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- Page 23, line 17, for *Ann*, read *Anne*.  
 — 32, — 8, for *Dickinson*, read *Dickinson*.  
 — 57, — 15 from the bottom, for *Elliott*, read *Elliot*.  
 — 68, — 3, after wounded. read About 100 of the enemy were made prisoners.  
 — 76, — 8, for *Agents*, read *Agent*.  
 — 126, — 1, for *EDWARD*, read *EDMUND*.  
 — 127, — 7 from the bottom, for *enemy's*, read *enemy*.  
 — 140, — 3, —————, for 173 read 174.  
 — 142, — 2, for *Humphreys*, read *Humphrey*.  
 — 161, — 2, for *Downham*, read *Bownham*.  
 — 280, — 1, for *r om*, read *from*.  
 — 285, — 7 from the bottom, for *number of men*, read *number of wounded men*.  
 — 336, note at the bottom, after p. insert 331.