

the city of Philadelphia came to witness our departure ;—the day was extremely warm, and we were almost suffocated with heat and dust.——

We marched five miles from the city, and encamped about 4 o'clock,--Many respectable citizens from Philadelphia accompanied us to our encampment.

I omit the particulars of our march through the State of Pennsylvania, as no event transpired, except what falls to the lot of all soldiers on long marches.--The country being extremely rough and mountainous, our shoulders pressed beneath the weight of our cumbrous knapsacks, our feet swollen and blistered, and performing toilsome marches beneath a burning sun, amid clouds of dust, in the warmest season of the year, rendered our situation painful in the extreme, and at times almost insupportable.--A number of desertions took place on this march, in consequence of its having been whispered among the troops, that they were to be sent to New-Orleans,--and it is believed, had not Col. Miller given them to understand that no such thing was intended, one third at least, of the regiment would never have reached Pittsburgh ;--how-