jr.
IMPORTER OF
CHINA, GLASS, AND EARTHENWARE,
and wholesale and retail dealer in all kinds of
FARMING IMPLEMENTS,
South Side of Market St.,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
November, 9, 1850. 102.

J. M. ROBINSON,
IMPORTER AND DEALER IN
HARDWARE, IRON,
STOVES, NAILS, &c., &c.,
Front street, 3 doors South of
Market street.,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Wilmington, May 4, 1850. 22

T. SOUTHMAYD & CO.,
ENGINEERS, BLACKSMITHS, BRASS, AND IRON FOUNDERS.
All orders in the line will be punctually attended to.
CORNER MULBERRY & NORTH WATER STS.
WILMINGTON, NO. CA.
May 16, 1850. 27

WILLIAM M. HARRISS,
GENERAL
COMMISSION MERCHANT
WILMINGTON, N. C.

STRICT attention given to procuring Freights and purchasing Cargoes for vessels

REFERENCES:
O. G. Parsley, Esq } Wilmington, N.C.
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Messrs. Ballard & Huntington, }
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Dessrs. Hall, Sackett & Co., } Fayetteville, N.C.
Joseph Utley, Esq., }
Messrs. James Corner & Sons, Baltimore.
" E. A. Souder & Co., Philadelphia
" Thompson & Hunter } New York.
" Pillsbury & Sandford, }
" Hunting & Tufts, } ton
" J. & J. P. Pitcomb, Kennebunk, Me.
July 17th, 1850. 52 tf

WILKINSON & ESLER.
CASH DEALERS IN
Confectionary, Fruit, Nuts, Toys, Fancy Articles, Perfumery, Tobacco Segars, &c.,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL,
MARKET STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Nov. 30, 1850. 10-tf

JOSEPH R. BLOSSOM.
General Commission and Forwarding Merchant.
Prompt personal attention given to Consignments for sale or Shipment,
And liberal cash advances made on Consignments to me or to my New York friends.
Wilmington, Jan. 30, 1851. 136-tf

BUSINESS CARDS.

GEO. HARRISS,
General Commission Merchant,
WILMINGTON, N. C.

STRICT attention given to procuring Freight and purchasing Cargoes for vessels.

REFER TO
E. P. Hall, Esq., }
O. G. Parsley, Esq., }
J. A. Taylor, Esq., } Wilmington.
J. D. Bellamy, Esq., }
Messrs. Ballard & Huntington, }
Messrs. Tooker, Smyth & Co., } New York.
" Thompson & Hunter, }
Alex'r. Herron, Jr., Philadelphia
Messrs. Williams & Butler, } Charleston, S. C.
H. F. Baker, Esq., }
Jan. 2, 1851. 123-tf.

ANDERSON & LATIMER,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
SOUTH WATER STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Sep. 27, 1850. 82-1y-c.

LIFE INSURANCE.

THE MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE, continues to take Risks on Lives on fair terms.
SURPLUS OVER 1,000,000.
JOSEPH R. BLOSSOM, Agent.
Dec. 12, 1850. 93-tf.

MARTIN & CRONLY.
AUCTIONEERS,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
AND
GENERAL AGENTS.
Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 3 1850. 85tf.

JOSEPH H. FLANNER,
General Commission Merchant.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Oct. 9th, 1850. 87-1y-c.

WILLIAM NEFF,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN
SHIP CHANDLERY, SHIP STORES AND GROCERIES,
CORNER OF DOCK & WATER STREETS
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Dec. 7th 1850

DEROSSET & BROWN.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
BROWN & DEROSSET.
NEW YORK.
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS.
March 17 1851. 1-y.

GEO. H. KELLY,
COMMISSION MERCHANT.

Next door to A. A. Wagner's, on North Water st will attend to the sale of all kinds of Country Produce, such as Corn, Peas, Meal, Bacon, Lard, &c., and will keep constantly on hand a full supply of Groceries, &c.

References.
Willes Hall, of Wayne, John McRae, Wilmington,
W Caraway, " Gen. Alx. McRae. "
E. P. Hall, Wilmington, Wiley A. Walker, "
Dec. 13, 1850. 115-1y.

SAVAGE & MEARES,
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS
AND
AUCTIONEERS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
EDWARD SAVAGE. GASTON MEARES
May 2, 1850. 1.

LEIGHTON, CHADBOURN & CO.,
General Commission Merchants,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Dec. 11, 1850 11-tf.

CORNELIUS DuPRE,
WHOLESALE AND RETAL DEALERS IN
Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Paints, Oil, Dye Stuffs, Glass, Perfumery, Cigars, Old Liquors, Fancy Articles, &c.,
MARKET STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Prescriptions carefully compounded by experienced persons.
March 28, 1851. 6

MARINE INSURANCE.

THE undersigned having received the Agency of the
AUGUSTA INSURANCE AND BANKING COMPANY OF AUGUSTA GA,
Will issue Policies on Vessels, Cargos, Freight &c at as reasonable rates of Premiums as any other Institution of the kind in the Country. The Capitol of this Company is $375,000.
H. NUTT.
Wilmington, Aug. 18, 1850. 65-1y.

J. C. LATTA.
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
AND GENERAL AGENT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Oct. 1 1850. 87

HALL & LONEY,
General Commission Merchants,
BALTIMORE.
Will receive and advance on Consignments, and pay particular attention to filling orders for produce, &c.
Refer to Messrs. DeRosset & Brown.
March 13. 153-3m-p.

WEST & HEWLETT,
Auctioneers, Commission Merchants
AND
GENERAL AGENTS.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
REFER TO—
Potter & Kidder, John Dawson,
G. W. Davis, O. G. Parsley,
Barry, Bryant & Adams, E. P. Hall,
George Harriss, Edward Cantwell.
Oct. 26, 1850 96-1y-c

BUSINESS CARDS.

ADAMS, BROTHER & Co.
(Late Barry, Bryant & Adams.)
COMMISSION MERCHANTS
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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COACH MAKING.
COACH-MAKING; JOBBING AND REPAIRING
Horse-shoeing, &c. done with neatness and dispatch:
Corner of Third and Princess Street: opposite Nixons's Livery Stable.
N. S. NEALE.
Wilmington, N. C., April 1 1851. 145-tf.

J. & D. McRAE & Co.
General Commission Merchants,
WILMINGTON N. C.
Particular attention paid to procuring freights and purchasing cargoes for vessels.
JOHN MACRAE, DONALD MACRAE, JOHN W. K. DIX.
August 1, 1850. 59.

MILES COSTIN,
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
REFER TO
E. P. Hall, Esq, Pres't Branch State Bank, }
Thos. H. Wright, Esq., Pres't Bank Cape Fear, } Wilmington, N. C.
O. G. Parsley, Esq., Pres't Commercial Bank, }
Dec. 19. 1850 118-tf.

T. C. WORTH:
Commission and Forwarding
MERCHANT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Feb. 19, 1851. 143-12 m.

WM. ALLSTON GOURDIN,
FACTOR,
No. 4 East-Bay Charleston South Carolina,
IS PREPARED TO MAKE LIBERAL ADVANCES ON CONSIGNMENTS OF
RICE, COTTON, CORN, SUGAR, FLOUR, GRAIN, HAY, &c.
REFERENCES.
Gourdin, Matthiessen & Co } Charleston S. C.
George A. Hopley, }
Alonzo J. White, }
Tandy Walker, Esq., - - - - Greenville S. C.
May 21, 1850. 29-9mo-c.

J. HATHAWAY & SON.
COMMISSION MERCHANTS.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
J. Hathaway. J. L. Hathaway.
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GEO. MYERS,
Wholesale and Retail Grocer,
KEEPS CONSTANTLY ON HAND
Wines, Teas, Liquors, Provisions, Wood and Willow Ware, Fruit, Confectionaries, &c. &c.
SOUTH FRONT STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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GAUSE & BOWDEN,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
AND
GENERAL AGENTS.
THOS. F. GAUSE. JOHN C. BOWDEN.
REFERENCES.
Alexander McRae, President W. & R. R.
E. P. Hall, " State Bank.
O. G. Parsley. " Commercial Bank.
John Dawson, Merchant.
J. & D. McRae & Co., "
P. K. Dickinson & CO. "
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ELLIS, RUSSELL & Co.
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
CHAS. D. ELLIS, HENRY P. RUSSELL, JOS. R. RUSSELL.
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THOS. D. BARRY.
Commission Merchant and Ship Broker,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Jan. 21, 1851. 131-tf.

W. G. BROWNE,
PORTRAIT AND MINIATURE PAINTER,

REQUESTS persons who wish to have Portraits painted, or to view his collection of Paintings, to visit his Gallery in the Masonic Hall, between the hours of 9 and 5 o'clock.
April 5. 9-tf

WINES AND LIQUORS.

12 BASKETS very superior high flavored Champagne Wine:
12 boxes Claret, Madeira, Port, Malmsey, &c., for sale, by HOWARD & PEDEN.
April 1. 7.

A CIRCULAR.

We the undersigned beg leave to inform the Ladies and gentlemen of Wilmington and its vicinity, that our Spring and Summer Stock of Goods are now open for inspection; consisting of the latest styles of FANCY DRESS GOODS, directly imported from European markets. The greatest variety of SILKS, SCARFS, EMBROIDERIES, LACES, LINENS, BAREGES, CAMBRICKS, &c. &c. &c., too numerous to mention.

We do not hesitate in saying that our Stock is equal to any other in the southern market, in the selection, as well as in prices.

We would further add, that one of our firm is continually in the European markets, thus enabling us to have always on hand the latest fashions which may appear. We therefore most earnestly solicit a call before purchasing elsewhere.

We tender our sincere thanks for your kind and liberal patronage heretofore, and hope you will continue the same.

N. B. Gentlemens' stock of Ready Made Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats and Caps, are equal to the above. H. & J. MAYER.
April 24. 17.

SUPERIOR SCOTCH SNUFF.

1,000 LBS. in ¼ and 2 oz. papers, for sale by WILKINSON & ESLER.
April 29. 18

PORTRAIT PAINTING.

J. MASSALON, Portrait Painter, would respectfully inform the citizens of Wilmington and the surrounding country, that he has permanently located himself in this place, and will be happy to receive the patronage of any ladies or gentlemen who may wish to procure faithful likenesses of themselves or any member of their family. He flatters himself, from his long experience in the art, that he will be enabled to give satisfaction. His rooms is at Mr. Love's Furniture Establishment, Front Street, Wilmington, N. C.
April 5, 1851. 9-1y.

STOVES AND GRATES.

JUST RECEIVED
A
Large Supply
OF
SHIP, PARLOR, CHURCH, AND OFFICE
STOVES!
of the BEST and most approved PATTERNS.
wholesale & retail
ALSO,
an assortment of

GRATES & FURNACES, Solar, Camphine, Fluid, and Oil Lamps, plain and japanned Ware, Steak Dishes, Coffee Urns, Biggins, Tea Trays, Waiters, Platform and other Scales and a variety of other articles too numerous to mention.
POLLEY & HART.
Oct. 10. 89

DEEDS FOR SALE.

Warrantee Deeds, and Deeds for Mortgage on land just printed, in correct form and for sale at the *Commercial Office.*

SPORTSMEN, ATTENTION!

JUST Received, a large assortment of Single and Double barrel, Bird, Duck and Deer Guns, of the finest finish and latest style, made by those celebrated makers CHANEE & Sons, and others of known celebrity. Guns of all weights and calibre, also, Powder Flasks, Shot Pouches, Game Bags, percussion Caps, and in fact the best collection of sportsmen's goods ever offered in this market. Gentlemen please call and examine.
POLLEY & HART.
Oct 3 86

BILLS OF LADING, &c.

FOLIO POST BILLS OF LADING bound in Books, and sheets, also Letter Sheets—with a variety of mercantile blanks, for sale at The *Commercial Office.*

LIME! LIME!! LIME!!!

600 BBLS. Lincolnville White Lump; Also calcined Plaster, Plastering Hair, and Fire Brick, Hydraulic Cement; 1000 bbls. Lime &c.; for sale by
J. C. & R. B. WOOD.
Contractors and Builders.
Dec. 22, 1850. 119.

B. E. PEAS.

25 BAGS just arrived. For sale by MARTIN & CRONLY.
March 22. 3.

FLOUR.

150 BBES., 40 half bbls., for sale low by SAVAGE & MEARES.
March 27. 5.

ROSIN STRAINERS.

FROM No. 18 to 100, of a superior quality, for sale by POLLY & HART.
March 29. 6.

FOR SALE.

A Good family Carriage, suitable for a Hack, of good and substantial material, will be sold or exchanged for a light Buggy. Apply at the *Commercial office.*
July 9. 48.

NEW SPRING & SUMMER GOODS.

WE have just received the handsomest and most beautiful assortment of fancy Dry Goods that ever was brought to this or any other market.—Ladies and Gentlemen are invited to call and examine.

Country merchants are particularly invited. Orders will be promptly attended to.

We also have on hand a splendid assortment of Spring and Summer Clothing, which we keep entirely up stairs. We have them made up ourselves, and do not want to pay profit to others. We are able to sell them cheaper than any House.
S. & D. TELLER.
March 13. 153.

MESS AND PRIME PORK.

40 BBLS., for sale low by SAVAGE & MEARES.
March 27. 5.

EDINBURGH ALE.

IN casks of 7 dox pints each, prime quality, for sale by ANDERSON & LATIMER.
March 29 6-tf

PORK.

50 BBLS. Mess Pork; 10 do. Rump do. For sale by ANDERSON & LATIMER.
March 29. 6-tf.

HAY.

ONE hundred Bales Hay, hourly expected, by schr. E. S. Powell, and for sale by GEO. HARRISS.
April 15. 13.

CRACKERS.

THE finest lot of Sugar, Soda, Water, Cup and Butter Crackers ever in this market and will be sold by package or retail. Very cheap by PERRIN & HARTSFIELD.
April 14. 13.

NORTHERN ADVERTISEMENTS.

Account Books,
PAPER & STATIONERY ARTICLES.
FRANCIS & LOUTREL,
77 Maiden Lane, New York.

INVITE Merchants, Dealers and all who require articles in their line, to call at 77 Maiden Lane, New York. We offer every variety of Blank Book, Paper and Stationery, at very low prices. As we both manufacture and import all goods in our line we are enabled to sell cheap and offer inducements to buyers. Orders receive prompt attention.

BLANK BOOKS,
For all kinds of business. Banks, Public Offices, County clerks, sets of books with Printed heading, for Lodges, Divisions and others. Hotel Registers, Time Books, Notes, Drafts, Copy Pass and Memorandum Books.

COPY YOUR LETTERS!
By the use of Francis' Manifold Letter writer, Letters and copies are written at the same time; the Ink is contained in sheets; the pen never wears out; both expeditious and economical; price $1, 2, 2,50 and 5,00.

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If you want good black writing Ink use the Croton; flows freely from the pen and retains its color; also Indellible, Carmine and copying Inks.

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All sizes and styles of writing Paper at Mill price; Tissue, Colored, Drawing and Perforated Paper, Envelopes, Gold Pens, Note Papers, Scrap Books, Portfollios, Cards, Quills, Wax, Wafers, Steel Pens, Chessmen; Wallets, Writing Desks, and every variety of Fancy Stationery.

DIARIES FOR 1851.
From the full Cap size to the smallest pocket edition containing Almanac Time and Interest Tables, a space for memorandums for every day in the year, &c., suitable for business, Professional or Private use. Price 50c 75c, and $1. Sent by Mail free.
Book Binding executed in any style.
FRANCIS & LOUTREL,
Manufacturing Stationers,
77 Maiden Lane, N. Y.

LEWIS FRANCIS.
CYRUS H. LOUTREL,
May 45. 21-w&t-tf.

NOTICE EXTRA.

OWING to the increased demands of our Trade in the following articles we have been induced to enlarge our Stock of Fruit, Confectionary, Nuts, Tobacco, *Segars* and Snuff of all kinds which retailers and others can select from, at lowest prices.
WILKINSON & ESLER.
April 22. 16.

SASH, BLIND
AND DOOR AGENCY.
Formerly conducted by Guy C. Hotchkiss

THE public are hereby informed, that I have been appointed agent for the sale of **Window Sash, Blinds and Doors**, manufactured by the New Haven Co., and am prepared to fill all orders in the above line. The quality of the work of the New Haven Co. is well known in this market. Builders and all persons in want of the above articles, are requested to send in their orders, and they will be promptly filled, Terms invariably cash on delivery.
WM. A. GWYER.
General Agent Commission and Forwarding Merchant.
April 18. 15

PINE OIL! PINE OIL!
Reduced in Price and improved in Quality.

PINE OIL of my manufacture can be obtained at the store of Messrs. POLLEY & HART, and will be furnished to customers by my Wagon every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at the reduced price of Forty Cents per gallon. Warranted superior to any other for sale in this place.
Oct 17, 1850. A. H. VANBOKKELEN.

CAPE FEAR
MARINE RAILWAY
AND
SHIP CARPENTERING.

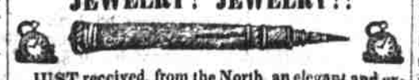
THE subscribers having now completed their Marine Railway, are prepared to take up Vessels of any size. They pledge themselves that all work done by them shall give satisfaction, both as to charges and workmanship. They have a large force employed, which will enable them to perform all work with dispatch.

They are also prepared to build any size Vessel, from a PILOT BOAT up to a SHIP; and will warrant that their work will compare favorably with any done here or elsewhere, and upon as reasonable terms.

Always on hand a large stock of Timber, &c.
SAMUEL BEERY & SON.

REFER TO
F. K. Dickinson, }
DeRosset & Brown, }
Barry, Bryant & Adams, } Wilmington, N. C.
Geo. W. Davis, }
J. & D. McRae, & Co. }
June 27, 1850. 55-12m-p.

JEWELRY! JEWELRY!!



JUST received, from the North, an elegant and extensive assortment of fine Jewelry, Gold and Silver Watches, Clocks, Plated Ware and Musical Boxes, to which we would call the attention of Ladies and citizens of Wilmington and surrounding Country.

We will continue to sell goods in the above line at prices that will not fail to merit the continuance of the patronage we have received since our commencement in business, and having now procured a competent assistant, we will in future be able to despatch, at the shortest notice, every description of repairing requisite to adjust and accurately time.—Chronometer, Horizontal, Duplex, Lever, Repeating, and Vertical Watches.

N. B. Clocks, Jewelry, Plated Ware, and Musical Boxes, promptly and in a workmanlike manne repaired, and warranted to please by
A. G. BOWERS & BROTHER
(Sign of the Big Watch) Ft. St., Wilmington, N.
Oct. 19 1850. 100-tf

PRINTING INKS.
HUTCHINSON & Co.
No. 13 Spruce street, New York
Wholesale manufacturers of the best black
ENGLISH PRINTING INKS.

For Steel and Lithographic Printing, and for Fine Book and Job Work, which they warrant to be composed of the purest materials, and to work easy upon all ordinary presses.

The combinations in these Inks, are such as to give a richness and permanency to work superior to any other Inks now in use. Sold at prices varying from 75 cts. to $4 per lb., put up in cans, and forwarded to order.

H. & Co. also manufacture colored Inks of every shade and quality, varying from $1 to $25 per lb.
March 27. 6-2m

A TALE OF WYOMING VALLEY.

'Do you see that landscape?' said the old man to me, as we paused upon the edge of the mountain road, and looked down into the Wyoming beneath us. 'Well, that spot, calm and beautiful as it now is, was once the scene of massacre. God help me! the agonies of that day almost wring my heart to think of them, even after the lapse of fifty years.'

'I have heard it was a fearful time, and you have often promised to tell me the tale of your own connection with it. Yet if the subject be so painful to you, I dare scarcely make the request.'

'No, boy, no,' said the old man, sadly; 'I will tell it, for the promise is of long standing, and I feel to-day, as if I could narrate that tragedy with less emotion than usual. Sit down on this rock and give me a moment to rest; I will then commence my story.'

While the old man wiped the perspiration from his brow, and sat fanning himself with his broad-rimmed summer-hat, I took the place pointed out by him, near his side, and spent the moments that elapsed before he began his narration in gazing on the landscape before me. Sitting on a huge boulder, on the beard of a mountain, just where the hill began to slope down into the valley, we commanded a view of one of the most unrivaled landscapes in the world. To our left rose up the mountain, bold, rugged, and barren, like the back of some vast monster reared against the sky—but on the right interposed to prevent the view; whose loveliness so far exceeded my expectations, that for some minutes I gazed upon the scene in mute admiration. Beneath me stretched the valley, diversified with gently sloping elevations, and sprinkled with fields of golden grain; while here and there a patch of woodland, with its dark green hue, lay slumbering on the landscape—the surface of the forest ever and anon varying to a lighter tint as the wind swept over the tree-tops. Right throught the centre of the valley meandered the river, now rolling betwixt bluff-banks, and now stealing gently among the rich meadow lands in the distance, until at length it turned to the left, and striking the foot of the far hills was lost behind the profile of the mountain before us. In the centre of the vale was the village, with its white houses and airy church-steeple, smiling over the scene. Far away on the horizon stretched a line of hills, their dark blue summits half hid by the clouds which wrapped them as in a veil of gauze. No sounds came from the valley. Occasionally the twitter of a bird would be heard through the surrounding trees, while the low twinkle of a tiny waterfall on the left, kept monotonously sounding on our ears. The morning rays of summer's sun poured down upon the landscape, and every thing around was bright and gay, and beautiful. I was still lost in admiration at the loveliness of the scene, when the old man signified his readiness to commence the tale.

'It is now fifty years ago,' he began, 'since I came to this country a young frontier man, with a hardy constitution, a love of adventure, and the reputation of being the best shot on the border; the place was at that time settled principally by families from Connecticut, and even then bore marks of its present luxuriant cultivation. Many of the families were in good circumstances, others had seen better days, and altogether the society was more refined than was usual on the frontier. Among all the families, however, in the valley, none pleased me so much as that of Mr. Beverly—one of his fireside circle his second daughter, Kate, was, in my eyes, the gem.—How shall I describe her beauty? Lovely, without being beautiful, with a sylph-like form, a laugh as joyous as the carol of a bird, a step lighter than that of a young fawn in sportive play, a disposition so amiable as to win, irresistibly, the love of all who met her; Kate Beverly was scarcely seventeen, before she had a host of admirers, and might have won any youth in the valley. Why it was that she preferred me over all the rest I cannot say; perhaps it was the consciousness of some mysterious sympathy linking us together, or perhaps it was that we both came from the same place in Connecticut, and had been schoolmates in childhood—so it was, however. It soon began to be known thoughout the valley that before another season should elapse, Kate Beverly would become my wife.

'Oh! how happy were those days—too happy indeed, to last. I will not dwell upon them, for they fill my soul with agony. Suffice it to say, that while dreaming of bliss such as mortal never before experienced, the war of the revolution broke out—and, after a hard struggle between my passion and my duty, the latter conquered, and I joined the army. Kate did not attempt to dissuade me from the act—she rather loved me the more for it. Though her woman's nature caused her to shed tears at my departure, her reason told her I was right, and she bid me God speed.

'Heaven bless you, Harry,' she said, 'and bring this war to a speedy conclusion. I cannot bid you stay; but I pray that the necessity of your absence may soon cease.'

'Time rolled by—the American cause was still doubtful, and the war bid fair to be protracted in to years. I had to be a captain in the —— regiment, when I received information that the tories and Indians intended making a descent on the valley of Wyoming. I knew the unprotected situation of my adopted district, and trembled for the life of those I held most dear. At first I discredited the rumor—chance, however, threw in my way an opportunity of ascertaining the reality of the reported descent, and I became convinced that a moment was not to be lost, if I would save the lives of those I loved at home. My determination was at once taken—I solicited for leave of absence—it was refused; I then resigned my commission, and set forth to Wyoming.

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