

On 1st June, 1776,* Lord Sterling, in a report to General Washington on the "fortifications on the Hudson's River in the Highlands, says: "The field-officer of the regiment is Lieutenant Colonel Livingston; but the command of the whole of both garrisons is still in the hands of Colonel Nicoll, who, it seems, last fall raised a regiment of minute-men for the purpose of garrisoning Fort Constitution, which regiment is all dismissed except Captain Wisner's Company of about forty privates."

On the 5th June, 1776, the organization of minute-men was abolished.

On the 8th June, 1776,† Colonel Nicoll was discharged from the command in the Highlands by the Provincial Congress.

On the 14th June, 1776,‡ Robert Boyd, Junior, Chairman of County Committee, writes from New Paltz that Colonel Nicoll had refused to deliver a half ton of powder for which the committee had an order from the Honorable Provincial Congress on the commanding officer of Fort Constitution.

On 17th July, 1776,§ the Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York (the title ordered on the 10th July, 1776, in place of Provincial Congress of the Colony of New York) "*Resolved*, that the following gentlemen be and are

* American Archives, by Peter Force, 6 vols., 1837-46, Vol. VI., p. 673.

History of West Point and U. S. Military Academy, by E. C. Boynton, 1863, p. 32.

† History of West Point and U. S. Military Academy, by E. C. Boynton, 1863, p. 28.

‡ Journal N. Y. Pro. Cong., 1842, Vol. II., 1775-76-77, p. 200.

§ Journal N. Y. Pro. Cong., 1842, Vol. I., 1775-76-77, p. 528.