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**To**  
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# The Spirit of the South

## AMERICAN REVOLUTION IN THE SOUTH

It is a commonplace tale I have to tell, an old, old story often related before, but it is good to sing over the old songs. They are sweetest, after all. It is right to keep alive the history that tells of our national birth. It is justice to rehearse the part our ancestors acted in their wars, and wise to learn from simple lessons the ways of honor, patriotism, and virtue.

The history of war is too often made by the pen, not by the sword, and American historians seem to locate almost all of the glorious achievements of the revolution between Yorktown and Lexington. But now let us stand upon the banks of the York and look for the Southern Cross, whose bright stars will tell how the South suffered and struggled for the independence of the united colonies.

The annals of war do not relate a detail of more savage brutality on the part of its enemies and of more gallantry, skill, and fortitude on the part of the Southern soldiers, and of more self-sacrificing devotion on the part of the noble women of the South, than does the history of our Southland's share in the great struggle for American freedom.

The savage cruelty of Dunmore and Tarleton united the people for resistance and aroused the sympathy of liberty-loving Englishmen across the ocean to open declarations against the coercive policy of