

THE following are Extracts of Four Letters from Lieutenant General Earl Cornwallis to Sir Henry Clinton, received with the above.

*Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant-General Earl Cornwallis to Sir Henry Clinton, dated Charles-Town, South Carolina, June 30, 1780.*

THE Submission of General Williamson at Ninety-six, whose Capitulation I inclose with Captain Paris's Letter, and the Dispersion of a Party of Rebels, who had assembled at an Iron Work on the North West Border of the Province, by a Detachment of Dragoons and Militia from Lieutenant-Colonel Turnbull, put an End to all Resistance in South Carolina.

I have agreed to a Proposal made by Mr. Harrison, to raise a Provincial Corps of Five Hundred Men, with the Rank of Major, to be composed of the Natives of the Country between the Pedee and Wateree, and in which it is at present extremely probable that he will succeed.

I have established the most satisfactory Correspondence, and have seen several People of Credit and undoubted Fidelity from North Carolina. They all agree in Assurances of the good Disposition of a considerable Body of the Inhabitants, and of the Impossibility of subsisting a Body of Troops in that Country till the Harvest is over. This Reason, the Heat of the Summer, and the unfertile State of South Carolina, all concurred to convince me of the Necessity of postponing offensive Operations on that Side until the latter End of August or Beginning of September; and, in consequence, I sent Emisaries to the leading Persons amongst our Friends, recommending, in the strongest Terms, that they should attend to their Harvest, prepare Provisions, and remain quiet until the King's Troops were ready to enter the Province.

Notwithstanding these Precautions, I am sorry to say, that a considerable Number of loyal Inhabitants of Tryon County, encouraged and headed by a Colonel Moore, rose on the 18th Instant, without Order or Caution, and were, in a few Days, defeated by General Rutherford, with some Loss.

*Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant-General Earl Cornwallis to Sir Henry Clinton, dated Charles-Town, July 14, 1780.*

SINCE my Arrival at this Place, I have been employed in the internal Regulations of the Province, and settling the Militia of the Lower Districts, both of which are in great Forwardness; and I have kept up a constant Correspondence with the Frontiers and the interior Parts of North Carolina, where the Aspect of Affairs is not so peaceable as when I wrote last. Major-General de Kalbe is certainly at Hillsborough with 2000 Continental Troops, including some Cavalry, and said to be preparing to advance to Salisbury: Porterfield is in the Neighbourhood of Salisbury with 300 Virginians; and Rutherford with some Militia with him: Caswell with 1500 Militia is marched from Cross Creek to the Deep River between Hillsborough and Salisbury; and Sumpter, with about the same Number of Militia, is advanced as far as the Catawba Settlement. Lord Rawdon reports to me, that many of the disaffected South Carolinians, from the Waxhaw and other Settlements on the Frontier, whom he had put on Parole, have availed themselves of the General Release of the 20th of June, and have joined General Sumpter.

Accounts from Virginia, through different Channels, say, that 2500 of their Militia had followed de Kalbe; that the Assembly had voted 5000 Men to be immediately drafted to serve as a Corps of Observation; and had vested their Governor with absolute Power during their Recess. The Government of North Carolina is likewise making great Exertions to raise Troops, and persecuting our Friends in the most cruel Manner; in consequence of which Colonel Bryan, although he had promised to wait for my Orders, lost all Patience, and rose with about 800 Men on the Yadkin; and, by a

difficult and dangerous March, joined Major M'Arthur on the Borders of Anson County: About Two Thirds only of his People were armed, and those I believe but indifferent.

The Effects of the Operations which the Enemy are making in those two Provinces will, I make no Doubt, be exaggerated to us. To enable me to begin first I am using every possible Dispatch in transporting to Camden, Rum, Salt, Regimental Stores, Arms, and Ammunition, which, on Account of the Distance and excessive Heat of the Season, is a Work of infinite Labour, and requires a considerable Time. In the mean while, the Measures that I have directed Lord Rawdon to take, will, I trust, put it out of the Power of the Enemy to strike a Blow at any of our Detachments, or to make any considerable Inroads into this Province. I have the Satisfaction to assure your Excellency, that the Numbers and Disposition of our Militia equal my most sanguine Expectations.

I have agreed to the Proposal of Mr. Cunningham, in the Ninety-six District, to raise a Corps on the Footing of Major Harrison's.

*Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant-General Earl Cornwallis to Sir Henry Clinton, dated Charles-Town, July 15, 1780.*

I Have just received Intelligence from Lord Rawdon, that de Kalbe has certainly joined Caswell at Coxe's Plantation on the Deep River: His Lordship in Consequence has withdrawn Major M'Arthur's Detachment over the Black Creek, where he means to join him with two Battalions, and post Lieutenant-Colonel Webster on Hanging Rock Creek. This will make his Situation pretty compact; but I fear the Enemy will make Inursions into the Country. I propose going down in a few Days; although you will easily imagine, that Arrangements here are much wanted, and that I can be but ill spared; the other Business is however the most pressing.

The Lord Rawdon likewise inclosed to me a Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Turnbull at Rocky Mount, on the West Bank of the Wateree, thirty Miles from Camden, who reports, that having heard that some of the violent Rebels, about thirty Miles in his Front, had returned to their Plantations, and were encouraging the People to join them, he sent Captain Huck of the Legion, with a Detachment of about 30 or 40 of that Corps, 20 mounted Men of the New York Volunteers, and 60 Militia, to seize or drive them away. Captain Huck, encouraged by meeting with no Opposition, encamped in an unguarded Manner, was totally surprized and routed. The Captain was killed, and only 12 of the Legion, and as many of the Militia, escaped.

*Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant-General Earl Cornwallis to Sir Henry Clinton, dated Charles-Town, Aug. 6, 1780.*

THE general State of Things, in the two Provinces of North and South Carolina, is not very materially altered since my Letters of the 14th and 15th of last Month were written. Frequent Skirmishes, with various Success, have happened in the Country between the Catawba River and Broad River. The Militia of the District about Tiger and Ennorec Rivers was formed by us under Colonel Floyd; Colonel Neale, the Rebel Colonel, had fled; but Lieut. Colonel Lisle, who had been paroled to the Islands, exchanged, on his Arrival in Charles Town, his Parole for a Certificate of his being a good Subject, returned to the Country, and carried off the whole Battalion to join General Sumpter at Catawba. We have not, however, on the Whole, lost Ground in that Part of the Country. Turnbull was attacked at Rocky Mount by Sumpter, with about 1200 Men, Militia and Refugees, from this Province, whom he repulsed with great Loss: We had on our Part an Officer killed, and one wounded. Colonel Turnbull's Conduct was very meritorious. The Affair