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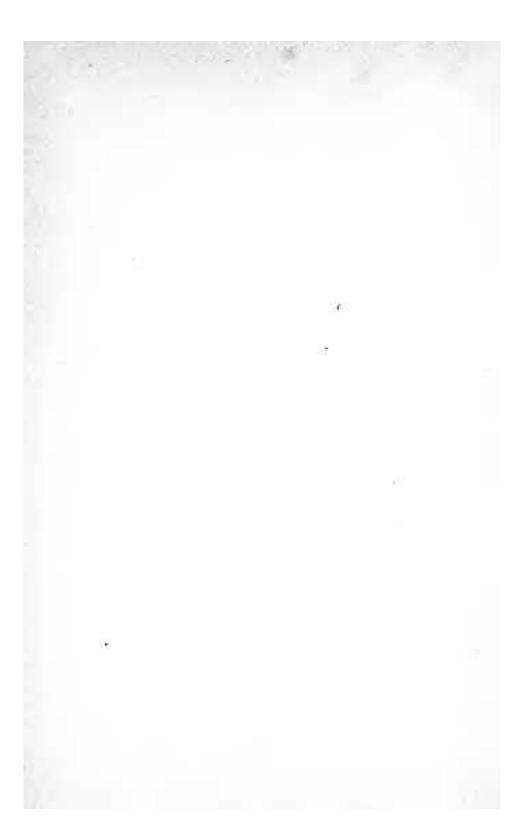
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THE Continental Congress which sat in Philadelphia in the late spring and early summer of 1775 had among its able members one who was distinguished from the others by the infrequency of his speeches and by the color of his coat. He sat for the most part in attentive silence. well satisfied with the arguments of his neighbors, content to forward the purposes of the convention by serving diligently on the committee which was charged with the arrangements for the raising of an army. But he wore his uniform. He appeared not in the attire of a legislator or of a man of peace, but in the garments of war, in the colonel's coat which he had worn in military service. This dress was of itself