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CHAPTER XIX.

BARON DE BENYOWSKY—ATTACK ON SAVANNAH—DEATH OF PULASKI
—HIS DYING WORDS—WHERE WAS HE BURIED?—FUNERAL CEREMONIES—DEATH REPORTED TO CONGRESS.

In Congress, September 4, 1779. The Board of War to whom was referred the letter of Major General Gates report, that they have conversed with the gentleman stiling himself le Baron de Benyowsky, mentioned in General Gates' letter, that they know nothing from any testimonials he produces except his having a letter directed to General Pulaski, who he says is his half brother, and to whom he now desires only the means of going. Whereupon; It should seem that if he was an Imposter, he would not wish to go where he can be easily detected. We leave the determination, as is our duty, to Congress, and if they are satisfied on the subject we take the liberty of reporting.

Resolved, That Mons. le Baron de Benyowsky be supplied with a horse and one thousand dollars, to enable him to proceed to General Pulaski, now with the southern army.

December 13th/79. A letter from Benyowsky was read. It is in *Papers of Congress*, No. 78, III. folio 415. Its purport may be understood from the record of Congress of December 24/79. The Board of War reported to Congress on Benoufsky's Memorial that "the gentleman produces no credentials to evidence his character or rank in foreign services. We have no reason to suppose his representations untrue tho we cannot ascertain their credit by any vouchers. Let the case be as it may in point of personal character we are convinced that this gentleman cannot be employed in our service."

Congress Resolved that "the circumstances of the army will not admit of his being employed."

The Board of War the same day sent in another report that they had "learned some things concerning him not favouring his pretensions" and requesting Congress would "suspend their determination on the report until the Board shall have made some farther enquiry into his character."

ON TO SAVANNAH.

On September 12th General Lincoln marched from Charleston to Zuley's Ferry, where he concentrated his army. Count Pulaski

