

to that position. On March 22, a part of his company was mustered into service at Poughkeepsie, and the other division of it, on April 15, at Fort Montgomery. There, on April 27, the company was designated the sixth of the companies assigned that day to the Second New York Regiment, commanded by Colonel James Clinton, with which battalion it remained until it was transferred, on November 21, 1776, to the Third New York Regiment of which Colonel Peter Gansevoort, junior, was given the command. In May, 1778, his name was omitted from the regimental roll. On October 19, 1779, he was appointed by the Council of Appointment captain of a company in the regiment of Associated Exempts, of which Zephaniah Platt was then appointed colonel.

Cornelius, son of Rudolphus and Elsje Sanders Swartwout, engaged in business in the city of New York, on recognizing the urgent want of more troops for continental service enlisted, on April 16, 1776, in Captain Sebastian Bauman's company of New York City artillery, raised for it, on March 16, by the provincial congress. On May 25, after the company was attached to Colonel Henry Knox's regiment of continental artillery, Cornelius Swartwout addressed a petition to "the Honorable Provincial Congress," writing:

"I am requested by Captain Bauman to lay before your honors that, with his approbation, I have done duty in his company of artillery as third lieutenant, and we recruited great part of the men both in town and country. I have already passed review before Lord Stirling. His lordship and Colonel Knox having given orders for the company to pass general muster with the regiment of artillery to-morrow morning, I beg your honors will be pleased to grant me that appointment, which will confer an honor upon one who always has been and ever shall be ready to lay down his life in defence of his country." ¹

The request was granted, and he was appointed second lieutenant of the company on July 1, 1776, to rank from May 27. From that position he was promoted on January 1, 1777, to be first lieutenant, at which time the company was transferred to the second regiment of the continental corps of artillery, commanded by Colonel John Lamb.

At the beginning of the summer of 1776, the colony of New York had five regiments in continental service: the First New York Regiment, commanded by Colonel Alexander McDougall; the Second, by Colonel James Clinton; the Third, by Colonel Rudolphus Ritzema; the Fourth, by Colonel Cornelius D. Wynkoop; the Fifth, by Colonel Goose van Schaick. The First, Second, and Third were assigned to the defence of the city of New York; the Fourth was stationed at Ticonderoga, and the Fifth was placed on duty in detachments at different points between Half-Moon Point (Waterford) and Crown

¹ Calendar of historical manuscripts relating to the war of the Revolution, vol. i., p. 309.